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Subject: Independent World Commission on the Oceans

Dear Mr. Turner:

May I refer to the fax letter sent to you by our mutual friend Robert Muller, dated July 10?

The establishment of the Independent World Commission on the Oceans, I think is quite an event. At this time, when so many things go wrong and the world seems to be going from bad to worse, here is something positive! The reactions have been, without exception, enthusiastic. I think we really have quite an exceptional opportunity to make a contribution to the shaping of world order in the next century. As Robert put it, are two-thirds of the planet's surface. The Law of the Sea still is the frontier of the development of international law. The confluence of the UNCLOS and UNCED processes, and their impact on the restructuring of the United Nations system are among the most positive developments today. The oceans force us to think differently. We want to develop this kind of thinking, suggested by the very nature of the ocean, and, more than that, we want to bring it from the ocean to the land.

We need you for this enterprise. You could make a tremendous contribution to this effort. Out of your love and understanding of the oceans; out of your experience in communicating with the people of the world. The project would benefit immensely from your participation. We have talked to ourselves long enough. this time we want to talk to the people of the world.

If you could accept our invitation to become a member of this Commission and, if

possible, if you could attend the first plenary session of the Commission at the UNU, that would be quite splendid. If you let me know, you would then receive an official letter of invitation from President Soares of Portugal, who is the Chairman of our Commission. (I am Vice Chair for North America).

Do let me know as soon as possible.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely

Ernesto Nam Borges

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Dear Mr. Turner:

You should have received these days an official invitation from President Mario Soares of Portugal, the Chairman of our newly established Independent World Commission on the Oceans, inviting you to join the Commission and to participate in our first Plenary Session, on September 6, 7, and 8, at the United Nations University in Tokyo.

I am attaching today (a) a provisional agenda; and (b) some information on logistics which has been issued by the local organiser, INTERCOM. I hope that everything is clear.

You will note that you kindly should make your own travel arrangements, and that the air fare (business class) will be refunded in cash in Tokyo. You will also note that your expenses at the Westin Hotel in Tokyo are fully covered. However, if you prefer another hotel, you would be responsible for the difference in price between the Westin (23,000 Yen) and the Hotel of your choice. You should kindly advise Ms Masako Otsuka, INTERCOM, fax 81 3 3586 4706, of your decision as well as of your flight number and arrival time.

A set of documentation for the meeting will be sent within the next two weeks.

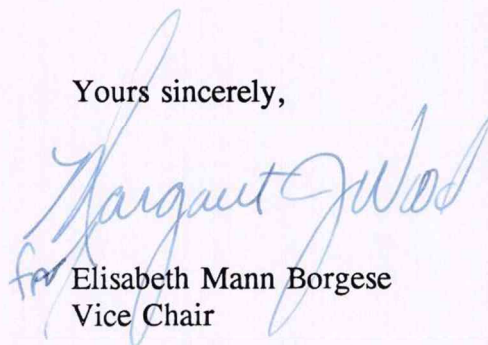
I very much hope it will be possible for you to join us in Tokyo. This first session of the Commission is of fundamental importance for the orientation and organisation of our work, and I am convinced that this Commission has a unique opportunity to offer a "vision" and make a long-term contribution to the making of a somewhat better world. But what we do today is decisive for the chances of realising the long-term vision. Ocean policy is being made this year

and next year, and we are in an exceptionally good position to influence it. We need your help and cooperation.

The time between now and Tokyo is very short indeed, and I would be most grateful if you could let me know just as soon as possible whether you will be able to attend as I fervently hope.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elisabeth Mann Borgese". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "M".

Elisabeth Mann Borgese
Vice Chair