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David W. Basore
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Dear David,

I would be honored to have a photograph included in your collection; at present, I have run out of a photographs to autograph, but I will send you one as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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

Dr. Robert D. Ballard
Senior Scientist
Deep Submergence Laboratory

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David W. Basore
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Dear Robert:

How are things going for you these days? I have followed you through your career, ever since the day that you discovered the Titanic.

My hobby is collecting autographed pictures and autographs of people who have had their name in the news. Since you discovered the Titanic, then I wonder if you would do me a special favor? Would you send me an autographed picture of you and the rest of your crew? Please do not send stamped signatures, autops or secretarial ones. It will be good to have these autographs in my collection of other explorers. I will be waiting to hear from you as soon as possible.

Thanking you Sincerely
Your Fan
David