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Clemnt Mhr (1)

My dear Mrs. Bindeplason, and information hour my husband, fale, and dwere procleged to show with you, your hustrand and The Gistroons! It was the high point of our two days in Suland. He fellurder The speel of your forcerting country and its charming people.

My thanks to your and
your hisband for your hispitality. Scooter Miller

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October 31st 1969

My dear Mr. Senator,

I enjoyed very much my visit with you and our interesting talk. Enclosed is the picture you sent me, with my best wishes for you and your country.

May we soon meet again preferably in Iceland.

Yours sincerely,

Bjarni Benediktsson Prime Minister of Iceland

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The Honorable Charles McC. Mathias Jr. United States Senator Committee on the Judiciary Washington D. C. 20510 August 29, 1969

study entitled "Some Possibilities of hitjor New Industries in Iceland"

Mr. Johann Hafstein
Minister of Industry
Reykjavik, Iceland

Dear Mr. Hafstein:

I have just returned from a rather long summer vacation. I hope that you had a similar opportunity although with your several responsibilities, I realize that it may have been difficult for you to get away for any extended period of time.

It seems to me that it is about time to pursue the matter of our pleasant discussion in Iceland two months ago. At that time we mutually agreed that a working arrangement between the Government and Dominick & Dominick should be weighed carefully and deliberately. In the meanwhile, I hope that you have had an opportunity to explore with U. S. financial and other sources the substance of our firm and its pability to perform the functions which we discussed.

As some time has elapsed since our conversations, it would seem proper to review briefly the highlights of the discussions and our proposed activities.

Taking into consideration its economic reliance on a single major industry - fishing - and weighing its relatively untapped natural resources, as well as its excellent strategic geographic location, the Government, as we learned in our conversations, has decided to undertake a program of industrial development. Wisely, after study of the situation by the National Research Council and others, it has been decided that the industrialization program will emphasize utilization of the natural resources, particularly hydro sites for low-cost electricity, geo-thermal heat, power steam and brine and the sea chemicals. To this end studies have been made of construction of a salt manufacturing plant at Reykjanes as well as other utilization of sea chemicals, particularly extraction of magnesium and other light metals. More recently, a broader

study entitled "Some Possibilities of Major New Industries in Iceland" was prepared which covered the foregoing and other prospects, including petroleum refining, petrochemical and metallic smelting and refining operations utilizing low-cost hydroelectric power and geo-thermal energy. With regard to petroleum, the giant ice-breaker tanker "Manhattan" has already set sail.

The work done to date has been excellent and promises exciting opportunities for economic development. A primary concept in the industrialization program is enlistment of major corporations in the United States and other parts of the world to participate in specific undertakings, bringing with them their experience and capabilities in the specific fields of activity and their access to markets for the products. This already has been done in the case of the arrangements with Johns-Manville to produce diatomaceous earth and with Swiss Aluminium Limited to establish an aluminium reduction plant.

It is our feeling that work on the industrialization program has progressed to a point at which we can provide considerable assistance. We have immediate access to the management of all major U. S. companies and many in foreign countries. Through our Research Department we are knowledgeable as to the development programs and aspirations of major companies both as to lines of products and geographic market expansion. We know how to prepare a presentation for effective consideration by the executive management of such companies. The plan of procedure which we would like to pursue would be initiated by a visit to Iceland by a working team of our experts who would sit down with the appropriate Government executives to develop an orderly pattern of procedure and effectively activate the industrialization program. The approximate order of attack would be:

- 1. Review of the research and analysis work which had been accomplished to date and determine an order of priority among products to be developed. At present there is a strong indication that the salt manufacturing plant and the magnesium plant would receive first consideration, but the program still should be studied as a whole.
- 2. Determination of the method of approach to financing and exploitation. For example, it might mutually be agreed that Iceland should construct the salt manufacturing plant itself both as a demonstration model and a retained supplier of raw materials, etc., for other undertakings. On the other hand, it might be preferable to have a major American company interested primarily in magnesium production undertake the total responsibility for both the salt manufacturing plant and a magnesium plant using the good work already accomplished by the National Research Council for these areas.

