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(PLEASE FORWARD)

From: Mario Ruivo  
UNESCO - Portugal

Lisbon, 13 January 1994

These are the comments I made during our telephone conversation last week, based on the copy of the text you prepared after consultations with Layashi.

1. Letter to S.G. - I suggest the fourth paragraph ("The infrastructures...no financial implications for the United Nations") be deleted, unless you feel it is absolutely essential. In my view, for the moment, the infrastructures are not yet established or, at least, need considerable strengthening.

2. Annex

2.1. Executive Summary (pg. ii, para. 4). I believe that it would be more appropriate to say "... the Commission shall work closely with the agencies and programmes of the U.N. system competent in ocean affairs, namely with IOC/UNESCO, ...".

pg. ii last paragraph - It is my understanding from our discussions in Paris, that we have agreed that the Commission should have its own Secretariat. In fact, we referred to the need of establishing a position for a full-time Executive Secretary, and two Deputies, one based in Lisbon and attached to the Office of the President, the other in the Secretariat of the Independent Commission, located in Malta. The Secretariat of the Commission should work closely when appropriate and be supported by the IOI Secretariat, under arrangements to be defined by the two parties.

3. Should my interpretation of what we have discussed in Paris, be correct, the Executive Summary and the Proposal should be reviewed accordingly.

4. Regarding the Project Proposal, I have some few comments, as follows:

4.1. pg. 1 parag. 3 - It is not correct to say that "Inter-Agency coordination is proceeding, under the auspice of IOC, ..." In fact, the IOC is dealing, as stated before in the Proposal, with the promotion and coordination of marine research, ocean services and related training, education and mutual aid. The fact that IOC is providing the Secretariat for an inter-agency mechanism of coordination on matters



dealing with the follow-up of the marine components of UNCED, is not adequately reflected in the sentence mentioned above. I am, therefore, inclined to propose to delete the last sentence of this paragraph.

4.1. Regarding the Purposes (pg. 2, para. 2) I think an Independent Commission is not in the position "to assist developing countries to fully participate...". Its work may contribute, we expect, to an increasing awareness on the need to promote and to mobilize ways and means aiming at such objective.

#### 4.2. Methodology and work Schedule

I suggested a more flexible schedule. We should say that the preparatory meeting of the Commission's Executive group should be held in Lisbon, as far as possible during the first quarter of 1995".

For the same reason (pg. 2 parag. 3) the first plenary session of the Commission should take place in the second quarter of 1995".

4.3. I think it is premature to mention under this section, "The establishment of an independent global network to monitor the progressive development as proposals on institutional aspects derived from the work of the Commission

should be formulated by the Commission itself....". I, therefore, recommend that this paragraph be deleted.

5. I hope these suggestions for revision of the Executive Summary and the Project Proposal will also have the concurrence of Layashi and Salvino, to whom I'm sending copy of this fax.

Best regards

*Best regards*

*Mário*

Mário Ruivo





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FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

To: Dr. Mario Ruivo  
FAX No: 351 1 396 9064

From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
FAX No.: 1 902 868 2455

Date: September 27, 1994

Subject: Commission, etc.

Dear Mario,

Thanks for your phone call.

Jagota's address is

Dr. S.P. Jagota  
House No. 748  
Sector 14  
Gurgaon 122 001 Haryana  
India.

His phone is 91 124 321 480. He also can be reached by public fax at 91 124 324 508.

I am attaching the revised Commission project outline, incorporating all of Layashi's corrections. They were not all that many.

As to the budget: a modest Portuguese contribution certainly would be appreciated. This could be in kind or in cash. In kind would be, if Portugal could host one of the Commission sessions next year. That would be a very substantive contribution. Or perhaps one of your Foundations could be induced to make a contribution. Or perhaps Foundation support for the Commission session in Lisbon! There are all sorts of combinations.

As I mentioned over the phone, Gus Speth has firmly reconfirmed a UNDP contribution, and immediately after our Malta meeting I intend to firm up the German contribution and the Dutch contribution --I hope \$300,000 each.

