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Frau Professor
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17. August 1982

Liebe Elisabeth,

über Deinen Brief vom 4. Juli 1982 (samt den interessanten Anlagen)
habe ich mich sehr gefreut. Recht herzlichen Dank. Wenn Du in diesem
Jahr nicht nach München kommen kannst, wäre es natürlich doppelt schön,
wenn ich Dich im kommenden Jahr hier treffen könnte. Vielleicht kann ich
Dir aber auch entgegen reisen, falls Du Dich einmal in der Nähe aufhältst.

Besonders interessant finde ich Deine Idee, eine deutsche Ausgabe Deines
bei Elsevier verlegten Buches, oder aber des zweiten Werkes "The Future
of the Oceans" zu verlegen. Hierfür wäre nun allerdings nicht unser
juristischer Verlagsbereich, in dem ich tätig bin, zuständig, sondern unsere
Kollegen von der sogenannten "schönggeistigen Abteilung". Eine strenge
Trennung findet hier indessen nicht statt, ich werde deshalb Deine Vor-
schläge dort vortragen und mich dann wieder bei Dir melden.

Nach Halifax werde ich leider so schnell nicht kommen, obwohl mich Deine
Austernfarm sehr interessieren würde. Dazu müßte ich erst in den akademischen
Bereich überwechseln, um etwas mehr Zeit zu haben. Reizen würde es mich sehr.
Und sonst wirst Du sicher den neuesten Klatsch aus München ohnehin schon
kennen: zunächst teilte mir Dagmar ihre neue Anschrift (jetzt in Schwabing)
mit, dann Wolfgang, daß er seit der Trennung mit den Kindern an der Nordsee
ist. Schamhaft schrieb er, seine zu große Arbeitswut habe dazu geführt, daß

Dagmar plötzlich die Scheidung begehrt habe. Es gibt auch Stimmen, die ganz andere Gründe nennen -aber das ist eben Teil des großen Gesellschaftsspiels.

Für heute möchte ich mich verabschieden und Dich wie immer herzlich grüssen.

Dein

Band



Paris, le 13 Mai 1980

Elizabeth Mann BORGHESE
Pacem in Maribus
Box 47.16
SANTA BARBARA (California 93-103)
U.S.A.

Chère Madame,

Permettez-moi tout d'abord de vous adresser mes excuses pour le temps que je mets à reprendre contact avec vous. J'espère que la photo ci-jointe de l'AQUASCOPE, ma dernière création, saura me faire pardonner auprès de vous.

Mon éditeur qui a publié "HABITER LA MER" est en train de réaliser une édition de ce livre en langue allemande. Personnellement, je souhaiterais qu'il puisse y avoir une édition en langue anglaise et je serais heureux de connaître vos observations. Pourriez-vous me conseiller et me dire quel est, à votre avis, la meilleure solution ? Votre éditeur, Harry Abrams, par exemple, pourrait-il être intéressé par l'édition d'un tel ouvrage ?

En vous remerciant par avance des réponses que vous voudrez bien m'apporter, et dans l'attente du plaisir d'un prochain entretien ou d'une prochaine lettre,

Je vous prie de croire, Chère Madame, à l'expression des mes sentiments les plus respectueux.



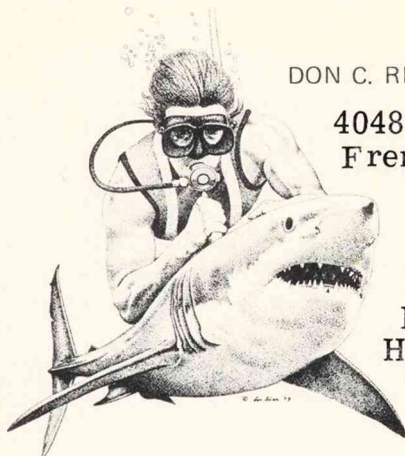
Jacques ROUGERIE
Architecte
Directeur-Fondateur du CAM

P.S. Un livre "HABITER LA MER" vous a été adressé directement par les Editions Maritimes et d'Outre-Mer. Pourriez-vous me faire savoir si vous l'avez reçu.

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DON C. REED

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January 27, 1983

Elizabeth Mann Borgese
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Dear Ms. Borgese:

I would certainly appreciate 500 words on fishfarming from you! I have written a draft of my own (telling the head office authorities I would prefer to use yours but just so they would have an approximate idea of what to expect-- I wrote several people on different subjects-- seaweed, sustainable fish yields, recreational diving, etc.-- and most did not respond, so I was prepared to write the whole thing if necessary.