and related steps of procedure and assuming that it is decided to move strongly in the direction of bringing United States corporate partners into the picture, the working staff of Dominick & Dominick would assist in preparation of effective presentations which would be expected to lead to active negotiation in specific undertakings. A brief explanation is in order on this point. If the material now in hand were presented to the most appropriate candidate for development of a magnesium plant, it would not necessarily receive the attentive consideration desired on the part of the appropriate top executive of that company. It probably would be relegated to the engineering staff and unfortunately, the principal characteristic of such people is to study the things interminably primarily to see what is wrong with the proposal. The engineer characteristically receives no credit for approval of an outside proposal and carries all responsibility if he does approve it and the program is unsuccessful. The foregoing is based on experience, not theory. As a consequence, it is essential that the matter be prepared in a thoughtful and soundly ordered report, written particularly to intrigue the top management of the corporation and convince them that the matter ought to be pursued and that they should enter direct discussions with the Government.

If our total program is to be successful, the analytical work and related determinations should be a continuing matter. The presentations would be developed in the order of selection of targets. This would involve periodic meetings between the Dominick staff and the Government.

6. In the light of the information obtained and our own knowledge of the characteristics of American companies in appropriate fields of activities, we would make, with the Government, a selection of specific targets, primary and secondary. Upon agreement that a particular company should be approached for a specific undertaking, we would make the approach directly with the prepared presentation in hand and arrange for introduction of appropriate persons in the Government to pursue the matter. It might prove to be desirable for the latter to come to the United States and talk with company executives or hold themselves ready to do so when

Einkackialasafa Diarne Denediktsconer C. Dorearskialasafa Rev

august 17th, 1969

Dear Bjarni -

Your letter was received in late May and it is always good to hear from you.

We have been deeply saddened by the passing I your brother Petur. I recently Talked to Ragnhildur Ske och - frænka akkar - and she told me. Petur was a fine man and served his country and employers not only with

and personal charm. Marion and I as well as Patry and Jon extend our deepest ry upathy.

Various interesting things have happened here. On June 13th I had a prostate aperation bent have been making a satisfactory recovery.

Shorily after my return from hospital Odding Ragnarsdottu (onem fronta) visited us for a

pew days and we were all glad to see her.

Far more exciting than my pluguial repairs was the arrival of our grandson Jon Ragnar (him pritiji) on July 16th. Mother and chied have done very well and the new addeling brings much joy not only to his parents but also to his four adeniring grandparents. Jan has just completed his term of articles in a large Toronto law office and will enter The final phase of his legal education in early Deptember in what is called the Bar adminion Course. It coursts of lectures and examination on the practical aspects I law practice: This should end in March 1970 and in the meantine he and Patry and then heroly aggired son have left on a vacation in a hot too remote area of Northern Onlario.

We all continue to have found memories

I heland and Patry and Jan have given
remeral accounts of their travels there. We all
hope to have the opportunity to go there again.

Vit bedum korleg a og årtsamleg a

of heilra her og fjälskyldn henni og
vonum at þet haldi áfram at hafa góða
heilsu. Með hestu kveðjum.

frim þrændi og venun

- Rag ras J.

Finkaskialasafn Riarna Renediktssonar @ Boroarskialasafn Reukjavíl







HON. Bjarni Benediktsson,

Häuhlið 14,

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den 1. september 1969.

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Hr. statsminister Bjarni Benediktsson, Hauhlid 14, Reykjavik, Island.

Kære Bjarni,

Jeg skriver disse linier til dig for at takke dig og Sigridur for gæstfrihed i Thingvellir og i Jeres smukke hjem i Reykjavik. Det er altid en oplevelse at vandre med dig ad ukendte stier, og i dit hjem i Reykjavik traf jeg mange interessante mennesker.

Med venlig hilsen til Jer begge

din hengivne

Islat

p.s. Det glader meig at se i dag, at

Approprafsbyken mi slutter. Je; har

sendt Matthias mozet materiale om

are overgeler met, bladenes artys.