As to the membership, obviously all official invitations have to be sent by President Soares.

The composition should be balanced, as indicated on p. 4 of the project outline. Preliminary contacts have revealed great interest on the part of the following persons who would, if agreed, serve in some form, in a personal capacity:

Judge Mohammed Bedjaoui, President of the International Court of Justice  
Judge Abdul Koroma, ICJ  
Judge Carl-August Fleischhauer, ICJ

These three are great authorities on the Law of the Sea

Dr. Federico Mayor, who is a scientist

Dr. Klaus Töpfer, who is the Chairman of the Commission for Sustainable Development

Dr. Robert Muller, Chancellor of the Peace University in Costa Rica. The Commission really was his idea. I only worked it out.

Ambassador Juan Somavia of Chile, Chairman of the Social Summit. He was my colleague on the Tinbergen Commission and he is a quite excellent man.

Alicia Barcena, Executive Director, Earth Council.

Dr. Gus Speth, Administrator of UNDP, who is really committed to the idea of the Commission and will help in any possible way.

Dr. Guido de Marco, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Malta (previously, President of the General Assembly).

These are just some suggestions. I am sure you have more. Our Maltese colleagues will have more as well.

I think that covers it for today. Much love,

*E. Speth*





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To: Dr. Mario Ruivo  
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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
FAX No.: 81 3 3479 1738  
Date: October 20, 1994

Subject: **World Commission**

Dearest Mario,

We safely arrived in China, and it was nice to be greeted by all those Portuguese flags: The Portuguese State Visit coincided with ours!

The inauguration of IOI China was great.

Then we proceeded to Tokyo. Here, too, everything is proceeding extremely well.

We will have a well-researched suggestion for a Japanese Vice President before we leave. We also will have a financial commitment. The whole idea of the World Commission has been received extremely well.

In the meantime, Layashi is in New York, and obtaining the official benestare from the Secretary-General.

If my memory is correct, the President will return to Lisbon on the 21st. Could you please help in getting the Brazilian Vice President? That is all that still would be needed before November 16. The best way to proceed -- as suggested by Mario Soares himself -- would be for him to make a personal call to Cardozo. We all assumed that Cardozo himself could not accept to be a member/Vice President at this time, but he might delegate or suggest a suitable person and quickly obtain his acceptance.

At this time, I by far prefer a Brazilian to a Chilean for Vice President. We do have an excellent Chilean as a member: Somavia (Chairman of the Social Summit).

I would be most grateful if you could get action on this Brazilian Vice President just as quickly as possible. It is the only outstanding issue that is not yet in hand.

I shall be back home on the 24th.

Much love,

*Elisabeth*





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Date: 21 October, 1994.

Subject: **Commission**

Dearest Mario,

Here are two suggestions for the Japanese Vice Presidents:

1. Noboru Takeshita, former prime minister, senior member of the Liberal Democratic Party, and Japan's representative on all environmental agendas. He does not speak English.
2. Mr. Suzuki, President of Nomura Research Institute; formerly with the Bank of Japan; with a strongly international outlook and conversant in English.

One possible option would be to officially invite Takeshita, but have Mr. Suzuki attend the sessions. Mr. Takeshita could be in charge of organising one of the plenary commission sessions which should take place in Japan.

I would be most grateful if President Soares could indicate his preference -- or any other -- as soon as possible as we are still confident we can meet the deadline of November 16.

Layashi is handling things in New York during these days -- with the SG as well as UNDP and Pronk.

With regard to the minimum budget requirements, I have faxed to Töpfer. The Japanese have already confirmed a contribution of at least \$300,000. They would like to spend it on a plenary commission session which might take place here in September 1995, to approve an interim report to the 50th GA. We might have a meeting of the Vice Presidents in Malta in May. The schedule I would envisage for 1995 would be: Vice Presidents, Lisbon, January; Plenary, Lisbon, March; Vice Presidents, Malta, May;

Plenary, Tokyo, September.

The Japanese funding will come from the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, whose Chairman, Mr. Setsuya Tabuchi, has already approved it. The two recommendations for Vice presidents above, were made in accordance with Mr Tabushi's suggestions.

