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Dear Commander:

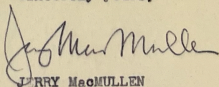
You have been so kind in lending me your negative of Star of India in Unimak Pass that I hesitate to ask an additional favor. However -- here goes:

Would you have any objection to my having an enlargement made from the negative for your own collection, for my collection -- and a third one to be presented, in your name, to the San Francisco Maritime Museum? They are deeply interested in the Alaska Packers' ships, and have been most helpful to us in connection with the local restoration project.

A Berkeley publisher is interested in a book on Star of India and I am getting ready to start the job. Of course, they will want photos. May I have your permission to submit that photo of her to the publishers when I send in the rough outline of the book? They would, of course, give suitable credit.

Incidentally, have you ever printed the story of the murder aboard the Standard? It seems to me to have some excellent possibilities for some such a magazine as Sage or True. And I understand that they pay quite well. Thanks to such things as the Balclutha and the Museum at Mystic, Connecticut, there is quite a bit of interest in the square-riggers. As a matter of fact, no one has yet written a really good book about the salmon fleet -- APA, Libby McNeil & Libby, Red Salmon Packing, and the rest. They picked up some rather famous ships which had reached their declining days. Why not try it?

Sincerely yours,



JERRY MacMULLEN

