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The following pages contain all correspondence  
related to the obtainment of a search and salvage  
license from The People's Republic of China.

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July 23, 1973

4314.17

Foreign Ministry Department  
Peking  
Peoples Republic of China



Gentlemen:

Scott Carpenter  
OUT

This office represents William Bunton and ~~Bill Gatten~~ who have asked us to contact you in the hope of ~~eventually~~ obtaining permission to search for salvage within the territorial waters of the Peoples Republic of China.

We are submitting this presentation of intent to you upon the suggestion of Mr. Allen Romberg, <sup>upon</sup> United States Consul for the Peoples Republic of China, and the advise of Mr. Chang, Liaison Officer for the Peoples Republic of China, both of whom reside in Washington, D.C., United States of America.

Our clients believe that there are several <sup>sunken</sup> ~~ships~~ <sup>with</sup> considerable <sup>cargo</sup> ~~value~~ located in the Formosa Straits. Although the ~~cargo~~ content of such ships is speculative and ~~has never~~ been verified, ~~the structural framework of the vessels themselves could be of financial value in the "metal markets" of the world, assuming that they could economically be salvaged.~~ Additionally, cargos located within such ships would be considered salvage. After spending years researching sunken ships of interest in regards to metal content, potential cargo and location, it is the intentions and desires of our clients and their business associates to undertake this most promising venture at this time.

Based on the research which has been done, our clients have concluded that ships of salvage value are located in the territorial waters of the Peoples Republic of China. As is the custom with all countries claiming territorial waters off their coasts, our clients request an exclusive permit or license for a period of time not to exceed eighteen months in order to search areas of the Formosa Straits located from

Latitude 25° -- 00' to Latitude 25° -- 40' and between  
Longitude 119° -- 40' to Longitude 120° -- 20'.

Specifically, the purpose of the license will be to search,

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locate, identify and recover all salvage and cargo regarded as economically feasible within the prescribed area. Our clients understand that a more detailed contractual agreement must be negotiated and agreed upon by both parties before an exclusive license for this venture will be granted by the Peoples Republic of China.

Our clients are hopeful that the time has now arrived when relations of a business nature can be conducted between the Peoples Republic of China and private enterprise from the United States. If their request is favorably received, please feel free to make arrangements at your convenience for further negotiations.

Very truly yours,

Ridgway Whittemore

*Written by  
B. Bunton*

RW/pmp

cc: Mr. Allen Romberg

U.S. Consul for the Peoples Republic of China  
1127 Connecticut Avenue N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Mr. Chang  
Mayflower Hotel  
Washington, D.C.

American Consul  
Peking  
Peoples Republic of China

William Bunton  
Bill Cotten



UNITED STATES LIAISON OFFICE  
Peking, People's Republic of China

August 3, 1973

Ridgway Whittemore, Esquire  
Woolley, Crake, Collins & Ward  
Attorneys at Law  
Suite 2007, Union Bank Building  
525 B Street  
San Diego, California 92101

Dear Mr. Whittemore:

We have received your letter of July 23, 1973, expressing your clients' interest in performing salvage work off the coast of the People's Republic of China. We are not aware that the Chinese have ever licensed a foreign firm for salvage work, but see no reason why you should not pursue this initiative.

Because we do not know which, if any, of China's State Trading Corporations has responsibility for dealing with proposals such as yours, we are forwarding a copy of your letter and its enclosure to the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT). We will ask CCPIT to pass it to the appropriate Chinese authorities for consideration and reply.

We hope this will be of some assistance to you and wish you well in your endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. F. Rope". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William F. Rope  
Commercial/Economic Officer

*sent copy to  
Bill Catter on 8/8/73*

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August 24, 1973

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\* A Professional Corporation

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China Council for the Promotion of  
International Trade  
Peking  
People's Republic of China

Gentlemen:

This office represents William Bunton and Bill Cotten who have contacted us in connection with their efforts to obtain permission to search for salvage within the territorial waters of the People's Republic of China. As a result of prior correspondence, this matter came to the attention of William F. Rope, Commercial/Economic Officer, United States Liaison Office in Peking. He has recommended that we submit to you a more comprehensive proposal for your consideration.

As previously stated in our ~~original~~ letter to the Foreign Ministry Department in Peking, our clients believe that there are several wrecked ships of considerable value located in the Formosa Straits. In particular, our clients are interested in a particular ship which sank during World War II while transporting an extremely valuable cargo, potentially worth in excess of twenty-five million dollars. Our clients are confident that the cargo content of such ship can be recovered. X

The sunken ship is located in the Northern end of the Formosa Straits and at least ten (10) miles off the continental coast of the People's Republic of China. A more specific nautical position of the location is:

Latitude 25°---20'---to Latitude 25°---30' North.  
Longitude ~~120°---0'---~~to Longitude 120°---15' East.

(See enclosed chart H. O. 3178)

During the past seven ~~of~~ years, our clients have spent considerable time and money researching and acquiring factual

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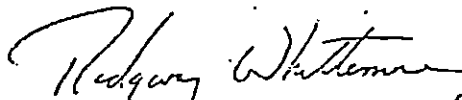
evidence ascertaining the authenticity of the exact location of the site and cargo content of the ship. They are confident that the information ~~they have~~ is accurate and are prepared to undertake the endeavor and assume all financial expenses and appropriate obligations stipulated by the People's Republic of China. With respect to our clients' sincerity in this matter, I would like to emphasize that they have made written or verbal contact with Mr. Huang Chen, Liaison Officer for the People's Republic of China, Mr. Allen Romberg, U. S. Consul for the People's Republic of China, Mr. William F. Rope, Commercial/Economic Officer, United States Liaison Office, Peking, People's Republic of China, and the Foreign Ministry Department, Peking, People's Republic of China.

