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Beste Suiar,
de jodelkist die in mijn woont, bewaart
kopieën van brieven. Ik kan mijn gedachte
ook al zijn ze vastgelegd in een kopie,
toch niet zo maar in de prullenbak
gooien? De adressant aan onszijde
is ooit eens mijn baas geweest toen ik
nog voor de Loyas Bank werkte. Deze
krabbels dienen als cover letter bij
de recente krantenpublicaties over
Numico. Of de verwachtingen die J. B.
schept uitkomen is de grote vraag Que
sera; Que sera. Ik zou een particulier
niet aanraden om in Numico te beleggen
tenzij hij een bedrag kan opzij zetten
voor Speculatie. Het € 469 miljoen
proot negatieve eigenvermogen is voor
mij dat het signaal op Rood staat!
Deze week logeerde mij 86 jarige moeder
(tante Bertie) bij ons in Amsterdam. In twee
dagen tijd 3 ~~ma~~ma's bezocht met haar.
Ik hoop dat ik ook zo gracieus oud
kan worden. Doe veel lief aan Johanna en
aan allen die ons een goed hart toedragen.
Ik + Aad +

Dear Stuart,

Thank you for your comments on the world-outlook to-day. The world has become a global village thanks to the satellite connections. The advantages are numerous and so are the disadvantages. For instance, the proliferation of all sort of sensitive information via internet to the wrong type of persons.

Yet all the political institutions are regional institutions. These bodies primary objectives are to see to it that the living conditions of their own population will not be set back relative the others. They do not entertain a longterm view on global issues. I recall the intellectual exercise on depleting resources from MIT as being a last effort to present a longterm view which would affect mankind. Later it has been derided. In hindsight every fool is wise. At least it has been a laudable exercise.

But what we dearly need is a supranational authority which has the power to deal with the longterm impact on a number of issues. I name one: OVERPOPULATION. What will be the threats of the overpopulation?

In my opinion all future problems will emanate from the fact that the world is being overpopulated. Today the tally is 6.2 billion people. All circumstances staying equal, the world population will increase to 9 billion in 2050. What are the ramifications of such an increase in numbers? I sincerely do not believe that the world (nature/ecology/milieu environment/ hole in the ozon layer/energy) can cope with a living standard for the whole world population at the level we enjoy today in Europe and in America. There is no existing regulating supranational authority who presents a view. I can foresee a doomsday scenario as a result of the prevailing 'catch as catch can' philosophy of the present day politicians/nations. Limited access to clean water, proliferation nuclear knowledge, unjust division of wealth in the world, no fair distribution of fossil energy, etc. are an enumerative summing up for a reason to begin a war. 'You ain't nothing seen yet', to use a phrase of poor Ronald Reagan.

I wrote you my above concern in May 2002
Interesting is the political stance between
Europe and the US in respect of the Inter-
national Criminal Court. Will the European
Countries close rank or be driven apart
on this issue?

I know we only scratched the surface
of what could be discussed by two
intelligent gentlemen. Even we did not
broached on the Euro. The month November
is testing time for the Euro!

Come from us both and like Nelson I
expect every Englishman to his duty to achieve
for a better world. Adriaan W. W. W.