

COMMANDER ANDERSON: At the North Pole the depth of the water is 13,410 feet, which is 1927 feet deeper than anyone has ever claimed it was before. We measured the water with a precision fathometer and it is 13,410 feet deep.

Q: Does the sea valley go under the Pole?

COMMANDER ANDERSON: It does not, sir. It leads into the Arctic Basin. It is over-all quite deep, except in areas where it is criss-crossed by mountain ranges. There is one mountain range called the Lomonosov Ridge, which runs from Canada almost directly across the Pole over into Russia. There is another ridge which extends out in this direction.

Q: These are under-water ranges?

COMMANDER ANDERSON: That's right, sir.

Q: Did you have any accidents or sickness aboard?

COMMANDER ANDERSON: No accidents, no sickness.

Q: Were you in trouble at any point?

COMMANDER ANDERSON: We were in trouble at no point whatsoever. The performance of the ship, and the performance of the crew was superb.

Q: No close calls? No close calls at any time?

COMMANDER ANDERSON: We had no close calls of any sort whatsoever.

Q: Thank you, sir.