

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Office of  
the Secretary

Washington

July 25, 1946

Dear Sir:

Subject: Establishment of a Ship Structure Committee

A committee, to be known as the Ship Structure Committee, consisting of the Engineer-in-Chief, U. S. Coast Guard, as Chairman, and, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Navy, the Chief of the Bureau of Ships, and subject to the approval of the Chairman of the U. S. Maritime Commission, the Technical Assistant to the Chairman, U. S. Maritime Commission, and, subject to the approval of the President of the American Bureau of Shipping, the Vice President - Chief Surveyor, American Bureau of Shipping, as additional members, is hereby constituted for the purpose of prosecuting a research program to improve the hull structures of ships by an extension of knowledge pertaining to design, materials and methods of fabrication.

The Committee is charged with the following functions:

1. Initiate, arrange for financing, and coordinate research and development pertaining to ship structures;
2. Integrate and interpret results;
3. Disseminate pertinent information to all parties having an interest in the building and operating of ships and to research investigators.

The Committee may utilize the laboratories, equipment and services of governmental agencies and institutions. The Committee, through the medium of member agencies, may contract with and transfer funds to existing governmental agencies and institutions and may enter into contracts and agreements with individuals, educational and scientific institutions, industrial organizations, and other agencies for services, advice, studies, experimental investigations, and reports.

Although but four representatives of interested agencies are named as members of this Committee, it is not the intent to exclude

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other agencies who desire to participate in research work subject to conditions outlined herein, and the Committee may be expanded upon receipt of requests from other agencies to join in this enterprise.

The Committee is authorized to sit in Washington, D. C., and in such other places in the continental United States as it may consider necessary for the proper discharge of its duties hereunder.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. H. Foley, Jr.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury

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