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To: Dr. Jean-Pierre Lévy
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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese
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Date: October 26, 1996

Subject: Economics workshop

Dear Jean-Pierre,

Thanks for the information.

In the meantime you should have received my rather lengthy comment on ICWO WP10.

The economics paper is acceptable as far as it goes, but there was no list of people to be invited; there was no indication of papers to be commissioned. I also dislike what still appears to be an unqualified recommendation to introduce "property rights" as "incentives" with regard to the oceans living resources. Please have a look at the Dasgupta quotes in the chapter on economics in my book on *Ocean Governance!*

On the basis of this little Lisbon paper alone, the workshop will be as inconclusive as the legal workshop -- or even more so, since the subject is even more difficult.. *We should have a draft for the chapter by mid January. Or we are going to miss the bus.*

We need informative background papers, for the commission members who know nothing about the subject. These background papers should be merely *informative*, just like the excellent paper you wrote on the law of the sea situation. These papers, I think, should be published at the end, the way the Brandt Commission published its working papers. It seems to me obvious that these papers (including your excellent paper!) are not meant to, and cannot be, converted into "chapters"

of the report. They merely provide the solid background for the discussions leading to the Report.

By mail, I am sending you a chapter of my (already obsolete) book on *The Future of the Oceans: A Report to the Club of Rome*. That chapter deals with "the economics of the common heritage, and is based on the work of Orio Giarini.

You also have the chapter on that subject in my more up-to-date book *Ocean Governance and the United Nations*. Although I am really not proud of these chapters -- I am not an economist, at least I do think they raise some important issues, and it might be a good idea to distribute them to the members of the workshop (even though their identity appears to be a secret...)

Incidentally I believe that the *management implications* of our economic ideas should be the focus of the discourse of the chapter.

Enough for today!

All the best,

Yours as ever,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. Krahn".

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To: Mr. Ruud Lubbers
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Subject: Lison meeting

Dear Ruud,

What a difficult situation!

Best of luck,

Elisabeth



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To: Mr. Ruud Lubbers, Chairman IWCO
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Date: January 9, 1997

Subject: Lisbon meeting

Dear Rood,

Salvino sent me a copy of his fax letter to you, dated yesterday.

I want to add that I fully agree with him. I personally never got an answer to my question as to what the role of the "coordinators" of this project was supposed to be. Evidently, we were not responsible for the selection of the participants, since our proposals were all turned down, over the period of the last twelve months! The same goes for the commission of background papers.

I am very much looking forward to reading your paper, but in my view we should have had something on the economics of shipping, including the problems of insurance; we should have something on the economics of oil; we should have had something on ports and harbours, on tourism.

To invite new people at this late date, it seems to me simply does not look very serious.

I agree with Salvino that we have to make the best of a bad situation, but let us face it: it is a bad situation!

Looking forward, nevertheless, to seeing you,

Yours as ever,

Elisabeth