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August 21, 1998

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Dear President Clinton,

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Thank you very much
for your handwritten note thanking
me for my book, Generations of
Women. I am honored to know
you spent a bit of time looking
at it.

Thanks also for your
good wishes for my next project,
Couples in America. My goal is to
portray the great ethnic, geographical
and socio-economic diversity within
our country and at the same time
show that all couples, regardless of
"race, creed or color," share similar
personal goals and concerns. I
like to believe there is an underlying
humanity amongst many, many Americans
which gives this country its true value.
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I know it's a longshot to ask,
but would you and Mrs. Clinton permit
me to photograph you for my book?
The publication date would be not
before Fall 2000. As you may recall,
I was able to make the successful
portrait of you and your mother in
less than ten minutes and a "couple's"
picture would take no longer. You
and Mrs. Clinton have acted with great
dignity during your tenure as President -
it's been difficult but your and Mrs. Clinton's
dedication to what is important is admirable.

Needless to say, I could easily
come to Washington to make the picture.
If you're planning to be on the Vineyard
this summer, I will be there from
July 25 until Labor Day. My phone there
is: 508-693-7846.

Please say, "Yes!"

As always, all good wishes,

Franine Cook

P.S. I'd love to make a portrait of you alone, too. I'll do
a good job - for history's sake!

JULY 1995

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Eight Portraits

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The definitions of “portrait” are as varied as the many photographs that might be “taken” of a given person during the course of a lifetime. For me, a true portrait must reveal a combination of psychological qualities that often seem incompatible. The moment when a person’s essential characteristics meet and show themselves distinctly is rare.

In 1987, I photographed Jacob Zeitlin, a rare book dealer in Los Angeles who had been a patron of writers and artists for many decades. Jake had given Edward Weston his first exhibition of photographs in 1928. At last, after three attempts over several years, I made a successful portrait of Jake six months before his death. His response to the picture made explicit my definition of a portrait: “My friends who have seen it are very much impressed. It stands on my mantelpiece where all my visitors see it on their arrival. It stops them, and they want to know who it is, which is very amusing to me because I think it looks more like me than I do.”

My wish in making a portrait is to reveal someone’s internal qualities. Whether the final result is a good “likeness” is irrelevant. For example, I often ask my subjects to remove their eyeglasses because the eyes unveil a face. It is a superficial concern of no significance if a subject does not “look like” what his or her friends and family see in daily life.

Original intent is the most critical aspect in creating a true portrait. Such a picture must be made as an end in itself. The photographs that follow were made for the sake of the portrait, in celebration of the person depicted – not for a magazine story, a book jacket, a family commission. I am grateful to the subjects for their courage in facing themselves and my camera in the world of natural light.

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12 July, 1998

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Dear Nancy,

Thanks for having
passed along my frustrations
of interview book to the President.
I got two letters of thanks -
one handwritten from him weeks
ago + one "comme il faut" typewritten
yesterday.

I'd love to photo-
graph him + Mrs. Clinton for my
next book, Couples in America.

And I'd like to make a very
fine individual portrait of him.

I have several of my portraits
in the collection of the National Portrait
Gallery and I would hope to give a
(one)

successful portrait of the President
to them.

Would you be kind enough
to give the enclosed letter and
Yale Review opprint to the President.
I'd be grateful.

Yours sincerely,

W. L. G.



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August 20, 1998

President William Jefferson Clinton
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Dear Mr. President,

The President of Sao Tome and Principe respectfully meeting with you during his visit to the United States on Sep. 15. It can be the beginning of a New Africa. This small island of Guinea off the West Coast of Africa is strategically located near the United States. It provides a "safe haven" for political participation of the United States.

Already the creation of the joint venture oil and gas of STPETRO has brought U.S. private capital investment to partner, Environmental Remediation Holding Corporation in Louisiana, opened the large surrounding ocean oil and gas interest. Their initiation opened up potential oil and gas reserves in the Bay. In order to define the international boundaries, they employed Scott Edmonds, the admitted most outstanding oceanic mapping expert to provide the first map and definition of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) for the area. They were the first to file the mapping with the United Nations in accordance with "Law of the Seas Convention". All of this was done with private U.S. investment.

This private oil and gas company, ERHC brought Mobile Oil to the STPETRO controlled area.

Beyond the oil and gas potential is an equally economic plan with equal or more potential for sustainable development of great magnetism. The plan is for a deep water port with a dry dock facility. This port on the west coast of Sao Tome will provide all supplies necessary for all the oil and gas producers of the entire Gulf of Guinea area. At the same time, plans are drawn up to expand the airport. Both of these developments will be "safe haven" gateways for all the West Coast of Africa - providing substantial economic growth and jobs to Sao Tome in a politically safe haven country.

