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Dear Jerry:

Thanks for the letter. I stayed home from work today with a slight cold, so will answer forthwith.

I was in San Francisco again from 15 April to 5 May, but didn't get much done except calibrate some thermometers for the Philippine Fishery people. Saw the DELTA QUEEN at Fulton's shipyard, Antioch, being boarded up for her tow. I understand she got aground in the San Joaquin the day they started out, but was floated OK. Fulton, who runs the yard, is a nephew of the Fulton who was at San Pedro 30 years ago, and quite a character.

Revelle is still here as a comdr in the Office of Naval Research, Geophysics Section. I don't know his room number or his home address, as I understand Ellen has gone back to La Jolla with the kids and he has sold their house. The latest word is that he will stay on here till January or so; the rumor is that he will be the new Director of Scripps, but I have my doubts.

About a year ago you asked me about some builders of river steamers. I have my notes handy now, and can add a few:

MERRIMAC by Sebastian Ligouri,	1862
VAQUERO by Jireh S Nichols	1865
VISALIA by Patrick Tiernan	1860
GOVERNOR DANA " "	1863 (must be rebuilt)
NEVADA by Cousins	1860

I don't have any dope on who built Benicia; it wasn't Turner, as he only built one river steamer and one or two stern-wheelers to go to the Klondyke. If you ever get going on a new edition of "Paddlewheel Days" let me know, and I will overhaul all my notes. Kemble's "Panama Route" has the word on quite a numbers of the steamers that came around from the East Coast.

Glad to hear a new Bulletin is in progress. Why don't you give each part a separate Bulletin number and carry all three titles and numbers on the cover?

Sefton has a good idea there. If he wants any expert assistance in choosing the right gear for his work, he can get it from the Hydrographic Office. I personally would like to go on that whaling expedition.

Regards to all of San Diego,

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