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Mr. Donald Muchmore  
California Museum of Science and Industry  
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Los Angeles 37, California

Dear Mr. Muchmore:

By the grapevine, I hear that you are planning the possible acquisition of the four-masted bark Falls of Clyde for use as a maritime museum in the Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor area.

Although this will, in a sense, make you a rival, I would like to offer you any and all assistance which we may be in a position to give you in this project. As you no doubt know, we are restoring the former Alaska Packers' three-masted bark Star of India for similar use. The job never would have got underway had it not been for the friendly and enthusiastic help we received from Karl Kortum and his people at the San Francisco Maritime Museum, where the restoration of the full-rigged ship Balclutha has been such a smashing success.

With the possible exception of the Pass of Melfort -- also a four-masted bark -- I think the old Falls of Clyde was the most beautiful vessel I have ever seen. And the four-masted bark was the ultimate development in man's conquest of the sea, under sail.

It is fortunate that she has an iron hull -- and doubly fortunate that, for so many years, she was loaded with black oil. Her plates and frames must be in splendid shape, and you will be saved from many of the problems which confronted both our vessel and Balclutha.

We have done a bit of fumbling, but have learned priceless lessons -- such as keeping a firm control over the slide-rule boys, and being wary of college fraternity groups who are anxious to help so long as press and television cameras are on the scene. Please let us know if we can be of any help.

Cordially,

Jerry MacHullen  
President

