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To: Mr. Lennox Hinds
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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese
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4 pages

Date: 14 April, 1995

Subject: Canadian Hearings for the World Commission for the Oceans

Dear Lennox:

Margaret advises me that you need a couple of pages. Here they are. I hope they meet your needs. The figures, at the end, are somewhat flexible. US\$ 30,000 is what our GEF-sponsored Centres are getting from UNDP, and so I have adjusted my figures to that. It is very very low, in any case. But we did a good job with that amount on our Ford Foundation project on a tax on tourism which was based on a somewhat similar methodology!

I am sending the background paper for the hearings, and the big, enormous PPER for UNDP, by DHL.

All the best, and thanks for your help and advice.

Yours as ever,

Elisabeth

I shall be back home on April 23



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REQUEST FOR CIDA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

1. On the initiative of the IOI, an INDEPENDENT WORLD COMMISSION FOR THE OCEANS ("the Commission") is being established. The Commission will consist of 30 members, including the Chairman (President Mario Soares of Portugal) and six vice-chairmen who will form the Commission's executive body. A certain number of "eminent persons" and "honourary members" will be added. Among those who have already accepted to be members of the Commission are: Judge Mohammed Bedjaoui, President of the International Court of Justice; Judges Abdul Koroma and Carl-August Fleischhauer, also of the ICJ; Mr. J. Gustave Speth, Administrator of UNDP; Professor Tommy Koh, President of UNCLOS III; Ambassador Juan Somavia, Chair, Social Summit Prepcom.; Dr. Yoshio Suzuki, former head of the Central Bank of Japan, now Director of the Nomura Research Foundation; Professor M.S. Swaminathan of India, Professor Ronald St. John Macdonald of Canada, Professor Rene Jean Dupuy of the College de France, and about a dozen others of the same high calibre. The list will be finalized during the next couple of weeks.
2. The purpose of the Commission, as stated in the founding document, is
 - . to refocus world attention on the importance of sustainable ocean development and the law of the sea;
 - . to monitor the ratification, implementation, and progressive development of the Convention, at national, regional and global levels;
 - . to examine whether States, especially developing countries, are able to fulfil their duties, enjoy their rights and generate their benefits under the Convention, to analyze the difficulties they might encounter, and to propose ways and means to overcome them;
 - . to monitor the implementation of Chapter 17 of Agenda 21, at national, regional and global levels and to observe the function of the Convention in this process (legal framework; peaceful settlement of disputes; enforcement);
 - . to follow the development of regional programmes of cooperation and development in the marine sector and examine how they adjust to the new requirements of integrated ocean management and sustainable development;
 - . to examine the role of the Law of the Sea and ocean development in the process of restructuring the United Nations system as a whole for the 21st century and elaborate proposals to strengthen this role.
3. The Commission enjoys the full support of the United Nations Secretary-General, who has expressed his endorsement of the Commission's goals in a personal letter addressed to President Soares. The Commission also enjoys the full support of UNESCO, whose Director-General, Dr. Federico Mayor, has assured the contribution of means for the implementation of the recommendations that will be contained in the Commission's Final Report, to be published in 1998, the year declared by the United Nations as the Year of the Oceans.

4. Funding for the Commission, calculated at about one million dollars per year, has been assured by Japan (Sasakawa Peace Foundation), the Netherlands (Minister for Development Cooperation), Germany (Ministry for the Environment), Portugal, Malta, Monaco, and UNDP.
5. The main sources for the work of the Commission will be three:
 - (a) Global Hearings;
 - (b) Commissioned background papers;
 - (c) the intellectual input of the Commissioners.

