

December 22, 1972.

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Dear Doctor Gordinenko:

Having, during this past year, successfully launched two major research projects on the peaceful uses of the Mediterranean and the Caribbean Seas, our Institute is now embarking on a study of the Arctic Basin. As in the previous cases, we wish to conduct our studies in cooperation with experts from all coastal nations. In this particular case, this means of course above all the Soviet Union.

I am enclosing a preliminary project outline. As you will note, we have scheduled a small conference in Montreal next February 5-7 to make more detailed plans for the study.

We have two Soviet members on our planning council, Dr. A. Kolodkin and Dr. Imerekov, but considering the nature of our subject, we would be very glad to have a member of your Institute with us during this planning session. Would it be possible for you to send us one? We would be glad to take care of the expenses involved.

Looking forward to hearing from you, with all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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