UTANRÍKISRÁÐUNEYTIÐ

Reykjavík, 28. júlí 1969.

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Hér með sendist yður til athugunar samrit af bréfi sendiráðsins í París, dags. 18. þ.m. viðvíkjandi fiskimálum í Evrópuráðinu ásamt skýrslu þeirri, sem þar er nefnd.

Agner KI. Johnson

Hr. forsætisráðherra

dr. Bjarni Benediktsson,

Reykjavík.

SENDIRÁÐ ÍSLANDS

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Paris, 18. júlí 1969

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Nr. 186 Evrópuráðið:

Fiskimál Br.rn.nr. 45, 11.7.68 Db. 8.C.820.a.

Ráðuneytinu sendist hér með í 12 eintökum skýrsla um fiskimál, "Report on Fishery Policies in Europe, (Doc.2563)", sem ætlað er að verða grundvöllur umræðna um þau efni á fundum 21. Ráðgjafarþingsins um mánaðamótin september/október n.k. þegar utanríkisráðherra Íslands flytur ávarp sitt. Skýrslan er samin af franska öldungadeildarþingmanninum Joseph Yvon, en hann er framsögumaður landbúnaðarnefndar þingsins um þessi mál. Skýrslan er gerð fyrir forgöngu undirnefndar þeirrar um fiskimál, sem landbúnaðarnefndin ákvað árið 1966 að setja á fót. Er byggt á svörum við sérstakri spurningaskrá nefndarinnar, sem aðildaríkin, þ.á m. Ísland hafa látið í té.

I skýrslunni er m.a. fjallað um nauðsyn á frekari verndun fiskstofna, bæði að því er snertir veiðiaðferðir og friðun hrygningar- og μppeldisstöðva. I ályktunartillögu þeirri, sem ráðgjafarþingið mun taka til meðferðar og birt er á undan sjálfri skýrslunni á hinu hjálagða skjali, er m.a. ráðgerð hvatning til ríkisstjórna aðildaríkjanna

"to enforce respect of existing international conventions regulating fishing practices and fishing grounds, and, if need be, to completement these conventions by stricter regulations."

Þá er í skýrslunni lögð megináherzla á félagsleg atriði sjávar-Utanríkisráðuneytið,

Reykjavík

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útvegsmála, sem fram til þessa hafi ekki verið sinnt sem skyldi.

I upprifjun skýrslunnar á því, sem gerzt hefur í fiskimálum á vettvangi Ráðgjafarþingsins, er m.a. vikið að greinargerð Rannveigar Þorsteinsdóttur árið 1961 (sjá bls. 4).

Ráðgert er að síðar verði lögð fram skýrsla um stefnu fiskimála í álfunni almennt.

Að því er framangreint efni að öðru leyti varðar skal þess getið, að sendinefndinni er eigi kunnugt um, hvort íslenzka þingmannanefndin hefur tekið ákvörðun um, hverjir úr hennar hópi skuli vera fulltrúi og varafulltrú Islands í landbúnaðarnefndinni (og þar með einnig fiskimála-undirnefndinni) á 21. Ráðgjafarþinginu, sem eins og kunnugt er kom saman til fyrstu funda sinna í maí s.l. Á síðasta þingi var Eysteinn Jónsson fulltrúi í umræddri nefnd.

Blafurkgilssom.

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march 3rd. 1969.

Dear Bjarni,

Jan sorry to have so report that we shall not come to Iseland after all this year. Tolly had some difficulty with her left leg and the doctors have informed by that the houble is arthritis of the high. Inchily the has little pain but the has great difficulty in getting around and so we shall go shaight to Holland by the end of March and a month later to the island of Ishia hoping that the much covers will do tolly good, let us hope for the best. We are enhantly sorry not to we digridue and you this year mor our other good friends in Iceland we love so much. Lets hope that newly year the situation will be letter.

With warmers regards from Polly and me to Signidus and yourself.

Daan.

