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Dear Mr. Ballard,

13 December 1985

I am a niece of Commander Frank Wild, whom you possibly know spent 10 years (on 5 expeditions) with Shackleton, Hanson etc. in the Antarctic.

Actually after 18 months as an Italian immigrant in your country, I then did 14 years with the Kenya Government, & after their independence ended up in the Polar Regions Section of the Foreign Office.

Apart from travel - when I can afford same - my great hobby is now collecting postcards and I wondered if you had any spare photographs taken recently of the 'Titanic' on the seabed, or a negative from which I could have a 6" x 4" print made.

If you could oblige I enclose \$1 to cover postage etc.

If you could let me have several <sup>different ones,</sup> I would happily forward

further dollars, or could exchange  
for King Edward VII hand stamps.

I inherited a few (15) when my  
Father died last year. Lord Shackleton  
kindly got them valued for me.

Of course the 'Titanic' is of  
great interest to all the older  
generation. I am 62 → do you think  
we shall see her again in my lifetime?

I also enclose a label with the  
hope that you are able to oblige with  
one or more (preferably postcard size)  
photos.

With many thanks for any help  
extended, & wishing you all future success.

Yours sincerely

Josephine Wild (Mrs)

Retired Coast Service (Foreign Office)  
P.A./Secretary.

P.S. I was only a waitress in Miami in 1948!  
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\* Ernest Shackleton gave them to my Uncle Frank