Phil -
Should we send to
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Dear Mr. President,

The President of Sao Tome and Principe respectfully requests the honor of a meeting with you during his visit to the United States on September 9, 10, and 11th, 1998. It can be the beginning of a New Africa. This small island Democratic nation in the Gulf of Guinea off the West Coast of Africa is strategically located to be of highest priority to the United States. It provides a "safe haven" for political, economic and military participation of the United States.

Already the creation of the joint venture oil and gas exploration and development of STPETRO has brought U.S. private capital investment to the area. The Joint Venture partner, Environmental Remediation Holding Corporation, a U.S. oil company from Louisiana, opened the large surrounding ocean oil and gas potential to international interest. Their initiation opened up potential oil and gas reserves larger than that of Prudo Bay. In order to define the international boundaries, they employed Scott Edmonds, the admitted most outstanding oceanic mapping expert to provide the first map and definition of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) for the area. They were the first to file the mapping with the United Nations in accordance with "Law of the Seas Convention". All of this was done with private U.S. investment.

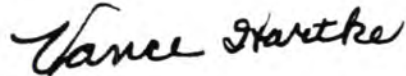
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President Trovoada wants you to share with you the unique opportunity that the United States has for opening up a "New Africa".

Our office is coordinating activities for President Trovoada's visit and we will call you for a time suitable to your schedule.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vance Hartke".

Hartke & Hartke

by: Vance Hartke

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P.S. We are working with Glaxco Wellcome and the Save the Children Foundation of President Carter to bring the new Malaria preventive and cure to Sao Tome and Principe.



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Overview of State Visit of President Trovoadá of Sao Tome and Principe to the United States

President Trovoadá has come to the United States to advance cooperation in the sustainable development of a "New Africa" with Sao Tome and Principe.

Although small in size, poor and with only a few people, Sao Tome and Principe is opening the opportunity for sustainable development in the west coast of Africa. With the private financial assistance of Environmental Remediation Holding Corporation (ERHC) an oil and gas company of Louisiana, USA, a completely new and exciting opportunity is developing.

A brief review of the prospects, plans and goals shows how this challenge is being met.

STPETRO is a joint venture contract with the Government of Sao Tome and Principe and Environmental Remediation Holding Corporation (ERHC) of Louisiana, USA, for the development of the country's oil and gas resources. In addition, discussions between the Government and ERHC have expanded into other health, economic development projects, and regional security concerns. Specific subjects of interest include development of a deep-water sea port with dry-dock facilities on Sao Tome, extension of

the airport, road construction projects, agricultural development projects, programs to deal with malaria, improvement of hospital and health care facilities and personnel, hydroelectric power plants, and development of a commercial logistics support center from Sao Tome to service all of the Gulf of Guinea region.

Strategic Location. The country of Sao Tome & Principe is an independent country composed of four islands on the Equator in the Atlantic Ocean off the West Coast of Africa. It is strategically located in the "heart of the arc" of the Gulf of Guinea, which extends from La Cote D'Ivoire to Angola in an arc. The main island of Sao Tome lies 290km from the mainland of Africa. This island of Principe lies 150km north of Sao Tome.

Safe Harbour, political stability. The Country is politically stable. Voice of America has relocated its Africa-wide transmitting station from Liberia to Sao Tome. It is a massive and impressive center, which we personally toured on September 25, 1997. We believe that a significant consideration in this relocation is a recognition of the political stability of these islands, in a securely democratic country.

Sao Tome provides a strategic Safe Harbour for National Security and Commercial staging bases. The strategic location is an important and significant interest to the United States Government. The security and economic concerns of the United States in the entire West African continent can emanate from this location.

United Nations. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) office in New York has proposed a mission to the country, followed by a Round Table in Brussels to address the priorities of economic development. The concept is eradication of poverty. From the "heart of the are," multilateral economic programs can emanate. Creation of a

Deep Water Sea Port on Sao Tome will provide jobs and lead to collateral economic programs on the mainland of Africa. Dry Dock facilities from the "heart of the arc" offer tremendous savings for maritime users in terms of less transit time for ships to a Dry Dock facility, permitting significant savings in return to service for the ships. Expansion of the airport will alleviate Regional current problems of restricted overflights in certain areas. UNDP has had great success with its use of International Round Tables for coordinated economic programs, and Sao Tome can look forward to playing a central role in solid sustainable economic expansion throughout the entire Gulf of Guinea region. It is an exciting opportunity.