But I wonder if you would rather write on ocean mining instead? I am of an absolute mixup in my mind on this-- can see the value and the risk as well-- and if you have just gone through the same kind of meticulous research on mining that you did on your past two books, and knowing your love of the sea-- I think I would really rather have that-- but either would be fine. I almost didn't want to have ocean mining in at all, except as an aside, because I would not have anything that would be publicity for the oil companies, etc., and I would regard something from you on this subject as a blessing.

Please do not regard this as something that has to be chiseled in stone. I have a person above me who has final sayso over anything that gets put permanent in the park, and I am the only one who puts energy behind the ocean here. So I fight like hell, and usually get what I want, but I cannot guarantee that she will use every word-- I can promise that no quotes will be re-written-- but she might want to use one paragraph instead of two or whatever.

If you would be willing to send us 500 words on either fish farming or ocean mining, you could possibly be wasting your time, which I know is precious, being life itself! But if I can win through on this (I have a tentative okay on the whole project) then approximately one million people will get an opportunity to learn from your knowledge.

By the way, I own SEARANCH, and plan to buy THE DRAMA OF THE OCEANS when I get a little ahead. Starvation wages as an amusement park diver make major purchases hard, but I am working on my ocean library a little at a time, all the time, and I want to own everything you write on the sea. (I have read "Drama" twice, however) THE MINES OF NEPTUNE sounds like another great one.

By the way, if you ever want a virtually guaranteed good review, please think of me. Assuming "Mines" is written with your previous careful research and near-poetry of style, I would be delighted to pass the word along. I recently was offered to a chance to review a book by the owner of the late Namu, first killer whale in captivity, but turned it down because it was just a rubbishy ego-trip-- but anyway the editor told me that if a great ocean book came along, to contact her and I intend to do so about your book.

Thank you for your hard work on behalf of the sea. I consider you a friend.

* S.F. Chronicle

Don C. Reed

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January 11, 1983.

Mr. Don C. Reed
Marine World/Africa USA
Redwood City, Ca. 94 065

Dear Mr. Reed:

Sorry to be so late in answering your extremely kind letter of November 23. It reached me late -- just before Christmas, and I was away from my office.

Of course I remember your book, and of course I would be happy to send you 500 words for your exhibit on fishfarming, if this is on.

I was struck by your referring to the picture of the two hands full of eggs as "religious" -- because that is just exactly what I thought, and why I chose this picture. I even wanted to use it as a cover design, but technically that did not work.

Besides Bardach's book on aquaculture, I would recommend particularly the four volumes by P. Korringa, which are quoted in my bibliography (at the end of SEAFARM). He also has some excellent illustrations.

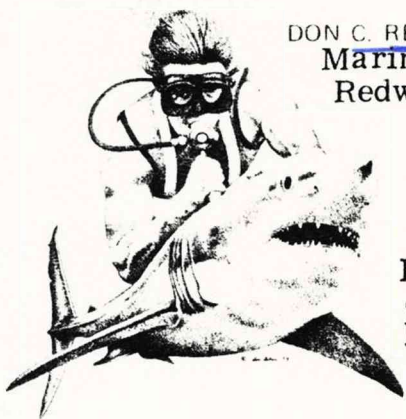
I don't know whether you have seen my other book, published in 1976, also by Harry Abrams, The Drama of the Oceans. It also has some extremely beautiful pictures. In the meantime I have written a third one, The Mines of Neptune, on ocean mining. It will be published this year.

So please let me know whether you need those 500 words, and I shall send them right away.

With all good wishes for 1983,

Yours cordially,

Elisabeth Mann Borgese



DON C. REED

Marine World/Africa USA
Redwood City, CA 94065

November 23, 1982

Elisabeth Mann Borgese
c/o Harry N. Abrams, Inc.
110 E. 59th St.
New York, NY 10022

Dear Ms. Borgese:

You might remember me as the diver who sent you a book (Notes From An Underwater Zoo) a while back?

I am still working at Marine World, and have a chance to put together an exhibit on fish-farming in our big reef aquarium hallway. Since over one million people pass through these hallways every year, you can imagine I want to do a good job! I care deeply about fishfarming, and that is why I am writing you. I regard SEARANCH as the classic of the field. I have read it several times and am studying it again now.

If you have the time (and I am sure you do not) would you like to contribute 500 words or less to a fishfarming exhibit which would be seen by so many people? If that is not possible, I will write the fishfarming segment myself, but you know so much more on the subject than I do, that I thought I should at least write and ask you.

