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Decemberr 22, 1985

Dr. Gerhard Hafner
Braungasse 38 A-1170 Vienna
Austria

Liebster Gerhard:

The enclosures are self-explanatory. Wahrscheinlich wirst Du gar nichts unternehmen müssen, in dieser Sache. Aber im Fall doch, sollst Du nicht unvorbereitet dastehen...

Was gibt es sonst Neues?

Dir und den Deinen das aller aller Beste zu Weihnachten und zum Neuen Jahr. Mögen wir alle es überstehen!

Grüss mir den Helmut.

Stets Deine

Elisabeth Mann Borgese



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H.E. Ambassador Abdul Koroma
Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone
to the European Community
410 Avenue de Tervuren
Brussels 1150
Belgium

Dear Abdul:

I did not have a chance to come to Brussels. Had to rush back to Halifax, for urgent matters. Perhaps in February, after our Malta meeting, at which I am looking forward to seeing you anyway.

I have already talked to IDRC where chances for next year (1987) seem good, but I shall also get in touch with the Woodrow Wilson Center.

Today I am enclosing the memorandum and draft resolution on training. It would be splendid if your Delegation could cosponsor this. We have invited Algeria, Austria, Malta, Mexico, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka and Yugoslavia. The Prep.Com. has to do something about discharging its operational responsibilities, and we are paralysed. There is not going to be a solution to the overlap dispute. And this little resolution, at least is something positive. Of course it is also good for our IOI. It should give a boost to the Class A programme!

Please confirm as soon as you can. I know it may take time -- this is why I am sending it early.

I wish you a peaceful and happy Christmas, and may we all survive 1986!

Much love,

Elisabeth Mann Borgese



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December 23, 1985

Dr. Alberto Szekely
Legal Advisor
Ministry for Foreign Affairs
(Secretariado Relaciones Exteriores)
Tlatelolco
Mexico City, Mexico DF

Dear Alberto:

We have been out of touch too long. As a matter of fact, no news from you since the terrible earth quake. I took it, however, that no news was good news.

In the meantime, I had dinner with Jorge Castañeda in Paris. He was in fantastically good shape.

Today I am sending you a little memorandum and draft resolution on training. If possible, we would like Mexico to co-sponsor this resolution. We have asked, so far, Algeria, Austria, Malta, Mexico, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka and Yugoslavia. It seems, they all will cooperate.

It is all most noncontroversial. But I think it is good for the Commission to get SOMETHING-- ANYTHING-- going. There is not going to be any progress in the Pioneer negotiations; and we will have other difficulties to face. So let's do something at least, as far as our operational responsibilities are concerned.

It is Christmas time. Let's be cheerful -- and I wish you and your family all the very very best. Merry Christmas, and may we all survive 1986!

Much love,

Elisabeth Mann Borgese



THE PERMANENT MISSION OF
THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS
57 EAST 64TH STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10021
November 10, 1986

Prof. Elizabeth Mann-Borgese
Dept. of Political Science
University of Halifax
Halifax
Nova Scotia
Canada

Dear *Elizabeth,*

Please find enclosed a cheque for US\$213 (Two Hundred and Thirteen dollars) the United States equivalent of the Canadian, in lieu of plane ticket you were kind enough to purchase on your credit card.

I hope you are back now. I will give you a ring before I leave New York.

With warm regards.

A. C. Koro
Yours sincerely,

Enc:

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF MARINE RESOURCES

CENTRE FOR FOREIGN POLICY STUDIES
DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY



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INTERNATIONAL OCEAN INSTITUTE
MALTA

December 7, 1986

H.E. Ambassador Abdul Koroma
410 Avenue de Tervuren
Bussels 1150, Belgium

My dear Abdul:

Thanks for your note of November 10, and for the check.

May I also use this occasion to send you my warmest wishes for Christmas and for the New Year. I hope it will be less crazy than 1986! And I also hope we will have more than one occasion to be together.

All the very very best,

Yours as ever,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Elisabeth Mann Borgese'.

Elisabeth Mann Borgese

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30th April, 1987.

Prof. Elisabeth Mann BORGESÉ,
Pearson Institute,
1321 Edward Street,
Dalhousie University,
Halifax, N.S. Canada,
B3H 3H5.

