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Dear Elisabeth,

It seems ages since we met. I was disappointed not to see you in New York in December and February at meetings of States Parties. Perhaps you went to Kingston where the political, more important, activity was to take place. From time to time I had news of the progress on the establishment of the Council on the Oceans. Congratulations and best wishes for continued success!

I am writing to you in connection with two extremely well-qualified people who are under-utilized at the moment, and would welcome the possibility of regular (even modestly paid) employment in the marine affairs sector.

The first is Hiran Jayewardene, whom you would remember. He is the Secretary-General of IOMAC, an organization he put together literally single-handed. IOMAC and IOI even have a co-operation agreement. Unfortunately, the IOMAC agreement is not yet in force for lack of the necessary ratifications, and funds from external sources have dried up. Hiran, I believe, now lives off his capital, while the Sri Lanka Government still provides office accommodation, and pays for a very small staff.

The other under-utilized person is also exceptionally able -Yuri Kazmin, formerly Chief Marine Geologist of the USSR. Following the cataclysm in the Soviet Union, many of our friends lost their positions to the free-enterprise boys. Yuri was one of them. He took several different jobs under the new regime, even going into banking for a time! Eventually, the private sector became so dangerous that he returned to the government payroll as a consultant geologist, earning a pittance on which he can barely manage to support his family.

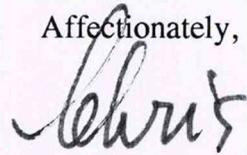
Would the Council have any use for either or both of our colleagues? To whom should they apply?

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I was in New York for the meeting of States Parties on the Tribunal. There are now 29 candidates for the 21-member Tribunal, and I think at least 5 more are likely to emerge. There was no news of the US notification expected January/February. Kolodkin is the Russian candidate. I think there would have been more candidates if the remuneration package had been more attractive. This will be the first international tribunal to be paid on a daily basis for work done! It will be a character-building exercise for the judges to maintain their independence while grubbing around for outside work to supplement their pay from the Tribunal!

Warmest wishes,

Affectionately,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M.C.W. Pinto', written in a cursive style.

M.C.W. Pinto