Mr. Bunton and Mr. Cotten are professional businessmen and with the appropriate approval they would like to have the opportunity to meet with the proper Agency within the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade in order to fully discuss contractual agreements mutually profitable to the People's Republic of China and them.

If a license is favorably granted to Mr. Bunton and Mr. Cotten, representatives of the People's Republic of China would be welcomed as concerned business guests during the entire search and salvage operation. In addition, they have instructed me to relay their assurance that under no circumstances would salvage operations take place within the immediate vicinity of the continental coast of the People's Republic of China and that their operations should not cause concern to local fishermen and other ocean related enterprises using near shore water facilities. They are aware and fully understand that all laws, regulations and customs of the People's Republic of China must be obeyed and honored without question.

Our clients are very anxious to have this matter expedited and they will make themselves available at any time to meet with the proper International Trade Agency at its convenience.

Very truly yours,



Ridgway Whittemore

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RW/pmp

cc: Foreign Ministry Dept.  
Peking  
People's Republic of China

China Council for the Promotion of  
International Trade

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Mr. Huang Chen  
Liaison Officer  
People's Republic of China  
c/o Mayflower Hotel  
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Allan Romberg  
U. S. Consul for the People's Republic  
of China  
1127 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.  
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Mr. William F. Rope  
Commercial/Economic Officer  
United States Liaison Office  
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Mr. William J. Bunton

Mr. Bill Cotten

Enclosures (1)

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October 30, 1973

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China Council for the Promotion of  
International Trade  
Peking  
People's Republic of China

Gentlemen:

On August 24, 1973 I addressed a letter to you, a copy of which is enclosed, concerning a proposal by William Bunton and Bill Cotten to search for salvage within the territorial waters of the People's Republic of China. They realize that you receive many offers dealing with foreign trade and business ventures and that the evaluation of such offers is extremely time consuming.

Since my letter of August 24, 1973, Messrs. Bunton and Cotten have realized that I omitted certain information which may be helpful to you in considering their request. Such information concerns the specific cargo content which they wish to salvage from the particular ship referred to in my letter of August 24, 1973.

Their extensive research indicates that the cargo content is as follows:

1. Gold --- Forty (40) ton.
2. Platinum --- Ten (10) ton.
3. Silver --- Unknown quantity.
4. Diamonds --- Five (5) cases.
5. Various and Mixed Jewelry --- Fifty (50) cases.
6. Tin --- Three Thousand (3,000) tons.
7. Tungsten Wire --- Two Thousand (2,000) tons.

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8. Titanium. --- Eight Hundred (800) tons.

Most of the various and mixed jewelry identified above as Item No. 5 are artifacts of Chinese origin. In addition to the extreme monetary value of these artifacts, the historical value to the Chinese People is immeasurable. Irrespective of future negotiations and contract percentages, all such artifacts of Chinese origin salvaged from the Formosa Straits shall belong exclusively to the People's Republic of China and will be turned over immediately to the proper authorities upon their recovery.

Messrs. Bunton and Cotten hope that the additional information contained in this letter will help to expedite their proposal outlined in my letter dated August 24, 1973 and lead to a quick and favorable response from your office.

Very truly yours,



RIDGWAY WHITTEMORE

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RW/adh  
Enclosure  
(Letter dated August 24, 1973)

cc: Foreign Ministry Department  
Peking  
People's Republic of China

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People's Republic of China  
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Mr. William F. Rope  
Commercial/Economic Officer  
United States Liaison Office  
Peking  
People's Republic of China  
With Enclosure

Mr. William J. Bunton

Mr. Bill Cotten

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July 23, 1973

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American Consul  
Peking  
Peoples Republic of China

Dear Sir:

Please find attached a business letter addressed to the Foreign Ministry Department, Peking, Peoples Republic of China.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could assist our enclosed request in this matter, and help expedite the letter content in any way deemed appropriate to you in your position as American Consul.

Very truly yours,

Ridgway Whittemore

*written by  
R. Benton*

RW/pmp  
Enclosure

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August 24, 1973

4314.17

\* A Professional Corporation

Mr. Brian Lloyd  
(Ship Chandler)  
c/o Mollers and Co.  
Union House  
Hong Kong

Dear Sir:

Two clients of this firm, Mr. Bunton and Mr. Cotten, are presently attempting to acquire a search and salvage license from the People's Republic of China. The area in question is approximately 300 miles North of Hong Kong and within the territorial waters of Mainland China.

Assuming that such a license is granted, they plan to obtain all equipment in Hong Kong and to use that city as a base of operations. A major concern is the availability of a satisfactory search/work boat with two essential items of equipment: (1) a 24 mile range radar, and (2) a precision depth recorder with paper graph capability. These two items must be in excellent working condition and recently calibrated. Additionally, the boat must have adequate quarters for three personnel from the United States, and, at a later date, it must be able to provide quarters for as many as six divers. A boom with a winch load of five tons and deck space to conduct diving operations down to 200 feet will also be required. Our clients estimate that their needs will require a vessel 50 feet to 60 feet in length.

Your firm has been highly recommended to our clients by Mrs. William Spidel, whose husband is an old personal friend of Mr. Bunton. Unfortunately, Bill Spidel is presently out of the country and cannot be of any assistance at this time. Mrs. Spidel has assured our clients that you can provide the necessary boat and equipment and satisfy their needs.

Mr. Brian Lloyd

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Another concern is the availability of diving services in Hong Kong and necessary related equipment. Hopefully, all of the equipment and services required by our clients can be provided by one party.

If you feel you can assist our clients in this request, please reply, enclosing costs, and if possible, pictures of the requested articles of equipment.

