

A Note From
Peter Prokopis

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Dear Dr. Ballard,

My name is Peter Prokopis and I am a sophomore at Concord-Carroll High School. I am writing concerning my appointment with you on October 18 at 1:00 P.M. about your discovering the location of the Titanic. I am doing a research paper for my enriched English class on the Titanic. We had to choose a controversial issue. The controversy of my paper will be that the California was close enough to save the sinking Titanic on April 14-15, 1912. Ever since you and the French expedition team found the Titanic's grave, new evidence and controversy has turned up. Cathy Scheer told me to write to you and to give you a brief idea on the types of questions that I will be asking you. On the following page is a list of some of the questions that I will be asking you.

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Questions:

What day did you find the Titanic?

Is a salvage attempt likely? Why or why not?

Do the arcs a success?

Will you be going down in a 2 man vessel to look at the ship in more detail?

Was the California close enough to rescue the sinking Titanic?

What is the ship's "boiler"?

When I meet you on the 18th I will have a list of questions for me to ask you. Since I didn't mention it before, I am 15 years old as of the 11th and am looking forward to our meeting.

Sincerely,
Peter M. Prokopoulos