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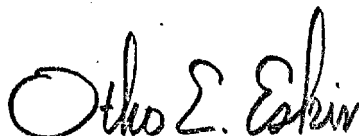
April 28, 1975

MEMORANDUM

TO : Members of the LOS Executive Group

SUBJECT : Deepsea Ventures Claim

Attached for your information is a letter from Richard Greenwald to Secretary Kissinger dated April 15, 1975, regarding the Deepsea Ventures Claim. (see NSC-D/LOS Memorandum #246 of November 19, 1974).



Otho E. Eskin
Staff Director

Attachment:

As stated.

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State Dept. review completed. Referral to NSC not required.

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15 April 1975

The Honorable Henry A. Kissinger
Secretary of State
U. S. Department of State
2201 C Street
Washington, D. C. 20520

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This letter will serve as the first semi-annual supplement to the Notice of Discovery and Claim of Exclusive Mining Rights, and Request for Diplomatic Protection and Protection of Investment, by Deepsea Ventures, Inc. dated 14 November 1974, and filed by us in your office on 15 November 1974.

Our ship R/V PROSPECTOR is presently engaged in a series of voyages, during which it is working at the site of the claimed Deposit in its development and evaluation. On 10 March 1975 The Defense Mapping Agency (publishers of Notices to Mariners) was advised as follows:

1. A buoy has been emplaced at 14°49.5'N, 124°35.4'W, said buoy floating on the sea surface and being tethered to the seabed by means of nylon cable.
2. The Company's Research Vessel PROSPECTOR is, and for the next six months will be, carrying out continuous wire line dredging, and survey with ship-mounted cable-connected seabed T.V. systems, of the manganese nodules lying generally within a 20 mile radius of said buoy.

Since the date of such notice to The Defense Mapping Agency, the buoy has been moved on several occasions to various locations, all of which are within approximately two (2) degrees of the original emplacement site. This practice will continue in the period prior to our next report to you.

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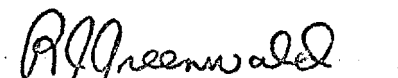
We will keep you advised on a regular basis of the progress of the work undertaken at the site of the Deposit, any outside interference with that work, and any instances where that work interferes with the lawful exercise of rights of others.

One of the primary objectives sought by Deepsea in filing and publishing the above referenced document in your office was to create a mechanism whereby the domestic mining industry could, in the absence of security of tenure safeguarded by treaty or statute, reveal the location of a commercially interesting manganese nodule deposit to serve as the situs for scientific research, including scientific research by governmental agencies having environmental responsibilities.

We do not have the intention or the power, nor have we asserted the right, to exclude or inhibit true scientific research activities by any person or Nation at the site of the Deposit which was the subject of our notice to you. On the contrary, as our notice states, Deepsea will provide, at no cost, reasonable space for government representatives on its vessels working the Deposit, to facilitate domestic scientific research, particularly those programs relating to the environmental impacts of marine development.

We urge the U. S. Government to accept this report and explanation in the spirit given - as positive contributions and as an opportunity to promote the efficient and equitable development of the international seabeds.

Cordially,


R. J. Greenwald

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Washington, D. C. 20240

The Honorable Robert White
Administrator - NOAA
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