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I am writing in response to your e-mail of April 8 2008.

Enclosed you will find a copy of my letter to the Handelsregister des Kanton Zurich. I strongly urge the Swiss Federal Banking Commission to open an investigation of the activities of the company Viking Schiffsfinanz A.G. – Freiburg, Zurich, Bermuda.

Sincerely
On behalf of the estate of the late Konsul Einar Riis.


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Att : Ms. Doris Maag
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the Swiss Attorney General; The Norwegian Minister of Finance; The
Norwegian Parliamentary comity (Committee on Scrutiny and
Constitutional Affairs).
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Dear Ms. Maag.

I'm writing in response to your fax this evening following our conversation this morning.

In our conversation you confirmed to me that the file - the whole company file containing documents from the period up till 1969 - of this bank (Viking Schiffsfinanz A.G.) has been lost. I find it rather suspicious that the documents (the whole company file) has disappeared, without a trace.

This - that evidence has vanished from the Handelsregister in Zurich or Freiburg - could be part of a serious criminal offence. I thus strongly urge the head of the Handelsregister in Zurich to both: 1) report the case to the Swiss police so that the matter can be investigated, and 2) to file a motion for dismissal (complaint) of the request for the liquidation of the company which was filed by the company management in 2005.

I would like to point out the following facts.

1. I am representing the estate of the late Konsul Einar Riis, Monaco. The Riis-family were one of the founding owners and shareholders of Viking Schiffsfinanz A.G. (Viking Ship Finance Ltd). The management of the company was not allowed to file a request for

liquidation without the shareholders consent. I have in this regard already filed (on October 13 2007) a complaint to the Zurich Handelsgericht against this liquidation.

2. I have just recently discovered that the management of this company has actually conducted banking activities both directly from Freiburg and from Zurich, as well as from Bermuda without having the required banking license. This – that this company wasn't authorised for an activity as a bank – was confirmed to me by Ms. Christina Bürgi at the Swiss Federal Banking Commission in an e-mail of April 8 2008.

I have requested the Swiss Federal Banking Commission to investigate the banking activities conducted by the management of the company. It is therefore extremely important that the Swiss police is duly notified both by your office as well as by the Swiss Federal Banking Commission.

Furthermore I would like to point out the following facts:

According to medical documents from Norway and Sweden as well as from Monegasque statements, Mr. Einar Riis died of unnatural causes in Sweden on May 30 2006. In the light of the information we have it seems plausible that the source of this unnatural death could be found in the fact that since 1970 Mr. Riis has been trying to regain control over the family fortune which also included the bearer shares in this company in Switzerland and Bermuda. These shares were never found or traced. Thus somebody must have stolen them.

As far as I know the Riis-family has never received any annual reports nor dividends from this company/bank.

In addition it seems that the Norwegian Ship owner, Mr. Anders Jahre, was a shareholder in this bank through his investment bankers Lazard Brothers, London. The Norwegian minister of finance, Mrs. Kristin Halvorsen, has a substantial tax claim against both Lazard Brothers and the estate of Anders Jahre. I'm forwarding a copy of this letter to the minister of Finance and to the Norwegian Parliamentary comity (Committee on Scrutiny and Constitutional Affairs) and I will – by obvious reasons – also ask the Norwegian Government to intervene and stop the liquidation of the company. A copy of this letter will also be sent to the Swiss Federal Banking Commission, the Zurich Handelsgericht as well as to the Swiss Attorney General.

Under the OECD conventions (corruption, money laundering, etc) both Norway as well as Switzerland are obliged to investigate this matter.

We are most likely facing a criminal case which is also proven by the fact that the mayor of Oslo, Mr. Per Ditlev-Simonsen, had to resign from office in August 2007 after it was disclosed that he had a hidden bank account with Viking Schiffsfinanz A.G.

In this matter Mr. Ditlev-Simonsen stated to the press that he travelled to Zurich and did withdrawal of the families account in this "bank" in the form of travellers checks which he then smuggled out of Switzerland and in to Norway.

I have obtained a copy of the bank ledger of the Ditlev-Simonsen-family's account in Viking Schiffsfinanz (the so called Viking Bank). This document, a bank ledger, confirms that the management of the company conducted banking services without a license as early as in 1968.

In conclusion, we have a lost company file, stolen bearer shares, unpaid dividends, unlawful request for liquidation, illegal dispositions with the share capital, illegal banking activities, and at least one unnatural death.

I hereby request the Swiss authorities to help me out in this matter.

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On behalf of the estate of the late Konsul Einar Riis.

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