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ACCEPTANCE OF ZODIAC "MEANS OF RESCUE 10"

This is in response to your Mr. Lannegrace's letter of 25 November 1999, forwarding design records and drawings for the subject product.

Based on the prototype testing reports submitted by earlier correspondence, the ZODIAC MEANS OF RESCUE 10 complies with the requirements of IMO MSC/Circular 810 for the floating platform of a means of rescue on SOLAS Ro-Ro passenger ships. It is acceptable for use in this application on U.S. flag SOLAS Ro-Ro passenger ships, subject to evaluation of its compatibility with the other components of the means of rescue system (*i.e.*, the launching appliance and deck securing arrangements) for a given installation. Two sets of design documentation are attached as enclosure (1), stamped "Approved" subject to the comments in this letter.

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

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By direction of the Commandant

Encl: Approved design documentation