



REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA  
**MINISTRY OF LANDS, MINES AND ENERGY**  
P. O. BOX 9024  
MONROVIA, LIBERIA



TELEPHONE: 221580

February 7, 1985

*Madam Elisabeth Mann Borgese,*

The Head of State of Liberia and President of the Interim National Assembly will qualify me as Deputy Minister of Lands, Mines & Energy for Administration on Monday, February 11, 1985 at 3:00 P.M. in the Parlours of the Executive Mansion, Monrovia, Liberia.

You are cordially invited as my guest(s)

*Thomas W. Sherman*

Thomas W. Sherman  
DEPUTY MINISTER - DESIGNATE

N.B The Head of State has also nominated me to receive a Liberian Distinction as Chairman of the First African Governments' Conference on the Law of the Sea.

*Will see you in Kingston soon. Best wishes & bye for now.*

Dear Tom

Your letter of Feb 7 just received  
is 100% proof of the Splendid Career of the Librarian  
alumnus. Please accept our most heartfelt congratulations  
and the best.

We are looking forward to many more years  
of fruitful cooperation with you and your government.

From Sidney

The Head of State of Liberia and President of the  
National Executive Council will greatly be an honor  
to have a member of such a high & noble lineage  
in his country. He is a member of the  
Executive Council of the Executive Council, Liberia.

You are cordially invited to be present.

John W. Stewart  
Secretary  
REPORTS DIVISION & RESEARCH

The Head of State has  
also nominated me to  
become a Librarian  
as Chairman of the first  
Government Conference on the  
Law of the Sea.

With best wishes for your success in the future.



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Geneva  
16 June 1985

TELEPHONE: 221580

Telex: 487532 LAMIN LS

Dear Madam Borgese,  
Warm greetings from Geneva. I write to express my regrets for not been able to attend Pacem in Maribus in Moscow due to extended official assignment in Europe since 8 May 1985. I am just about to return to Liberia on 21 June. We had hope that ~~at least~~ I would return to Liberia around 20 May to be able to proceed to Moscow -- but unfortunately, things didn't work out. I am very sorry indeed. Will explain to you in details in Geneva when we meet for the Prep Com this summer. In the meantime, I hope that you had a successful meeting as usual.

We are currently in Europe holding talks with business partners of Liberia in the Mining industry. We will conclude this week and will return to Liberia on 21 June.

Hope you are well and best wishes as usual.  
Bye for now.

Sincerely,  
Thomas W. Sherman





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July 29, 1985

TELEPHONE: 221580

*Prof. Elisabeth Mann Borgese,*

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Liberia will, on behalf of the Head of State of Liberia and President of the Interim National Assembly, confer a National Distinction (Liberian Decoration) -- Grand Commander of the Order of the Star of Africa -- on,

Mr. Thomas W. Sherman  
Deputy Minister of Lands, Mines & Energy  
for Administration

on Thursday, August 1, 1985, at 4:00 p.m. at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Monrovia, Liberia, for services rendered the Government and People of Liberia in the following capacities:

1. Vice President, UN Law of the Sea Conference (1978 - 1982)
2. Vice Chairman, UN Preparatory Commission for the Law of the Sea (1983 - present)
3. President, First African Governments' Conference on the Law of the Sea (1984 - present)
4. Vice Chairman, UN Conference on the Environment for Africa (1984 - present)
5. Co-author, Paperback (178 pages) on the New International Economic Order and the Law of the Sea

You are cordially invited as my guest(\$).

*Warm greetings from Liberia  
and hope to see you soon  
in Geneva for the Prep Com Meeting.  
Best wishes and bye,  
Tom*

*Thomas W. Sherman*  
Thomas W. Sherman





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Halifax, Canada  
24 October 1985

TELEPHONE: 221580

Telex: ~~4453~~  
44532 LAMIN LI

Dear Mine Borgese,

I called you but was told that you are currently attending a meeting at the Maritime Institute in Malmö, Sweden. Have been in Halifax since 20 October for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Underwater Mining Institute and I am returning to New York this afternoon. Hopefully, I will return to Liberia by 5 November 1985.

