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Dear Alex:

It was great to see you in Geneva the other day. As promised, I am sending you herewith some up-to-date information on the activities of the IOI. Needless to say, it is important to us that you personally should be fully briefed on these activities. If you see any occasion for useful cooperation between IFIAS and IOI, we would be delighted to cooperate.

In particular, however, I am writing to you today in the context of your relation to UNDP. We had UNDP support at the very beginning of our existence, through Paul Hoffman, who thought very highly of our initiative, and we wish to expand and deepen this relationship, if possible.

Our programme has four major components:

- . Research
- . Conferences and seminars
- . Publications
- . Training

After ten years of activities -- paralleling the development of the Law of the Sea Conference -- we have made a shift of emphasis to adapt to the needs of the post-UNCLOS period, of implementing and further developing the Law of the Sea in the context of the making of a New International Economic Order. After the conclusion of UNCLOS III, we see the need for research in four major areas:

Regional development, to articulate the universal law of the sea and adapt it to particular regions. UNEP's Regional Seas Programme offers the most important starting point for development in this direction, and we are closely cooperating with UNEP in various ways. our research activities, in this area, are integrated both with our training programme (See below, Class C), and with the



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publication of the <u>Ocean yearbook</u> (see below, under <u>Publications</u>) and Conferences (see below, Pacem in Maribus X).

- National Legislation: the consolidation and modernization of national laws dealing with the uses of the sea, and their co-ordination and integration with regional development and the global law of the sea; the creation of national infrastructure and the integration of ocean management and marine resources in national and international development strategy. The IOI has completed two major studies on this subject. We are presently cooperating with RIO on a project applying the conceptual framework we have developed to small developing island States. We are initiating, in cooperation with IIASA, a project on the application of systems analysis to the management of economic zones, and we are cooperating with the Government of Mexico, which has done pioneering work in this area. The convocation of Pacem in Maribus XI in Mexico, on this subject, is presently under consideration.
- The restructuring and strengthening of the U.N; agencies dealing with the uses of the ocean, to enable them to respond to the new requirements of ocean management, in Economic zones and in the international area. This field of research was initiated by the IOI in 1975 in a project leading to the Oaxtepec Declaration; it was taken up by the Delegation of Portugal to UNCLOS III and stimulated a number of studies, particularly in Portugal and Canada. The IOI is presently concentrating on the role of the International Seabed Authority in the '80s and '90s: which will have to be reconsidered in view of the fact that commercial seabed mining may go ways not considered by UNCLOS (See Annex I).
- . The impact of the further development of marine science and $\frac{\text{technology}}{\text{therefrom}}$, and the political and institutional requirements arising therefrom, particularly in the fields of
 - -- aquaculture
 - -- ocean mining
 - -- the generation of energy from the oceans.



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We are keeping up research in all three areas.

Our <u>Conference</u> and <u>Seminar Programme</u> includes our annual conference, Pacem in Maribus, ten of which have been held thus far; and a series of regional seminars and workshops, of which we have held about 20 to date.

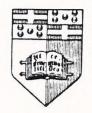
Our most important publication is the Ocean Yearbook. Two volumes, 700 pages each, have been published thus far by the University of Chicago Press for us, Vol. III has gone to press, and we are presently working on Vol. IV, which will have a large section devoted to Latin America, and the Caribbean.

Our other publications consist of proceedings and occasional papers. We has published seven occasional papers thus far; two are about to appear, in connection with the training programme.

The training programme is described in the enclosed poster. I am also enclosing the syllabus for the Class B course which will be held this summer in Halifax. A third, "Class C" programme will be initiated next year, on a regional basis. The first course of this series will be held in Goa, in cooperation with the government of India and UNEP.

It is particularly in connection with the training programme that we should like to make our plea for UNDP support and cooperation.

Last year, UNDP cooperated by instructing its Res. Rep.s in the home countries of our participants to accept applications for scholarships out of the country indicative planning budget. in one case, however (India) funds were actually available. In all other cases, the budgets were already fully committed and/or Governments did not feel thy wanted to draw on them for this new and untried purpose. I know, this year a number of countries will in fact apply: e.g., Ethiopia (see attachment). The Ethiopian Government is doing this, probably, because we had already an Ethiopian participant last year, for whom we provided a scholarship from other sourses, and so they are familiar with the programme. On the whole, however, considering the novelty of ocean management as a discipline for civil servants, a programme like ours can be successful only if scholarships are provided on a special basis, on top of, and not subtracting from, already established multilateral or bilateral aid programmes. It is therefore that we would like



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to apply for a special grant in the form of, let us say, five scholarships for each course, for the next three years. Such a commitment on the part of the UNDP would infinifely facilitate our task of building up this programme for which there is an evident demand. I am attaching a few of the letters we have received.

Whatever you can do to help us in this matter will be most fervently appreciated.

All the best.

Yours as ever,

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