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Dear Mr. Estrin:

I am enclosing a copy of a report on Offshore Drilling in the Beaufort Sea, which was prepared for COPE by Dr. Douglas Pimlott. Also enclosed is a copy of a news release which was issued on February 8, 1974.

As the news release indicates, we are deeply concerned about the fact that the government has given approval-in-principle for drilling operations to begin in the Sea, without having done any studies to evaluate the potential environmental impact of such operations on either the Beaufort Sea or the Polar Ice Pack.

We thought it particularly appropriate to inform you about the plans for offshore drilling because of your interest in legal initiatives which are open to Society to redress environmental problems.

Yours sincerely

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