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3rd December, 1938.

Dear Sir,

In the absence of Dr. Dorey, who is at present out of England and not expected to return until about the 22nd instant, I have to acknowledge your letter of the 22nd ultimo addressed to him.

In connection with the request contained in your letter concerning the use of Thomas Steel in a welded engine bedplate intended for a Classed Vessel, I have to say that the Copenhagen Surveyors were instructed on the 23rd ultimo (that is before the receipt of your letter) that they should make it/^{quite}clear to the Owners' Representative that the engine in question has not been approved by this Society.

Dr. Dorey, or members of his Staff, will, however, be pleased to discuss the matter with you and to examine any additional information which may throw further light on the question, but I should point out that the Rules are quite definite to the effect that rolled steel should be made by the Open Hearth process. This case has, moreover, received very careful consideration and was decided only after the Society's Principal and Senior Surveyors for Steel had been consulted.

Nevertheless, the verbal discussion, which you suggest, would be welcomed and I should be glad if you would,

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in view of Dr. Dorey's absence, kindly communicate officially to the Secretary your intention of discussing this matter, at which time you might also be able to say whether you propose to defer the discussion until after Dr. Dorey's return.

Yours faithfully,

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