I had hoped to discuss further with you on training possibilities if we are not carried in Government next <sup>year</sup>. We just had our elections and still don't know what is what. As soon as the results are known, I will be writing to you shortly or will give you a call from Liberia.

We have had a pleasant stay in Halifax. Sorry, we missed you. The meeting was, in our opinion, successful. The papers on Manganese nodules were interesting (by a representative from Deep Sea Ventures).

Best wishes and bye,

Thomas W. Sherman



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28 January 1986

TELEPHONE: 221580

Telex: 44532 LAMIN  
Li

Dear Prof. Borgese,

Warm New Year's greetings from Liberia. How have you been? Hope very well.

Following the change of Government (Inauguration of our new President) a new Cabinet was announced. Our Ministry has a new Minister of Lands, Mines & Energy. In view of this change, I still <sup>and will</sup> need your help now to find something to do. There are more nominations to be made. I will be able to brief you fully on the developments when I see you, hopefully, in Kingston.

When I spoke to you in late December, you told me to inform you quickly after the change of Government on 6 January 1986 so as to know what to do for me. It appears that there are difficult days ahead and I want to avert them, if possible. It is likely that I will be coming to Kingston in early March for the LOS Conference. I will be able to acquaint you fully with my situation at the moment. We have lost over 52% of our salaries because of austerity measures introduced as of 1 December 1985. It is very frustrating. There is no end in sight.

Hope to call you soon. A friend of mine is mailing this letter from Geneva.

Best wishes and hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Sherman





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May 23, 1986

TELEPHONE: 221580

Telex: 44532 Lamin Li

Dear Madam Borgese,

Our greetings from Liberia. How have you been?  
I guess that you have been very busy as usual.

Enclosed is a copy of my Curriculum Vitae as requested by you. Meanwhile, I am awaiting the application forms whenever they are available.

Have resumed duties and are currently working on a gold exploration program in Eastern Liberia. Further, we are still exploring for oil offshore.

All is fair on this end. We look forward to seeing you in August when the Prep Com resumes.  
Best wishes and bye for now.

Sincerely,  
Thomas W. Sherman





# International Ocean Institute

P.O. Box 524 Valletta - Malta

Cables: Interocean

July 12, 1986

Mr. Tom Sherman  
Ministry of Mines and Energy  
Government of Liberia  
Monrovia, Liberia

Dear Tom:

I have checked out the fellowship situation here in Canada, and I see two good possibilities. One is ICOD (International Centre for Ocean Development). ICOD is starting a fellowship programme for candidates for a Master's in 1987.

Much better, however, would be a Commonwealth scholarship, and I have been in touch with the responsible person.

However, in both cases, you need to be nominated by your Government, through your Department of Education. Could you please arrange that as soon as possible?

Looking forward to seeing you in August in New York,

Yours cordially,

Elisabeth Mann Borgese

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DATE August 1, 1986

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Client ICOD

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PROF. ELISABETH MANN BORGESSE  
CHAIRMAN, INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR OCEAN DEVELOPMENT  
HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA  
CANADA

HAVE JUST RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF 9 JUNE 1986 CMA BUT IT CAME  
WITHOUT THE ENCLOSURE OF THE COPY OF YOUR LETTER TO THE EXECUTIVE  
PRESIDENT OF ICODE STOP  
HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON IN NEW YORK FOR THE PREP COM MEETING STOP  
GOT MY APPROVAL YESTERDAY TO TRAVEL SO I HOPE TO BE IN NEW YORK  
LATE NEXT WEEK OR SO STOP  
KINDEST REGARDS,  
THOMAS W. SHERMAN  
DEPUTY MINISTER OF LANDS, MINES AND ENERGY  
WELL RECD?\*\*\*\*\*

*Read to E. Borgesse  
14:40 Aug 1st 1986.*

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New York, USA  
10 September 1986

TELEPHONE: 221580

Telex: 44532 LAMIN L;

Dear Mme Borgese,

Warm greetings from New York. How have you been? Hope very well.