A tentative date of arrival in Hong Kong is the last week in October of this year. The equipment rental would require a period of two weeks, to possibly three months, or longer.

Very truly yours,



Ridgway Whittmore

By B.R.

RW/pmp

cc: William Bunton ✓  
Bill Cotten

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OUR REF. SO/1019/73

YOUR REF.

22nd October 1973.

Mr. Ridgway Whittemore,  
Woolley, Crake, Collins & Ward,  
Suite 2007 Union Bank Building,  
525 B Street,  
San Diego, California 92101.

Dear Mr. Whittemore,

We thank you for your letter dated 24th August bearing reference 4314.17 addressed to our Mr. C.B.M. Lloyd and would advise that we shall be pleased to render our services and all assistance to your clients, Messrs. Bunton and Cotten in the event that they are successful in obtaining a search and salvage licence from the People's Republic of China.

We are confident that we shall be able to obtain a suitable vessel for such operations incorporating the equipment and facilities specified in your letter. However we anticipate that the vessel would measure over 100 feet in length and be of the small towage and salvage tug variety. Informatively, very few boats of 50 to 60 feet length are equipped with 5 ton lifting gear in Hong Kong.

We shall submit plans and photographs of the proposed vessel as soon as they are to hand and also quote you the hire rate for same. We would point out that the rate is dependant on the duration of hire: the longer the period, the lower the rate.

With regard to diving services and equipment, we do not anticipate any problems in obtaining these in Hong Kong but we should be pleased to receive more details of what is required and whether your client wish to hire or purchase the equipments.

We look forward to hearing from you further and meanwhile remain,

Yours sincerely,  
For and on behalf of  
MOLLERS' LIMITED

As Agents

  
N. R. Elliott

NRE/vn

cc: William Bunton 10/26/73  
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Political Officer, age 40
5. Mr. Nick Platt  
Press Officer, age 37
6. Mr. Herb Horowitz  
Head of Two-man Commercial Economic Section, age 42
7. Mr. William Rope  
Specialist in Trade Affairs, age 32

No. 39412



# CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

I Hereby Certify that

*Salvage and Diving International Corporation, Limited*  
is this day incorporated in Hong Kong under the Companies Ordinance,  
and that this company is limited.

GIVEN under my hand this *Nineteenth* day of *July*  
One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-*four*.

SHAM Fai

for Registrar of Companies,  
Hong Kong.

EXHIBIT A

KEY PERSONNEL AND INDIVIDUAL SPECIALIST'S PRESENTLY  
CONTRACTED AND ASSOCIATED WITH INTERNATIONAL SALVAGE  
AND DIVING CORPORATION

- I. Prime contracting corporation requesting the exclusive  
license from The People's Republic of China:

SALVAGE AND DIVING INTERNATIONAL  
CORPORATION LIMITED  
Incorporated in Hong Kong, Hong Kong  
and  
doing business as:  
INTERNATIONAL SALVAGE  
AND DIVING CORPORATION

Represented by:

Deacons Solicitors & Notaries

P.O. Box 277  
Union House, 6th Floor  
Hong Kong, Hong Kong

1. William J. Bunton: President and Treasurer of International Salvage and Diving Corporation; See attached resume.
2. Scott Carpenter: Liaison Representative and consulting diving / salvage specialist for International Salvage and Diving Corporation; Professional qualifications: NASA Astronaut and principle Aquanaut of the United States government "MAN-IN-THE-SEA" saturation diving experiments.
3. Isaac E. Davies: Vice President of International Salvage and Diving Corporation; Professional qualifications: Diver, Oceanographer, Underwater acoustics specialist.
4. Donald F. Freeman: Secretary and Legal Advisor for International Salvage and Diving Corporation; Professional qualifications: Attorney-at-Law, San Diego, California

## II. SUB-CONTRACTORS

1. Ocean Systems, Inc.  
11440 Isaac Newton Industrial Square  
North Reston, Virginia  
United States.  
  
Professional qualifications: Worldwide and  
Internationally known Diving-Salvage firm.
2. Charles Hedgepeth: Foreign Operations Manager,  
employee of Ocean Systems Inc.
3. Delbert Thomason: Assistant Manager, Ocean Systems,  
Inc., Designated Diving-Salvage Supervisor for  
International Salvage and Diving Corporation.
4. Five professional divers: Employees of Ocean  
Systems, Inc.

## III. CONSULTING CONTRACTORS

1. Jon Lindbergh: Underwater Salvage and Explosive  
Consultant. (Associated with International Salvage  
and Diving Corporation).
2. Lamar Boren: Cinemaphotographer and Motion Picture  
producer. (Associated with International Salvage  
and Diving Corporation).
3. Carl Sisskind: Media Consultant (Associated with  
International Salvage and Diving Corporation and  
Scripps Institute of Oceanography).

All personnel listed in EXHIBIT A are citizens  
of the United States.

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Experience profile of...

WILLIAM J. BUNTON

Experience profile of...

WILLIAM J. BUNTON

Date of Birth: July 21, 1933  
Place of Birth: East Vandergrift, Pennsylvania  
Present Residence: 5015 Santa Cruz, Suite 303  
San Diego, California 92107  
Phone: 714-224-5615

Present Status...

President and Treasurer

of

SALVAGE AND DIVING INTERNATIONAL  
CORPORATION LIMITED

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Previous status...

DIVING AND DIVING SUPERVISOR EXPERIENCE

Progressed through levels of responsibility and assignments of increasing complexity during twenty years of extensive and varied experience in the field of DIVING at both a PERSONAL PARTICIPATION LEVEL and SUPERVISORY LEVEL. Participated in numerous UNDERSEAS PROJECTS and PROGRAMS including TRAINING personnel and IMPLEMENTING the Sea Lab II and III Projects over a 7-year period. Have authored PAPERS concerning underseas R&D as well as developing a number of underseas devices (patents pending).

