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COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF THE  
SEA-BED AND THE OCEAN FLOOR BEYOND THE  
LIMITS OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION

Sub-Committee I

Letter dated 25 March 1971 from the Chairman of  
Sub-Committee I, Dr. E. Seaton to the Chairman  
of the Committee, Ambassador H.S. Amerasinghe

During the March session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor and the Subsoil thereof, beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction, Sub-Committee I held four meetings, on 12, 17 and 25 March 1971.

At its first meeting, on 12 March 1971, Sub-Committee I constituted itself and elected its officers. At the second meeting, on 17 March, the Sub-Committee adopted its agenda (A/AC.138/SC.I/L.1) and approved the Note by the Chairman (A/AC.138/SC.I/L.2) regarding the Sub-Committee's programme and organization of work. In accordance with the suggestions made by the Chairman which were set out in the above note, Sub-Committee I began a general exchange of views on the subjects falling within its terms of reference. A debate on these matters, as well as on the methods by which the Sub-Committee would work during its summer session was continued at the two meetings held on 25 March.

The possibility of establishing working groups, as a means which may assist in fulfilling the tasks assigned to the Sub-Committee, was considered by the Sub-Committee, but no decision was taken thereon.

It is envisaged that Sub-Committee I will take a decision on the latter question during the first week of the summer session.