Dear *Elisabeth,*

Greetings from Brussels! Spring has been very much like early summer here - the weather lovely!

I know you are as busy as usual. I am sending you herewith the article on Antarctica as promised in preparation for the Pacem in Maribus meeting in September for your comments, etc. I have also sent a copy to Maxwell BRUCE in London for his comments.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

With best wishes.

Yours as always,

Abdul G. Koroma
Abdul G. KOROMA

Enc.

answered



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October 1, 1987

H.E. Ambassador Abdul Koroma
Embassy of Sierra Leone
410 Avenue de Tervuren
Brussels, 1150
Belgium

My dear Abdul:

It was so disappointing to have to miss you in Malta! Actually, the Conference was a great success. Your paper was distributed and introduced and contributed much to the discussion.

Of course I understood the reason for not coming: Force Majeur, and it was so kind of you to try to come at the last moment. But at that time we felt it would have been a waste of your time, because everything had been concluded.

The proceedings will be published in two volumes: a short one, with the summaries and conclusions, which should be ready very soon; and a large one, with the papers that were presented -- some of them very impressive indeed.

It certainly was the most comprehensive appraisal undertaken in all these years, and we came up with some pretty concrete recommendations.

You will receive all this material as soon as it is ready.

I am leaving for Beijing tomorrow, and shall go from there to Malmö, to Berlin East, and then to Sicily.

Shall be back here around October 21.

All the very best,

Yours as ever,

Elisabeth Mann Borgese

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Prof. Elizabeth Mann Borgese,

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7th September ,

Prof. Elizabeth Mann Borgese,
Chairman,
International Ocean Institute,
1321 Edward Street,
Dalhousie University,
Halifax, Nova Scotia,
Canada B3H 3H5.

Dear Madam Chairman,

I am in receipt of your memorandum of August, 18, 1989 incorporating the proposals for the restructuring of the IOI by Ms. Caroline Vauderbilt.

I must state, that I find the proposals rather interesting. I am however of the view that it is not now propitious to embark on the implementation of those proposals for the following reasons: The idea of a flexible structure while attractive does not necessary imply a confederal or non-hierarchical structure. Moreover, if flexibility is pushed too far at this stage, there is a danger that the unity and cohesion which have up to now attended the activities and operations of the Institute might be endangered. And for me, the present links which bind the Institute together are not only vital but necessary. I therefore, support the present chain of command.

In addition to the foregoing, and of equal great importance, is the financial implication which the proposals involve. Unfortunately, the proposals do not spell out those implications. However, with the knowledge at my disposal, it seems to me that the Institute cannot at the present time afford to meet the cost of those proposals unless and until its funds can be augmented.

These are my views and comments on the proposals as I understand them. I hope they reach you in good time as your memorandum only reached me today.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A. G. Koroma

→ Abdul G. Koroma

Ambassador

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To: H.E. Ambassador Abdul Koroma
Embassy of Sierra Leone
Addis Abbaba, Ethiopia

FAX No:

From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese
FAX No.: 1 902 868 2818

Date: February 24, 1991

Subject: IOC

My dear Abdul:

Could I ask for your help in a matter which I think is of common concern?

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If you agree, could you inquire whether the Delegation of Sierra Leone could support Mario's nomination? It would also be most helpful if you could discuss the matter with other African Delegations.

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What can we do?

I hope you are keeping well. Much love,

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FAX NO. 902 868 2818

1ST MARCH, 1991

FOLL FOR PROF. MANN-BDRGESE
TELEX NEW YPRK (USA) 7500090

DEAR ELIZABETH,

GREETINGS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TELEX STOP I AGREE WITH YOUR EVALUATION
ABOUT MARIO AND HE DESERVES OUR SUPPORT STOP I HAVE TAKEN UP
MATTER WITH OUR EMBASSY ACCREDITED TO UNESCO AS WELL AS GETTING
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LIKE YOU I WAS VERY MUCH DEPRESSED ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE
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PEACEFUL TIMES AHEAD STOP

WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,
AS ALWAYS,

ABDUL
ADDIS ABABA

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Dalhousie University

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I.O.I. - Malta
March 18, 1991

H.E. Ambassador Abdul Koroma
Embassy of Sierra Leone
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

My dear Abdul:

Thanks for your message, and all you have done in the Ruivo matter.

Now, today an even more important matter: The ratification of the Law of the Sea Convention.

I am just back from Jamaica. The situation is alarming. We really have to do something, or else we lose everything.

I am attaching a letter I wrote to Sonny Ramphal. I have been very active in the Caribbean as well as in the South Pacific and the Northern States. But I note that also in Africa a lot of work could be done. There are only 23 ratifications (Zambia, Namibia, Ghana, Egypt, Ivory Coast, Gambia, Senegal, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia, Mali, Guinea, Cameroon, Nigeria, Guinea Bissau, Cape Verde, Sao Tome and Principe, Zaire, Kenya, Somalia, Botswana, Uganda and Angola). could you take this argument up with your colleagues in Addis and at the OAU? It is really urgent, and we must get the job done before the end of this year.

Preparations for Pacem in Maribus XIX are proceeding very well.

Thank goodness the war is over; but the peace is not promising.

Much love,

Errol



Dalhousie University

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I.O.I. - Malta

March 17, 1991

H.E. S. Ramphal
FAX No

Dear Sonny:

You were in Kingston just when I was there too, for the Prepcom, but our paths did not cross. I am sorry about that, because I did want to talk to you as I am seriously concerned about the future of the Law of the Sea. Not as if there were not other, more burning issues today in the world (which explains, naturally enough, why the Law of the Sea Convention has been put on the world's "back-burner"), but this Convention is the greatest and noblest achievement of the international community in this second half of the century -- and we are about to waste it and lose it.

Two courses are presently being pursued: and they are on a collision course. On the one hand, there is the Prepcom, splitting commas, tediously moving ahead, interpreting and annotating the Convention, with the mandate of not deviating in any way from the text that has been signed by 159 States and ratified by 45. On the other hand there is the "dialogue" in New York which puts into question all of Part XI, warming up arguments which were spurious and tired ten years ago and are irrelevant today. If we want to be very optimistic, we may assume that this "dialogue" will drag on for several years into a stale mate.

In the meantime, however, it completely demoralizes the efforts of the Prepcom. For, why should we spend all this effort on a text which is about to be invalidated? The morale is very low, among Delegates as well as Staff. The work of the Prepcom is going to be reduced.

The process of ratification has slowed down to a trickle. It is my prediction that, in another year or two, voices will make themselves bold calling for UNCLOS IV. UNCLOS IV, if it is not a total failure, will come up with some sectoral Conventions, dictated by the Americans: on the freedom of navigation; on fisheries, and on pollution. Nobody will dare any longer to mention that "the problems of ocean space are closely interrelated and need to be considered as a whole," as the Preamble of our Convention states; let alone that there are areas and resources on this globe which are the common heritage of mankind.

What a waste. What a loss.

The only way to avert this danger is to ratify the Convention as quickly as possible. It really has to be this year, for two reasons:

First, to stop this process of disintegration.

And secondly, and more positively, to get ready for UNCED in 1992. People tend to forget that the Law of the Sea Convention contains the only existing, comprehensive, binding international environmental law, covering pollution from all sources. It is the first and only legal instrument that effectively integrates Environment and Development in sustainable development: Development of human, natural, and scientific/technological resources. It is the only existing legal instrument that provides for concrete enforcement measures as well as for a binding dispute settlement system for environmental issues. How can we go to Brazil and adopt new conventions if we refuse to ratify and use the one we already have? Without this global framework Convention solidly in place, all the new Conventions -- which we also need -- will be more castles in the air.

Poor countries often hesitate out of fear they might have to fork out money for the establishment of the "Enterprise." This is due to the scare tactics promoted by those who do not want the Convention ratified. There will be no such costs for the foreseeable future. Most certainly there will be an "understanding" that the Articles dealing with financial matters will be "frozen" until the time when deep-seabed mining will become practical. But the issue of the Convention is far bigger and more important than that.

We need 15 ratifications this year. And it can be done. Our goal is to mobilize the small islands of the South Pacific and the Caribbean as well as the Nordic States and New Zealand. This can be done this year.

In the Caribbean only Mexico, Jamaica, Bahamas, Belize, Cuba, Saint Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago, and Antigua and Barbuda have ratified. Can you help to get the others this year? I am sure you can. In the small islands, bureaucratic procrastinations can be cut short. What is needed is leadership. You can provide it.

