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The Secretary,
Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
LONDON.

Dear Sirs,

S.S. "Kiawo" stranding in River Yangtsze
near Chungking.

I advise that the S.S. "Kiawo" struck a reef and became stranded at Mileage 259.3 above Ichang on September 26th, 1938, and soon after the accident, Messrs. Lacey & Cannan, Ltd., "Lloyd's" Agents at Hankow, requested me to be prepared to proceed to Chungking to carry out a survey of the vessel on their behalf, and which I agreed to do as soon as there was a passage available by plane from Hankow to Chungking. I also confirmed with Messrs. Indo-China S.N. Co., the Owners of the S.S. "Kiawo", that I was holding myself prepared to proceed to Chungking to carry out the survey on behalf of "Lloyd's" Agents.

I now learn that Mr. Fyfe, Hankow representative for Messrs. Eisler, Reeves & Murphy, an American Firm of Surveyors at Shanghai, has been appointed to carry out the survey, and on calling at Messrs. Lacey & Cannan, Ltd's. Hankow office to enquire why I had not been appointed as originally proposed, they informed me that they had received telegraphic instructions from the London Salvage Association requesting that either a Chungking surveyor should be appointed or that Mr. Fyfe should be sent to Chungking.

As it is possible in view of the present unsettled conditions in Hankow district that you or your Associates in London have possibly come to the conclusion that I might not be available for duty at Hankow; I therefore confirm my telegram sent you today through the Society's Shanghai office that the situation here is quiet and that I am carrying on my work as usual.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully

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