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Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 3:08 PM
To: Jeffrey Epstein
Subject: RE: FW: Sci Fi Cities.

STAMPS?

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it turns out first great revenue is selling st=mps, to collectors that require ALL nations.

On Mon, Aug 29, 2011 at 6:28 AM, [REDACTED] =rg> wrote:

Just because Lowell mentioned you!

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These things are super cool.

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From: Lowell Wood [mailto:[REDACTED] >]
Sent: Sunday, August 28, 2011 9:05 PM
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Cc: 'Bill Gates'; Boris Nikolic (BGC3)
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Actually, as it turns =ut, the Somalis have pioneered really quite vigorously in recent years in =orming highly-active communities-at-sea, ones that support extensive entre=reneurial activities great distances from the nearest shore, moreover over=prolonged time-intervals.

With another hat on, I've been peripherally involved in detecting the existence-&-location of – and then 'interacting' – with -- such communities, which as-as-class have had utterly remarkable impacts on marine insurance rates in the western Indian Ocean!

Lowell

PS. Indeed, these dirt-poor people have innovated remarkably swiftly – and in a highly-effective manner! Why= they've even attracted significant quantities of international venture capital (of a non-too-savory flavor, to be sure!) to enable their building-out! :)

In the abstract-&-from a great remove, I do admire aspects of their derring-do! =[But then I was able to find a number of features of the Soviet system-of=doing-things to likewise admire-out-loud – to the continuing fury-&am=-despair of the far-too-many USG security officers assigned to my case...=:)]

If you were really-&-truly entrepreneurial, you'll pull-together a consortium that'd go out and lease a dozen war-surplus deep-sea drilling platforms, and deploy them in a line transecting a major marine-shipping lane in the deep ocean at a 24-mile pitch, i.e., just a shade less than twice the internationally-recognized "exclusive control of offshore seas" margins of sovereign nations.<=:p>

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After declaring themselves to constitute the Sovereign Archipelago of Francis Drake (or perhaps 'Jeffrey Epstein'?), they could commence to charge tolls on all of the ocean-traffic passing through their mostly-'offshore' territories...which fees would likely accumulate=quickly to a tidy sum (e.g., one supporting the oh-so-swiftly build-out of=ever-more 'islands' of the Archipelago, their proliferation across other major sea-lanes, etc.).

These tolls would naturally be priced at just a shade less than the total costs (fuel, time,...) of navigating around the Archipelago's territory. Correspondingly, I'd recommend emplacement of the initial Archipelago across either the east-or-west entryways of the Straits of Malacca... titanic 'regrets' are involved in avoiding the Straits in making the transit between the Persian Gulf and East Asia! *

Of course, the income derived from licensing fishing, etc. in the "exclusive economic zones" of 200 mile radius around each such island would be additional...but these could be employed to offset the substantial lawyers' bills, R=O;Washington representation" fees, etc., etc. that would be involved in operating such an "instant sovereign!"

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Not sure this is about autonomy?

I'm certain this would be better than life in Mogadishu. And probably cheaper&=8230;

Think of all the cool innovations that would follow –

1. D=salination would be easier and smaller

2. En=rgy requirements would be about the same but necessarily renewable<=:p>

3. Sanitation would totally change!

4. Health would matter since living in such tight quarters means communicable disease becomes real again (for everyone!)</=:p>

I think it would be cool to offer this up to Somalia or somewhere desperate and see what happens.=/p>

Rich people don't innovate as quickly!=

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You're a practical guy after my own heart, Boris – "Everyone&=8217;s allowed to dream about what they'll eventually do with=their dollars, as long as they contribute their pennies to our Good Causes=in the here-& now!" JJ

Lowell

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PS. It's admittedly interesting to contemplate from a technical perspective how=such 'establishments' might gain Lebensraum in a genuinely-feasible manner, i.e., how both area and volume could be 'accumulated' at a feasible cost per hectare, per cubic meter, etc., so that =ndefinite expansion of a 'seedling' might be 'self-executing'....

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Some Libertarians tried to create these new community (=ith autonomous structure, no taxation and even own currency) – Since=islands can, under international law, only be claimed if they are at least=30 cm above the high tide point, some have even attempted to build soverei=nt islands, like real-estate millionaire Michael Oliver's attempt at buildi=g a libertarian city-state called the Republic of Minerva in the southern =acific Ocean. Not sure how anyone could get significant autonomy.&nb=p;

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Republic_of_Minerva <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Republic_of_Minerva>

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We are still waiting for his reply=re October dinner in NYC

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Peter=Thiel's response to urban development. Neat to think about, cool pic=ures anyway.

\$1.25 million investment int= this (sketchy) organization on his part is probably too small to even bui=d one of these but at least he's trying!

What I think would be cool would be to try this in Africa. Even cancer=cells stop multiplying when you confine their space. J

Mission: To furt=er the establishment and growth of permanent, autonomous ocean communities= enabling innovation with new political and social systems.

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<<http://www.seasteading.org/>>

Floating cities: PayPal billionaire =lans to build a whole new libertarian colony off the coast of San Francisc=

- * Ocean state would have no w=elfare, no minimum wage, and few restrictions on weapons </=:p>
- * Platforms would house 270 people and hundreds could eventuall= join together

PayPal-founder Peter Thiel was so inspired by Atlas Shru=ged - Ayn Rand's novel about free-market capitalism - that he's trying to =ake its title a reality.

The Silicon Valley billionaire has funnelled \$1.25million= to the Seasteading Institute, an organisation that aspires to launch a fl=ating colony into international waters, freeing them and like-minded think=rs to live by libertarian ideals.

Mr Thiel recently told Details magazine: 'The U=ited States Constitution had things you could do at the beginning that you=couldn't do later. So the question is, can you go back to the beginning of=things? How do you start over?'

Life on the ocean wave: A design for one of the floating cities which=Peter Thiel wants to start constructing next year off the coast of San Fra=cisco

Gr=en land: An aerial view of the city, complete with landscaped gardens. Mr T=iel believes many of the islands could eventually be joined together

Design for living: This island even has a high-level helicopter pa=. The cities would be constructed on oil-rig like terminals </=:p>

The floating sovereign=nations that Mr Thiel imagines would be built on oil-rig-like platforms an=hored in areas free of regulation, laws, and moral conventions.

The Seasteading Ins=itute says it will 'give people the freedom to choose the government they =ant instead of being stuck with the government they get'.

Mr Theil, the venture cap=talist who famously helped Facebook expand beyond the Harvard campus, call=d Seasteading an 'open frontier for experimenting with new ideas for gover=ment'.

A=ter making his first investment in the project in 2008, Mr Thiel said: 'De=ades from now, those looking back at the start of the century will underst=nd that Seasteading was an obvious step towards encouraging the developmen= of more efficient, practical public sector models around the world.

'We're a= a fascinating juncture: the nature of government is about to change at a =ery fundamental level.'

'Big ideas start as weird ideas,' Mr Friedman said.

He predicted that full-time settlement will follow in about seven years.

But while some Ayn Rand advocates may think the idea is brilliant, it's not without its critics.

Margaret Crawford, an expert on urban planning and a professor of architecture at Berkeley, told Details: 'it's a silly idea without any urban-planning implications whatsoever.'

Mr Thiel told an audience at the Seasteading Institute Conference in 2009 that: 'There are quite a lot of people who think it's not possible.'

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