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Dear Mr Poel,

Establishment of an Internet top-level-domain for Sark

Thank you for visiting us here in Sark and for presenting your proposals to establish an Internet top-level-domain for us. I am pleased to confirm that, both as Seigneur and as President of the General Purposes and Advisory Committee of Chief Pleas, I am able to give you approval to apply on our behalf to the relevant authorities for an appropriate country code and top-level-domain to be registered for Sark.

Assuming this is successful, we wish to set up a body to control and manage this facility on our behalf. This could be in the form of a registered company, or a trust, or a partnership. A possible name for this venture could be Sark.CQ. However, we will need to take legal advice to determine the best form of structure (Sark has no company registry of its own and it may not be entirely appropriate for this innovative venture to utilise a foreign registered but Sark resident company as the paramount legal body). It will be important that the government of Sark has ultimate control of both the country code, and of the body entrusted to look after the Internet top-level-domain.

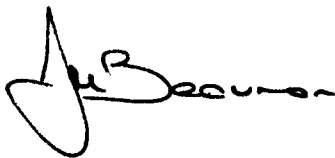
The committee members and I were impressed with your concept of a structured approach to allocation of domain names, also with the idea of 'ethical screening' of the domain licensees. We agree that this approach will be important for the success of the venture. This is also entirely in keeping with Sark's history and traditions. Sark will also need to achieve a reasonable financial benefit in return for lending its name and status to this project. Equally, it is recognised that

establishing, promoting and running the operation will require an injection of funds. It is understood that you and your own financial backers wish to play a part in this process. There should also be room for Sark resident individuals to contribute financially and achieve a reasonable measure of return commensurate with the risk involved. You have indicated that you are willing to bear the cost of the initial application to ISO, IANA, etc. as part of your commitment to the idea. This is most welcome: in return I declare our intention to work with your origination only at this stage.

By the time the top-level-domain is registered, I hope that we will have reached a mutually agreeable legal and financial structure. However, until these structures are agreed, I trust you will understand that further commitments are impossible. At some stage prior to the public launch of the project, it will be necessary to make a presentation of the concept and proposed legal structure to members of the General Purposes and Advisory Committee, together with certain other individuals. Chief Pleas will then grant final approval at a session that is open to the press. The 'media' aspects of this will need to be considered in order to get the most benefit, yet without presuming upon Chief Pleas' prerogative to reject the idea or ask for changes. Your input in all these areas will be needed. I hope the above points cover the important aspects and convey our wish to proceed with all speed, yet in a reasonable and prudent manner.

Please note that I shall be away from Sark between 12 to 23rd October inclusive.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Beaman'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J' and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Attn: Ms Edith Lechner 10772 Berlin, GERMANY

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Dear Ms Lechner

Application for an ISO country code

I write to request your attention to the attached request for the issue of an ISO country code for Sark, according to ISO 3 166-1. If we gain your approval in this, our intention is then to apply to the relevant authorities~ for the same country code letters to designate a top-level-domain for the Internet. Both this application to you and the initial management of the domain are delegated to our appointed representatives, USP Networks.

As the current Seigneur of Sark, I represent the lawful government of this island, which is an autonomous, self governing, fiscally independent possession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Our legal status is similar to that of the neighbouring Channel Islands of Guernsey and Jersey, both of which have set up their own top-level-domains based on 2 letter country codes. Sark has its own parliament, known as the Court of Chief Pleas, and makes its own laws. Sark raises its own taxes, and decides how to spend its income.

Sark is financially independent: no money is paid to the UK or EU and Sark receives no grants or other financial support. Geographically, the Island of Sark is located between the islands of Guernsey and Jersey. Sark may only be reached by sea (we have not allowed an airport), so all people and goods travel by boat. Since this request is made in the context of our plans to establish a constructive Internet presence for Sark, you may also like to know that Sark pioneered free school education within the British territories, passing a law in 1829 to provide free schooling to every child on the island.

Yours sincerely