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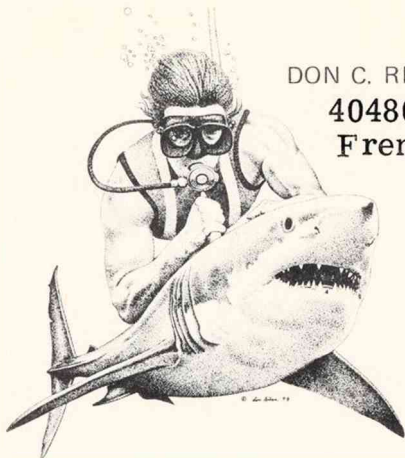
Failing that, could you possibly point me to somebody else you feel equally knowledgeable in the field? Also, can you point me to any good slides or graphics? I was so enthralled by the beautiful illustrations in your book, especially the one of the two hands full of eggs-- that was almost a religious experience!

made Anyway, I will certainly understand if none of the above is possible. You have a splendid contribution to the sea. Both your books are wonderful (have you written more?) and are a treasured part of my collection. You have really helped the sea.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Don C. Reed
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P.S. Beside Mr. Bardach's "Harvesting the Sea", can you recommend any great books on aquaculture? Thanks again - I apologize for this intrusion on your time. I would not ask, except that it is for the sea. DCR



DON C. REED

40480 Marcia St.
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March 23, 1982

Elizabeth Mann Borgese
care of Harry N. Abrams Inc. Publishers
110 East 59 St.
New York, NY 10022

Dear Ms. Borgese:

I wanted to say thank you for your work on behalf of the sea. I too love the ocean, and hope to increasingly use my writing skill to help. Enclosed is my first published book, based on ten years diving with Marine World/Africa USA. Just a present, I am not looking for your recommendation or anything.

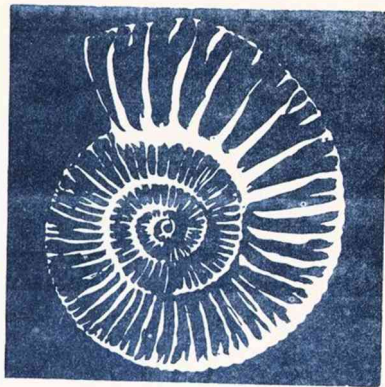
I feel fishfarming is the most important single thing we can do, and your book was the best I have read on the subject. Good for you!

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Don C. Reed

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CENTRE D'ARCHITECTURE DE LA MER

Ref: JR/JFR 76 1028.

Paris, the 26th. of October 1976.

Mrs. Elisabeth MANN BORGESE.
Chairman, Planning Council.

PACEM IN MARIBUS
Box 4716. SANTA BARBARA.
California 93103.

ETATS UNIS D'AMERIQUE.

Dear Mrs. Mann Borgese,

I thank you very much for your recent letter and I hope you will forgive my tardy response, but I am very busy because of our last project of undersea habitat, called "Galathée" The construction of the prototype is being carried out, and we planned the first immersion in the Mediterranean for the next Spring, then the tests will be executed. You will find here by enclosed a document in its concern. The prototype will be exposed at Paris international nautic exhibition in January 1977.

As explained before, I will not be able to be at your annual conference in Algiers, I'm very sorry about that.

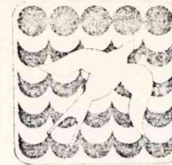
Your book "the drama of the Oceans" is marvelous and I am glad to know you are starting a new one. As a matter of facts, we are also drafting a book which theme is the life of man undersea and marine architecture.

I enclose in this enveloppe, all I found on my studies on sea-farming, but if you could be more precise on your needs, I may perhaps send you some more material in precise domains you could be interested in. The same if you want a better quality as far as the illustrations are concerned.

I thank you very sincerely for your interest in the studies we are doing and trying to realize. All my good wishes for your new book, I am sure it will be another great contribution to the salvation of the Oceans.

Jacques ROUGERIE, architect
Manager.

Box 4716
Santa Barbara, California 93103



Pacem in Maribus

September 23, 1976

Mr. J. Rougerie
230 rue de la Convention
75015 Paris
F R A N C E

Dear Mr. Rougerie:

Thank you very much for your recent letter.

Now I am starting to work on a whole book on sea-farming. I know you are engaged in studies on sea-farming. If you have any material that you could let me see or that I could quote from, I would surely appreciate it.

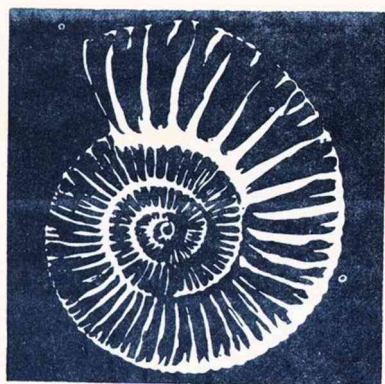
There really is no such thing as a Malta Foundation. There is an International Ocean Institute in Malta and it deals with international ocean affairs in all their manifold aspects.

