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To: Ambassador Layashi Yaker
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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese
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Date: January 4, 1997

Subject: Economics Workshop and other matters.

Dearest Layashi:

I am sending you today a few interesting papers:

1. A paper written by Krishan in 1992 for an industrial leadership seminar, which, by chance, I reread while I was sick in bed and found it absolutely first-rate. Perhaps it could provide some inspiration for the Commission's work.
2. A couple of interesting papers on various aspects of "ocean economics" that I have come across in Germany.

I have had a talk with Richard Falk. I also have sent him quite a bit of material. Please send me his background paper by the fastest possible means (fax or e-mail) He wants my reactions in good time before Jan.22 as I am not going to attend his meeting.

As you can imagine, I am somewhat preoccupied by what is going to happen or not to happen at the economics workshop. To start with, what is the role of the "coordinators"? We have an excellent Chairman; we have an excellent rapporteur. We have some participants, but I don't really know who they are nor do we seem to have any responsibility in their regards. I know that the Rapporteur is preparing (has prepared?) A background paper. Could I have a copy as soon as possible? Have any other papers been commissioned -- such as had been agreed by the "coordinators? This, I think, would be rather important, particularly in

consideration of the fact that the Rapporteur, excellent as he is in his own field, certainly is not an expert in ocean development. What am I expected to do? I would be grateful if you could clarify these questions as soon as possible.

Much love,

E. G. Kelly

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TELEFAX

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Dear Chairman / Coordinators / Rapporteur,

Here follow the reactions so far to the invitation by Chairman Soares to participate in the Study Group Economic Use of the Oceans in the context of sustainability.

Commission members :

1)	Elisabeth Mann Borgese	Coordinator	- Yes
2)	Salvino Bussutil	Coordinator	- Yes
3)	Sidney Holt		- Yes
4)	Ruud Lubbers	Chairman	- Yes
5)	Mário Ruivo		- Yes
6)	Yoshio Suzuki		- Yes

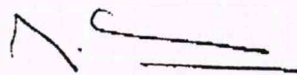
Non-Commission members :

1)	Anthony Charles		- Yes
2)	Partha Dasgupta		- Unavailable
3)	Orio Giarini		- Unavailable
4)	Karl G. Maler		- Pending (until mid-January)
5)	Scott Barrett		- Pending (until early 1997)
6)	Paul Streeten	Rapporteur	- Yes

On 17 January next the (annotated) agenda and background documents for the meeting will be faxed to all participants of the Study Groups.

Yours sincerely,

*signed
for him*



Layashi Yaker,
Secretary General

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To :	Subject : Economics Workshop and other matters
Attention of : Professor Elisabeth Mann Borgese, Dalhousie University	Our ref. : lwco 9700\30.fax
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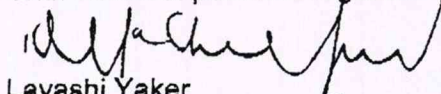
Dear Elisabeth.

Many thanks for your fax of 4 January 1997. I hope that you received the draft paper of Richard Falk which we faxed to you earlier this week. It was thoughtful of you to have sent Richard Falk some further background material which I am sure that he can use. In the meantime, we look forward to receiving the papers you mentioned on various aspects of "ocean economics".

The latter may turn out to be all the more useful in view of the fact that the four papers -- (1) Applying Economic Theory to Ocean Management -- Is Economics up to It? (Partha Dasgupta); (2) Modelling Complex (Marine) Systems (K.G. Maler); (3) Economic Incentives and the Establishment of Effective Discount Rates (Scott Barrett); and (4) The Economics of Fisheries (A.T. Charles) -- did not get commissioned for reasons outside our control.

Our intention is, by today, to send out to Ruud Lubbers, with copies to you and Salvino Busuttill, a proposal for the draft (annotated) agenda. As you could read from our fax of 6 January, we have airmailed to you these documents, including the Draft Paper by Paul Streeten.

With warmest personal regards.


Layashi Yaker
Secretary General

c.c. Ruud Lubbers
Salvino Busuttill

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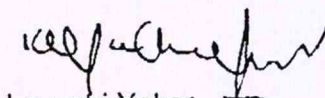
Dear Ruud,

As discussed with you over the phone, we herewith send you our proposal for the Draft Annotated Agenda for the Study Group 'Economic Uses of the Ocean'. This agenda should be considered as a further elaboration of the Annotated Agenda agreed upon in Rotterdam. In doing so we have tried to take into account your paper and that by Paul Streeten which have become available in the meantime. We have also tried to take into account the issues to be covered by the four papers now to be commissioned.

Finally we have included in the agenda an introductory heading under which the scope of our work can be discussed. Today we will fax a copy of this fax plus papers Lubbers and Streeten (which were also airmailed yesterday) to the coordinators of the Study Group, Elisabeth Mann Borgese and Salvino Busuttil

Can we please have your reactions, and through you those of Elisabeth and Salvino, before Friday 17 January next. On that day we intend to fax the Draft Annotated Agenda to all participants of the Study Group.