March 28th 1969

Dear Daniel, We were very sorry to read in your letter, that Polly has trouble with her leg, and hope indeed that she may recover soon. you do not mention your own health so we conclude, that it is good again, as also you would not have planned so long a trip. If course we understouch that you did not think it wise to stop in Ice. land this time, but we sincerely

miss you and hope we shall meet you somewhere soon again. We are invited to Washington to April, but they shall be in Molland, This has been a nother difficult wenter in, Ice land. The difficulties are not over but some hour I feel more optimistic mous although I know I may be mistaken! Personally we are all-might and so is our family, we have therefore no reason to complain. Sianitar and I send folly and you, my dear friend, our heart felt wishers for good health and happiness Sincerely yours

10894-133 A Street North Surrey, B. C. January 19, 1969. Dr. Bjarni Bene dikterom Frime Minister of Scaland, Haahlif # 14 & Reykjavike, Seeland. Dear Dr. Benediktsson, I like to thank you and your good wife for the impressive Christmas Card you sent me, and the warmhearted wishes written thereon I left for Eastern Canada, nov. 2 and did not return till two weeks ago today. Istayed mostly in Ottawa, with my daughter-inlaw there and two grandchildren a girl 14, and a boy 10. They are children belonging to my younger son, David. There was a break-down

in the marriage two years ago, and at present I am not sure where my David is. This is one of my big sorrows. He had a passport and spoke of going to Australia. The reason I ment to Ottawa was bleauxe Ena Devet's wife had been sick in hed for marly 6 months with rheumatic fever. I got her a referral to a specialist visited the children's sohrols, and helped Thera, the girl with her studies. She is bright, but had fallen far behend en her work. Small wander! I went to see Eggent and his family an two accasions during my saganrn in The East. They we're all well; and so was the

mother and two children in Ottawa, when I left note you asked me when Eggert intended to got declars. I received a letter from him just two days ago, and here he gives an explicit detail of his plans. I wrote to him today and asked him to forgive me but that I intended to write to you a few lines and enclase his letter. I am doing just that, There are no secrets in it just the kind of a letter a layar son would write to his mother, I saw by our Icelandic paper that the edonomic situation is not good in Sceland at the present time. This must make your pasition difficult. There has the herring gom? Robody knows! The have faith in the Icelandile fisherman, The fishing grounds will

be located ere lang, we hope. I am so full of travel at present but I should like to fly to montreal to see Eggert hefore he goes to I celand He shall see. Life is so uncertain at times. He have had a most unusual winter in this Pacific's Paradise. He have had aner 40 inohes of snow and today it is still snowing. In the beautiful Okanagan (Kelowna) the temperature went down to o't. They fear far the safety of the fruit crop. Gggert may have written to you and your brother Sweinn, before this letter arriver; yet I dantt if he will take off time until he comes hack to montreal, which should be this Coming Tuesday or He dnesday. Again my heartfelt thanks to you and your gard wife for your kindness and graciousness. P. 5. Sope you ben einlag frankenna, gut the Calendar sent you. Bigridur beterson,

Dear Mom, today - glad & hear you got back to Vaner saply, & Ido hope the School Board gives you a box frest! I am hoping to write & the men in Iceland very soon, & let them know of my plans. I now expect & leave for there right after Easter early in April. Lan well be home at Caster & it will give me a chance & see him them. Also I may get involved in some consulting with the CN during tebruary, so that I will need & have a little extra time to do my preliminary research on this side. I got back my mathersand hadn't been very happy with it with it tuns out I got a B, and at that a better mark than Houg Kowry, who prides himself on his math. However, we were both in the bottom half of the class. Alill, I am satisfied. I also wrote one of my law examo yesterday - Ancient Chineset Japanese law, and I'm estisfied I all a respectable pass. Next Wednesday Iwrite on French & German han, and on Tuesday Jan 21 I head back to Montreal for 3 or 4 weeks, I will be coming back & Biston the week of 17 Feb & will write enny Generals on the 18th + 20th, & take my oral exam on the 21, st. I will also have & make arrangemento for my Icelandic exam, hhely some time that same week. back & Boston & give some out of presentation before a faculty committee on the proposed design of my their research. I'll want to have some preliminary work under my belt before of tackle that, so likely well by I achedule that for around 10-15 March. The trip well be worth it, tho', as the faculty will then deside some additional money towards my expenses of going & Iceland, etc.