The output of the Commission will be three volumes:

- (a) The Report of the Commission
 - (b) The background papers
 - (c) The report on Global Hearings, edited by the IOI Operational Centres in Canada, China, Costa Rica, Fiji, India, Japan, Malta, and Senegal.
6. It is in connection with the Hearings that this request for funding is being made.
7. The purpose of the Hearings is multiple:
 - . to make a "grass-roots" input into the work of the Commission. People who work in the oceans and have a first-hand knowledge of problems and difficulties, such as fishermen's cooperatives, Harbour Masters, municipal authorities, NGOs, indigenous people, will be invited to make statements.
 - . to heighten awareness of the importance of ocean development and conservation and the Law of the Sea for the global economy, the conservation of the biosphere, and peace and human security;
 - . to make an input into curriculum development for IOI (and other) training programmes so that they respond to felt needs;
 - . to strengthen, through this activity, the experience and infrastructure of the IOI Operational Centres.
8. A comprehensive background paper for the Hearings has been drafted. It will be edited by each IOI Operational Centre in accordance with regional needs and problems.
9. The Hearings organised by the GEF sponsored Centres (Costa Rica, Fiji, India, and Senegal) will be funded by UNDP. The China and Japan Hearings will be funded by Japan; the Malta Hearings will be funded by Malta and the European Community. We are seeking funds for the Hearings to be held in Canada, which should also have some input from the United States.

10. The Hearings in Canada will be organised by IOI at Dalhousie University, in cooperation with the Ocean-Net organised by IDRC. Funding is needed for
- (a) Preparation of a list of persons and organisations to be interviewed or invited to send statements; \$500
 - (b) Advertising; \$5,000
 - (c) Travel and meeting costs; \$20,000
 - (d) Computerization and analysis of results; Production of Report; \$5,000.
 - (e) Clerical assistance; contingencies; \$4,500

A total of CA\$ 35,000 is requested.

11. The work should be initiated immediately. The final report on these hearings is due by January 31, 1996.
12. The funds will be administered by Dalhousie University.



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Notre référence *Our file*

April 27, 1995

Dr. Elisabeth Mann Borgese
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Dear Dr. Borgese:

I have completed the reading assignment with the exception of the document on the Law of the Sea and the United Nations. The Commission has exposed me to the long-term goals of IOI. These goals are achievable and you can count on my support throughout the process of implementation.

With respect to integrated ocean policy development, I share your observations relating to the sectoral bias of key decision makers of the global development community. Hopefully, your paper on Ocean Governance and the Social Summit will help to change and focus global energies on integrating activities concerned with the objectives of the Social Summit, Agenda 21, the Agenda for Peace and the Law of the Sea Convention.

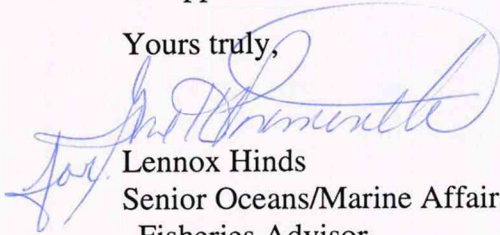
I concur that both our institutions and our thinking converge on the key area of strategic ocean policy development I have been following IOI's dramatic expansion with awe and envy; we at the ODA agency of the Government of Canada have not been in a position to keep up with the pace that you have set, nor have we been able to operationalize concepts that respond to the immediate oceans and coast needs of developing countries. Your decisions to institutionalize PIM at IOI's operational centres will greatly enhance the stature of the centres and the credibility of their leaders.

At CIDA, with the approval of our Foreign Policy Statement, and the eventual conclusion of re-organization of the professional staff, we are now poised to start on a new course of ODA activities that are in many respect consistent with the program of work of IOI. Initially, OIC on our behalf, will be convening a small working-group to evaluate a CIDA's Ocean Strategy Paper. You will be contacted and I sincerely hope that you will be available and in Halifax to participate in the session. I am participating in the development of IDRC's OCEANET. I am hoping that this will provide the agency with a mechanism that broadens our network with the national development community, and strengthens our global communications web with the oceans community.

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With respect to your proposal for assistance for holding the Canadian hearings as part of the establishment of a "Independent World Commission for the Seas and Oceans", I am exploring funding options and will confirm our position as soon as our 1995/96 budgets are approved.

Yours truly,



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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese
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Date: 4 May, 1995

Subject: World Commission

Dear Lennox,

I hope this is what you needed. Please give me a call if you need anything else! And next on the agenda is the letter to the President.

Thanks for all your help.

