

Dear Mr. Balass

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Thank you for the Smithsonian article - unfortunately you sent only every 2nd page. ie p134, 136, 138, 140 are missing. Maybe you could send the rest? Thanks

In answer to your questions

- We didn't have any food at all with us, we weren't trying to attract fish.
- I didn't see any fish, turtles, sealife of any sort prior to the attack.
- The only comment I could make about the "grey and white" was that the grey was above + the white below in the mid section which was all I really saw well close up. They seemed in about equal proportion. The grey seemed your basic grey as seen in most pictures of sharks or porpoises and not the yellowish color I've seen in some pictures of tiger sharks. I didn't notice the shark nose shape.
- My guess as to the shark's length ~~was~~ is that it was probably ~8-11 ft. When the men who'd been in the boat said 15 ft I didn't really comment but later I got a tape measure out + I was amazed at how big that would have been. It didn't seem that big to me although I never saw ~~it~~ all at once as they would have.

I wasn't menstruating at the time.

You asked about contacting the Morrell's. I think they are in a fairly reasonable state of mind. I saw Dave Morrell last week and mentioned you'd been in touch with me. If you haven't been in touch with him before I think it would probably be most appropriate to write him much as you did me initially. You could just ask if either he or his daughter would know what articles of clothing would have been worn & maybe why it's important. I think it's easier to get a letter because you can a) decide if + when you want to open & read it (it's obvious what it's about)

b) if & when you want to answer it. I think you should only approach Malia if her dad gives permission.

eg you might just say you'd been in touch with me to try & answer some questions and understand what factors might contribute to an attack or help in prevention and that I was unable to be sure of clothing & watches and were they aware of what she might have been wearing.

Hope this helps

Louise Jourssea