On October 25 to 28 we have our next big annual conference, this time in Algiers. If you are in the neighborhood, we would, of course, love to see you there. A copy of the program is enclosed for your information.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Elisabeth Mann Borgese
Chairman, Planning Council



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CENTRE D'ARCHITECTURE DE LA MER

Paris, le 25 juillet 1976.

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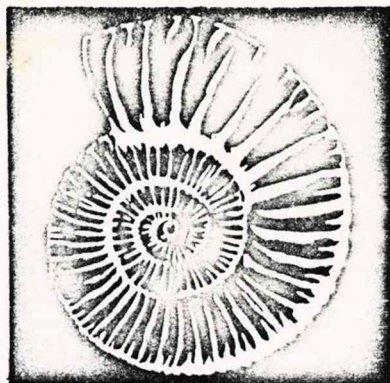
Dear Madam,

I mean to thank you for sending me your excellent book entitled "The Drama of the Oceans," and also for publishing my name in the chapter about Architecture.

As for me, I am now busy with the publishing of a book about Man, the sea, and Architecture. As soon as it is published, I will send you a copy of it.

I will be most grateful if you could let me know about the activities of the "Malta Foundation."

Yours Faithfully



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CENTRE D'ARCHITECTURE DE LA MER

Paris, le 12 décembre 1975

Elisabeth Mann BORGESSE
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Dear Lady,

I was very glad to meet you, during my visite to Okinawa exposition at the reception on Aquapolis.

I take the liberty to contact you again as you suggested, to know in what a measure this study about "marin Habitat" which you will find here enclosed, could interest you.

This study corresponds to the actual movement wich makes man consider the marin milieu as a value, a good of humanity that has to be protected and saved as wellas managed and organized.

Man must be able to foresee and prepare his marine future, in searching structures adapted to marin milieu.

The aim to reach is to fix himself in the milieu without damaging it, in a non-anarchic way, for a real integration of man which should allow a true knowledge of the sea.

Those are the premises of a specifically marine architecture which have to be established and proposed at an international level.

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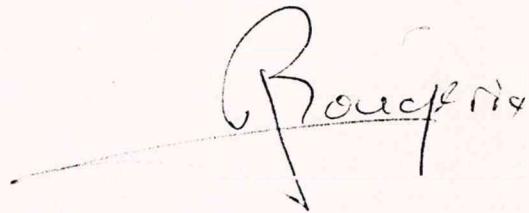
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Being interested in certain themes concerning man's future, I would like to know the aims of Malte foundation and what would be the possibilities and conditions to become member of it or only to follow its activities.

I hope it will be possible for you to reply to this letter in the near futur. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully

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Jacques ROUGERIE
Architecte
Directeur du C.A.M.



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Architecte
Directeur du C.A.M.

May 11, 1976

Mr. Robert M. Weintraub
Ruder & Finn
Senior Vice President
110 East 59th St.
New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Mr. Weintraub:

Lena Tabore showed me your letter and now I find here your letter of May 3. I am terribly sorry about the contretemps. As you easily might have ascertained by talking with the Abrams people, I was in New York as scheduled until May 8 with the exception of three days during which I had to make a quick trip to Algeria.

When I talked with you before leaving for Algeria, I was, frankly speaking, a little disappointed when you told me you had written letters to some of the representatives of news media. As you undoubtedly know from Lena, I was on the air and on TV practically every day of my stay in New York and so I was not convinced of the usefulness of this approach.

I want to stress that I really liked your first letter in which you defined what you thought could be done for the Friends of the International Ocean Institute, but I am sure you will agree with me that the "trial month" ended in a somewhat inconclusive way. Naturally you were busy with many other things during that time, but I do have a feeling that with our limited means, we might not be the most suitable client for you. It is of course an old story that one needs money in order to raise money, but I would think that for the moment at least, it would be more profitable for you and less burdensome on us if we did not pursue our intention to work together with you.

Thank you most sincerely for your interest. With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Elisabeth Mann Borgese

Elisabeth Mann Borgese

cc: Dr. Friedrich Landshoff
Harry N. Abrams, Inc.

RUDER & FINN

ROBERT M. WEINTRAUB
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

May 3, 1976

Mrs. Elisabeth Borghese
P.O. Box 4068
Santa Barbara, California 93103

Dear Mrs. Borghese:

I was disappointed to hear that you were called back to Europe prematurely.

As I had indicated, we have been talking to a number of syndicated writers and television producers about you. We have strong interest from the following: Associated Press, United Press International, CBS-TV, WOR-TV and Newspaper Enterprise Association. I called you this morning to work up a schedule with you only to learn of your departure. I believe most, if not all, of these interviews will be viable in the coming weeks.

Please let me know when you will be in New York next, so we can firm up these interviews.

