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28th January, 1938.

Dear Mr. Johnson,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant regarding three vessels, Yard Nos. 367, 379 and 381, building by Messrs. Lubecker Maschinenbau Gesellschaft for Messrs. Knohr & Burchard, and I note with interest that the Builders have obtained the permission of the German Authorities to class the first two vessels with Lloyd's Register only, but that the class of the Germanischer Lloyd, in addition to ours, will be required for No. 381.

Careful note has been taken of the remarks contained in the last paragraph of your letter regarding the differences in scantlings, as between the two Societies, in respect of framing, ice strengthening and solid floors.

I may say that the Rules of the Germanischer Lloyd have been carefully examined with the help of Mr. Chisholm, and it has not been found possible to ascertain any definite figure for the side framing in this case. I shall therefore be glad if you will make what enquiries you think to be practicable with a view to this being ascertained.

It is a matter for your consideration whether it would not be practicable and expedient for you to be present in an

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Nos. 367, 379 & 381

advisory capacity at any discussion which may take place in Berlin, with a view to reconciling the requirements of the two Bodies in the case of the third ship.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

R.S. Johnson, Esq., B.Sc.,
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P.S. For your confidential information I enclose a copy of the endorsement which was prepared by Dr. Montgomerie on this case.



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