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Dear Sir:

I am sure you have been overwhelmed with congratulations. The two vessels and their crews deserve all of our admiration for a search and verification well done.

As a very small sponsor of one of the Lamont expeditions, I am curious to know if the Grimm/Hayes work was of any assistance and in that sense was groundwork. Did any of Bill's targets turn out to be your three most promising or in the end the vessel itself?

I am a member of the TITANIC Historical Society and have been after them to write up the debate on position and the Grimm/Lamont searches, etc. I even wrote them a small bit on how far the vessel could move laterally as she did her final plunge. There was not much interest.

I now realize that you too are a long-standing member of the T.H.S. I hope that a full issue could be devoted to the history of the searches ranging from Wooley's noises, to your first tracks, those of the British, Grimm and Bill through to your success. Will you have time to write this, I hope? Or could I volunteer to assist you?

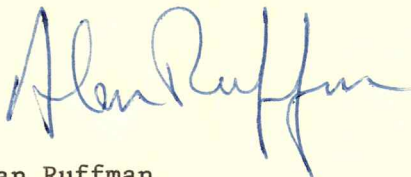
Let me also mention Dick Brown's book "Voyage of the Iceberg" (that sank the TITANIC) in 1984 by James Lorimer Press of Toronto. You would enjoy the tale from the iceberg's view.

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I would be most interested in the press package you released. I do some writing for Atlantic Energy News and they should have first-hand material or photos as you have given out so far. I would appreciate remaining on the press list.

Thank you for your interest.

Yours truly,



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Enclosure: two maps

P.S. Could I please request technical information or a brochure on Argo/Jason (and Angus?) as used on the search.