Logistics Support Center for the Gulf of Guinea. From the initial joint venture project of STPETRO's oil and gas (a copy of the United Nations Deep Sea Port Study with our analysis is available) development plan for the country (including offshore platforms), the economic value of a Logistics Support Center from this central location is unavoidable. That is, economic value is inherent in oil fields; independent economic value is inherent in the strategic geographic location of this country in the heart of the arc of the Gulf of Guinea.

The Gulf of Guinea is considered to be potentially the next major supplier of oil for the United States. A single oil field (containing many wells) offshore from Angola is providing 7% of the entire U.S. actual consumption of oil currently (as reported by CNN), with deeper offshore seismic studies showing even larger potential oil discoveries. The deeper offshore oil site from the mainland of the Gulf of Guinea countries are all moving towards the "heart of the arc," Sao Tome & Principe. This poor country has never had a responsible company address its oil and gas potentials in an orderly manner as STPETRO

is doing. The Gulf of Guinea is currently regarded as one of the most significant oil exploration and development locations in the world. We suggest that the fundamental business of economic activity in the entire, comparatively wealthy, Gulf of Guinea can be structured in an orderly manner from this stable democratic country. The country can proceed on a three-prong foreign policy of oil development, strategic security staging locations, and strategic Economic Logistics Support Center. This is a rational and compelling foreign policy.

Safe Harbour. Political unrest throughout the Gulf of Guinea countries (Congo, Cabinda, etc.) make Sao Tome a natural Safe Harbour. An orderly development of the political relations between the United States and Sao Tome & Principe will lead to and enhance the orderly development of the economic and social structure of Sao Tome, providing a secure, stable supply center for economic activity and living arrangements for locals and expatriates assisting in the economic improvement of the African mainland. The U.S. can rationally explain and justify this solid foreign policy perspective. It "sells" because it is unassailably rational.

A thorough and large 1996 study and Report for a Free Trade Zone on the northern island of Principe was prepared by a company called West African Development Corporation (WADCO). It was submitted to the World Bank. The European Union expressed an interest in that proposal. We are replacing that plan, but the fundamental strategic concepts of commercial staging platforms are contained in that detailed study. It even contained "implementation time lines" with cost breakdowns of each phased project. It outlined a cohesive developmental plan for the country. We believe the deep water port should be located on the main island of Sao Tome instead of on Principe, but the

conceptual framework and arguments regarding the country's valuable location remain intact. We propose to expand the length of the airport on the main island for commercial activity, leaving the pristine environment of Principe to its highest and best use. This comprehensive study will be reviewed by the UNDP mission in the preparation of the Plan to be considered at the Regional Round Table.

Sincerely,

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by: Vance Hartke
United States Senator, (1959 - 1977)

STPETRO and Mobil Corp. Unit Sign Letter of Intent to Begin Early Evaluation of Offshore Oil Potential in Sao Tome and Principe -- West Africa

LAFAYETTE, La.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--August 19, 1998--Environmental Remediation Holding Corporation (OTC Bulletin Board: ERHC) announced today that a unit of Mobil Corp. (NYSE: MOB) and Sao Tome & Principe National Petroleum Co. (STPETRO) have signed a letter of intent to enter into a Technical Assistance Agreement to evaluate the early hydrocarbon potential of offshore acreage located in the Exclusive Economic Development Zone (EEZ) of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe (DRSTP).

Under the terms of the agreement, Mobil New Exploration and Producing Ventures is expected to complete an 18-month technical evaluation which will concentrate on Blocks 1 through 22, comprising approximately 12 million acres, previously scheduled for an open round bid. Mobil will then have an exclusive option on the acreage to acquire a production sharing contract with STPETRO for further evaluation through exploratory drilling.

STPETRO, the national oil company of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, is managed by Environmental Remediation Holding Corporation for the exploration and development of the country's oil and gas reserves in the Gulf of Guinea. STPETRO is a joint venture between the government of the DRSTP and ERHC, which own 51% and 49% respectively.

Environmental Remediation Holding Corporation is an independent oil and gas company engaged in the exploration, development, production and sale of crude oil and natural gas properties. Its current operations are focused domestically in Texas and Utah, and internationally in the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe.

For more information concerning ERHC, please visit the company's website at www.erhc.com.