Yours as ever,

Elisabeth



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1. The World Commission for the Oceans will be the only high-level body that will "consider the closely interrelated problems of the oceans as a whole," and, beyond that, the convergence of the UNCLOS and UNCED processes and their joint impact on the restructuring of the United Nations system and world order in general. For instance, preliminary studies of the contribution Law of the Sea Developments to the goals of the Social Summit, the Secretary-General's Agenda for Development, and the Agenda for Peace, have already been undertaken. A chart is being prepared, similar to the IUCN chart on the Law of the Sea Convention and Agenda 21 with regard to conservation, but much broader, illustrating the wider interactions just mentioned.
2. We trust the Commission will have quite some impact on the future of ocean development. The Director-General of UNESCO has assured us that he will put considerable means at the Commission's disposal to assist with the implementation of the recommendations that will be the result of the Commission's work.
3. There certainly will be two Canadians on the Commission (myself, as Vice Chairman for North America, and Professor Ronald St John Macdonald). Others, including Ministers, could be associated with the Commission as Eminent Persons, to assure that Canada's point of view and Canadian interests are duly represented in this policy process.
4. The global hearings will make a crucially important contribution to the work of the Commission. There never have been global hearings on the oceans, and they are overdue. They are being organised by our network of Operational Centres in cooperation with our Vice Chairmen. Other organisations, e.g., the Earth Council have already assured their collaboration. We shall also invite IUCN. The Hearings will bring a "grass-roots" contribution to the work. But the value of the hearings is multiple: not only will they make this "grass-roots" contribution; they will also have an educational value: they will increase awareness of the importance of the oceans; and they will feed new material and new perspectives in our training programmes worldwide. In Canada, these hearings would certainly provide material for marine policy making at all levels (municipal, provincial, federal). We intend to utilize the IDRC Ocean Net which will make the hearings as cost-effective as possible.
5. The hearings organized by our four GEF-sponsored operational centres (India, Fiji, Costa Rica, and Senegal) will be funded by a special contribution from UNDP, on the grounds that these hearings will (a) increase awareness; (b) contribute to the training programmes; (c) increase the visibility and contribute to building capacity in

the Centres. Hearings in Japan are financed by the municipalities of Yokohama (on the Pacific side) and Takaoka (on the Sea of Japan side). Japan is also financing the hearings in China, which are scheduled for May 10. The hearings in China are organized in cooperation with the State Oceanic Administration (SOA). Japan is also providing additional funding for the other two Asian centres (Fiji and India) which cover very large areas (the South Pacific and South-East Asia).

6. In Canada, the funding is needed to

- (a) compile a list of persons and institutions to be interrogated
- (b) organise the hearings in 3 or 4 different places;
- (c) computerize and analyse the results (this will be done by the Public Administration School at Dalhousie)
- (d) Write and edit the Report to the Commission.

7. All the reports on the hearings will be published as Volume 3 of the Commission's final report. (Volume 1 will be the Commission's final report; volume 2 will be the commissioned background papers, and volume 3 will be the reports on the hearings. All this should be completed in 1998, the Year of the Oceans).

8. In conclusion, and to sum up: the advantages accruing to Canada from active participation in this project are conspicuous. The project offers a forum to Canada to make a constructive contribution to global ocean policy making. At the same time, the Hearings will provide a unique "grass-roots" contribution to the articulation of Canadian ocean policy at municipal, provincial and federal levels.



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Date: 8 June, 1995

Subject: world commission

Dear Lenn,

Here is up-to-date information:

1. We now have five Vice Chairmen:

Guido de Marco (Deputy Prime Minister, Malta) for Europe
Layashi Yaker for Africa
myself for North America
Juan Somavia (Chile) for Latin America
Yoshio Suzuki (Nomura Research Institute, Tokyo) for Asia.

The Vice Chairmen, together with the Chairman (President Soares) are functioning as Executive Committee. IOI is functioning as Secretariat.

A first meeting of the Vice Chairmen and President Soares is scheduled in Lisbon for June 30-July 2. On July 2 there will be a Press Conference, officially announcing the establishment of the Commission, which has the full support of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and all the competent Agencies and Programmes.

A first Plenary Session of the Commission is scheduled in Tokyo, at the UNU, on September 3-7. A second Plenary Session is scheduled in February in Monaco.