Enclosed are the reports that you requested.

All is fair on this end and I will return to Liberia by Pan Am on 15 September 1986.

Please note that the 5<sup>th</sup> Session of the Prep Com will convene in Kingston, Jamaica, as of 30 March 1987 for a month.

Best wishes and bye for now.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Sheward





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December 9, 1986

TELEPHONE: 221580

Telex: 44532 LAMIN LI

Dear Mr. Borgese,

Warm seasons greetings from Liberia and many thanks for all of your efforts relative to my scholarship for 1987. In spite of the fact that my new Minister sent you the recommendation on my behalf, he has failed to give me the scholarship brochure and the application documents. However, I am informed by Ms. Carol F. Stanish, the Programme Officer, that only two Academic references are now required in my case since Minister Wm. Amara Freeman has already sent a letter of recommendation for me earlier.

In view of the problems with Minister Freeman, I would appreciate it if you will send the brochure and other documents to me directly so that I can meet the deadline as per our telephone conversation.

My academic references are:

1. Dr. Abeodu B. Jones  
University of Liberia  
C/o Dr. A. E. Nyema Jones  
Mines Management Associates  
P. O. Box 548  
Monrovia, Liberia



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TELEPHONE: 221580

2. Dr. Christian E. Baker  
Former President  
Cuttington University College  
c/o Bishop's House  
P.O. Box 277  
Monrovia, Liberia

3. Prof. Pothan A. Varughese  
145 Concord St.  
Indiana, Pennsylvania 15701  
U. S. A.

Just that all is well with you. Our best wishes  
for a Merry Christmas and very prosperous New Year.  
Bye for now.

Sincerely,  
Thomas W. Sherman

Thomas W. Sherman  
Min of Lands/Mines/Energy  
P. O. Box 9024  
Monrovia, LIBERIA

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Geneva

17 August 1987

Dear M<sup>re</sup> Borgese,

Warm greetings and many thanks again to you for the kind invitation to attend Pacem in Maribus XV which, in my opinion, was an overwhelming success. Glad that those important matters relating to the Law of the Sea were clearly addressed. Thanks to your personal involvement and active participation.

I will be returning to Liberia tomorrow by Swissair. Hope you had a pleasant and safe trip back to Canada.

Our best wishes to you as usual and many thanks again for our participation. Bye for now.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Sherman



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May 27, 1988

Telephone: 221580  
221488

Prof. Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
Chairman, Planning Council, IOI  
Department of Political Science  
Dalhousie University  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
Canada B3H 4H6

Dear Madam Borgese,

I wish to thank you for your kind invitation extended to me to participate in Pacem in Maribus XVI, scheduled to convene in Halifax, Canada, from 22 to 26 August 1988. The Minister of Foreign Affairs has already written to the President to obtain his authorization for me to attend. I am certain that everything will be all right.

Meanwhile, I have contacted the Travel Agency for the routing. They confirm the route-- Monrovia/Geneva/New York/Halifax/New York/Geneva/Monrovia. The portion-- Monrovia/Geneva/New York/Geneva/Monrovia--can be covered by Swissair while the other portion-- New York/Halifax/New York -- can be covered by Air Canada. So, kindly have my air ticket sent through Swissair in Monrovia. Further, there is a 10 percent Government tax levied on the full value of the cost of ticket. I will obtain the Canadian visa in New York.

Further, I am glad that you received the copy of the Final Press Release on the Prep Com that was mailed to you from New York last April. Trust that your trip to Hawaii was successful.

I hope that you got the telex message sent on your birthday last month.

My telex is 44532 LAMIN Li. Many thanks again for the kind invitation and hope to see you soon.