Please act as fast as possible.

Love

Ehru

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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
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Date: 22 October 1994

Subject: Commission

Dearest Mario,

Could you discuss the attached as soon as possible with Mario Soares and tell me the results? Perhaps you could call me at home Monday night or Tuesday morning (I am teaching Tuesday night).

Love,

*Elisabeth*





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Date: October 27, 1994

Subject: World Commission

Dearest Mario,

Here is the draft for the President's letter to the SG. This has been approved by Layashi. I would be mosst grateful if you could fax me the final version --copy of the letter the President actually will send to the SG.

I am also attaching the revised project proposal, taking into account all your suggestions.

I had two long conversations with Layashi. He still feels, the announcement could be made on November 16. We'll see! In the meantime, let me stress once more that it would be important to give priority to the confirmation of the Japanese Vice President. I have generated a lot of momentum -- including financial! -- in Japan and would hate to lose it!

Layashi is in favour of inviting Mr. Suzuki as member of the Commission. Mr. Takeshita could be invited as an "eminent person," -- in particular, to host the plenary session of the Commission in Japan. I agree with this proposal.

I know I am moving fast -- but I think we have to, if we want to get this thing off the ground.

Layashi asked me to follow up with Gus Speth as well as Klaus Töpfer as well as with the Carnegie Foundation.

For your convenience, I am attaching some concise information about the operational centres. Every step that has been taken has been taken in agreement with Layashi. Bi-annual reports are sent to all

Board Members. I am now requesting Saigal to send copies of the MOUs and of the work plans of all the Centres to all the members of the Board, in advance of the Madras meeting.

More soon. All the best. Much love,

*Elzavil*



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Date: 1 November, 1994

Subject: Revised paper

Dear Mario,

I think I have taken care of all your suggestions -- and even revised the abstract. So here it is. I hope it is o.k. now.

Looking forward to hearing from you soonest,

Yours as ever,

*Elisabeth*





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To: Dr. Mario Ruivo  
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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
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Date: November 8, 1994

Subject: World Commission, plus refaxed paper

My dear Mario,

AAA I just had a call from Layashi, who informed me of his very successful conversation with Jan Pronk. Rudd Lubbers is ready to accept to be a member of the Commission if officially invited by the President. Please take care that this invitation, together with official invitations to all prospective Vice Presidents and Members, should be issued in due time.

Jan Pronk also requested that we immediately make a formal submission for funding, which I immediately took care of.

BBB I just had a call from Carla. As I feared, there has been quite a confusion about my paper for your Conference. I am refaxing the whole paper herewith.

*All the best*

*Elisabeth*



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To: Dr. Mario Ruivo  
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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
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Date: November 10, 1994

Subject: Commission

Dearest Mario,

I sent the attached letter to Federico. It reached him on time in Paris.

As requested by Layashi, I sent it to the President. -- and here is as copy of everything.

Layashi does not seem to think we have a serious problem, and I hope and pray the consultations with the President will put it to rest.

Quite seriously: Could not your conference come up with something? Or is it the kind of conference that cannot adopt conclusions or recommendations? Not that it would affect things one way or another, but it would be a symbol of mutual good will.

I shall be thinking of you.

Much love,

*Elisabeth*



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**Dr. Danielle St Jorre**  
**Minister for the Environment, Tourism and Foreign Affairs**  
**The Seychelles**

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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
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Date: 15 December, 1994

Subject: Commission

Dear Mario,

As agreed, I am transmitting the text as amended by Layashi.

I think we can live with it.

See you soon.

Love,

*Elisabeth*



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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
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Date: 4 January 1995

Subject: Commission

Dearest Mario,

Here is the material, as approved by Layashi and myself. I had a full discussion with Salvino -- who agrees with the document as a whole as well as with the letter -- about the role of IOI as Secretariat. Layashi and I feel that the phrase "with the appropriate staff complements" -- which means, the appointment of a full-time Secretary-General and his staff -- is flexible enough to leave the President free to do whatever he likes -- as was pointed out also during our conversation with Federico Mayor.. Layashi feels very strongly that there should not be any change in the wording the way it is.

