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Dear Peter

As you can see I am back in my office and quite frankly I find that I am missing the halcyon days of Newport. I have still not commenced wearing a tie but sooner or later I will have to conform and I guess that will then complete my return to society.


Peter, attached hereto is a letter I have today sent to our Washington lawyers and you will have by now received a copy of my telex to J. Slooff. If you have any comments please contact me.

In closing Peter, I would like to again thank you for your wonderful contribution to our 1983 campaign - the ultimate victory was very much a contribution by all who participated. I personally enjoyed my involvement and look forward to working with you in future years.

I hope you are keeping up your training.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely


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Dear Lawyers and 12 metre Supporters

As you can see, I am back in my office and I may add not enjoying it. I would very much appreciate you confirming in writing to me your understanding and where we stand in relation to the registration of copyright and patent. I am of the opinion that at this stage we are:-

1. Not proceeding with copyright and the model that you have is to be delivered to Reid Ashinoff in New York in order that one of us may pick it up when we are passing through.
2. All patent applications are to be left in place without us progressing any further. There is little doubt that to register a patent will severely prejudice the attitude of international authorities in allowing the revolutionary keel to become part of yacht racing in general. Therefore, unless we instruct to the contrary the patent will gradually lapse.

We have today received the following telex from J.W. Slooff:-

"Subj: Keel Patent

With reference to our discussion in Newport I would appreciate to receive answers to the following questions:

1. In what countries has the patent been applied for?
2. Have you decided whether you will pursue, modify, or withdraw the applications?

If I do not hear from you before November 1st, 1983 I will assume you will pursue.

Regards
J.W. Slooff"

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I responded as follows:

"Subj: Keel Patent

I do not know which countries patent applications were made in; however, I confirm that we have instructed our Washington lawyers to discontinue all activity with regard to patent registrations and that unless they hear from us to the contrary, each application is to be allowed to lapse by natural passage of time.

We are allowing them to lapse rather than actually withdraw the applications in order to deter any other would-be inventor initiating similar applications.

Kind regards
Warren Jones"

Could you also confirm for me exactly where we are with regard to Mr. Salminen. I confirm that in my opinion we should discontinue any further negotiations with him and you may take any initiative that you see fit. The more we compromise him the more he will feel important.

Is the Canadian matter completely wrapped up? I believe there is nothing more we can do in this regard.

Finally may I say how much I enjoyed being associated with you both. Let us hope that through some means or other we can continue to be associated.

Thank you for your assistance during our campaign.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

WARREN L. JONES
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