Kindest warm regards,

Sincerely,

*Thomas W. Sherman*  
Thomas W. Sherman





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TELEPHONE: 221580  
TELEX: 44532 LAMIN LI

July 28, 1988

Prof. Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
Chairman, Planning Council, IOI  
Dalhousie University  
1321 Edward Street  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
Canada B3H 3H5

Dear Madam Borgese:

Many thanks again for your kind invitation extended to me to attend Pacem in Maribus XVI, scheduled to convene in Halifax, Canada, from 22 to 26 August 1988. Government has already granted me the authorization to attend.

Meanwhile, I have received the Brochure indicating the agenda for Pacem in Maribus XVI, filled-out the Advance Registration Form and mailed it to the IOI to the attention of Dr. John Vandermeulen, Conference Co-ordinator. Further, I have telexed the information required on the Form to the Conference Co-ordinator, just in case the Form does not arrive in the mail by 15 July 1988 as requested.

The Travel Agency here is trying to get confirmed reservations for me especially from New York to Halifax and back. The route -- New York/Montreal/Halifax/Montreal/New York -- will be covered by Air Canada while the portion -- Monrovia/Geneva/New York/ Geneva/Monrovia -- will be covered by Swissair. I expect to arrive in Halifax on 21 August 1988 through New York from Liberia. So, kindly send my air ticket through Swissair in Monrovia (Liberia) by 10 August 1988 so that we can make all the necessary bookings as this is the season.

Many thanks again for the kind invitation and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Kindest warm regards and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas W. Sherman  
DEPUTY MINISTER



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ATTN: PROF. ELISABETH MANN BORGESE  
CHAIRMAN, ICOD  
5670 SPRING GARDEN ROAD  
HALIFAX, CANADA

WE LEAVE LIBERIA THIS WEEK FOR KINGSTON VIA NEW YORK FOR THE LAW OF  
THE SEA, LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE PREP COM MEETING.  
WARM GREETINGS TO YOUR FINE STAFF AND SAFE TRIP TO.

KINDEST REGARDS,  
THOMAS W. SHERMAN  
DEPUTY MINISTER TLX: 44532 LAMIN LI

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New York, USA  
5 September 1989

Tel: 221580  
221488

Dear M<sup>rs</sup> Borgese,

Warm greetings from New York. How have you been? Hope very well.

Enclosed please find a full set of the Final Reports presented last Friday. Also, enclosed is a copy of the Final Press Release. Hope you find them useful.

I will return to Liberia tomorrow. Hope you <sup>had</sup> a safe and pleasant trip back to Halifax.

Many thanks again for all of your support of us. Our best wishes and bye for now.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Sherman

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Enclosures: 6 Reports  
1 Final Press Release



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MONROVIA, LIBERIA



New York, USA  
7 September 1988

TELEPHONE: 221580

Dear Mr. Borgese,

Warm greetings from New York and I hope that you had a pleasant and successful trip to Ghana. I wish to thank you again for your kind invitation and support of us to attend Pacem in Maribus XVI. The fruitful exchanges were in a large measure attributable to you especially and your excellent staff for the fine organization of the entire Meeting. Many thanks again personally.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Final Press Release on the Resumed 6<sup>th</sup> Session of the Prep Com. Hope you find it useful.

I will return to Liberia this weekend and we look forward to seeing you again in Kingston in February 1989.

Merry Christmas and a Happy 1989 in advance.  
Many thanks again and bye for now.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Sherman

Enclosure: -1 Press release



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September 19, 1989.

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Mr. Thomas W. Sherman  
Ministry of Lands, Mines and Energy  
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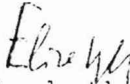
Dear Tom:

Thanks so much for the final reports. It is really very kind of you to take care of this each time, and I am most grateful.

I am just back from Holland. Preparations for Pacem in Maribus XVIII are proceeding very well.

All the best to you and warmest regards.

