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To Whom it May Concern

Reference: Mr Ray Hatch

This is to confirm that Ray Hatch was a Diver employed as part of the Salvage Team during the salvage operation of the Russian Cruise Liner Mikael Lermontov which sank in Port Gore New Zealand in 1985.

The Salvage Team was a Joint Venture Operation headed by Mr. Ian Lockley of Salvage Pacific in Fiji, together with another partner who was Queensland based.

Diving operations were extensively carried out on the wreck, which entailed removal of valuables and the safes, together with removal of fuel oil from various parts of the vessel.

I can confirm his presence , as I was also employed as part of the salvage team during this period.

Yours sincerely,

Richard W. Poole
Salvage Team Diver & Supervisor- Mikael Lermontov