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Dear Ray:

I am very glad that among the other rewards you have received in connection with "Square Rigger", the interesting contacts have provided some fringe benefits. I have the feeling that you are enjoying making the rounds, and I think it is quite amazing at your age to have so much vigor and enthusiasm about these new types of exposures.

I have done some sleuthing about the Ferryboat "Berkeley", but I am afraid there is not much left in the way of records covering these fine old boats. For what it is worth, I will tell you that there are no blueprints existing to the best of our knowledge. As you may know, the "Berkeley" is now at Sausalito. Perhaps its present owners have uncovered or made diagrams. If not, the only thing suggested to me is that the parties check with the San Francisco Public Library. Publications like "Shipbuilding and Shipping Record" are reported to have published detailed drawings of the "Berkeley", which may possibly be found in the San Francisco Public Library. We do know the November 26, 1914, issue of that publication had such drawings of the "Contra Costa" but the file has no copies of the "Berkeley" drawings.

Am attaching a copy of an old report sheet on the "Berkeley" which might be of interest.

The "Berkeley's" keel was laid in 1898, and she went into service here in November, 1901 -- one of the first double-end propeller type ferry steamers ever built. Builder was Union Iron Works of San Francisco. She was rebuilt in 1917...279 feet long...produced 1125 horsepower...once seated as many as 1900 passengers...gross tons 1883...cost \$227,000...had a hull of steel up to the main deck...was hard to handle and soon became notorious as a "slip-destroying monster"...saw her last service as a ferry in 1958. (Some of the above figures, I know, don't jibe with those on the old report, but it seems to be a question of whether you're talking about before or after the 1917 rebuilding.)

If you have not seen the "Berkeley" recently, it is being used as a sort of a bazaar for the sale of trinkets and various types of cheap merchandise in Sausalito. The last time I saw it,

