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LONDON, W.1.

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Sir,

S.S. "MAGDALENA"

I am directed by the Minister of Transport to refer to the recent Preliminary Inquiry undertaken by H.B.M. Consul-General in Rio de Janeiro into the stranding and loss of this vessel, and to state that your representative at Rio, Mr. Matthew Caldwell, made a statement before the Consul-General there; it was, however, agreed that this statement should remain with the Consul, unsigned, until a decision was taken in London whether or not it would be required in connection with the Formal Investigation, should one be ordered, into the circumstances surrounding the loss of the vessel.

It has now been agreed that this statement will be required as evidence, and I am to ask if you will be good enough to cable ~~you~~ Mr. Caldwell authorising him to sign his statement before the Consul-General, so that the document can then be forwarded to this Ministry without delay.

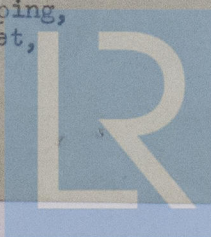
I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Denis O'Neill

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The Secretary,
Lloyds Register of Shipping,
71, Fenchurch Street,
E.C.3.



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Referred to the Chief Ship Surveyor.

Also for Mr. Stadden to note.

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Submitted Mr. Baber will be authorized
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