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January 29, 1944

Commandant Eleventh Naval District,
Foot of Broadway,
San Diego, California.

Dear Sir:

The Board of Directors of the Zoological Society have instructed me to authorize the Eleventh Naval District to lower the masts of the old bark, STAR OF INDAI, which we understand is necessary as a safety measure during the present emergency.

The Society is very desirous of having the vessel restored at the end of the emergency and of course hopes very much that the Naval authorities will find it possible to assist us in replacing the masts to their old position.

Sincerely yours,

ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO

(Signed) BELLE J. BENCHLEY

Mrs. Belle J. Benchley
Executive Secretary

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