

to Captain Bruns asking him whether anything can be done. I understand that you have already sent him a copy of your letter to me. I am also sending him a copy of this letter.

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If the expedition can be arranged in the spring of 1931, I expect that everything will be ~~a~~right and that the people in Fairbank will be satisfied with matters as they are. But as I have said I think it is too early yet to say anything about our prospects in this respect.

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I am awfully sorry that I cannot write a more encouraging letter in reply to yours, but the whole situation seems to me to be a very disagreeable one. I am extremely sorry that so many people and especially yourself should have sacrificed in vain so much of your valuable time and energy for the expedition this year, which really promised to become a very important one giving highly valuable scientific results. ~~That~~ is, however to hope that next year will give us recompensation. [*yours sincerely*].

Fridtjof Nansen.