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Mr. Bill Allen
 President
 VECO Corporation
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Dear Bill:

Today, I had a very productive meeting with members of the State Department and the Agency for International Development on the creation of a worker training program for individuals from Sakhalin. Consistent with our conversations, we discussed the idea of a public/private partnership between the United States Government, the Alaskan State government, VECO Corporation and other members of the oil community, to develop a training program for individuals from Sakhalin so that they may be able to receive instruction in the building and maintenance of modules.

A working group of members from the State and Commerce Departments, the Agency for International Development, Michael Allen, members of my staff and the private community will meet within the next few weeks to discuss a timeline of activities and present me with a definitive plan during the week of November 8th.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me. I look forward to working with members of your staff to ensure the success of this venture.

With best wishes,

Cordially,


 TED STEVENS

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