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Dear sir:

I received your letter inquiring about some turtles that I had caught and tagged on Midway, I will be happy to give you any information that I can.

The turtle No. 1529 & 1530 was caught on Jan. 4th & Jan. 5th. The turtle was along the seawall when I arrived there with Mac's diving class. When I saw it I put on my diving gear and went in after it. It was floating very still. When I jumped in it wasn't even scared of me. He seemed hurt and his shell was scarred. He couldn't get away from me. I gave the turtle to another diver, Bruce Yarber, who was topside and he went and tagged the turtle for me, in my name. I released it at the Koral King's ramp and it went with the waves, still floating, until it was out of sight.

When I went to Koral Kings the next morning, there it was. I knew it had to be the same turtle because of the way it was acting. It seemed very weak. I waded out and grabbed it by the shell and he did not put up any fight at all. He seemed happy that I had captured him. Right away I was afraid that he was too weak to survive the ocean but I filled out a paper in the turtle log that I had caught this same turtle the day before also. Then I let him go and he swam off with the waves on the surface till he was out of sight. The first day I caught him in the inner harbor. The next day I caught him in front of the Skeet Range.

Turtle No. 1485 was caught and tagged on Nov. 8, 1976. ^{← 75}
The location where I caught him was under the cargo pier near the cement bags. He was on the bottom, partly buried in the sand and looking straight ahead. When I approached him he wasn't scared of me and he came right out very slow.

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