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Dear Mrs. Borgese:

Miss MacKinnon has given me the material which you have sent us regarding the International Ocean Institute. I have read this with interest. I think, however, that we should postpone any further discussion until the legal status of the Canadian Friends of the International Ocean Institute Inc. has been clarified. I will expect to hear from you when that has been done.

Yours sincerely,

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May 2, 1974

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Dear Mrs. Borgese:

Thank you very much for your April 18 letter and material sent under separate cover. Due to a mail strike in Canada we have just received these today, and will write you further in mid-May upon the return of my colleagues to the office at that time.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine MacKinnon

(Miss) Catherine MacKinnon
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May 8, 1974.

Miss Catherine MacKinnon
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Dear Miss MacKinnon,

how nice that the mail strike is over!

So, I am looking forward to hearing from you again.

In the meantime, we are making progress in establishing the Canadian Friends of the International Ocean Institute, which would be the organization that might receive a grant from your Foundation. I am enclosing a letter from Mr. Maxwell Bruce in this connection.

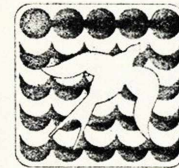
Also, we are trying to intensify our relations with the Canadian Government, in view of possible support and collaboration. I am enclosing a letter from our Council member, Professor King Gordon, in this connection.

All the best.

Yours sincerely,


Elisabeth Mann Borgese.

Encl.: King Gordon letter
M. Bruce letter & attachment



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Dear Mrs. MacKinnon:

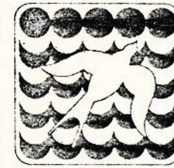
I feel somewhat remiss for not having written to you sooner, but I was in Europe, in the meantime, for various meetings, and I am a bit behind schedule with everything.

Today, under separate cover, I am sending you a copy of the latest annual Report to the Trustees of the International Ocean Institute. You will find a lot of information in there. You will also note that we have three Canadians connected with the Institute:

Mr. Maurice Strong, a member of the Board of Trustees
Professor J. King Gordon, a member of our Planning Council
Mr. Maxwell Bruce, a member of our Planning Council.

Now I should like to raise the following three points:

I. Your "Report for 1972," which you were kind enough to give me, seems to indicate a number of common concerns and approaches between your Foundation and the International Ocean Institute. You state that "the Foundation accepts the risks involved in making grants to projects of an original and pioneering nature." You give preference to projects "promising a wide geographical impact" over those "of purely local relevance." I do think our projects meet both these criteria.



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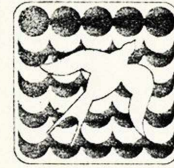
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II. Among the projects described in our Report to the Trustees, there are three that might be of particular interest to your Foundation and will certainly include Canadians and Canadian institutions:

1. The first is the Pacific project. Much more work has been done on this since the Report was drafted. The project will be carried out in two phases -- a first, preparatory one, culminating in a small meeting (about 50 people) in Hawaii in April 1975. I am enclosing a tentative agenda for this meeting. Then there will be a wider conference -- Pacem in Maribus VII -- probably in Hawaii, although it might be somewhere else in the Pacific, in 1976.

I realize that you do not assist with the holding of conferences, seminars, or workshops; but it might be possible to make a grant to cover the research and the writing and publishing of papers in connection with this project. Although the planning for it is already in a somewhat advanced stage, we are just now beginning to seek funds for this project. If you should be interested in this particular undertaking, we might discuss it again and prepare a formal application.

2. The second project that would certainly be of interest to you is the Arctic project. This is dormant at present because we have been unable to solicit Soviet participation. The situation in the Soviet Union, however, is changing rather dramatically with regard to the law of the sea, and I think it quite possible to enlist Soviet participation next year. Because the project has been kept dormant, we have not yet made any attempt to raise funds for it. If you are interested, we might get started.



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3. The third project is on Disarmament and Environment: Handling the Dual-Purpose Agent. This is, perhaps, the most "pioneering" of the projects. The IOI will be involved in this only so far as the oceans are concerned. The project as a whole will be coordinated by the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions. Among Canadians, Mr. Ignatieff will contribute a paper.

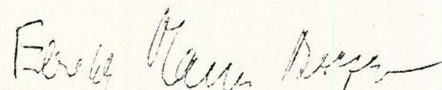
III. Now my third main point. I have discussed our fiscal situation in Canada both with Maxwell Bruce and King Gordon. As I see it, there are two possibilities. Either we establish a tax-exempt organization in Canada, similar to the Friends of the International Ocean Institute, which has just been granted, permanently, tax-exempt status as a public foundation; or the other possibility would be to channel the grant through an established Canadian institution. The most suitable for this would seem to be the Bedford Oceanographic Institution.

Perhaps you will have questions after you have reviewed all this material. I should be very glad to give you any additional information you might need.

It was nice indeed to see you in Toronto, and I am looking forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,


Elisabeth Mann Borgese
Chairman, Planning Council

Encl.