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Dear Mr. Timmons:

This will confirm telephone conversations of May 20 and 21 with reference to the S.S. Colonel Frederick C. Johnson. The Department has approved the chartering of the SS Colonel Frederick C. Johnson to the Kahn Shipping and Trading Company provided that the charter contains a provision that the ship will not call at Black Sea ports or transport immigrants therefrom. Mr. Samuel Derecktor, owner of the ship, has agreed to have the proposed charter amended forthwith to contain this provision and to transmit copies of the amended charter to the Department.

The Department has advised the United States Maritime Commission that it will interpose no objection to the transfer of this vessel to the Panamanian flag if the charter is signed with the Kahn Shipping and Trading Company and contains the restriction on calls at Black Sea ports and the transport of immigrants therefrom.

Sincerely yours,

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