Note: This press release may contain forward-looking statements, as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, regarding Environmental Remediation Holding Corporation. Actual events or results may differ from the company's expectations, which are subject to a number of known and unknown risks and uncertainties including but not limited to fluctuation in the price of crude oil and natural gas; the success of exploration efforts; the timeliness of development activities in Texas, Utah and the Gulf of Guinea; changes in the political and economic environment in which the company has international operations; as well as availability of human and financial resources. Other risk factors listed in the company's SEC filings may also affect the actual results achieved by the company.

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BIOGRAPHY OF HIS EXCELLENCY

PRESIDENT MIGUEL ANJOS DA CUNHA LISBOS TROVOADA

THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

NAME: Mr. Miguel Anjos da Cunha Lisboa Trovoada
DATE OF BIRTH: December 27, 1936
PLACE OF BIRTH: Conceicao, Sao Tome
MARITAL STATUS: Married - Three Children

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

1942 - 1951 - Primary and Vocational School (Sao Tome)
1951 - 1957 - Secondary School (Angola)
1957 - 1960 - Law School (Lisbon, Portugal)

PROFESSIONAL AND POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

- 1960: Before leaving Sao Tome for Lisbon, Portugal, Mr. Miguel Trovoada together with other nationalists from Sao Tome decided to create the Liberation Committee of Sao Tome and Principe (C.L.S.T.P.). He then fled Portugal and took refuge in the Republic of Guinea in order to denounce the Portuguese colonialism.

- While in Lisbon, Portugal, Mr. Miguel Trovoada participated clandestinely in the political activities of the Portuguese Democratic Youth.

- He worked as Treasury Secretary, and also as Secretary of Finance of the "Casa dos Estudantes do Imperio (C.E.I.) Student Organization.

- 1961: As President of C.L.S.T.P., Mr. Trovoada participated in the Conference of Casa Blanca (Morocco) which gave birth to C.O.N.C.P. (Conference of Nationalists Organization of the former Portuguese colonies) which was set up to co-ordinate the Liberation Movement of the African Territories under Portuguese Domination.

- 1974: Mr. Miguel Trovoada started preliminary meetings in London, New York and Portugal with Dr. Mario Soares, then Foreign Minister of Portugal in order to discuss the Independence of Sao Tome and Principe. These talks led to the signature of the "Argel Agreement" on the 26th of November, 1974 which established a legal and political calendar for decolonization and independence of Sao Tome and Principe.

- After the Government of Transition was in place in Sao Tome, Mr. Miguel Trovoada made intense diplomatic campaign in several countries and international organization to promote the new independent nation.

- 1975 - 1979: Upon independence, Mr. Miguel Trovoada was appointed Prime Minister and Minister of Defense; subsequently, he served as Minister of Foreign Affairs; Minister of Economic Coordination and Cooperation as well as Minister of Industry, Trade and Fishery.

- Mr. Trovoada's liberal views on the economy and on a foreign policy based upon openness and friendly relations and cooperation both with countries of the Eastern and especially of the Western group led him into trouble with Mr. Pinto da Costa's regime. He was expelled from the sole party (M.L.S.T.P.) and thrown in prison and charged with high treason. He stayed in jail for 21 months without trial and then released after intense campaign on his behalf by the Amnest International which in January 1981 declared Mr. Trovoada as "The Month's Prisoner of Opinion".

- 1981 - 1990: Once in liberty, Mr. Trovoada sought asylum in Paris, France where he kept denouncing violation of human rights in his country, in Africa as well as in Latin America. Guided by the ideal of democracy and freedom, Mr. Trovoada decided to return to his country after the unsuccessful experience of the past regime that led to adopt a multi-party system of Government and scheduled free election.

- Mr. Trovoada arrived in Sao Tome on May 30, 1990 where he got a very warm reception by thousands of people. From there on, he started meeting with people all around the country stressing the need for a change and true democracy after 15 years of the M.L.S.T.P. regime. In June, 1990, after overwhelming support and encouragement from all sectors of the society, he announce his intention to run for Presidency.

- 1981: Mr. Trovoada was elected President on March 3, 1991 with 81.8% of the expressed votes. His electoral message was based upon the values of "Democracy, Progress and Social Justice".

- Mr. Trovoada took an oath as Head of State and President on April 3, 1991.

- 1996: Mr. Trovoada was reelected President, for five years, after June 30 election.



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August 20, 1998

Ms. Mindy Myer
White House

By Fax: (202) 456-6220

Dear Ms. Myer,

Will you please see that this letter to President Clinton is delivered to him. I have known the President since 1972 and strongly support him.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vance Hartke". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first and last names being the most prominent.

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