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Danny R. Hill  
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Dear Danny,

Thanks for writing again. It's great to hear from such an enthusiastic fan of the TITANIC.

The "museum tour" will be televised nationally, when National Geographic airs its special program about our work with the TITANIC either late this year or early next. The December issue of NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC will also include an article about our explorations and photographs.

At present, there are neither press kits nor any photographs available to the public. Our Public Information Office is backlogged with requests from the media and individuals. They do 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.

There also will be a home version of the video footage available for purchase sometime later this year. I will keep you informed.

Thanks again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R.D. Ballard", written in a cursive style.

Dr. Robert D. Ballard  
Senior Scientist  
Deep Submergence Laboratory

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From DANNY R. HILL  
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AUG 1, 1986

TO: Dr. Robert D. Ballard  
Senior Scientist  
Deep Submergence Lab.

Hi Dr. Ballard!

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Yes Sir, It's your friend from THE TITANIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY again. How ~~ya~~ are you doing? Are you rested up from your excursion yet? You are to be COMMENDED for going back and getting more film from the TITANIC / I like that little JASON JR. He's fantastic!!!

You told me you would be going back this year in your letter to me, Thank you for answering my letter of last year, sometimes I do so much every day I can't ~~remember~~ remember when I sent it to you. I keep your letter in my book, A Night To Remember, ILLUSTRATED EDITIONS also refer back to it from time to time! The XASCO Titanic Replica that I'm building is really coming along, I've laid the keel already & waiting till summers over to continue. It's really hot, temps in the 100's. I've got some questions, that is, if you don't mind answering them. Did you find the ~~deep~~ reciprocating engines & the Revolutionary Parsons Turbine? Did you find the stern of the ship? Were you able to locate and pinpoint all 29 other boilers, Did you find both masts and all 4 funnels? & how far did you penetrate into the TITANIC? I'm very enthusiastic about the TITANIC & any info that you deem necessary for me to know would be greatly appreciated.

It's so good to know that you share my enthusiasm for the TITANIC, I AGREE WITH YOU WHOLE HEARTEDLY THAT THE TITANIC SHOULD BE LEFT TO REST IN PEACE!!!

Any Attempt to RAISE THE TITANIC would be ULTRA- PREPOSTEROUS!!!, to say the very least, & if anyone disagrees, You HAVE A BIG FRIEND IN LOUISIANA TO BACK YOU UP 100% & Refer them to me if they get out of hand! My Phone No. is (318) 995-6381 tell them to call me up, I'll give them an explanation that they will not soon forget!

"over"



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Is the MUSEUM TOUR going to be Nationally Televised & if so, when, so I can be sure to be tuned in. I would love to buy a video cassette containing the footage you shot on the TITANIC site! When will they be ~~be~~ available, Mark me up for the FIRST ONE sold, as I'd love to see it, all of it; no editing. The News media ~~at~~ only ran about 1 minute of all your trip out there, & I really want to see all the video & stills, from both trips, if that can be arranged? I'd love to see it, all of it, I'm that enthusiastic about it! THE TITANIC was a great find & to be able to go down that far & get pictures is a "great scientific Breakthrough"! Oh by the way! That 1/4 scale ~~THE~~ TITANIC Replica will be the first of ~~its~~ its kind in the world! It'll be the first "live-in" ship model. Yes Sir I'll be able to LIVE ON BOARD THE TITANIC!! When I get it finished, I'll call you & you'll be in on the Grand Opening!

Thank you so very very much  
Your Friend in TITANIC  
Danny Rogell

"REMEMBER THE TITANIC"!!!

P.S. Always remember, the Welcome Mat is Always out on my FORECASTLE DECK, come down & see me sometime!! Danny

Please do not be dissappointed at what you found, you went where no man has ever gone before, that in itself is a MAJOR technological Breakthrough!!! I don't believe that any of the PASSENGERS made it down that far. They were carried off BY THE LORELI currents after the ship split up.