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Mr. Jerry MacMullen
San Diego Maritime Museum
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Dear Jerry:

Jack Dickerhoff told several people during the weekend up here what fine people he had found attached to the STAR OF INDIA, so the sale is made and you are away and running. The best break the old bark had had in many a year.

Now, regarding a possible ship manager/curator for you. Jim Kleinschmidt and Gordon Jones are the only two people in the country that I know of who might be available and who combine the rare aspects of being practical ship people AND maritime historians. You can't have one of the qualities without the other, and fill your position down there adequately in the long haul.

Harold Huycke would add a great deal of lustre to your operation because he is an especially prolific and knowledgeable maritime historian with a reputation already in the field. He is a practical ship man, too, being presently mate on States Marine steamers. He is in port and I asked him whether he would be interested in the San Diego position if it should materialize; he said that his heart is set on settling in the San Francisco Bay area.

My suggestion is that you pay as well as you possibly can, to attract people of the above caliber, but at the same time warn them that for many a year to come at least half of the job is in work clothes. The STAR OF INDIA can't afford a captain. The Manager of the ship should meet the classic categorization of a Second Mate, "one hand never out of the tar pot."