Yours as ever,

  
Elisabeth Mann Borgese



Kingston, Jamaica  
25 March 1990

Dear M<sup>re</sup>. Borgese,

Warm greetings again from Kingston, Jamaica.  
In keeping with our telephone conversation, I  
am sending the full address of our Foreign Minister  
in Liberia for my authorization to participate  
as a discussant in PIM XVIII in Rotterdam,  
The Netherlands, in August 1990. Here ~~is~~ the  
address:

H. E. Hon. J. Rudolph Johnson  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Monrovia, LIBERIA, West Africa

Telex: 44501 FORMIN LI  
or 44224 FORMIN LI

Tel. 221599

Kindly send the letter as soon as possible  
as it takes time to process things to finally get  
the authorization.

I will fly to New York from Kingston on 3 April.  
Will mail the Reports and other documents to you  
from New York. Will depart for Liberia around 6<sup>th</sup> April.

Many thanks again for your kind  
invitation to participate in PIM XVIII.

Happy Easter and best wishes as usual.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas W. Sherman  
Deputy Minister

**Thomas W. Sherman  
Min of Lands, Mines & Energy  
P. O. Box 10-9024  
1000 Monrovia 10, LIBERIA**

New York, USA

4 April 1990

Dear Mme Borgese,

In keeping with our phone conversation, I am enclosing the Reports of the four Special Commissions and also the Report of the Chairman of the Preparatory Commission. In addition to those five Reports, there are the following documents:

1. The final Press release -- SEA/K/59 of 30 March 1990
2. Document LOS/PCN/SCN.2/L.7 of 23 March 1990 -- Implementation of the Preparatory Commission Training Programme  
Recommendations of Special Commission 2. They were adopted by the Plenary.
3. Understanding on the fulfilment of obligations by the Registered Pioneer Investors and their Certifying States  
(A document issued to the Group of 77)
4. Revised Provisional Conclusions of the Deliberations of Special Commission I. (Hopefully these will form the basis of recommendations to the Authority).

Mme Borgese, these were the key final documents issued.

Mr. Nnamdi indicated that the latest Law of the Sea Bulletin is still in print.

Meanwhile, here is the full address of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Liberia for my authorization to attend P15XVIII in Rotterdam:

H.E. Hon. J. Rudolph Johnson

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Monrovia, LIBERIA, West Africa

Telex: 44501 FORMIN LI

or 44224 FORMIN LI

Telephone: 221599



Mme Borgese, kindly send the letter to Foreign Minister Johnson as early as possible as it takes a long time to process the request for the authorization for me to attend the meeting.

We missed you in Kingston, but we hope that you will find the Reports useful.

I will return to Liberia this weekend. The Prep Com will resume in New York in Mid August.

Happy Easter and many thanks again for your kind invitation extended to me to attend PIM XVIII in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

Best wishes and bye for now.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas W. Sherman  
Deputy Minister

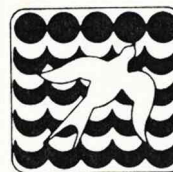
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I.O.I. - Malta  
April 9, 1990

*Mr. Tom Sherman  
Ministry of Mines  
Monrovia, Liberia*

*Dear Tom:*

*Two matters today:*

1. *The reason why I had to miss Jamaica was that I had to be in Beijing, for the AALCC/ IOI joint project. Did I mention this to you already? In any case, here is a copy of the project. It is our intention to have a seminar on this some time during the summer session of the Prep.Com. I would like to make it a real common project, with an input from Asians and Africans. So could you commission a paper which would be discussed, together with this, at the seminar? It could either be a commentary on this basic paper, or it could provide additional information, e.g., on R&D, maybe on the shipping portion of ocean mining, or suggestions with regard to joint ventures. But there should be a Liberian discussion paper. - I am also enclosing copy of the statement I made in Beijing introducing the project.*

