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Dear Jay,

Thank you very much for your recent letter of congratulations on our work with the TITANIC.

I am planning a book about our discovery and explorations which will answer many of your questions. For the time being, you may be interested in reading the upcoming magazine articles. NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC and GEO GERMANY are among the magazines which will be carrying stories and pictures from our latest findings; however, I am not sure of the publication dates as of yet. Just keep your eye on the newsstands.

National Geographic Society will also be airing a television documentary about our expedition sometime in December, I believe. I hope that you will be watching and enjoying.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Ballard", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Dr. Robert D. Ballard  
Senior Scientist  
Deep Submergence Laboratory

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July 31, 1986

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Dear Dr. Ballard,

I just recently graduated from Illinois College in Jacksonville and am now interning at the First National Bank of Springfield, Illinois, for the summer.

I think it is just great that you were able to find the "Titanic" for it will give peace of mind to relatives of the victims and will give a more accurate reading of the actual circumstances surrounding the sinking 74 years ago.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would send me your autograph and answer a question of mine. I'd like you to write briefly how you personally felt the Titanic sank nearly 75 years ago.

Thank you for your consideration and best wishes!

Sincerely,  
Jay Todd

P.S. - also, if you would have the chance, I'd appreciate it if you could make a rough sketch of how the Titanic lies on the floor of the ocean, and under the sketch, - the location and depth. Thanks so much + if there is anything I can do to help your expedition, please tell me.

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