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17 BATTERY PLACE,

NEW YORK.

Diplomatic Air Bag .

July 29, 1942.

Dear Mr. Scott:

"VICKO FERIC"
"OLEAN".

I think it well to draw your attention to the enclosed two letters on the above vessels. You will observe that in the case of the first mentioned vessel we were instructed that the vessel would be repaired under the supervision of the American Bureau Surveyors and that subsequently the Maritime Commission changed these instructions and requested that this Society's classification be continued; whereas, in the case of the second mentioned, although the vessel was declared a constructive total loss and was taken over by the Maritime Commission, they have requested that our Classification be continued as heretofore.

These are interesting cases to me and I have been wondering whether the Maritime Commission had not perhaps had a little change of heart recently. If so, we will find out in due course. I am keeping in touch with the situation and will let you know.

In this connection perhaps I should say here that I had a talk recently with Mr. Blakeman who is the Assistant to the Maritime Commission Regional Director for the East Coast. Mr. Blakeman represented the Maritime Commission recently at Montreal and Quebec when some of the Merchant Vessels there were "sold" by the Canadian Government to the Maritime Commission. He said he had been awaiting an opportunity to tell me that he had received the greatest cooperation from our Surveyors at these ports, that he found them experienced in their work and most helpful to him personally. He went on to state that in his opinion the same could not be said of other Surveyors in that district (meaning the B.C.). I asked him whether he had passed this information on to his Principals in Washington (Admiral Vickery etc.) and he said he had done so. Taken by and large these incidents may be of considerable assistance to us, at least I sincerely hope so, as they certainly should be.

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Yours sincerely,

Refered M.E.D.S.

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