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Mr. Hans H. Koch
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Dear Mr. Koch:

On looking back at our day and a half of meetings week before last, I marvel at how much was accomplished so easily. I recognized at the time your mastery of the Chair, and now I regret not having said this personally. I also recall the cordial hospitality with which you and everyone on your team received us. I do hope we will have the opportunity of trying to be equally hospitable. The Royal Ballet and your coming to the airport--I can't find words better than the unadorned, "Thank you, very much."

On reviewing my notes preparatory to my formal report to the Commission, I find two loose ends which suggest that I request clarification. I am unsure whether I should address these to you, Doctor Rehberg, or your brother, Professor Koch. The are:

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What should be done about possible pieces of debris and jet fuel which may deposit on the shores of the islands and bay after the ice breaks up? It would seem possible to patrol the shore line from small boats with outboard motors or perhaps by foot, but because I know nothing of the shore line, this may be an oversimplification. How long can we expect the Greenlanders to continue to honor the present prohibition against beachcombing? We should appreciate knowing your views on this potential problem and suggestions for dealing with it.

The second uncertainty is whether it is expected that American scientists are to participate in the surveillance-monitoring activities summarized by Doctor Rehberg on Friday. Obviously, General Hunziker will need to carry on certain kinds of monitoring in order to be properly guided in achieving the sort of cleanup we all want, but I was not really clear as to whether American scientists were expected to join the Danish teams which will perform the monitoring-surveillance of the food chains of the Greenlanders, together with taking bottom samples and plankton when the

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time comes. We agree with your wish not to complicate this monitoring-surveillance with detailed ecological research on the biota of the bay.

If it is possible, we would appreciate learning the progress of your surveillance data as it takes form; similarly, we would be happy to share with you our findings such as data on the currents of the bay. This should help avoid duplication of effort in those areas where our interests may overlap.

I understand Dr. Staborg received your kind letter today; he will be replying very shortly. Meanwhile, please accept my apology for troubling you with these requests. I hope to say this in person soon.

Sincerely yours,

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