The more recent highlights of experience, education and accomplishments in the DIVING FIELD are:

Offshore Oil Installations - Diving Supervisor  
 Ocean System Inc.  
 West Africa - Atlantic Ocean  
 Norway - North Sea  
 Japan - Yellow Sea

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The most significant EXPERIENCE and/or ACCOMPLISHMENTS during this 20-year period include:

Diving Supervisor - Naval Undersea Research Center  
 (San Diego, California)

Performing over 2,000 recorded dives including 200 Mixed-gas (helium-oxygen) dives in which I acquired an excellent KNOWLEDGE of the CHARACTERISTICS of, as well as SKILL in the use of, the following diving apparatus:

- HEO<sup>2</sup> Navy Helmet
- Mark V, Mark VI, Mark VIII, Mark IX Semi-closed Recirculating, Underwater Breathing Apparatus
- "Drager" Semi-closed Circuit Apparatus
- "Kirby-Morgan" Helmet
- "Swindell" Helmet

Performing the first Navy "Open Sea" dives to 200 ft. utilizing the Mark VI diving apparatus with Helium-Oxygen gas mixture;

Performing the first EXCURSION DIVE to 300 ft. from a Helium-Oxygen atmosphere saturated habitat;

Performing three assignments in which I made Mixed-Gas (HEO<sup>2</sup>) Saturation Dives for a total of 31 days (744 Hours), i.e.,

- 4 Days - 200 ft. Experimental Diving Unit, Washington, D.C.
- 9 Days - 600 ft. Experimental Diving Unit, Washington, D.C.
- 18 days - 210 ft. Open Sea - Sea Lab II, La Jolla, California

DESIGNING and INSTALLING INSTRUMENTATION on the Sea Floor in support of R&D Oceanographic Programs in the areas of:

Biology, Geology, Physical Oceanography, and Bio-Acoustics

TESTING and EVALUATING PROTOTYPE diving apparatus and underwater communications;

Providing DIVING SUPPORT for Submersible Research Craft including:

- Bathyscaph "Triest" (United States)
- Bathyscaph "Archimede" (French)
- "Denice" (original Cousteau submersible-French)
- Deepstar 4000 (Westinghouse Submersible)

Conduct NAVY Certified Diver Training Courses for Civilian Scientists and Engineers at the Naval Underseas Research Center;

Performing all types of UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY (both still and motion pictures)

DESIGNING and INSTALLING of High and Low Pressure air system as well as Hyperbaric and Recompression Chamber Lay-outs;

Participating in SEA LAB II PROJECT (210 ft. - 300 ft. excursion dives) (Total saturation 18 days);

SEA LAB III and receiving ADVANCED TRAINING in the Navy's MARK II Deep Diving System - Including:

- Personnel Transfer Capsule pressurized swimouts utilizing tethered semi-closed mixed-gas breathing apparatus
- Deck Decompression Chambers
- Master Control Console
- Life Support Systems
- Habitat and Supporting Gas Systems
- Saturation Diving Techniques and Decompression Procedures

## PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS

Authored Research and Development Report #1261  
"THE OFFSHORE CIRCULAR ARRAY"  
Techniques for the mid-water support and mooring  
of Oceanographic Instrumentation in shallow water.

Authored, "PROBLEMS OF DEEP UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY"  
Printed in Mans Extensions Into The Sea - Marine  
Technology Society, Washington, D.C.

## PATENTS DEVELOPED

A summary of patents developed by me is presented  
below. Additional details will be provided upon  
request.

"UNDERWATER TRIPOD AND LEVELING DEVICE" for the  
vertical installation of pipe (stations) in ocean  
floor sediments utilizing high pressure water.  
(patent granted)

PC-770 "MULTI-EXPOSURE 70MM DIVER-HELD CAMERA",  
initiated the original development and was  
instrumental in the exterior diver design features.  
Extensively TESTED and EVALUATED the PROTOTYPE  
CAMERA to 300 ft. depth.

"EMBEDDING MOORING ANCHOR", presently working on a  
unique, inexpensive, permanent mooring device to be  
installed in the sea floor by divers. This device  
is capable of holding strains of 10,000 lbs. and  
more. (patent pending)

## PROFESSIONAL DIVING EXPERIENCE AND NAVY DIVING SCHOOLS

- Open Circuit SCUBA - U. S. Navy Electronics  
Laboratory, San Diego, California
- Mixed-gas (Helium-Oxygen) SCUBA - U. S. NAVY Mine  
Defense Laboratory, Panama City, Florida
- Deep Sea (Helium-Oxygen) Diving Officer and Deep  
Sea (Helium-Oxygen) Diver U. S. Naval School Deep  
Sea Divers, Washington, D.C.
- "MAN-IN-THE-SEA AQUANAUT" Helium-Oxygen "Saturation"  
Diver U. S. Navy Deep Submergence Systems, San Diego,  
California

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(PROPOSED) TERMS OF AN AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL SALVAGE AND DIVING CORPORATION,  
AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

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This agreement is made this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 197\_\_\_, between International Salvage and Diving Corporation, and the People's Republic of China.

The People's Republic of China shall grant permission under the terms and conditions of this agreement, and in the form of an exclusive salvage license, or permit, to search for and recover the cargo of a ship sunk in the northern entrance of the Formosa Straits (East China Sea) and within the territorial waters of The People's Republic of China.