Please call me. Layashi wants this to go out today. He has an appointment with Boutros in a few days.

Love,

*Elisabeth*



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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
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Date: 20 January, 1995

Subject: Your fax, dated 13 January 1994, received 17 January 1995

Dear Mario,

Thank you very much for your fax, summarizing the revisions which you had suggested to me during our phone conversation.

I know Layashi has been communicating with you, and so you are fully briefed.

We should meet as quickly as possible, after Boutros' and Federico's official "selection." I am sure, when we get together we can easily settle all the details indicated in your letter and some others.

Has President Soares had occasion to discuss the question of the Brazilian Vice President? This is now becoming very urgent.

Much love,

*Elisabeth*



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International Ocean Institute, Halifax, Canada

Fax: 1 902 494 2034

Date: February 16, 1995

Total Number of Pages: 1

Dear Mario:

Elisabeth asked me to forward the enclosed itinerary to you. I would like to draw your attention to arrival -- she will now be arriving on Saturday, February 18th, not as originally scheduled on Sunday, February 19th ... with best wishes,

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Dear Prof. Borgese,

Prof. Mário Ruivo and Dr. Mário  
Baptista Coelho will pick you up at  
Hotel Tivoli, next Sunday at  
17.00 o'clock.

Best regards

Elizabeth Silva



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DE / FROM: Prof. Nélio Ruivo  
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MESSAGE / MESSAGE

Dear Elisabeth

A room has been reserved for you  
at HOTEL TIVOLI (Av. Liberdade 185, Lisbon; tel.  
3567300) for the nights of Saturday, Sunday  
and Monday. A car shall be waiting  
for you at the Airport. As I explained I  
am out of Lisbon until Saturday mid-day.  
We are leaving for Faro after lunch.  
I shall call you to inform about the time.

Best regards

Nélio Ruivo



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**To:** Dr. Mario Ruivo  
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**From:** Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
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**Date:** 25 February, 1995  
**Subject:** World Commission

Dear Mario

First of all, heart-felt thanks for all your splendid arrangements. I know it was not easy, but I do think it was quite successful. I have followed up with Layashi and the S-G as well as Federico, and the desired message should arrive soon now,, without further delays.

I also have some other good news:

1. The Chinese have made their official nomination for a Commission member. I am attaching their letter, and the c.v. of the nominee. Since this is an official nomination, I am sure President Soares will accept it.
2. In Toronto, where I had to participate in a very interesting panel discussion, chaired by Flora MacDonald -- quite a person! -- and shared with Harlan Cleveland, Richard Falk and Lewis Perinbam, I had a good talk with Richard Falk who is an old friend. He had two suggestions for additional Commission members. Both of them seem to me excellent:



- (a) Mr. Kader Osmal, Minister of Forests and Waters, Pretoria, South Africa. He appears to be very close to President Mandela and an excellent man.
- (b) (Prince) Moulay Hicham ben Abdallah of Morocco, an expert in international law --he was a student of Richard Falk in Princeton, has a house in Princeton, is very very wealthy and would like to spend his money on good causes.

I am sending this information also to Salvino.

Love,

*Elna Kelly*

P.S. I had a nice letter from Sidney. I think he got over his problem now.



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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
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Date: 1 March, 1995

Subject: **Commission**

Dear Mario,

Possible dates for the Vice Presidents' meeting: Dr. Suzuki is not available on April 4-7. Then comes the week-end. I suggest April 10 and 11. I think you should start working on it. Otherwise you will see that we are going into May...

Now as to the Trust Fund. In Malta, the matter is very simple, under Maltese (Common) Law:

The Trust would have to be established by an Institution. That could be the Commission itself, if it existed as a registered institution, which it does not. Thus it must be the IOI, which, I think would be quite all right. The Trust would be independent of the IOI. It would be the Trust for the World Commission on the Oceans.