Best regards.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Weintraub

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ROBERT M. WEINTRAUB
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

February 18, 1976

Mrs. Elizabeth Borgese
P.O. Box 4068
Santa Barbara, California 93103

Dear Mrs. Borgese:

The prospect of turning my abilities toward "inner space" after so many years of being involved with "outer space" (I was primary space project writer for Grumman) has me quite enthused. Because of my interest in the seas, David Finn suggested that I become involved with you concerning the promotion of the International Ocean Institute's concepts on conservation of our salt water resources.

As we discussed on the phone, your immediate need is an indication of what we could do -- in terms of the \$5,000 which David and you agreed upon as practicable -- that would have a very real meaning for the IOI. This letter is designed to explain in general terms what types of projects we can assist you with and what the impact on the IOI would be.

As we see it, there are four primary areas in which we should work at the beginning: developing a domestic nucleus of well-known persons which would be the source of future activities and the collectors of support; create an American constituency that will continually grow and provide broad-based support; generate publicity on the nucleus, the constituency and the cause; provide direction and counsel for replicating this type of activity throughout the major ocean powers of the world. Let's take each area by itself:

I. A Domestic Nucleus

You have many very influential friends, and so do we. By carefully choosing these people, we propose to establish two important groups that will be vital to the continuance of your work in the U.S.

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A "Council of One Hundred," or similarly named group, would provide prestige and influence. These very influential Americans will lend their names to the cause of the IOI and give the organization a great deal of credibility, something which it is going to need a great deal of in the coming struggle with commercial interests who will see the IOI as a threat. This Council will have to be carefully selected to provide a cross-section of American political, commercial, social and cultural, as well as scientific, interests. Ruder & Finn will assist you in this selection and prepare the necessary letter of invitation.

An "Advisory Board on Ocean Conservation," is necessary as a working group within the "Council." It would consist of between 10 and 15 people who would be willing to devote time and effort to the cause of conservation. This Advisory Board is very important as it would become the major working arm of the IOI in the U.S., providing speakers for major convocations, interviewees for the press, and channels of operations into the various target publics in the U.S., i.e. government, education, organized labor, business, etc. Ruder & Finn would assist in screening potential committee members and contacting them to obtain their support and involvement. We would also organize the initial meeting of this Board so that a chairman can be named and specific tasks set forth.

Everything else that will and can be accomplished on behalf of the IOI must start with these two groups. One provides prestige and credibility on a major scale while the other a strong leadership cadre. (We advise against calling this group a "Board of Directors" because the IOI already has one and there should only be one. An "Advisory Board" can be developed in many countries carrying on this theme.)

II. A Broad American Constituency

The general public is our target here. The objective will be to obtain significant membership in the IOI -- we can call it "associate membership" thus providing a special category of membership -- from the general population. As this membership grows its numbers will provide political muscle as well as contributed dollars. Membership fee would be a nominal sum. Special fund raising projects, however, can be merchandised to members for raising of significant sums.

Mrs. Elizabeth Borgese

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Ruder & Finn involvement in this phase would be the writing and design of a special brochure that would invite membership. We would also negotiate with various organizations (National Geographic Society, Museum of Natural History, special book clubs, etc.) to distribute the brochure.

Once the membership organization begins to grow, a periodic newsletter will be required to keep the members informed and maintain their interest and support. Ruder & Finn would design the newsletter format and we would do the final editing. A condition required because the \$5,000 annual fee we are discussing prohibits extensive personnel involvement, is that research and initial writing for newsletter articles must be provided by the IOI. If one or more researchers or correspondents can provide the data and material for newsletter articles, we will be able to provide the final writing, editing and preparation for the printer.

The size of the newsletter, and frequency of publication, will depend on available funds for printing and distribution. A quarterly publication schedule for the first year becoming bimonthly in the second is an optimistic plan.

III. Publicity

Ruder & Finn will also seek to develop publicity opportunities in all media to promote the IOI cause, the membership drive, and whatever special projects the Advisory Board becomes involved with. At first, the publication of your book "The Drama of the Oceans," provides an opportunity for extensive exposure to the general public. We are in touch with the Abrams publicity department and will seek to expand on their routine publicity efforts.

An important activity is appearance on TV and radio talk shows. These shows will provide an ideal platform for you not only to discuss your book, but the IOI and membership. The stations on which you appear can become distribution centers for the membership brochure. Ruder & Finn has important contacts with the major shows and we can match up your travel schedule with these opportunities.

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Once the Advisory Board has been established, each member will have the opportunity to be interviewed by the press or appear on television in his own locality or as he travels. Ruder & Finn will organize and conduct such a publicity program. The objective will be to create a crescendo of publicity on the subject of ocean conservation and call attention to the IOI and the public membership that will be available. As this publicity breeds greater and greater membership, more funds will become available to the IOI for additional projects and activities.