All the best and much love,

Elisabeth Mann Borgeese



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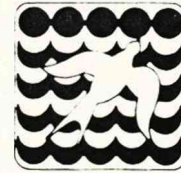
I hope you are keeping well. Much love,

Elisabeth



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I.O.I. - Malta

April 6, 1991

*H.E. Ambassador Abdul Koroma
Embassy of Sierra Leone
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia*

My dear Abdul:

I hope this note finds you well. Preparations for Pacem in Maribus are proceeding very satisfactorily. It will be an important conference. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

In the meantime I feel the urge to communicate to you my deep concern for the future of our Law of the Sea Convention. Enclosed please find a little statement that I made on the occasion of a conference here on Canadian policy with regard to the future of the Law of the Sea.

What is happening in New York is extremely dangerous. We are heading towards the dismemberment of the Convention, the dismemberment of the Prepcom. and the calling -- under whatever name -- of UNCLOS IV. It appears, a UNGA Resolution is being prepared, to terminate the Prepcom and to give an official mandate to the Sec.Gen's "dialogue group" to rewrite Part XI. We are going to lose everything we have built in two decades of work.

The only way to obviate this danger is to get the Convention ratified: Quickly. Now.

Could you get some action in the OAU -- a Resolution urging all African States which have not yet ratified (I am afraid that includes your own!) to do so this summer? The situation is that if we do not act quickly, we are lost.

Do let me have your reactions!

Much love,

Ernst

PERSONAL AND STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Tokyo September 11, 1993

H.E. Professor Guido De Marco
Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Government of Malta
Valletta, Malta

Dear Professor De Marco,

In the attached letter I mentioned our good friend Ambassador Koroma of Sierra Leone. As you know, he is a candidate for the ICJ. Ambassador Koroma has been a friend of the IOI and of Malta for as many years as I can think of. His qualifications as an expert in international law are beyond doubt, after all the years he has been a member, even the President, of the International Law Commission in Geneva. What I would like to stress even more, however -- because it is of utmost importance for an institution like the ICJ -- is his strength of character, moral integrity and spirit of commitment. Among all the African candidates, I would give him the top marks on these accounts.

You may have another candidate, and in this case, please ignore this letter. But if your policy on this point is still open, I would be grateful if you could take this information into account.

Thanking you again for your attention, with all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Ebrahim Khan Borge



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To: H.E. Ambassador Abdul Koroma

FAX No: 212 688 4924

From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese

FAX No.: 1 902 868 2455

Date: January 2, 1994

Subject: Law of the Sea

My dear Abdul,

I missed you! but I can well imagine how many things to have to do to finish up in New York.

It was a peaceful holiday season here --even though now I am down with the flu that everybody seems to be catching these days.

I took the bull by the horn and sent a letter to Ken Rattray. I only hope it does more good than harm!

We'll be in touch.

Much love, and all the best for 1994!

Yours as ever,



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To: H.E. Judge Abdul Koroma
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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese
FAX No.: 1 902 868 2455

Date: January 7, 1994

Subject: Nonpaper

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My dear Abdul,

here it is. This was the last version which we discussed, and you said the changes were o.k.

As I mentioned, I think you know best what to do with it next.

My own gut feeling --but it is only a gut feeling --is that the time for waiting has passed. One must rub it in now, and rub it in again, that there is an alternative. I would like to see the paper distributed officially by the Secretariat again (it is an amended version) and in the hands of all Delegations --but I may be wrong.

I am much looking forward to seeing you soonest.

Love,

Elisabeth



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12 January 1994

My dear Elizabeth,

I am pleased to inform you that I submitted the revised text on the Law of the Sea yesterday for circulation. Jean-Pierre has confirmed that this will be done.

As a deep thinker on such matters, may I have some of your thoughts on the establishment of the "New International Order", preferably by Wednesday, 19 January 1994.

Many thanks.

Love

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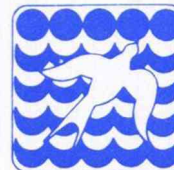
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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese

FAX No.: 1 902 868 2455

Date: January 17, 1994

Subject: Various

My dear Abdul,

Thanks so much for your fax. It came as a great relief, because I really feel it is important that our document is once more in the hands of the Delegates.