It is understood that the ship in question was sunk during a state of war. That the nation sinking the ship and the nation whose flag the ship was flying were belligerent and that The People's Republic of China in whose territorial waters the ship was sunk and the nation whose flag the ship was flying were also belligerent.

That the ship and its cargo therefore shall not be treated under normal rules of salvage and that International Salvage and Diving Corporation shall not be required to libel said ship or its cargo as salvage. That all rights to said ship and its cargo shall be determined by this agreement.

[Note: This cargo may be treated as prize, or contraband.]

The search and salvage license shall be for a period of three years (36 months) commencing from the date of this contract. In the event that The People's Republic of China

suspends or prevents International Salvage and Diving Corporation's search or salvage operations for any reason, the period of this contract shall be extended for a period of time equal to that period of suspension or prevention.

The search and salvage license is to include the LATITUDE 25° - 20' NORTH to 25° - 30' NORTH and LONGITUDE 120° - 0' EAST to 120° - 15' EAST. (See H.O. Chart #3178)

The conditions of this agreement are as follows:

1. International Salvage and Diving Corporation shall receive \_\_\_\_\_% (\_\_\_\_\_percent) of all gross salvage and cargo recovered from the previously stated search and salvage area with the exception of any artifacts or jewelry of unquestionable Chinese origin.

(a) Prior to the commencing of the percentage split (Item 1) International Salvage and Diving Corporation shall receive the first \$1,000,000.00 (One Million Dollars) value of salvage or cargo recovered.

2. The People's Republic of China shall receive \_\_\_\_\_% (\_\_\_\_\_percent) of all gross salvage and cargo recovered plus all artifacts and jewelry of unquestionable Chinese origin, after the condition of Item 1(a) have been fulfilled.

(a) The People's Republic of China share of gross salvage and cargo as set out in paragraph (2) shall be in lieu of all royalties, taxes, dues, penalties, fines, customs, duties, levy's, assessments, charges, licenses, permits or other governmental costs and International Salvage and Diving Corporation shall not be required to pay The ~~People's Republic of China any other~~ sums of money other

than as provided in Paragraph (2).

3. Each of the two parties to this agreement will provide their own expert appraiser concerning artifacts, jewelry, precious stones, coins, metals and art objects. In the event the two appraisers cannot agree as to the origin of the object or in the case of non-Chinese artifacts or jewelry, the fair monetary value, an appraiser not biased to either of the two parties of this agreement will be summoned and his opinion as to the origin and / or value will be final.

4. For clarification within this agreement all objects not of or a part of an artistic design are to be considered salvage or cargo and subject to the percentage splits of Item (1) and (2). They (objects) are to include: all metals, metal coins regardless of country origin, precious and semi-precious stones which are not a part of any artifact or jewelry and paper currency regardless of country origin.

5. All salvage and metal cargo recovered will have a monetary value determined by the London Metal Market on the day of recovery. Any metal recovered on a Saturday or Sunday will be valued by the close of the market on the previous Friday.

6. All salvage or cargo not listed on the London Metal Market, for example: precious and semi-precious stones, coins, art objects or artifacts (non-Chinese origin) will have a monetary value determined by expert appraisers and according to the condition of Item (3).

~~7. As salvage is recovered and a monetary value is~~

determined or objects have been mutually agreed upon as to their monetary value, it will immediately be turned over to The People's Republic of China.

(a) The People's Republic of China shall take possession of all salvage and cargo aboard the salvage vessel and shall be responsible for all costs of transportation and risk of loss or damage after possession is transferred.

(b) The People's Republic of China may elect not to accept certain portions of the cargo and salvage at the market or appraised value: in that event, International Salvage and Diving Corporation shall have the option to pay to The People's Republic of China that percentage of the value of such cargo or salvage as set out in Paragraph (2), or in the alternative, to sell said cargo or salvage on the world market with the net proceeds from the sale, after all costs of sale and transportation are paid, to be divided in accordance with Paragraphs (1) and (2).

8. Prior to The People's Republic of China physically taking custody of any salvage or cargo both parties will mutually agree in writing as to cargo content, weight, size and value. Both parties will keep duplicate records with each party verifying the other's by signature.

9. Seventy-two hours after any and all salvage or cargo has been released to the custody of The People's Republic of China, the monetary value of International Salvage and Diving Corporation's share (Item 1) will be deposited in the Bank of America in Hong Kong, in the account of International ~~Salvage and Diving Corporation~~. The currency deposited by

The People's Republic of China will be United State's dollars.

10. Bank of America in Hong Kong will notify International Salvage and Diving Corporation or a designated agent aboard the salvage vessel, via radio or other communication means, that they have received receipt of the proper funds according to International Salvage and Diving Corporation's share as stated in Item (1).

11. International Salvage and Diving Corporation as exclusive owner of the search and salvage license will pay and be responsible for all expenses incurred during the entire operation.

12. International Salvage and Diving Corporation will also be responsible and provide satisfactory quarters for (2) representatives of The People's Republic of China during all periods of time at sea during the search and salvage, if so desired by The People's Republic of China.

13. International Salvage and Diving Corporation will have sole authority during the search and salvage, and regarding all other decisions arising within the framework of this venture.

14. All personnel involved in the search and subsequent salvage will assemble in Hong Kong. Using that city as a base of operation for all necessary equipment rentals and purchases, it will not be required to utilize any ports of The People's Republic of China except in the event of an emergency or severe weather. The People's Republic of China shall extend its protection and assistance to International Salvage and Diving Corporation and personnel while in the

territorial waters of The People's Republic of China in the event of emergency or hostile action.

15. Only William J. Bunton, Scott Carpenter and Bunton's on-scene assistant-in-charge\* will have passport visas for The People's Republic of China if deemed necessary and or required by The People's Republic of China. All other involved personnel will not require travel visas except in the Hong Kong area. \*Bunton's assistant is Isaac Davies, Vice-President of International Salvage and Diving Corporation.