2. *We are organising a special Class A training programme (ocean mining; high tech development and management) in Helsinki, in cooperation with their oceanographic institute and Rauma Repola. Five weeks, July/ August. The Finnish Government is generously supporting the course. We can accept only 15 participants for this programme, which is very very intense. Please nominate a candidate. We would be happy to accept him or her.*

3. *The IOI has applied for consultative status with IMO.*

*Quite obviously, there are a lot of common interests. We have devoted two big conferences to shipping and navigation (Moscow and Rotterdam), we publish continuously on shipping problems in Ocean Yearbook; shipping, and ports and harbours occupy a major place in all our training programmes; we teach an annual course at WMO in Malmö, and are in close cooperation with IMLI in Malta -- so there is no doubt that we qualify.*

*Now we need the support of the Liberian Delegation at IMO. Could you help us? Your Delegation consists of the Hon. J.P. Keller, the Hon. G.B. Cooper, Mr. F.T. Lininger, and Mr. R.B. Goodridge. Do you know any of them? Could you draw their attention to this upcoming decision and put in a good word for us?.*

*This year we also get consultative Status, category B, at UNESCO!*

*All the very best, and looking forward to seeing you soon,*

*Yours as ever,*

W/IDV/Sherman, T.



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I.O.I. - Malta  
April 10, 1990

*Minister for Foreign Affairs  
H.E. Mr. J. Rudolph Johnson  
Government of Liberia  
Monrovia, Liberia*

*Excellency:*

*On August 26, 1990, our Eighteenth Conference, Pacem in Maribus XVIII, will open in Rotterdam. I am enclosing the programme.*

*We have invited **Thomas Sherman** to participate in the proceedings as a commentator and will be happy to pay for his air fare and sojourn in Rotterdam.*

*We would be most grateful if you could give him your authorization to participate in the Conference.*

*Thanking you for your cooperation, with all good wishes,*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Elisabeth Mann Borgese*  
Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
Chairman, Planning Council



Dalhousie University

International Ocean  
Institute



April 27, 1990

Mr. Thomas W. Sherman  
Ministry of Lands, Mines & Energy  
P.O. Box 10-9024  
1000 Monrovia 10, Liberia

Dear Tom:

Thanks for your various missiles, including the documents which all have safely arrived. I am so sorry I missed Jamaica this year.

I have written to Minister Johnson long ago, as a matter of fact, immediately when you told me the first time, and I hope he has received my letter and everything is o.k. If you have any difficulties, please do let me know.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Rotterdam.,

With all good wishes,

Yours as ever,

Elisabeth Mann Borgese



Thomas W. Sherman  
c/o Prof. Rudiger Wolfrum  
Institute for International Law  
University of Kiel  
Olshausenstrasse 40  
D 2300 Kiel, West Germany  
August 22, 1990

Dear Mine Berger,

Warm greetings from Kiel. How have you been? Hope

very well.

Following our telephone conversation yesterday, I am  
sending my address in Kiel for any assistance you might  
find for me to tie me even until the political situation  
settles in Liberia. I have been in Kiel since early  
July when we came to attend the Symposium on the  
Law of the Sea upon the invitation of Prof. Rudiger  
Wolfrum. Prof. Wolfrum, Prof. Chairman Jony, Dr. Berndt Ballah,  
Prof. Gen. Executive Secretary Dilliver Nelson attended  
the Symposium also. Its objective was to find ways of  
making the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea more  
internationally acceptable.

I regret that due to the current political problems  
in Liberia and the attendant problems of obtaining the  
various visas, I am not able to come to Rotterdam  
to participate in PIM XVIII. I have already communicated  
this to Mr. Jan Ethinger. Many thanks again for your  
kind invitation. I wish you all a successful PIM XVIII. Safe trip also.  
The telex here is 292 656 CAUKI D. The fax is 880-2072.  
The telephone is (0431) 56 60 90.  
I am here until the airport in Liberia re-opens, but I will  
contact you before leaving Kiel. Best wishes and hope -  
Sincerely,

