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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

TO: Qualification/Registration Section
Division of Corporations

SUBJECT: Marine Resources Development Foundation of the U.S. Virgin Is.
(Name of Corporation)

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Dear Sir or Madam:

The enclosed "Application by Foreign Not for Profit Corporation for Authorization to Conduct its Affairs in Florida", "Certificate of Existence", and check are submitted to register the above referenced not for profit corporation to conducts its affairs in Florida.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

WHS-20517

Marcella D'Haem

(Name of Person)

Marine Resources Development Foundation of the U.S. Virgin Islands, Inc.
(Firm/Company)

51 Shoreland Drive

(Address)

Key Largo, FL 33037

(City, State and Zip Code)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

Marcella D'Haem

(Name of Person)

at (305) 451 - 1139
Area Code & Daytime Telephone Number

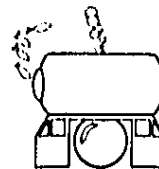
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COURIER ADDRESS:

Qualification/Tax Lien Section
Division of Corporations
409 E. Gaines St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

MAILING ADDRESS:

Qualification/Tax Lien Section
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314



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11 October 1995

Florida Department of State
409 East Gaines St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Attn.: Hart Collins, Administrator
Qualifications, Foreign Corporations

Dear Mr. Collins:

Thank you for sending the application to register as a foreign not-for-profit corporation in the State of Florida. I have made a good faith effort to fulfill all the requirements of the registration form, as well as what was mentioned in our conversation, and in subsequent conversations with various other offices of State Government. Included with the application herein are: a check for \$315, (representing the \$70 registration fee and the annual report fee of \$61.25 for the past four years); copies of the 990 for the past five years; a copy of my letter to the Office of the Lt. Governor of the Virgin Islands, requesting an original, currently dated "Letter of Good Standing"; a copy of our most recent "Letter of Good Standing" dated April 26, 1995. I do not know how long it will take for St. Thomas to respond. My information is that the island is still without power and my repeated telephone calls to that office have not been answered.

We believed that we had complied with all requirements of the Department of State under section 496, until 1989 when we were notified that the laws pertaining to that section had been repealed. We continue to register with the Department of Agriculture, as a charitable corporation, and the Department of Revenue. We were never notified that we were required to register with the Department of State under another section of Florida Statute. I have enclosed a copy of the letter from the Department of State that we received in 1989. If we were registered with your Department under one section of statute, but not another, why did you not notify us at that time so that we could have corrected the situation then?

This matter of non-registration came about because we applied for a small grant to help us educate teachers about the marine ecology of the Florida Keys - a very precious resource to the State of Florida. The \$4000 penalty which you have indicated must be paid before you can process the application for the Certificate of Authority is excessive, and seriously

impacts our operation. We are asking that we be granted the Certificate, so that we can proceed to sign the necessary contracts to receive the FACEE grant, and we will continue to seek abatement of the penalty through the General Counsel's office.

Our mission in the State of Florida is to teach people the absolute necessity of protecting our planet, specifically the marine environment. The bureaucratic processes should support these efforts, not hinder them.

We very much appreciate any assistance you can provide us in processing this application and in our efforts to have this penalty abated.

Sincerely,
Marine Resources Development Foundation of the Virgin Islands, Inc.



Marcella J. D'Haem
Business Manager/Treasurer

cc: Jerrie Lindsey, FACEE
Bill Nelson, Comptroller, State of Florida
Gwen Godfrey, Dept of Environmental Protection

MEMORANDUM

TO: Marc Dunbar

FROM: Hart Collins

DATE: October 16, 1995

RE: Request for waiver of civil penalties due by Marine Resources Development Foundation of the Virgin Islands, Inc., a foreign not for profit, 501(c)(3) IRC corporation

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Marc, I am forwarding the above referenced application and last five federal income tax returns along with the corporation's letter requesting the DOS waive the civil penalties due for transacting business in Florida without authority. Please be aware that the Division of Corporations calculates the civil penalties and annual report fees due by foreign not for profit corporations from 1991 regardless if said corporations have transacted business prior to 1991 as the penalty provision (s. 617.1502(4), F.S.) went into effect in 1991 (see s. 95, ch. 90-179 laws of Florida). The referenced corporation has paid \$245.00 in annual report fees (\$61.25 each by 501(c)(3) IRC not for profit corporations for 1992 through 1995). The corporation is now requesting that the DOS waive \$4000 in civil penalties due for transacting business in Florida since 1979 (calculated as of 1991). Marcella J. D'Haem, business manager/treasurer for said corporation had called our office about information concerning qualifying. It was at that time that I informed her that the corporation was liable for these referenced fees. Prior to submitting the application, I was contacted by personnel from both the Florida Department of Insurance and Florida Department of Environmental Protection concerning this matter. Apparently, said corporation had either written and/or called these departments concerning the civil penalties collected by the DOS.