Under Maltese law one of the trustees would have to be a nominee of the Accountant Firm Deloitte & Touche Ltd. Maybe Guido de Marco could be one of the Trustees.

Then an offshore banking account (foreign currency) could be opened by the Trust and operated by the Trustees.

It would take about 2 weeks to establish the Trust Fund.

The matter is urgent, because we need the Dutch money. We have to have some

money before the meeting of the Vice Presidents.

Please explore the Portuguese alternative as soon as possible. I am sure the law is different in Portugal. Keep in mind that this needs to be done as quickly as possible, so that I can notify Pronk.

Love,

*E. Erakly*





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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
FAX No.: 1 902 868 2455

Date: 7 March, 1995

Subject: Commission

Dearest Mario,

I just received this fax from Federico Mayor. It could not possibly be more positiv! I hope that also the Secretary-General's message has arrived. Or, in any case it should arrive imminently.

I think Layashi will be coming to Portugal very soon (after march 15) and I am sure that will clarify many things.

Much love,

*Elisabeth*



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To: Dr. Mario Ruivo  
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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
FAX No.: 1 902 868 2455

Date: 2 May, 1995

Subject: **Proceedings**

Dear Mario,

is there anything I should do?

Warm regards,

*Elisabeth*



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To: Dr. Mario Ruivo  
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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
FAX No.: 1 902 868 2455

Date: 7 June, 1995

Subject: World Commission

Dear Mario, Saigal told me about his talk with you. I can't tell you how happy I am that everything is proceeding so well.

Saigal told me that you need Juan Somavia's whereabouts.

H.E. Ambassador Juan Somavia  
Permanent Mission of Chile to the  
United Nations  
800 United Nations Plaza, 4th Floor  
New York, N.Y. 10017  
USA  
Tel.: 1 212 687 7547  
Fax: 1 212 972 9875.

I have known him for many years: He is an excellent man. I hope he will accept this vice-chairmanship!

I have prepared a list of all the candidates for membership, with brief c.v.'s, and shall fax it to you before the end of this week. It can be distributed at the meeting, if the other material has gone already.

As you will know from Saigal, all the candidates for Vice-Chairmanship made themselves available for the dates of this session.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

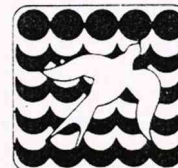
Yours as ever,





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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
FAX No.: 1 902 868 2455

Date: July 13, 1994

Subject: World Commission

Dearest Mario,

Layashi just called and told me about his talks with you. He also asked me to send you a copy of the Commission project outline, which I am doing herewith. I attach also a provisional list of potential Commissioners, which Layashi and I put together when he was here a few weeks ago.

I wish you good luck for your talks and hope it will all come out the way we want!

Everything else is proceeding well.

Much love,

*Elisabeth*

World Commission  
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95.09.07

To: Dr. Yoshio Suzuki  
Chief Counselor  
Nomura Research Institute, Ltd.  
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From: Prof. Mário Ruivo  
Coordinator - IWCO  
Fax: 351.1.3974054

Subject: IWCO - Tokyo Launching Session

I acknowledge with thanks your fax of 6th September and the attached copies of correspondence with UNU regarding arrangements for the December Session.

I assume that you sent a copy to Ambassador Layashi Yaker, Secretary General of the IWCO. We expect him to be in Lisbon, from 22 to 24 September, to work with Dr. Mário Baptista Coelho and myself, on various matters concerning the work of the Commission, namely the preparation for the Tokyo session, a matter on which Ambassador Yaker is in close contact with you.

The Chairman of the Commission and myself, we very much appreciate your most valuable efforts to mobilize support for the session in Tokyo and to creating a favourable atmosphere among Japanese institutions and personalities regarding the Commission.

We also very much appreciate your understanding of the reasons which led our Chairman to favour a postponement of the session to December.

Looking forward to meet with you in Tokyo.

With best personal regards

*Best personal regards*

Mário Ruivo

cc - IWCO/Secretary General/(Ambassador Layashi Yaker)  
IWCO/OP/(Dr. Mário Baptista Coelho)

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