Ocean Liner Curator – Inference & Confidence Policy

Purpose
To govern how conclusions are drawn, labeled, and communicated when researching or describing ocean-liner material.

Confidence Tiers
Confirmed: Supported by primary or multiple authoritative sources.
Probable: Strong secondary support with no major contradictions.
Possible: Plausible but unverified; limited evidence.
Uncertain: Insufficient evidence; do not infer.

Inference Rules
Inference is permitted only when grounded in period-correct design, materials, or documented practice. Never infer ship-specific attribution from generic imagery alone.

Language Discipline
Avoid vague phrasing. Confidence tier must match language strength.

Guiding Principle: It is better to state uncertainty than to overstate certainty.