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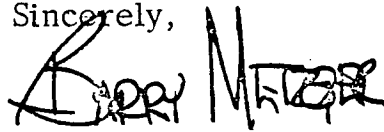
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Mr. Lawrence Johnson  
Assistant to the Director of International Operations  
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I believe you will be interested in the recent exchange of correspondence which I have had with one of the Peace Corps lawyers serving in Micronesia. It touches upon the subject of back up services for Peace Corps lawyers, which we have discussed several times in the past few months.

Sincerely,



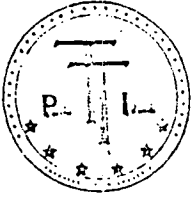
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Howard Larsen  
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866 United Nations Plaza  
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Dear Mr. Larsen:

The Congress of Micronesia is presently attempting to formulate a position regarding territorial sea limits and high seas fishery and mineral resources for participation in the upcoming Geneva Conference on the Law of the Sea. Because of extremely inadequate library facilities in Micronesia, we do not have any access to information about the positions taken by various nations regarding territorial sea. Because of the very prompt and helpful response to past requests I have made to the International Legal Center, I am hoping that I can again get your help. Could you provide us with copies of any or all of the following materials:

1. The positions and supporting arguments regarding territorial sea of Peru, the Philippines, Malasia, Indonesia, and South Korea;
2. As much information as possible about the archipelago theory of determining territorial sea limits;
3. A copy of the 1958 Convention on Fishing Conservation of the Living Resources of the High Seas;
4. A copy of the 1958 Geneva Convention on the High Seas;
5. A copy of the 1956 ruling of the International Law Commission regarding twelve mile territorial sea limits - 256 U.N. Doc A/3159 (1956);
6. If possible, some kind of a summary of the 1958 and 1960 Geneva Conference on the Law of the Sea;

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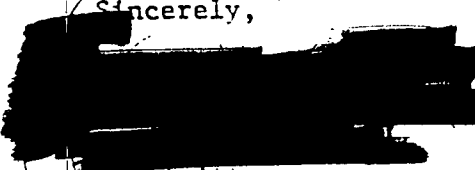
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7. A copy of the text of the Anglo-Norwegian Fisheries Case, (1951) I.C.J. 86.
8. A copy of the Convention on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone of April 29, 1958.
9. If possible, English translations of three articles supporting Peru's position on territorial sea limits - Yepes, "El Mito de Pretendida 'Regla' de las Tres Millas", 12 Separada De La Revista Universitas (1957); and also Yepes, "El problema del Mar Territorial o Jurisdiccional y de la Plataforma Submarina ante el Nuevo Derecho Internacional", Revista Universitas 45 (1955); also E. Garcia Sayan, "Notas Sobre La Soberania Maritima Del Peru: Defensa De Las 200 Millas De Mar Peruano Ante Las Recientes Transgresiones"; 51, (1955).
10. A list of the nations which will be participating in the next Law of the Sea Conference and their principal representative and his, or her address.

If you can help us in collecting any or all of these materials, we will very much appreciate it.

Sincerely,

  
Staff Attorney  
Congress of Micronesia

cc: Senator Andon Amaraich  
Senator Ambilos Iehsi  
Rep. Sasauo Haruo  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Mr. Larsen has passed on to me your letter of 25 October 1972 requesting assistance in gathering materials for use by your office in formulating a position for the forthcoming Geneva Conference on the Law of the Sea.

I fully appreciate the handicap under which your office must work, given the limited international law reference materials at your disposal. In the past the International Legal Center has attempted whenever possible to assist on an informal basis in making advice and materials available to your office in response to specific requests. I am engaged in providing very similar back-up services to the twenty Overseas Service Fellows in Africa, Asia and Latin America under the International Legal Center's auspices.

I regret, however, that it will not be possible for us to respond to your most recent request. The large number of items requested, the substantial staff time involved in locating and gathering the materials and the rather substantial costs involved make it impossible to meet the requests, given the small size of the International Legal Center's professional staff and our limited resources.

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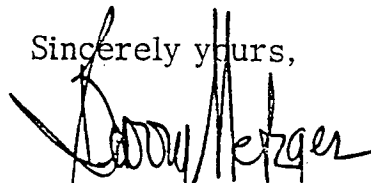
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The only assistance which I can give is by way of referral. The archipelago theory of determining territorial sea limits is the creation of Professor Mochtar Kusumaatmadja of Indonesia, who is a Trustee of the International Legal Center. I suggest that you write directly to him at the Lembaga Penelitian Hukum, Djl. Imam Bondjol 31, Bandung, Indonesia. In addition to providing information on the archipelago theory, he should be able to provide information about the official positions which will be taken at the Conference by Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines. Another point of contact which may be of substantial assistance is the Afro-Asian Legal Consultative Committee in New Delhi. The Committee is a membership association of independent developing countries, the purpose of which is to assist the countries in the development of common positions on major international law issues arising before the United Nations and other international law agencies. You should write directly to the Secretary-General, Dr. B. Sen at the Committee's offices at 20, Ring Road, Lajpat Nagar IV, New Delhi 24, India. You may use my name in writing to Dr. Sen, if you wish.

I hope this information proves of some assistance, and I do regret that I cannot respond to your request more specifically and more concretely.

Sincerely yours,

  
Barry Metzger

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