Fund raising is proceeding well. The Sasakawa Foundation is contributing over CA\$

500,000 (US\$ 420,000); Monaco another US\$300,000, UNDP US\$120,000, and Jan Pronk, \$300,000, and, of course, we are raising more as we go along.

Japan has established a Japan Commission for the Oceans to organise the hearings and host the Plenary Session. The Chairman of that Commission is Dr. Yoshio Suzuki, with former Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita as Honourary Advisor and Professor Fuse as Executive Director. Japan is enormously interested and committed.

We would like very much to consider holding one of the Plenary Sessions in Canada next year (summer or fall). This would imply a cost of about CA\$300,000. We would like to associate the Minister of Foreign Affairs with the Commission either as an Eminent Person or a Honourary Member. I am getting in touch with Ronald Macdonald today (just called; he is in town and will call me back this afternoon).

We have already a lot of background material assembled for the Commissioners!

I think that brings you up to date!

Thanks for all your help.

Yours as ever,

E. Brinkley



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Date: 12 June, 1995

Subject: World Commission

Dear Lenn,

I talked to Ronald Macdonald. He will take up the matter of a Plenary Session of the Commission in Canada in the autumn of 1996 with the Foreign Minister immediately.

In the meantime Minister Tobin made his statement here at the Chamber of Commerce. I am sure you saw it. The important point is that Canada will resume its world leadership in ocean affairs. So Canada really should be very prominent in the World Commission. The hearings now, I think, should be Government policy. There never have been public hearings on the ocean, and they will make a most useful contribution to Government ocean policy and CIDA ocean policy.

I am leaving for Lisbon on the 28th for our meeting with President Soares and would like to take with me as much concrete information as possible about North American activities.

Do you think you can get the matter cleared by then?

Thanks for everything and all the best,

Yours as ever

Elisabeth



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Date: 19 June, 1995

Subject: World Commission

Dear Lenn,

I wanted to bring you up to date on developments:

Layashi Yaker came back from the Hague with good news: Jan Pronk has confirmed his contribution of \$300,000 to the general work of the Commission. He has added two items to the support package: (1) he will host a plenary session of the Commission in Rotterdam next year --that makes another \$300,000; (2) he will pay for one high-level staff member who will be recruited in the Netherlands. I think we put him/her in charge of the hearings in Northern Europe (North Sea, Baltic), and of organising the plenary in Rotterdam.

Hearings will also be held in Australia and New Zealand. It is all organised, and the financing is local.

So, as you can imagine, I would like to go ahead with hearings here in Canada, as well as with plans for a Plenary in 1996 or 1997.

Ronald Macdonald appears to have vanished. I think he had some problem with his sister's health, and now has to go back to Strasbourg.

I would like to come down to Ottawa and may be talk to one of the Ministers (Prime Minister? Foreign Affairs? Tobin?) Can you help me with that? I have to leave for

Lisbon on the 28th.

All the best. Do give me a call --preferably in the morning or after 6 p.m. at home.
I spend a lot of time in class in our training programme.

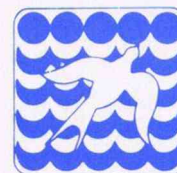
Yours as ever,

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Date: 10 July, 1995

Subject: World Commission

Dear Lenn,

I am just back from Lisbon where we had a series of meetings with President Soares and our Vice Chairmen.

Everything is on course. We now have all 5 Vice Chairmen in place. Together with the Chairman, they form the Executive Committee:

Africa: Layashi Yaker, Algeria

Asia: Yoshio Suzuki, Nomura Research Institute, Japan

Europe: Guido de Marco, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Foreign Affairs, Malta

Latin America: Jose Vargas, Minister for Science and Technology, Brazil

North America, myself, Canada

We agreed on about 30 members, and President Soares is sending out the invitations for the first Plenary, in Tokyo, at the UNU, September 6 through 8. The session will be preceded by a one-day meeting of the Executive Committee.

