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Dear Sir:

Mr. Gail Stensland, Secretary of the Upper Missouri Wilderness Waterway Cruise Company in Fort Benton, Montana, has suggested that I write to you for information in connection with a book we are preparing on the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Last summer I had the pleasure of cruising on one of the company's boats, going upstream from the Robinson Bridge at Kipp State Park to Fort Benton, a distance I estimate at about 150 miles.

Mr. Stensland has indicated that a publication of the Bureau, Bulletin 26, March 1962 "Montana in the Geologic Past" by Eugene S. Perry, contains information which would be of some help to me in describing some of the unusual formations along this route. I am particularly interested in the so-called "White Cliffs" area, as I expect to be called on to supply some technical information for pictures of those remarkable dikes and white sandstone outcroppings that I expect, have been honed by wind and water for thousands of years.

I've heard it said, and I agree, that one of the most neglected aspects of the Expedition concerns the unusual geologic features the explorers saw.

Could you please tell me how I might purchase a copy of Mr. Perry's book, and I would appreciate any other suggestions you may have for research into the subject of Montana geology as related to Lewis and Clark.

Sincerely,

Gerald S. Snyder

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