Hi Sam,

I plan to draft up a letter to IOT team for sending sometime next week. In it I plan to address three things:

Scheduling next call – likely propose Jan. 17 or Jan. 24.

And then addressing both the challenge to ICANN's role in the IOT and the matter of adding new members.

Before I float such a letter can I ask you two things.

First, at the last page of the transcript of last call (forwarded below) you made a suggestion that I did not fully grasp, and I asked if you could clarify – could you do that?

And, second, you mentioned (page 4 of 12) that ICANN Org (but not Legal) was planning to write to us about what Göran meant when he spoke the words that Malcolm quoted regarding the role of staff. Do you know status of that reply? I realize staff have been off over holidays and so it may not be ready yet. I will draft my letter saying that we can expect to soon hear from ICANN Org in that respect and it can influence how we approach these issues.

And then finally, as I draft this correspondence I am aware that Bylaw 4.3(n) simply states that the IOT shall be established 'in consultation with' the SOs/ACs. Since these are ICANN's bylaws the entity consulting with the SOs/ACs must of course be ICANN. The IOT, as the subject being formed, has no formal role in these two issues that I discern at the moment and so my letter will remind the IOT members that we are making suggestions here, not preparing to make decisions on these issues. The decisions, I believe, are up to ICANN and SOs/ACs, although I presume the IOT will step up to help as and if asked.

Cheers and happy holidays to you and Bernie
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