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Dear Larry:

Due to unusual circumstances, combined with my sundry disabilities, I did not see your letter of April 13th for quite some time after it's arrival. Please accept my apology for my ineptitude.

I find the summary sent with your letter to be an interesting view of the possibilities for difficulty and in my opinion it is quite reasonable. I am by no means certain that it is comprehensive, and I am not unduly impressed by the argument favorable to letting the cargo disintegrate slowly and gradually. I probably need not tell you that I know nothing about the possibilities for salvaging such a cargo, but I hope to find out as much as I can. Frankly, in considering the significance or insignificance of the thousands of materials that are being dumped into the sea by one means or another, I am not happy about our apparent helplessness and our (at least my) ignorance. I shall seek, somewhat discreetly, to gain some enlightenment. It seems to me that such a costly cargo as this and a number of others of which I have some knowledge, would justify the cost of a considerable effort of salvage, and I'd like to be a great deal surer than I am that no such salvage is indicated.

Sincerely,

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