Note These are two high franking afficials of the Canadian national I had lanch with Alex Hart Y Bot Bandeen while I was in Montreal & discussed going back I the CN. I am also expecting to lear from whether they are interested in me. Thave have I had any further word from Jueno. But Dexpect & have my job decision ont of the way by early next month, If I go into undertry rather than teaching, I think I shall aim for a first of July starting date, The thesis won't be in final form, but I should have all the preliminary work come, so that I will just be a matter of finaldrafts & proof reading & retyping & printing - and I can sure put my means some valary starting to roll in, which will be helpful. As I told you, Mon, I spent quite a but mercedes of money on the Mercedes over X mas, but it Benz car belongs to samply is not reliable - three mornings out of & me. Iny this week I have had to call the garage. It goes husband like a charm, once it's going, but I'm truly at my had ordered Mfrom suppose we will have to re-register it for 1969, but Germany less than I a if the insurance runs through & spril or May, don't be year before in any hurry & renew the incurance. I will the deed. be away thru mod of April May & June, and once I'm working perhaps we can then afford to replace it I spoke to the lawyer last weeks regarding my library. transfer of title & the looks. There is no system Holfred Suraham of registering title & moveable property in I webec Ins agent in (except automobiles) so that really all that is Instage of lexcept astomobiles) so that really all that is
Thing wife of paper that you fire hereby give them to me.

4351 devaluable lawyer also brought up one other point - there

have is devaluable are taxes on gefts over \$1000.00 in value, so

like given hund perhaps the least formalities about this the better.

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playroom, but three of Uncle Barneys book cases are still full. However, we have moved them around, I the peans, I will put my deale To is now up in the sun room, Joe Welly came one of had a good visit just before I left. Irene is doing very well. The has been appointed an enotructor in psychiatric surround above of the lospitals in Toronto, even though she has not got full qualifications. However, she will be taking might courses to catch up, for is keeping very well, stays on his diet of is really enjoying life. am feeling much better today, I spent most of the day today working with Doug Rowry on a most paper we have & get out next week! Thee I am also involved in getting out a law paper. We gave a presentation in class last Thursday, and I think it went over fairly well. But that needs, to be polished up & golow before the end of next week, too, I have worn my white turtle neck guite a but - the children tell me I look like a movie star with it on! Thank you very much, Mom. And so to bed, Much love. Coggert PS What's the story on your 1000 shares of North West Venture? Note: This had been entered into my account with Richardson Securities Of Canada - Stack brokers. The loomphiters must have made made a shristake, for this entry was not mine. I am not a gambler by nature However I enquired into this stack and bought 500 has.



BRITISH EMBASSY,
GLENCAIRN,
SANDYFORD,
CO. DUBLIN,
DUBLIN 906397
8th January 1969.

Dear Sigrithur,

Many thanks for your most attractive Christmas card and good wishes. All the best to you and Bjarni and the family for the New Year.

We had all the family home for Christmas which was most agreeable. We gave a dance for young people which was very gay and cheerful. Now, they are all gone again except Jeremy. Janet is back in Edinburgh in her final year, and Christopher to Cambridge. Jeremy will go to Oxford in the autumn and we are now in process of deciding what to do with him for the next nine months. We would like him to go to Australia if this is possible.

You certainly must have gone through a very hard and difficult time recently. Don't you both need a holiday? I would like to take you up on the suggestion that you might suddenly appear to seek us. Seriously, if you are travelling anywhere in Europe, it is easy to take in Dublin. You can, I believe, get a round ticket which takes in Ireland. All you need do is change planes in Glasgow and in one hour you are in Dublin and we shall be waiting for you at the airport. Do consider it.

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All greetings from us both and we hope to see you in 1969.

Yours

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