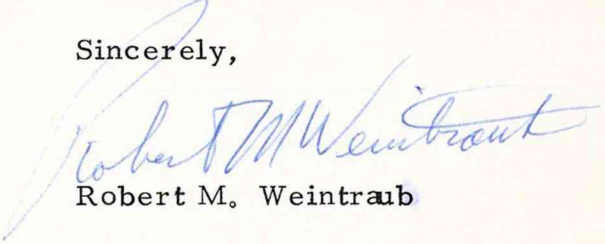
IV. Counsel

The most efficacious assistance we can provide to the IOI is our counsel. The task before the organization is a monumental one that transcends national boundaries. A world constituency is needed, not just national ones. We see the development of a world-wide "associate membership" as the formation of that constituency. It is not sufficient to have intellectual leaders supporting the IOI, we need the masses.

Molding public opinion in many cultures and societies, therefore, becomes an important task. Ruder & Finn would provide the IOI with a top management representative to participate with both the U.S. "Advisory Board" and the IOI Board of Directors. This involvement would maintain a continuous flow of public relations counseling on a world-wide basis.

This, then, Mrs. Borgese is what Ruder & Finn would like to do for you and the IOI. We believe that this is an exciting opportunity. We look forward to meeting with you in the near future to discuss our ideas.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Weintraub

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RUDER & FINN

January 6, 1976

Mrs. Elisabeth Mann Borgese
International Ocean Institute
Box 4716
Santa Barbara, California 93103

Dear Mrs. Borgese:

Welcome back to the United States. I hope you had a marvelous and productive time in Europe.

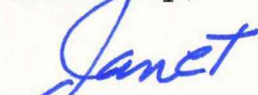
By now you have had a chance to talk with Betty Cott again, and I am sure she conveyed our enthusiasm for the objectives of the International Ocean Institute.

Dick Gilbert and I would very much like to meet with you again. We thought perhaps it might be more practical if you were to fly to San Francisco. I realize that having been away for so long, you must have a lot of catching up to do at home. However, - and this I know is contingent upon your conversation with Betty in New York - we feel that, if we are going to be working with you, we should develop our program prior to the publication date of your book. As we discussed, the book will be a very good launching point for your IOI campaign. So, we really would like to talk with you within the next two weeks.

I am also very curious to find out how your discussion with Mr. Abrams on including an International Ocean Institute membership form in the book went.

I look forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely,



Janet C. Ziegler
Account Executive

JCZ/js

cc Richard Gilbert



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Dear Elisabeth,

I'm delighted you will have time to expand on the conference remarks. We probably will have the manuscript into ABC-CLIO by the end of the month, but your section can be added to it later.

The transcript is enclosed. The girl who typed it did a poor job, but it will give you something from which to work.

Cordially,

Ruth A. Ross
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February 21, 1975.

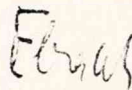
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Dear Ruth:

I fixed it up as best I could. And I hope it
is not too late.

All the best,

Yours cordially,



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This conference is about women's issues. At the same time, the 11 women proposed to make sure that our work here is not limited to the changing role of women in various societies.

at this conference ~~with~~ at our disposal a considerable refinement in our methods of inquiry. But the questions that we raised are really not as new as the many changes that we are living ⁱⁿ under whose impact we are ^{looking} living might lead us to believe. And we still haven't found the answers. I think that the nature of ~~the nature of~~ the interaction of economic factors, of religious factors, of political factors, of ideological factors, of organizational ^{and structural} ~~in~~ factors, ^{acting as} position of women, ^{is still troubling us.} we haven't puzzled out during this conference wither and I don't think any computer will ever puzzle it out. I was very much interested in the discussion of the impact of religion on these problems ~~that you have under consideration~~ and I think there is no doubt that the papers that we did discuss made it quite clear that both the Catholic church and Islam ^{rather} sort of had a depressing influence on the status of women, ^A and on women's movements. Of course we haven't asked ourselves what happened in Protestant societies, where the emancipation of women at certain times and certain places was ahead of other places. If we look back to the beginning of the Reformation we ^{feel that what} read ~~that~~ Martin Luther had to say about women its no less depressing. As a matter of fact on one occasion he defined women as a "stupid barrel" ~~and blew it for us~~.