Yours sincerely,



Layashi Yaker,
Secretary General

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To: Ambassador Layashi Yaker
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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese
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Date: January 13, 1997

Subject: Economics

Dear Layashi,

the documents arrived Friday evening. Here are my comments:

Draft Annotated Agenda

I have a few problems with that and don't think it provides the best structure for our discussion. It leans too much in the direction of details ("incentives," "discount rates" rather than fundamentals on which new thinking is needed.

However, that is not really important. The agenda can be handled freely in such a manner that the discussion flows anyway.

Ruud Lubbers

It is of course a very nice paper. There is an error on the first page, with regard to the entry into force of the Law of the Sea Convention, but that is not important, and I am sure Jean-Pierre caught that already. By coincidence, there is a similar error in Paul Streeten's paper.

It is good that he starts with the concept of the common heritage and points out that the results of the enlightenment, technology out of science, economics out of individualisation -- would lead to disaster. That will head the discussion in the right direction.

As far as the recommendations is concerned, the first one is a little bit too limiting. Certainly "capacity building" is a very important component of the implementation of the concept of common heritage of mankind; but that concept is far wider, and it cannot be "translated" just into capacity building, even though Ruud does give a very wide meaning to "capacity building," including institution building.

The suggestion that the concession of fishing rights by developing nations should, as a counterpart, always include "capacity building" -- including technology transfer, is a good one. It is already embodied in the Law of the Sea Convention.

B and C deal with the importance of regional organisation. A lot needs to be said there -- but I don't know whether it should come under "Economics" or somewhere else in our Report. Certainly something could be said about the relations between regional seas and regional trading blocs.

D raises a very tricky issue: the surveillance of the so-called "carbon sinks" in the EEZs of developing countries. Just a new way of invading their sovereign rights?

E is of course correct

F is fine in principle, but one should not forget that, at this stage I think about 90 percent of NGOs are in developed countries, I think 60 percent in the USA alone! So: to whom are we giving these new rights to intervene?

G of course is fine, but very generic.

I do think our recommendations on economics have to be stronger, and really moving into the next century. The direction given in Para.7 (Conclusion) is very good.

One problem that I have with both Ruud's and Streeten's paper is that there is little connection between these papers and the Agenda. Probably there could not have been, because I imagine they did not have the agenda when they prepared their papers!

Paul Streeten's paper

It is a very good paper, perhaps a little bit too theoretical, without sufficient links to ongoing developments -- the agreement on straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks; changes within the regional seas programmes.

Of course I completely agree with the desirability of international taxes -- most likely on a regional basis.

I am attaching a few pages of what I think might be major discussion points. Some of them, of course, are already included in the annotated agenda, but I have tried to be a little bit more comprehensive.

All the best,

Edwin M

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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese
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Date: January 14, 1997

Subject: Economics working group

My dear Layashi,

I have seen Salvino's communications, and I want to stress that I completely agree with him. The way this project has been handled is ludicrous.

I will, however, stick with it, out of consideration for our colleagues -- even though I still do not know who they are. E.g., is Suzuki really coming?

I concur with Salvino on our resignation as "co-ordinators" of the project. We have not been able to co-ordinate anything and can take no responsibility for what is going on. So please cancel that title in any forthcoming communication.

Love,

Elisabeth

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FROM: PROF S. BUSUTTI.

PAGES INC. THIS: 2 DATE: 14 JANUARY 1997

Dear Layashi;

I would like to refer to the copy of your fax of 10 January addressed to Ruud Lubbers, to which gives me concern.

I would like to point out that in Rotterdam, an agreement was reached concerning the contractual responsibility of Paul Streeten for the relevant tasks in connection with the workshop, which did not include the preparation of a background paper. Instead, the agreement was that this paper was to be prepared in Malta and for this reason, we had approached two economists from the University of Malta to eventually undertake such a task.

Also, with regard to the your latest annotated agenda for the workshop, I note that it is different from the one agreed in Rotterdam. Consequently both Elisabeth Mann Borgese and myself find ourselves considerably perplexed and are wondering whether we should continue co-ordinating this event.

Another point concerns the invitation of non-commission members of the economic working group. May I remind you that in Rotterdam, we had provided a long list of potential participants for the workshop. In view of the new list, I feel that it does not seem 'serious' that we should at the last minute invite high-level participants. I really find it difficult to envisage commissioning papers now as stated in your memo to Ruud.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely

Salvino

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Subject: Economics Wokshop

Dearest Layashi,

Thanks for the copies of the letters commissioning working papers.

I see that you are still referring to me as "Coordinator." As I have requested before, please omit that. I can take no credit for the merits of this projects, nor do I want to take responsibility for its shortcomings. I have not been, nor am I, in a position to "coordinate" anything. I will attend the workshop, and do my best to contribute -- but that is all.

Much love,

cc. Dr. Mario Soares