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Mr. Bob Krauss
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Dear Mr. Krauss:

Word has reached us that you are planning to get the grand old Falls of Clyde for a maritime museum at Honolulu, and I am writing to wish you every success in this project.

Ahead of you lies a vast amount of blood, sweat and tears -- but that was the case with San Francisco's Baldclutha and our own little Star of India. The result is worth every bit of the effort. Our own ship soon will be 100 years old -- and you are hereby invited to her 100th birthday party, which will be Thursday, Nov. 14, 1963. She won't be finished by then, but she's far enough along now to permit having visitors aboard, and she is proving to be wonderfully popular with the public.

I envy you in being able to pick up a vessel like the Falls of Clyde, which I last recall seeing in 1919. She was lying at a pier over around Richmond, and I was coming down to San Francisco from Mare Island by steamer. Behind her, over the Contra Costa hills, a full moon was rising, so I saw her only in silhouette -- but she was beautiful. She has got everything, museum-wise. To begin with, she represents the square-rigged sailing vessel at the time of its highest development -- the metal-hulled, four-masted bark. At the same time, she was built at an early enough date to have escaped the box-shaped hull of the steel windjammers of a few years later. And her use as a sailing tanker makes her unique.

How fortunate you are that she is iron, with its resistance to corrosion -- and that she has been for years, full of black oil. I cannot see any hull problems at all, which is more than we could say. Her rigging having been set up with turnbuckles, you won't have to have myriads of dead-eyes made -- at about \$40 each -- nor will you have to drag someone into setting up their spinners and running off four-stranded, tarred hemp rope for lanyards. You lucky people!

San Diego has taken Star of India to its heart, as Honolulu will take Falls of Clyde. Everyone -- especially the newspapers -- proved to be simply wonderful. I am sending you publicity samples -- a very small sampling, I may add -- and would appreciate their return, when they have served your purpose. If there is anything which we can do to help you in this wonderful project, you have only to ask.

Sincerely yours,

JERRY MacMULLEN
President

