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Dear Duke:

I have your telegram on the Glomar "Explorer," and I would like to assure you that there are no plans afoot to scrap the vessel.

As you know, we were, regretfully, unable to find an immediate use for the "Explorer." Nevertheless, we are hopeful that organizations such as the National Science Foundation may be able to utilize its unique capabilities in the years ahead.

Given present circumstances and our strong desire to preserve the "Explorer" for the future, we have decided to inactivate the ship and place it in reserve in the Suisun Bay anchorage north of San Francisco. Unfortunately, the derrick will have to be removed so that the vessel will be able to pass under the Bay bridges, but that is the only use of the cutting torch planned.

I very much appreciate having your views on the "Explorer," and I know that we both look forward to the day when it again sets sail.

With best regards,

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