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Mr. William B. Hills,
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Dec, 28, 1972

Dear Mr. Hills:


Thanks for your letter of Dec., 22.

The chances of getting a field trip ship to take me to Utrik seem rather remote at present. The only immediate solution to the problem is to charter a small boat to take me there. I have been told DeBrum's vessel "Louise" is available and may be chartered for \$500 for the time I need her. Bill Streenan told me our funds were low, and before I contact DeBrum I want to know whether I have the money and the authority to rent the boat from him.

As time time goes by it becomes apparent that my problem will not be lack of cooperation from the people but to get to the islands. After the tragedy of death I doubt that the politicians will want to interfere with our work for a while. I have written Dr. Conard about the alternatives I see for solving the transportation problem; for your information I send you a copy of the letter. If you have other suggestions, I shall lend you an attentive ear.

Best wishes for the new year.

Sincerely yours



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