16. If required, entry into the sunken ship will be accomplished by utilizing underwater OXY-ARC cutting and small charges of underwater explosives. In the event explosives are necessary, International Salvage and Diving Corporation will provide an expert Salvage / Explosive Consultant, Jon Lindbergh. All recommendation or suggestions by the representatives of The People's Republic of China in regard to their use will be strictly observed.

17. During the search and salvage operation and within the territorial waters of The People's Republic of China, International Salvage and Diving Corporation and contracted personnel of their employ, will respect and obey all rules, laws, instructions, and customs of that country.

18. With the exception of The People's Republic of China, all newsmen, film photographers or other private or commercial correspondents are excluded from the search boat or salvage vessel without the written permission of International Salvage and Diving Corporation. The entire salvage operation will be filmed with the intentions of producing

a one hour film documentary. This film will show a commercial enterprize from the United States engaged in a significant business relationship with The People's Republic of China. Aside from the cultural benefits to the people of the United States and The People's Republic of China, this film, due to the monetary and historical value of the cargo content, will have world wide appeal. The production of this film will be under the direction of Lamer Boren, Internationally known Cinemaphotographer and producer.

19. That International Salvage and Diving Corporation may assign any or all of the rights granted by The People's Republic of China under this agreement to any other person, company, or entity provided, however, that The People's Republic of China may reject the assignment of any right to any person, company or other entity that is offensive to the policies of The People's Republic of China.

20. Attached to this proposed agreement, marked Exhibit A, is a list of the key personnel and contractors who will be associated with this undertaking. Further information concerning their expertise and professionalism will be provided, if requested by The People's Republic of China.

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

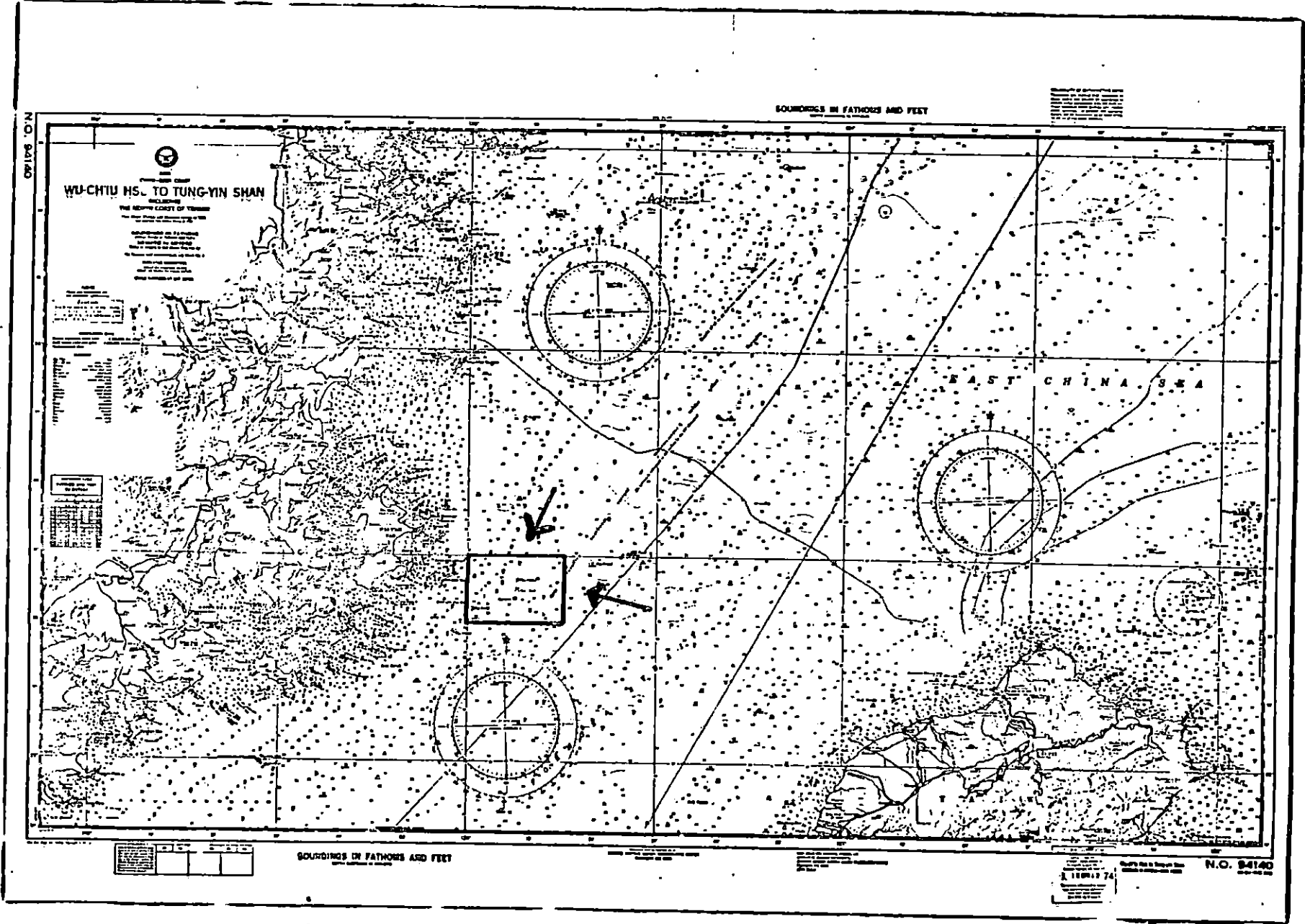
INTERNATIONAL SALVAGE AND DIVING CORPORATION

By \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_  
WILLIAM J. BUNTON, PRESIDENT

By \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_  
M. SCOTT CARPENTER, Liaison Representative and Consultant



Requested Search and Salvage Area: 150 Square Miles  
 Between LATITUDE 25°...20' NORTH to 25°...30' NORTH  
 and LONGITUDE 120°...0' EAST to 120°...15' EAST

December 24, 1974

Mr. John M. Cates, Jr.  
President  
Center for Inter-American Relations  
680 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10021

Dear Jack:

I got a form letter addressed to "Dear Center Member" dated November 19 notifying members about courses on Latin America at Hunter College.