~~He~~ and he had an earthy ~~pk~~ patriarch attitude toward women. And yet Protestant women occasionally have made it. One might go so far as to ask whether perhaps religion as a whole, religion as such has a depressing effect on the status of women. ~~and~~ if one were to come to such a conclusion, it would be a paradox because, on the other hand at all times and places it was ~~forbidden~~ the women that were the mainstay of the population and upheld religious values, it was a curious paradox, out of which I think we cannot ~~step out~~ unless we really consider the influence of religion in its interaction with the other factors. Reference has been made here ~~mf~~ by Dr. Merkl and others to the influence of industrialization ~~on~~ women's employment ~~and~~ the status of women, and I took this old book of mine along here and ~~made~~ it made me think of a couple of very curious quotes because this is a very very very ancient question, you would be surprised how ancient it is, I have one quote here that goes back to Havlock Ellis which ~~means~~ quite some years ago and he said and I quote "Modern civilization is becoming industrial ~~which~~ that is to say feminine in character for the industries belong primarily to women and they tend to make men like women." And then I went much much further back, to the times of the Egypt of the ~~1/2~~ Pharaoh, and Boethians and I found there that ~~Bachoven~~ ^{Bachofen} and his famous and now partly obsolete work on the Matriachy points out that these people ~~where~~ ^{where} men set at the loom and the women roamed about in the market square, that their industry physically soiled and degraded men and, as a consequence, women became free and superior, and Herodotus has a similar quote but I won't go into all of ~~ix~~ that. Something else funny came to my mind when we were speaking of the importance of African women and the indigenous colonies of Africa. We had a meeting in ~~SB~~ ^{Seoul, Korea} a few years ago, actually it was on human rights, it wasn't only on the women's question, and it was an international meeting and one of the participants was the Minister of Justice of Senegal ~~when we~~ ^{Source} had a little trouble with ~~languages~~ ^{English}, he only spoke French, ^{and} when one of our participants asked him "is it true that women play a considerable role in the market economy ~~x~~ in Africa and he looked puzzled and he had the question translated to him and then he looked a little

offended and he said, Oh no, we don't buy and sell our women on the market." Well so much for the linguistic confusion. ^{certainly} We ~~suddenly~~ did a look into the interaction between the whole development ~~of~~ process and the liberation of women, and I think we didn't get very far there either. ~~Because development interworked.~~ I came across a quote by Alva ^{Mumford} ~~Mitgard~~ in a book of the 50's which I want to read to you because I think it is pertinent. She said in that book "women can get ahead more easily in underdeveloped countries. I feel that in India and in Ceylon for example women come forward at about the same time that men do ~~f~~ and are taken more for granted than in the nations where women traditionally take a back seat to men. These women have missed the repressive Victorian ex era and skipping the 19th Century can be helpful." I think that is a very strong and ~~very~~ valid point. ^{perhaps} I think that one point that stands out solidly as an agreement in our debates and discussion ^{many} the last two days ^{and that} is that women are doing better in the Communist nations. There seems to be just no way of getting ^{around that} out of that. I would like to sum up some of the things that have been said and ^{maybe} ~~make~~ adding a couple of other points. I would like to give you 4 reasons why ^{women} that ~~should be so~~ ^{should do better in Communist countries}. First of all, all ~~our~~ socialist thinkers, all communist thinkers, whether they were Marxist, pre-Marxist or post-Marxist ^{upheld} have ~~had~~ feminine participation, feminine liberation as one point on their agenda, and you can go back to Plato and you can go through the Utopian socialist in France and elsewhere in the 18th century and you can go through the whole literature of Marxism and you can go ~~thru~~ ^{thru} Mao, and there is no doubt about that. So this of course is a point that does condition the program and the actions of all the communist states. The second point is that in an economy that aims at equity as a primary ^{goal} ~~aim~~ rather than aiming at economic efficiency, ~~in such an economy women certainly are~~ handicapped in such a way because of domestic burdens, ^{women} in such an economy they certainly have a better chance and it is the only economy where they have a better chance. In a competitive free-for-all economy ^{women are handicapped} so long as the social order is what it is ^{and} as our values about family and so on, are by and large what they are, a woman cannot make it except exceptionally. So that is the second point--equity, emphasis on social productivity

