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Vista, Calif., 92083,
Mar. 11, 1974.

Mr. Jerry MacMullen,
San Diego Union,
940 3rd Street,
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. MacMullen:

It has been with great interest I have been reading your articles in the San Diego Union concerning present and the by-gone days along the San Diego water front and of the early days of "wireless" on board ships in the passenger coastal trade. Your article dated Feb'y. 3rd concerning the Navy radio station at Point Arguello was also most interesting. Your most recent article dated March 10th concerning the old SS Yale and SS Harvard bring back fond memories of those days.

I cut my teeth in the early stages of wireless when the Ford spark coil was employed as their transmitter by many amateurs. That was in Salem, Oregon, in 1913 when I was in knee pants. I have followed the radio profession since that time; Navy, Merchant Marine, RCA marine coastal stations, and broadcast engineering. I retired from broadcasting (KFI) in 1967 after 36 years with them and moved to Vista.

I am a life member of the Society of Wireless Pioneers (SWP) whose headquarters are in Santa Rosa, Calif. This is a world-wide organization of professional and ex-professional radio engineers and radio operators, some with sea-going and marine coastal station services prior to 1915, and the Pioneer and Veteran and professional associate classifications. The present membership is more than 1350 members.

I am most certain that your past and future articles as published in the San Diego Union concerning harbor water front activities and shipping in general would be interesting to the SWP membership. It would appear that your articles are not copyrighted. I would therefore appreciate your permission to publish all or parts of your subject articles, as published in the San Diego Union, in the SWP bulletins and other publications of the organization as may be determined by the headquarters office. The articles would be published under your by-line and with full credit to you.

I am enclosing a SWP membership application and information pamphlet that may be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

Raymond B. Walling
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