Big favor department. Would you send this information to my son, John Ellis Bush, 2005 McDuffie, Houston, Texas 77019. Jeb was a Latin American major at the University of Texas and graduated Phi Beta Kappa and is still vitally interested in that part of the world. He's now in the international department of a bank, but he's thinking of going to Johns Hopkins or somewhere else. What would be your advice for a guy like this? He's interested in business, but he's also interested in the academic side of things and perhaps in the Foreign Service.

No one knows Latin America better than you, and if it's not a terrible imposition, I wondered if you would be willing to talk to Jeb or drop him a line with your advice. He is a great kid. All you could do is simply say that you had a letter from me in Peking suggesting you be in touch with him. He needs a little guidance from on high, but he's a real self-starter and has done darn well. Incidentally, he married a very attractive Mexican girl from the northern part of Mexico and they are very happy living in Houston.

Life in Peking is fascinating. Bar is home for Christmas with the kids. My mother is out here for Christmas in China. Hope our paths cross before too long.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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November 19, 1974

Courses on Latin America  
at Hunter College

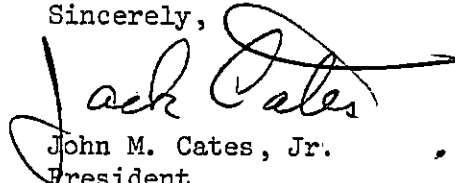
Dear Center Member,

As part of the Center's policy of cooperation with Hunter College we are calling our members' attention to the courses on Latin America which will be offered by Hunter during the Spring 1975. Both graduate and undergraduate courses are available in the Departments of Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Romance Languages, and Theater.

In order to register for a course, it is necessary to apply for non-matriculant status before January 2, by writing to the Registrar, Hunter College, 695 Park Avenue. Anyone interested in registering for graduate courses should also call Professor Randall at 360-5169 or 360-2400.

Hunter is also offering a field trip to Mexico from January 16-30. For details phone Professor White of the Department of Geography.

Sincerely,

  
John M. Cates, Jr.  
President

JMC/ns

December 17, 1974

His Excellency Ch'iao Kuan-hua  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Peoples Republic of China

Dear Mr. Minister:

My mother and an aunt will be here for a couple of weeks. Even though Barbara is with our children in the United States and thus won't be here to greet you, I would love to have you come for a very small, very informal supper next week.

Could you and your wife join us on Thursday, December 26 at 7:00 p.m.? If that day is impossible the 27th would be fine too.

I know how busy you are, so if dinner doesn't seem possible perhaps we could call on you some day during the next couple of weeks. My mother would enjoy seeing you again.

Maybe you would like to bring some others with you. If you want to do that I will invite an equal number from the USLO -- otherwise there will be just us.

Respectfully yours,

George Bush

UNITED STATES LIAISON OFFICE  
Peking, People's Republic of China

November 15, 1974

Dear Mr. Minister:

Allow me to offer my sincere congratulations on your appointment as Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of China and my best wishes for every success in that position. The relationship which has developed between us in our past dealings has been characterized by candor and real friendliness. I look forward to further dialogue with you in the same spirit, as we continue our endeavors leading toward the common objective of ever better relations between our two governments and peoples.

My entire staff joins me in expressing to you our highest respect and regards.

Very truly yours,

George Bush

His Excellency  
Ch'iao Kuan-hua,  
Minister of Foreign Affairs.  
of the People's Republic of China,  
Peking.

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November 18, 1974

Mr. A. W. Clausen, President  
Bank of America  
Bank of America Center  
Box 37000  
San Francisco, California 94137

Dear Tom:

Thank you for your warm note of November 11.  
We have been here about a month now, and I  
am very happy in this challenging new assign-  
ment.

I do hope I can juggle my schedule around  
to get to the Bohemian Grove this summer.

There's plenty of room here in our residence,  
so if you ever get near Peking, please come  
and stay with the Bushes.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GBush:lz (POUCH)

BANK OF AMERICA

A. W. CLAUSEN  
President

November 11, 1974

Dear George:

I am late in sending congratulations to you on your appointment as Chief of the United States Liaison Office to The Peoples Republic of China! This ought to be a very stimulating assignment and we send every good wish for success.

If there is any way in which we can be helpful, please call on us.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,



The Honorable George Bush  
Chief, United States Liaison Office  
Peking  
The Peoples Republic of China

P.S. - Hope to see you at Hill Billies this summer!

October 29, 1974

Mr. Michael Collins  
National Air & Space Museum  
Smithsonian Institution  
Independence Avenue At 10th, S.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mike:

A personal favor! I have a first cousin named Stuart Clement. He has long been interested in aviation. He was one of the foremost aerospace industry's security analysts, and, all in all, he is a first-class guy. He is now out of the security business and he is anxious to get relocated. He thought that perhaps there would be some slot at the National Air and Space Museum, since apparently they have begun staffing for the new building. He is not a curator, but his knowledge of aviation and his very pleasant personality and his great attention to detail would make him an instant success in that field.

