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HAMMAR MANUAL REMOTE RELEASE SYSTEM (MRRS MK I FOR LIFERAFTS

This is in response to your letter of 18 December 1995, which forwarded documentation concerning the subject system and requested our approval.

Since the system does not automatically release liferafts in a float-free situation, it cannot be formally approved as a hydrostatic release unit. However, it is acceptable for use as an optional remote means of releasing liferafts on U.S. inspected vessels subject to the following conditions:

a) The system must be installed and tested in accordance with drawing no. R20-1 dated 18 April 1989, and MRRS installation instructions (Document ID 37, Version 2) dated 8 March 1995.

b) As noted in the installation instructions, an ordinary Hammar H20 hydrostatic release unit must be installed in addition to the MRRS system at each liferaft station to allow for float-free automatic release.

c) The specific installation is acceptable to the Officer In Charge, Marine Inspection.

Please contact Mr. Kurt Heinz of my staff if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. L. Markle".

R. L. MARKLE
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