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SUBJECT: DESPERATLY NEEDED NEW & INOVATIVE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR HAITI

Dear President Clinton

First I would like to thank and commend you for all the hard work and support you are providing my country and people since the catastrophic earthquake in January. All Haitians greatly appreciate your personal visits to the disaster zones to get firsthand knowledge and understanding of the desperate situation so many find themselves in, even now, 5 months since the disaster. Besides the obvious need for food, water and medical services there is one paramount desperate immediate need. That is for safe, portable, hurricane resistant and earthquake proof transitional housing that can be used for the next 6 months or 10 years.

In this regard I would like to share with you a company and new building product, that all Haitians I have spoken with about it, feel would fit the immediate needs on the ground now, and be a vast improvement over anything that has been provided to this point. Tents, tarps and disposable shelters are miserable during the current rainy season and will be destroyed with our hurricane season fast approaching. Then we will have to start all over again! A few months ago I appeared on The Emerald Planet News Program, that is carried via the internet around the world, to discuss the Haitian disaster. I had the privilege of sharing the forum with a gentleman that is President/CEO of a company named InterShelter that produces a new and innovative emergency shelter and transitional housing building. Although they are as compact, portable, and quickly erected as large tents, once constructed they are capable of withstanding hurricane force winds, earthquakes of any magnitude and provide safe roomy, dignified housing for either short or long periods of time. If the need is permanent housing they have been used for 20 years in many cases with no structural or maintenance issues what so ever. If you only need them for a short period of time they can be dis-assembled, quickly, and re-deployed to another project site or warehoused until the next hurricane or disaster. This provides a simple and easy "exit strategy" if needed.

To show the kind of support and backing InterShelter has by the Haitian leadership, It's President, Capt. Don Kubley was invited to be a guest of myself, NOAH, Ambassador Joseph and the Haitian League at the White House last week at the Haitian Flag Day Celebration. It was a wonderful reception honoring the original raising of our flag over our new Country when we received our independence. I had the opportunity to chat, again, with Mr. Kubley again about the many uses of his buildings, right now, as urban and rural medical clinics, classrooms, remote police stations, government offices, storage,

communications centers, and of course the biggest need we have......transitional housing for those most in need. We cannot expect to attract our young professional Haitians, that have gone off to college and achieved professional credentials, who will be the driving force and guiding light of the reconstruction of our country, to come back to Haiti unless we provide them respectable, safe housing when they return home. Quite frankly they would not live in the , tents, tarps and the other disposable buildings currently being deployed. Mr. President, I sincerely think that The InterShelter Dome could play a large, very positive, role in this great challenge. With your intense knowledge of the importance of "green technology" I think it is also important to note that these buildings can also be totally sustainable, off the grid and powered by renewable energy....our famous Haitian sun, if needed. The SolarDome can provide a completely green solar powered building that can be used for housing, or when hooked up with the internet, become "SolarDome Televillages" that will also provide vocational training for our adults and young people and bring the best minds in the world in off the internet to educate our children. The way to make this re-birth of our country a true success is to lift those in need out of poverty through education. InterShelter has teamed up with The International Green Technology Institute, out of L.A., and SIMACT a very prestigious Haitian American Professional Association, to create these "SolarDome Televillages" that could play such a big role in a bright future for Haiti. Obviously, the Televillage project would be only part of the need for these domes as most would be used for the many other direct uses mentioned above. I will attach a brief Power Point of the Televillage Project for your review.

I am also going to attach a few letters of support and documentation on these revolutionary domes to this letter that will give you a good idea of their many unique strengths and capabilities that are so well suited for the needs of Haiti and her people today.

I know InterShelter also has strong support of many leaders in Congress as a distinguished delegation of Haitians and Mr. Kubley have met with many of them over the last several weeks in DC. Those would include Chairman Maxine Waters, Chairman Benny Thomson, Chairman John Conyers, Representative Corrine Brown, Chairman James Oberstar, and US Senator Lisa Murkowski among many others.

Mr. President, anything you and your good offices might do to help fund an immediate large scale production ramp up and deployment of these buildings, so badly needed, would be greatly appreciated by NOAH, SIMAC, and many others who have written you about these domes, and of course the Haitian people who so desperately need them. I know that, after the first several thousand units are immediately produced in their US plants, InterShelter has also committed to build production facilitates in Haiti, train local people how to build them and create a whole new industry, and the jobs that go with it, to provide this kind of shelter for Haiti and the whole Caribbean. As you can see from the attached letter from The Mayor of Cauffaur and President of the Haitian Mayor's Association, Yvon Jerome, he has already expressed a need for an immediate 5,000 units as the first of several phases to rebuild his city of a million people that was the epicenter of the quake that destroyed 95% of all buildings in his community. Mayor Jerome feels so strongly about using InterShelter's domes that he asked Mr. Kubley to join him in a whirlwind of meetings on Capitol Hill the last several weeks to brief Congressional leaders on the immediate need in Haiti for these hurricane proof buildings.

I appreciate your taking the time out of your busy schedule to read this letter and your serious consideration of this plea for help. Thanks again for your tireless efforts on behalf of Haiti and the many other countries you assist through your Clinton Initiative. The world is blessed to have your leadership, vision and support for so many around the world who are helped by your efforts. God Bless you, Mr. President, and God Bless Haiti.

Most respectfully yours,

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