Please call me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Thanks, Hart

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Office of General Counsel
Department of State

Assistant General Counsel Marc Dunbar waived penalties--see next page.

To Do

Hart -

go ahead + waive the
penalties.

Thanks,
Warr

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**APPLICATION BY FOREIGN NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION FOR
AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT ITS AFFAIRS IN FLORIDA**

**IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 617.1503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS
SUBMITTED TO REGISTER A FOREIGN NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION FOR
AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT ITS AFFAIRS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA:**

1. Marine Resources Development Foundation of the Virgin Islands, Inc.

(Name of corporation: must include the word "INCORPORATED" or "CORPORATION" or words or abbreviations of like import in language as will clearly indicate that it is a corporation instead of a natural person or partnership if not so contained in the name at present. "Company" or "Co." may not be used as a corporate suffix by a nonprofit corporation.)

2. U.S. Virgin Islands
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated)

3. 67-0258256
(FEI number, if applicable)

4. 1970
(Date of Incorporation)

5. Perpetual
(Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")

6. 1979
(Date corporation first conducted Affairs in Florida -
See sections 617.1501, 617.1502, and 817.155, F.S.)

7. PO Box 787
Key Largo, FL 33037
(Current mailing address)

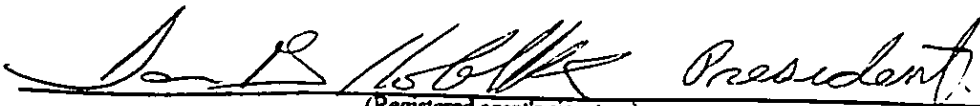
8. Environmental Education and Marine Research
(Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in the state of Florida)

9. Name and street address of Florida registered agent:

Ian G. Koblick
(Name)
51 Shoreland Drive
(Office address)
Key Largo 33037
(City) Florida (Zip Code)

10. Registered agent's acceptance:

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this application, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

 President
(Registered agent's signature)

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11. Attached is a certificate of existence duly authenticated, not more than 90 days prior to delivery of this application to the Department of State, by the Secretary of State or other official having custody of corporate records in the jurisdiction under the law of which it is incorporated.

12. Names and addresses of officers and/or directors: (Street address only- P. O. Box NOT acceptable)

A. DIRECTORS (Street address only- P. O. Box NOT acceptable)

Chairman: Ian G. Koblick

Address: 51 Shoreland Drive
Key Largo, FL 33037

Vice Chairman: _____

Address: _____

Director: Gerry Bass

Address: 14731 SW 63rd Ct.
Miami, FL 33158

Director: Edward Clausner

Address: 1350 River Reach Dr. - #518
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33315-1173

B. OFFICERS (Street address only- P. O. Box NOT acceptable)

President: Ian G. Koblick

Address: 51 Shoreland Drive
Key Largo, FL 33037

Vice President: Neil T. Monney

Address: 49 Shoreland Drive
Key Largo, FL 33037

Secretary: Tonya A. Koblick

Address: 51 Shoreland Drive, Key Largo, FL 33037

Treasurer: Marcella D'Haem

Address: 51 Shoreland Drive, Key Largo, FL 33037

NOTE: If necessary, you may attach an addendum to the application listing additional officers and/or directors.

13.  Chairman
(Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any officer listed in number 12 of the application)

Ian G. Koblick, Chairman of the Board, President
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

**GOVERNMENT OF
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES**

Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V.I. 00802

OFFICE OF
THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

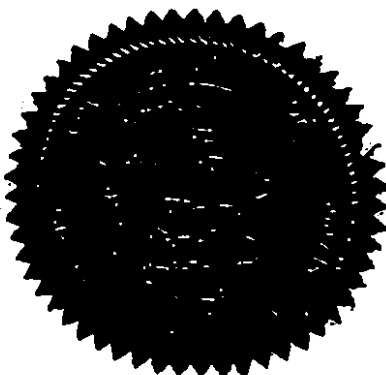
April 26, 1995

Kongens Gade No. 18
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00802
809-774-2991

CERTIFICATION OF GOOD STANDING

This is to certify that the corporation known
as MARINE RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION OF THE
VIRGIN ISLANDS, INC
filed Articles of Incorporation in the Office of the
Lieutenant Governor on December 8, 1970 that
a Certificate of Incorporation was issued by the Lieu-
tenant Governor on January 28, 1971 authorizing
the said corporation to conduct business in the Virgin
Islands and the corporation is considered to be in
good standing.

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