rather than on material productivity. The third point which has been referred to repeatedly is that only in a socialist economy can you have a socialization of domestic function which frees women from their household chores and to some extent lifts the handicap from them. The only alternative that we have to socialization of domestic function, is the slave economy where you have a few upper class women freed on the basis of domestic economy that is run by domestic slave labor or by servants, and this is the model that is embodied in the society of India, where some women do indeed have a very high status including the prime minister, ^{and that we had in Renaissance Europe} but I think that there is probably nobody here who thinks that a society where the freedom of a few women is paid for by the slave labor of a ~~very~~ large class of people, is a model that is acceptable for us to look forward to in the future. So then the only alternative is a model based on the socialization of the domestic functions. ^{My book point} While the first one is one that is not generally made. I made it 10 or 15 years ago when I wrote my book. It is the main topic of my book and I wish ~~one~~ could come back to it and do it better today than I did it at that time, but my point was that its not chance that the socialist thinkers ~~are~~ and leaders have emphasized so much the importance of liberation because ^{because of women} ~~they~~ there is indeed a kind of affinity between what is community-oriented, collectivest, if you want to use that word which ~~is~~ is a word I don't like to use because it is ambiguous, ^{between what is} but ~~transindividualist~~ and what is feminine, and that this affinity goes very very much deeper than sociology. You can study it in biology and I'll just give you a very cheap and dramatic example. ^{as} Among all social insects you know that ~~they~~ are female dominated. At any rate in nature we have an interaction between socialization ^{interaction} between the social environment ~~between environment in general~~ and sex ~~evolution~~ and ^{male} sex determination which I think hasn't been studied enough, ^{it} it has been studied in ~~xxxxxx~~ its own terms but it has not been studied enough in connection with human sociology. If one does study it of course there is always a caveat. It is sometimes oversimplistic to extrapolate from worms to human society. ^{At any rate,} These I think are the four reasons that explain why women do better in socialist societies than they do in

individualistic societies. ^{delete} During this ~~date~~ we have also honestly faced the reasons ,
the extent of failure ^{has} existed and still exists in Socialist societies ^{and all of them}
^{or} that ~~is~~ Yugoslavia, China, ^{we} have seen that there is a danger of backsliding and we might
ask ourselves what might be the reason ~~of~~ for that. Well in the first place I think that
it is more useful to look toward the achievements than towards the failures, the
achievements indeed have been quite great and considerable ^{much} than anywhere else and
^{there will always remain} problems that ~~always remain~~ for us and we never will reach a perfect solution to any
problem, not even to the women's problem. But I think that ~~un~~ perhaps the basic
reason for the residue of failure is because even ~~the~~ ^{they} have gone very far into
^{touching} the problems in its fundamentals they may not have gone quite far ~~enuf~~.
and that ^{applies to} ~~as for~~ the Chinese family law as we had it explained to us, ^{the}
basic value system of the family consisting of men women and children remains untouched.
And the question that we really have to ask ourselves ^{is;} can we solve ~~the~~ the problem in
these terms. I have a ^{much} ~~problem~~ that we can do much better than we are doing today
but ~~that~~ we may not be able to really solve ~~it~~. ^{the problem is} The basic problem, it seems to me, that
we have not quite clarified to ourselves ^{is what is} the goal of the liberation of women. Are
we aiming at a society where women are different from men, are separate but equal.
Now we know from other cases that ^{that is a} ~~the~~ goal that is elusive. Or are we aiming at a
real equalization and ~~at a~~ redistribution of values. In that case we might have to go
very far. We might even have to think which is a thought that makes many of us shudder --
~~But still we might~~ ^{we might even have to} think of the externalization and socialization of ~~xxxxx~~ the
whole reproductive function. Modern technology would make that absolutely possible if
that were a value that we wanted to strive for. Now I'm not advocating it here. I am
merely saying that if we really wanted to go to the root of the problem this would be a
~~tying~~ thing that we might consider. Without going quite as far as that, I recently came across
a paper by a social psychologist by the name of David Gottman, from Michigan, I don't
know whether you are familiar with him, well I had some interesting correspondence with

him because I congratulated him on the paper that he recently wrote ^{in which} and ~~which~~ he points out that it would be just ~~x~~ to redistribute feminine and masculine values among all individuals and that we might have a society in which people at certain phases of their lives are female and ~~x~~ in ^{other phases} part of their lives male. He points out that among young ~~people~~ females are more females and males are more aggressive and that in a later stage the roles ~~x~~ really reverse and that females become more dominant and more aggressive and males become more docile ~~xx~~ and socializable. Well this would be one ^{androgenous} model.

There could be different ones. In my book I ~~sort of in a satirical way~~ drew up a different one. But at any rate one can recombine masculine and feminine values in a much more radical way and there is no limit to this kind of combination. On the whole I think we should move away from a situation in which sex divisions constitute a cast division which is ~~my~~ definition ~~xx~~ undemocratic and antidemocratic and we move instead to a division of labor according to phase that is where people do certain types of work ~~xx~~ during certain phases of their lives. I think that is a much more dynamic and democratic ^{system}.

Well in conclusion I think it is too bad that this one item ^{that we missed here} that we missed here, we did have a biologist here, Dr Comfort, but we did not have a paper by a biologist and I think when you make up the volume you might include a paper by Comfort or perhaps by another biologist who would look at these questions of social ~~revolution~~ evolution in the context of biological ~~evolution~~. That's all thank you.

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