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WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON

June 28, 1946

The Honorable
Thor Thors
Minister of Iceland

My dear Mr. Minister:

SS. WINONA - Stranding near Byggardur
Iceland, April 8, 1942 - Claim of
Jon Axel Petursson for Salvage

Referring to discussion with you yesterday regarding the claim of Captain Jon Axel Petursson for salvage, I reviewed our file and find that the WINONA at the time of this stranding was owned by Weyerhaeuser Steamship Company, March Street, Newark, New Jersey, and was under time charter to the War Shipping Administration.

Under these circumstances any salvage made necessary by the stranding of the vessel is for the account of the owner. The record shows that the vessel was insured against such marine risks by commercial underwriters. It is suggested that you take the matter up with Weyerhaeuser Steamship Company.

Unfortunately there is no record of Captain Petursson's letter of September 29, 1945, having been received in the Washington office. Captain Petursson addressed a letter to the War Shipping Administration in London regarding the matter and the London office took the matter up with our New York office by letter of February 14, 1946. Our London office was advised by letter of March 1, 1946, that the only interest which the War Shipping Administration had in the vessel was as time charterer, and that the salvage claim should be taken up with Weyerhaeuser Steamship Company. It may be that Captain Petursson addressed his letter of September 29, 1945, to our London office and this was the occasion of the above correspondence.

All papers left with me yesterday are returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

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