

Sayan, Bali, Tuesday, 10th Feb 81

Airletter.

Dear Ben, Jean and Ean:

Thanks for your wonderful "always welcome" telegram of 4.2. which arrived on the 9th... the hotel man is a bit irregular in collecting the mail at the Post Office. However we won't be arriving on your doorstep yet a while; the Immigrasi chaps here gave us a 28 day Visa extension until 16th March and we hope to get two more thru to mid-May, although that will necessitate our greasing the palms of the officials with a salary supplement of maybe \$20 on top of the official fees, so people tell us. ## A week after I last wrote to you on 8.1.81, I received a telegram from an old mate in UNCHS HABITAT Nairobi Kenya, asking if I was interested and available for a short term assignment to help one of their staff chaps finalise the Project Document for the Indo Long Term Urban Development National Strategy Project and get agreement on it with Indo officials in Jakarta. Naturally I replied yess yeah of course, but I've heard nothing since then.... they've had my reply for three weeks now. Does that mean they've decided against putting me in the field, or would you be suprised if their wheels ground any faster? ### I've exchanged letters with another old acquaintance, the Indonesian PhD from MIT who will serve as National Co-ordinator of the Project. He tells me that he expects to play a role in the selection of foreign experts for the Project, and that the "Harvard Group (HIID)" has expressed interest in the Project but that he doesn't know "how to accomodate this interest". What is H.I.I.D. ? Harvard Institute of International Development ??? What and who is that ? Would they be interested in me ? Do you know anyone connected with it ? Could you give me an intro ? ##### My old associate now in the Office of the Exec Director UNCHS Nairobi, tells me that UN could never field such a large team of individually recruited experts and would go to consulting firms for proposals. I believe that if I followed up my initial representations, Clarke Urban Systems could be shortlisted for an Invitation for Proposal. If so, would you be interested in joining me to put together a team and put together a proposal ? I have a number of old friends and colleagues who have worked on Bank-sponsored jobs in Indonesia who are interested and would get behind me. It might give you confidence to know that the last Proposal i did (with advice from Helen Hughes)

was marked top out ~~one~~ of 15 proposals from all around the world's consultants, all competing for three identical jobs in three different regions. So I don't see why I couldn't do it again with some guru Higging help this time. Want to join me ? or have you some better idea ?

Do write soon and respond to mine of
8th Jan ans this one as well

George

P.S. Brian Berry is probably connected with Harvard's