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Dear Dr Scholtz

PROPOSED LANDING STRIP ON MARION ISLAND : ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The Department of Environment Affairs is proposing construction of a landing strip on Marion Island. The reasons are;

1. To provide rapid attention to or evacuation of station personnel, for example for medical reasons (in the past four years it has been necessary to mount four separate voyages to evacuate injured persons),
2. To provide search and rescue aircraft encountering bad weather with an alternative landing place, *could they land in a 100km/hr breeze??*
3. To enable better control of fishery zones and territorial waters, *BULL!*
4. To enable the supply of the station with emergency provisions. *"UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES will provisions etc!"*

I have accepted an invitation to arrange for an environmental impact assessment (EIA). A small, independent panel of experts, serving in their personal capacities, is being established to conduct the EIA. Its members will be visiting the island in February 1987. The Panel's report will be submitted to an external reviewer in March 1987. The reviewer's and the Panel's reports will be submitted to the Department of Environment Affairs in April 1987. Neither of these reports will be confidential.

You are cordially invited to make a non-confidential, written submission to the EIA Panel on the proposal (enclosed), and the impact it might have on the natural environment. It would be appreciated if

*when last  
was a STR  
air/SEA  
VESSEL HERE!  
1 drop for C. Clarke*

*100km/hr breeze??*

your submission could among other matters of your choice also focus on environmental considerations, and the effect the proposal might have on your present and possible future research programme at the island. Please feel free to consult with the members of your Marion Island research group in preparing your submission. The submission must be signed and dated by all those whose commentaries and opinions it represents, and posted to reach me by 5 January 1987 please, so that the EIA Panel can study it and other invited submissions before it makes its field inspection.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'G. Heymann', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT