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I propose to send the attached letter. It has relevance for the draft "Transition Plan". It would be more effective if more details could be included regarding the need for support. Proposals are welcome, also before the meeting.

I have just talked to Klaus and he again confirmed that he would indeed take action on a request for support although we did not discuss amounts.

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Klaus Ullmann, RARE president

Dear Klaus,

In continuation of our previous correspondence and meetings I should like to give you an estimate of EARN's resource requirements.

As you know, EARN has started a project aimed at running our present services over X.25 even before IXI was planned. This project is proceeding, and equipment and programmes are being installed at a number of international EARN nodes. It is not yet clear to what extent these resources can be utilised with IXI and how the two projects could proceed in parallel. We will

therefore,

as agreed, meet with the IXI project team to discuss detail and whether new equipment will be needed.

It is clear, however, that manpower resources are necessary. In planning the EARN X.25 infrastructure we included an EARN OSI Centre appropriately staffed for management of the infrastructure.

We realise that with the IXI, management of the X.25 infrastructure will be done by the project, but the EARN services are OSI application services, so there will still be a need for management of the four upper layers. Based on this it seems that one or two extra persons would be needed in the EARN OSI Centre for running and evaluating the EARN services over IXI.

We therefore ask you to include in the IXI budget 100 KECU for EARN staff and travel costs for the planning and testing of the IXI pilot, covering the period from now to end 1990.

Kind regards,
Frode Greisen