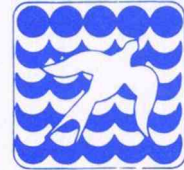


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INDEPENDENT WORLD COMMISSION ON THE OCEANS

H.E. Ambassador Don Mills
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Dear Don:

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.

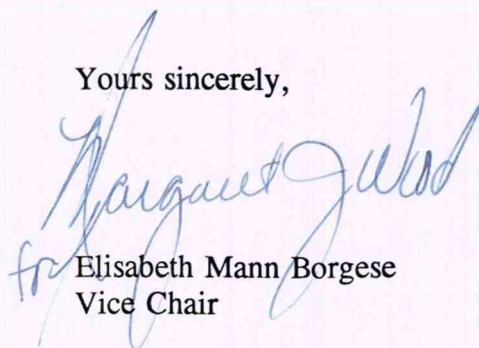
A set of documentation for the meeting will be sent within the next two weeks.

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, which appears to read 'Elisabeth Mann Borgese'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. To the left of the signature, there is a small, handwritten 'fr' in blue ink.

Elisabeth Mann Borgese
Vice Chair



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To: Ambassador Don Mills
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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese
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Date: 15 September, 1995

Subject: World Commission

Dear Don,

That phone call last night was a lovely surprise!

I am attaching copy of the original proposal which, with some calendar adjustments, is still valid.

The Chairman of the Commission is President Soares. There are five vice chairmen:

Kader Asmal, for Africa. he is the Minister for Water and Forest Resources, a close friend of Nelson Mandela, and seems to be an excellent man.

Yoshio Suzuki for Asia. He is the top man at the Nomura Research Institute, enormously influential in Japan and the nicest guy you can imagine.

Guido De Marco of Malta for Europe. No comment.

Jose Israel Vargas of Brazil, for Latin America and the Caribbean. I found him quite excellent.

Myself for North America.

Layashi Yaker is Secretary-General.

Believe it or not, the membership has not yet been finalised. However, I am attaching a list as it now stands.

We have a lot of material, already prepared, and shall post it to you. It is an exciting challenge --but it ain't going to be easy!

Have a wonderful trip, and much love to both of you.

Yours as ever

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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese
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Date: 8 November, 1995

Subject: Your fax of November 6

Dear Don,

Sorry to have left you with so much uncertainty! Now as to your questions!

1. Yes, indeed Costa Rica is from December 3-7. I attach the agenda as it now stands.
2. Some of us (IOI Governing Board, UNDP have to stay after the conference for meetings (Members of our Governing Board; Directors of our Operational Centres, Vice Chancellors of the host institutions of our Centres, UNDP) on the 8th and 9th. We shall leave Costa Rica on the 10th, to arrive in Tokyo on the 11th. Executive Committee there meets on the 12th.

You are quite free to return to Jamaica on the 8th, and leave from there for Tokyo on the 12th, so as to be there for the opening of the Plenary on December 13. If that were your option, we could send you a prepaid ticket Jamaica-Costa Rica-Jamaica, and you would only have to make your arrangements for the Tokyo trip. The choice of the air line and the route would be up to you. And you certainly could stop over in San Francisco. The World Commission will refund you for a business class direct fare, Jamaica-Tokyo-Jamaica. But that does include San Francisco.

3. The date for the Tokyo meeting indeed is December 13, 14. and 15. and you

could leave on the 16th.

I hope that answers all your questions!

See you soon!