Thomas W. Sherman

Telex: 292 656 Cauki D  
Fax: 880-2072  
Telephone: (0431) 8 10 21

Thomas W. Sherman  
c/o Prof. Rudiger Wolfrum  
Institute for International Law  
University of Kiel  
Olshausenstrasse 40  
D 2300 Kiel, GERMANY  
September 29, 1992

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Dear Mme Borgese,

Warm greetings again from Kiel. I am still here with Prof. Wolfrum due to the continuing conflict in Liberia. Enclosed please find a facsimile of the latest article on Liberia including an independent assessment of the conflict by Ms. Janet Fleischman of Africa Watch. As you can see, our crisis is far from over.

Yesterday the newspaper, Kieler Nachrichten, carried a photograph of you in the TV Guide section regarding your interview with Ms. Amadou Seitz last night. Luckily, I saw the TV Guide on time and was, therefore, able to watch your interesting interview in its entirety on your family, the IOI and the Law of the Sea Convention. As usual, you were at your best. Therefore, our congratulations to you for an excellent interview. Further, I am enclosing the section of the Newspaper that contains the announcement of your interview.

Meanwhile, I have received a copy of the *Pacem in Maribus* <sup>XX</sup> Announcement from Dr. Anna Mallia, Co-ordinator of PIM <sup>XX</sup> which is to convene in Malta from 1 to 5 November 1992. However, I am not optimistic that I will be able to attend this important and special 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event due to our conflict in Liberia. Therefore, I wish to extend to you and the participants our best wishes for a successful meeting.



In the meantime, I have registered at the University of Kiel to learn the German language while our plight in Liberia lasts. Prof. Wolfum has been most helpful and kind. School is progressing fine.

Again, our congratulations for a fine Interview on TV last night and our best wishes for a fruitful PIM XX. Ich hoffe, daß Du gesund bist. Zwischenzeitlich wünsche ich Dir alles Gute.

Sincerely yours,  
Thomas W. Sherman

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My dear Tom,

Thanks so much, first for your telephone call, and then for the very kind note and the enclosed articles about my brother.

Well, he was 85. So it goes. It was very sad, though. I did go to Zürich, for the funeral and the commemoration organised by the City of Zürich --and then, back to work. There was Barbados, with the conference on the small island developing States. Nice Conference. It adopted a lovely Plan of Action --relying on the "donors" to finance it. But the "donors" don't do it, and we better proceed on the basis of self-reliance and of creating new ways of generating international revenue for development purposes, such as international taxation!

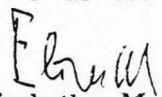
Incidentally, I have a very dear young friend in Kiel. Most of the time he is on a research ship, but when he is in Kiel, you might enjoy meeting him. His name is Nikolaus Gelpke, and his telephone number, 678 515, fax 6 20 76.

All of Africa, not only your country is in a terrible situation. I don't know where it is all going to go.

We had an interesting "leadership seminar" in Addis, at the ECA, to generate more interest in the oceans, but Africa needs more than the oceans!

Warm greetings, and all the best to you --I am sure by now you talk German with a Kiel accent!

Yours as ever,

  
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Dear Tom,

Thanks so much for your Thanksgiving-Christmas-New-Years letter and card!

The news about your country is depressing, but how lucky you are to be in Kiel!  
What are you doing now?

It seems that perhaps we will have an IOI Operational Centre in Bremen. That  
may perhaps give occasion for collaboration. It would e nice.

I was in Hamburg, for the inauguration of the Law of the Sea Tribunal. It was  
very solemn; but I suppose, they will have quite a few problems before things  
really get going. Of course these problems are nothing compared to those of the  
Seabed Authority in Jamaica! That really is a sad farce!

Unless somehow things get turned around, and that Authority makes itself  
somehow useful, it will be dead in 1998! It is a great loss

I see that your German is excellent!

All the very best for 1997. May there be peace at last, in your country, in Africa,  
and in the world!

Yours as ever,

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