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December 1, 1938

Commander C. A. Bailey, U.S.N.  
U.S.S. HOUSTON  
Long Beach, California

Dear Commander Bailey:

Thank you for your good letter of the 23rd. Any letter from you or carrying the Houston letterhead reminds me of a grand expedition.

Since getting your letter apprising me that the log books had been printed, I got two copies from the Naval Aide's office. The publication staff and the ship's printing office are to be congratulated no end. It is certainly a fine and enjoyable account of the cruise, and something that one will want to treasure through all the years to come. The two copies that I secured are destined one each for my two children, along with some other mementoes that I plan to leave them one of these days. Meanwhile, I would like to get a few more. Are there any still obtainable on the ship? I would love to have a so-called personal working copy on my desk at the office and at least two others, one for the Director of the Museum and another for my mother. A half dozen would not be too many. I would be only too glad to pay whatever the cost might be, including transportation charges here. I hope I do not approach you too late about the matter.

When I see your cruise book, I wish that Captain Callaghan might have had time enough to send his log to you for printing, as well. It looks nice, but your print shop job is the superior one in appearance.

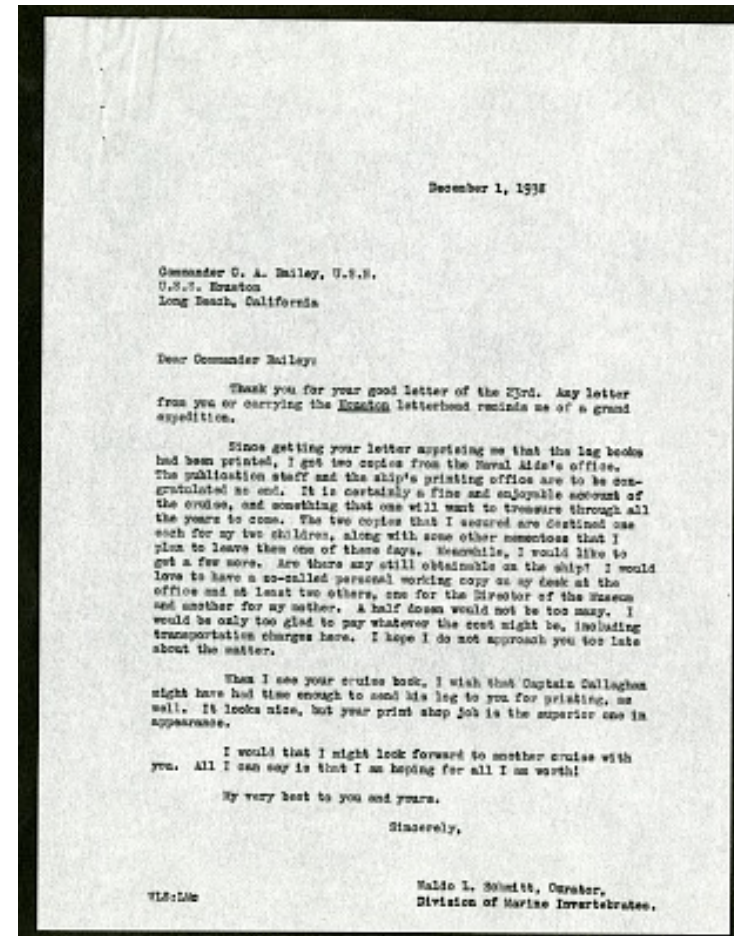
I would that I might look forward to another cruise with you. All I can say is that I am hoping for all I am worth!

My very best to you and yours.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,  
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

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