8 Per Dant-NICLSONSCO 29 September 1986 I have received today the attached letter from Mr. Per Dahl-Nielsen with which he enclosed a letter from Mr. Sven Ullring, President of Det Norske Veritas about hull forms for warships. I should be grateful for a draft reply for me to send to Mr. Ullring by Monday, 13 October.

Reminder chase Post.

(N. L. WICKS)

David Ball, Esq., Ministry of Defence. 1111 29 September 1986 Thank you for your letter of 29 September with which you enclose a letter from Mr. Sven Ullring about the inquiry into Hull forms for warships. I hope to reply to you before too long. (N. L. WICKS) Mr. Per Dahl-Nielsen





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29th September 1986.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a letter from Mr. S. Ullring, the President of our Organization in Oslo, Norway. Det norske Veritas also has an established representative office and a British Committee, and should you require local information or assistance in further communication please do not hesitate to inform us.

Yours faithfully

7. Sahl Niebens.

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22 Sept. 1986

Dear Sir,

HULL FORMS FOR WARSHIPS, "SHORT & FAT VERSUS LONG & THIN"

The vigorous discussion surrounding the design of frigate hull forms for the Royal Navy has, for us, been of great interest. The controversy appears to have attracted comment from every informed source throughout Great Britain, resulting finally in the need for an official inquiry.

In our opinion, the most important factor for any body of inquiry is complete impartiality over and above the assumed level of technical excellence. Since so many of the recognised British authorities have previously been involved with this problem an outside authority is a possible solution. The Veritas organisation is well placed to impartially perform all technical assessments related to the choice of hull forms under the auspices of the official inquiry committee.

The Veritas Group is involved in maritime and offshore-related problems on a worldwide basis. Further, our technical involvement with navies has included amongst others; Norway, Germany, Holland and the United States of America.

In this instance we believe our services can be of considerable benefit in resolving the above named problem, and we look forward to the opportunity of presenting our capabilities to your representatives in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

Sven Ullring, President

Det norske Veritas