I am not sure this even comes under the heading of your business these days, but if it did, I would certainly appreciate your talking to Stu Clement if you thought there might be any openings. His address is: Stuart H. Clement, Jr., 21 Greenleaf Street, Rye, New York 10580. Would it be too presumptive on our friendship to ask that you drop him a note saying whether there is any chance for him there or not. Whichever way it goes, I most certainly would understand.

Barbara and I are now in Peking, one long, long way from Washington. We are loving every minut of it. The change of pace is dramatic. Although there is plenty to do here, it's a whole new world, believe me.

Hope all's well with you. Please don't knock yourself out on the above request, but if there should be an opening for a fellow like Stu, I know he could do you a first-class job.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

cc: Mr. Stuart Clement

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JARVIS CROMWELL  
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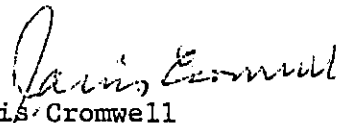
October 16, 1974

Mr. George Bush  
Republican National Chairman  
310 First Street, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear George:

Having finally returned to New York I am enclosing my check for use in the campaign. I wish this could be larger but since retirement my financial ability is much less than it used to be.

Most sincerely,

  
Jarvis Cromwell

Enclosure - Check, \$500.00

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October 24, 1974

Mr. Jarvis Cronwell  
521 Park Avenue  
New York, N. Y. 10021

Dear Mr. Cronwell:

On behalf of Mr. Bush, who is now in Peking as Chief of the U. S. Mission to the People's Republic of China, let me thank you for your generous contribution to the National Committee. It is deeply appreciated and will be a great help in our efforts to elect as many Republicans to Congress as possible on November 5, and after that to build a strong Republican Party from the precinct to the national level.

Please be assured that Mr. Bush will be advised of your tremendous help, and I know he will be grateful for your wonderful support.

Sincerely,

Mary Louise Smith

BCC: Mr. Bush  
Finance - with check No. 876 - \$500.00

November 11, 1974

Mr. Jarvis Cromwell  
521 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10021

Dear Jarvis:

Just a belated note to thank you for that letter of October 16 you sent to me at the Republican National Committee. I notice that Mrs. Smith wrote to you to thank you for your donation to the Party, but I just wanted to add my "amen", even though it comes from way out here in Peking.

I miss the political arena, but this new life is tremendously challenging. I hope all is well with you, and thanks, again, for that support.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GBush: (POUCH)

UNITED STATES LIAISON OFFICE  
Peking, People's Republic of China

October 22, 1974

Mrs. Stuart H. Clement  
426 Prospect Street  
New Haven, Connecticut 06511

Dear Aunt Margie:

I believe Jane told Mr. Betts in the Philippines you would be handling the Jim Bush matter, but I have written her to be sure of this. I have asked that my copy of the Jim Bush file be sent to me here in China, so don't hesitate to holler if there are any questions on any of this.

After the funds that you have on hand are used up I know that Barbara and I will want to help in the support of Jim, and I am sure mother will want to do the same. I am sorry you have this worry on your hands.

We arrived in China yesterday. Our house is just neat. Bar will put her own little touches on it, but it is totally livable and we are very, very lucky. All's well here. A totally new experience but I must say I am very enthused about it. I'll write soon.

Hastily, but with lots of love,

GB

"The weather is like a November football day in New Haven -- cool and clear today. Yesterday a cold howling wind swept in. All's well -- "

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George -

As promised -

a letter follows.

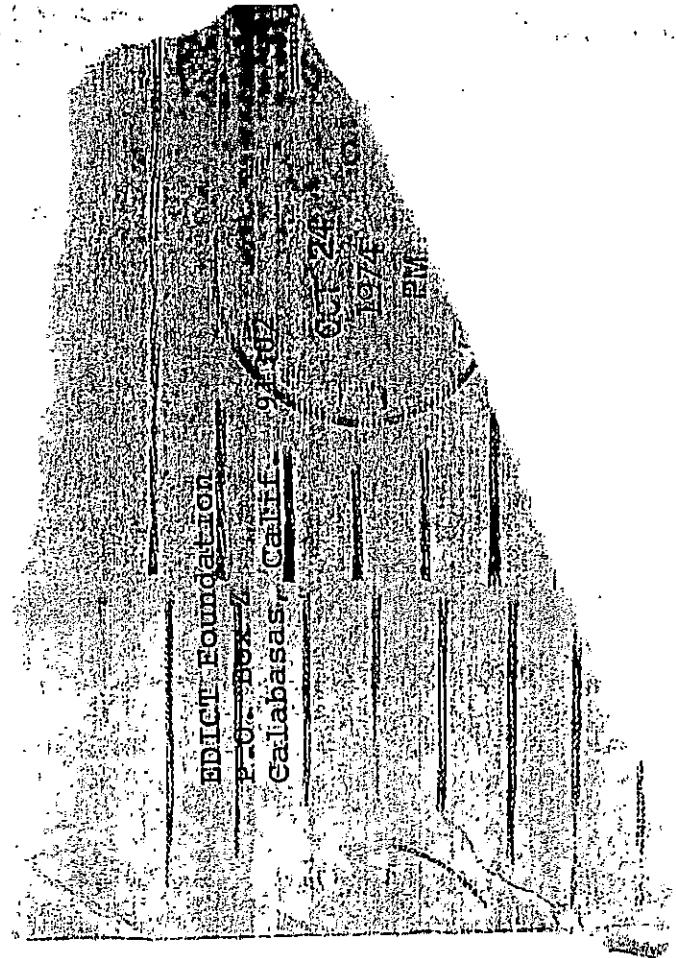
Best,

Scott

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File under  
Scott Carpenter

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