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Mark Hartley
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Dear Mr. Hartley,

I would be very happy to answer any questions possible about our work with the TITANIC and to learn more about Palmer, Alaska. I look forward to hearing from you and your students.

Our Public Information Office does expect to have slides, photographs, etc. available within a month or so; there will be a charge to cover the costs of producing and shipping the material as the demand is simply too great for the Institution to be able to afford free distribution. I have asked the Office to notify you when they have a list of what is available. Later this year, a videotape based on the video which J. J. took this summer during our explorations, will also be available for purchase. I will keep you informed.

In the meantime, I am enclosing a copy of the brochure about the TITANIC which the Institution produced after the 1985 discovery. I hope that you will enjoy it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Robert D. Ballard", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Dr. Robert D. Ballard
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Enclosure

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Aug. 7, 1986

Mr. Robert Ballard
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Dear Mr. Ballard:

I am a teacher in a rather remote state. Trying to interest my students in current events is often an uphill battle. To remedy this I began writing to people who are making history. I ask these experts to share their experience with my students by answering a few questions - usually between 6 and 10 - for my students via either letters or tape. Using this method my students have obtained first hand information from astronauts, ambassadors, actors, generals, former Iranian hostages, former Watergate criminals, and a former presidential press secretary. Would you be willing to

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Answer a few questions
about the events leading up
to the finding and exploration
of the Titanic. Any information
would be appreciated. Please
let me know if it is possible.

Thank you for your
time.

Sincerely,
Mark Hartley