I understand that the Ambassador of Algeria has now taken over as co-ordinator of the G77, and Layashi Yaker suggested that I should get in touch with him. Accordingly I have sent him a fax of which I am attaching a copy. Do you think you yourself could have a word with him? I hate to bother you, knowing how busy you must be before leaving! But this is so important!

Now as to the New International Economic Order.

The decade of the Seventies really was a decade of hope. There was much fervour, much enthusiasm, much initiative in the G77. The idea that political independence had to be followed up with economic independence was a sound one, because, in spite of political independence, the colonial economic system was still firmly entrenched. Not much had changed. A New International Economic Order was really a necessity.

It failed for two reasons, I think: the most important one was the total intransigence of the industrialised countries. But almost as important, I think, was the fact that the demands of the G77 were too conservative. Rather than creating a genuinely new International Economic Order, they attempted to be properly integrated in the old one! And some of their important goals, as, e.g., fair prices for commodities, were

no longer realistic, as, in fact, the economic order *was* changing, and the G77 did not sufficiently take account of that. Structural changes in the economies of the industrialized countries --based on technological advances in synthetics, recycling, miniaturization, the development of the "service economy" would make it impossible for commodity prices to remain "remunerative to producers." This is just an example.

We need a New International Economic Order more than ever today. And it is not only the developing countries that need it. The industrialised countries need it just as urgently. The idea that "the Market" will solve all problems is of course a total illusion. We need a new economic theory, transcending both the "Market" and the centrally planned economic theories. We need something based on the concept of the Common Heritage of Mankind, rethinking the traditional notions of "ownership" and of "sovereignty" as well as of "employment" and the relations between public and private sector. "Privatisation" certainly is not the answer.

Is it not curious that, once upon a time, wealth was made by a combination of materials, which could be monetized, had an exchange value, were scarce and exhaustible, and of free goods, such as the environment, air and water, which could not be monetized and were supposed to be inexhaustible. Today it is the raw materials that are superabundant and losing their value, while it is the "free goods" that have become scarce, but attempts to "monetize" or "privatize" them are bound to fail. I believe the resource economists who are trying to do just that won't get very far.

Is it not curious, also that, once upon a time, the workers were the underprivileged, they made up the "proletariat." Today the workers are the privileged few --the poor are the growing legions of unemployed and marginalised!

Just some thoughts. I am trying to write a paper on "the future of socialism" or "the socialism of the future" --but there is never time to finish it!

Looking forward to seeing you very soon, with much love,

Ernst



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FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

To: H.E. Ambassador Ramtane Lamamara
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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese
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Date: January 11, 1994

Subject: Law of the Sea

Mr. Ambassador,

I am addressing this to you on the suggestion of our mutual friend, Undersecretary-General Layashi Yaker, who is also the President of our International Ocean Institute.

While obviously we are as desirous as any one to see the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea universally accepted, ratified, and implemented, we have, for years, rejected and criticized attempts to amend it before its coming into force. The Secretary-General himself has repeatedly --as recently as last November --made it clear that he objected to that approach as well. Now, with the 60 required ratifications in place, and the coming into force of the Convention on November 16 this year, attempts to change the text prior to that date have become all the more ludicrous.

Unfortunately, as you are aware of, these efforts are still being pursued, and I think the forthcoming round of the Secretary-General's Consultations will be of crucial importance in this respect.

There must be an alternative.

During the last round, in November 1993, Ambassador Koroma of Sierra Leone presented such an alternative. While not wanting to disrupt ongoing discussions, he introduced the proposal, of which I am attaching the latest, revised version, as a "fall-back position."

Now, with the 60th ratification in place, the time has come to fall back on this position, which is simple, practical, pragmatic, cost-effective, makes use and builds on whatever we have achieved during these last ten years while leaving the integrity of the Convention intact. For all practical purposes, the Prepcom and its Pioneer regime have evolved and functioned as an interim regime. This regime has enjoyed the trust and the full cooperation of practically all industrialised States, and there is no reason why this cooperation should not continue after the coming into force of the Convention.