The second plenary will be in February, and it will be either in Rotterdam or in Monaco. We have fully paid invitations from both. The third meeting, in the late Spring or summer, will be either in Canada or in Brazil. We are still working on Canada. Ronald Macdonld has taken it up with with Foreign Affairs. He will let me know this week how they react, and I shall inform you immediately. Brazil has already offered a fully paid for invitation (it means about \$300,000). They also will contribute

\$100,000 immediately to assist with the starting.

I fondly hope you can get a decision on the \$30,000 for the Canadian hearings soon. The hearings have to be concluded by the end of the year -- if they are to make a useful contribution to the discussions and decisions of the CSD in April. In fact we are now preparing guidelines for the drafting of an interim report to the CSD. These guidelines should be approved by the first plenary, and the report (not more than 30 pages) should be adopted by the second plenary.

You see, we have our hands very full!

I would be most grateful if you could confirm your grant before the Plenary in Tokyo. Even if it were just a "pledge," maybe even to be paid next year. But I would love to cite Canada and CIDA in Tokyo as a supporter of the Commission's work.

All the very best,

Yours as ever,

E. Bragg

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To: Lennox Hinds
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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese
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Date: 29 July, 1995
Subject: Letter to President

Dear Lenn,

I am attaching the letter to the President. I hope it is o.k.

It took a little longer to get it off, because in the tiny place in Lithuania where I was the last three days, it was impossible to get a fax off. I gave a copy to a colleague who left for Germany a day earlier, so she may have received it a day earlier. In any case, I am sending it today again, to make sure it is there.

I am having an interesting trip. Tomorrow I'll be at the WMU.

All the best,

Yours as ever,

Elisabeth

International Ocean Institute

29 July, 1995

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Dr. Huguette Labelle
President
CIDA
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Hull, P.Q.

Dear Mme President,

I would like to bring you up to date on developments following my letter of May 19.

The first Plenary Session of our World Commission on the Oceans is scheduled for September 6, 7, and 8, at the United Nations University in Tokyo, under the Presidency of President Mario Soares of Portugal.

We have 5 vice Chairmen now -- Ambassador Yaker for Africa; Dr. Yoshio Suzuki for Asia, Minister Guido de Marco for Europe, myself for North America and Minister Jose Vargas of Brazil for Latin America, the latest to join us.

Hearings in China have already been concluded. Hearings in Japan are scheduled for September, following the Plenary; hearings have also been scheduled for India, for Africa (from Senegal), Australia, New Zealand, and Malaysia. Hearings will also be scheduled for the Mediterranean, the North Sea and the Baltic (I am on my way to the Baltic just now.

Needless to say, we do want to go ahead with the hearings in Canada. I talked yesterday today about it with Brian Davie when both of us attended the quite successful OIC workshop on Canadian Oceans ODA policy - - and the IDRC Oceans Network will definitely assist us with the organisation of these hearings.

We also discussed the matter once more with Lennox Hinds who, as you know is most favourable to CIDA cooperation with the Hearings.

So I do hope that CIDA will assist us with this timely initiative -- which, I believe, would also be a most valid contribution to the making of Canadian Oceans ODA policy.

Beyond that, we would like to bring one of the Plenary Sessions of the World Commission to Canada. At this time we have invitations from Japan, for the first of these sessions -- fully paid for by the Japanese -- we also have an invitation from the Netherlands Government as well as from the Government of Brazil and the Government of Monaco -- all fully paid for.

To have a session of this prestigious World Commission in Canada would undoubtedly contribute to draw attention to the enormous importance of ocean affairs and to strengthen Canadian leadership in this sector.

I shall return to Canada on August 9 and will, of course, remain in touch with CIDA on all these developments.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,



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To: Mr. Lennox Hinds
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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese
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Date: 20 December, 1995

Subject: World Commission

Dear Lenn,

Here are the terms of reference and, above all, the three-year programme, as it emerged from the Tokyo session. Also the up-to-date list of members. A very very strong group. I think the potential is really great.

More soon.

Merry Christmas and much love,

Elisabeth



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To: Lennox Hinds
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Date: 21 December, 1995

Subject: World Commission

Dear Lenn,

Yesterday I forgot to attach the membership list. Here it is.

Love,

Elisabeth