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Date: 19 May, 1995

Subject: Your fax, just received

Dear Professor Hou,

Thank you ever so much for your excellent letter. I am delighted with the results of the hearings, and I am looking forward to see a detailed analysis of the results later on (no hurry! We have plenty of time!)

As for the syllabus, I am also happy that you found it useful. In this draft, I had allocated 2 days to the ship, during Thursday and Friday of Week 1. This date may of course be quite fanciful and is not at all intended to interfere with your own plan and programme. I just had to put it somewhere! I hope you will find time for your lecture. I do think it will be useful as an introduction for the practice on the ship. You might make this introduction even on board the ship itself! It is wonderful that you have the ship.

As to the budget, as I mentioned in my last letter, don't worry: it does not really affect you, so long as we give you our US\$85,000. The only thing that I have to know is how much money you need in June, so that I can advance it, but I would ask you to keep the amount as low as possible as I have to borrow it from the Bank. I do hope that the bulk of the payments can be made in July.

I am looking forward to seeing you in a few days.

Have a safe journey!

Yours very cordially,

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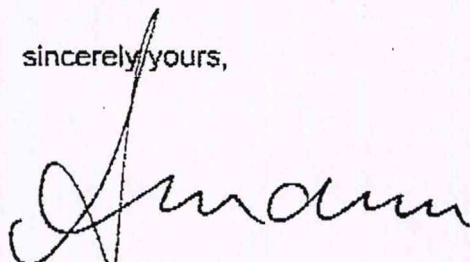
## Your seminar on deep ocean management

Dear Mister Hou Wenfeng,

I had already told you that I have some problems in co-ordinating my forthcoming trips to China and Korea. This situation is not yet clear, unfortunately. As we are, however, very much interested to join your effort I suggest to accept Dr.-Ing. Axel BATH as my deputy. We have co-operated since more than 15 years and Dr. Bath is well acquainted with deep ocean mining (cf. his publications, e. g. at the OTC, Houston). He is fortunately interested and willing to join your seminar, with preference for the week of 17 - 23 July 1995 (as it was originally scheduled for me). Please contact him directly: Dr.-Ing. Axel BATH, An der Bauernwiese 17, D-30459 Hannover, Tel. and Fax: (49) (0511) 41 37 79.

Best regards and

sincerely yours,



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Dear Professor Hou:

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.

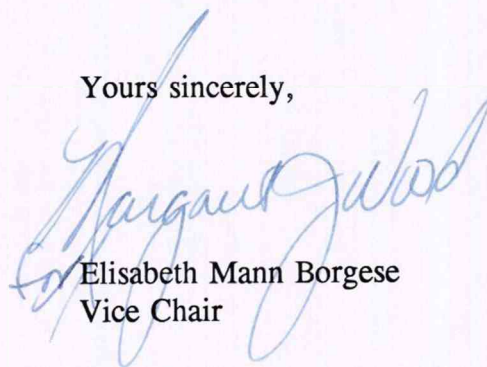
I very much hope it will be possible for you to join us in Tokyo. This first session of the Commission is of fundamental importance for the orientation and organisation of our work, and I am convinced that this Commission has a unique opportunity to offer a "vision" and make a long-term contribution 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', written in a cursive style.

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Vice Chair