We need to rally the G77 behind this alternative approach, and your role in this, Mr. Ambassador, obviously is of crucial importance. Otherwise, and by default, the "Boat Paper" will again dominate the discussion --and I hope I shall have an opportunity to explain to you personally why we think this would really be disastrous, for the Convention and, in particular, for the G77.

I shall arrive in New York on January 30 at about noon. I can be reached in New York at 876 7680, or through our Representative at the U.N., Ambassador Bhagwat Singh, at 734 7608. Until January 30 I shall be here in Halifax, and can be reached at home at 902 868 2818, or at my office, at 902 494 1737 or by fax at the number indicated above. Layashi Yaker suggested that we should get together before the beginning of the Consultations. If you could spare half an hour Sunday afternoon or early Monday morning, I would be most grateful, and perhaps your Secretary could give me an appointment.

With all good wishes, and looking forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,

Elisabeth Mann Borgese



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July 10, 1994

H.E. Judge Abdul Koroma
International Court of Justice
Peace Palace
The Hague, Netherlands

My dear Abdul,

I have been without your news for a long time and hope that you are enjoying your new work!

At our IOI we are starting a new important undertaking: the establishment of an Independent World Commission for the Seas and Oceans.

A watchdog for the Convention is needed. The rate of its erosion is alarming! We need an independent Commission to propose the kind of integrated ocean policy which no existing forum can propose.

I am enclosing a project outline. Needless to say, we want you to be a member of this Commission: We are going to invite also the other Judges who have a deep commitment to the Law of the Sea: Aguilar; Oda; Fleisschhauer; and Bedjaoui.

With Bedjaoui I had some previous correspondence --he is writing a paper for PIM XXII--and he has already accepted to be a member of the Commission. This is very encouraging indeed!

Do let me hear from you as soon as possible.

We want to invite President Soares of Portugal to be the President of the Commission, and if he accepts (which it seems he will, although this is not yet official) then you will get an official letter from him.

All the very best and much love,

Yours as ever,



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January 28, 1997

H.E. Judge Abdul Koroma
International Court of Justice
Peace Palace
The Hague, Netherlands

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My dear Abdul,

Thanks for your nice Christmas card. I am so bad, I never send any.

Instead I am sending you today a paper I did for the Rio+5 forum (Maurice Strong) and the U.N. Commission on Sustainable Development. I would love to have your reaction.

Everything is proceeding well. I'll be in Rotterdam on and around March 23 and will try to get in touch with you.

Much love,

Ernst



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Dearest Abdul,

It was so nice to see you -- only too short. There were so many things to talk about, but it was a lovely evening.

On the plane, on the way home, I picked up a copy of the *Ottawa Citizen*, where I found the piece I am attaching. I tried to photocopy it from the newspaper, but it did not turn out. So I copied it on my computer.

I literally cried, when I read it. Of course we all know that the bombardments during World War II were terrible as well, but technology has made so much "progress" in the meantime! I also agree with the author of this letter that to see this happen at the end of the 20th century is an abominable throw-back. And can one protect human rights by killing human beings with these barbarous and inhuman means?

I know what is happening in your country is equally terrible.

I feel desperate. We must do something to stop this!

Much love,

Elisabeth



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Date: January 8, 2001!

My dear Abdul,

Thanks so much for your New Years wishes, which I want to requite most cordially. Let us hope it will be a good year for all of us!

We missed you in Hamburg. It was, nevertheless, a very successful conference. With the world being as crummy as it is, I am always amazed at how well IOI matters are developing. This year we are having a big slate of activities, including a lot of work in Africa. Pacem in Maribus XXIX will be in Senegal, and we want to use this opportunity to have an all African leadership seminar, of the type we had when Layashi was head of UNECA, to deal with the African strategy for the ocean. Needless to say, we want to involve you as actively as possible in these activities!

We also do a lot of work with the General Assembly's UNICPOLOS which, as you know is an IOI brainchild, as well as with the "revitalization of the Regional Seas Programme."

But IOI's biggest job right now is the establishment of the IOI Virtual University, IOIVU, integrating and upgrading the training activities of all our operational centres (15, at this time!) And their host institutions.

So I am sure our paths will cross in 2001 -- and I am looking forward to it!

I hope your family is doing well and you are all in good health

Affectionately,

Elisabeth