



**The Prime Minister  
St. Vincent and the Grenadines  
West Indies**

September 25, 2014

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Dear Ms. Thornton,

Warm greetings to you!

It is with great enthusiasm that St. Vincent and the Grenadines today formalizes this Sister-Islands relationship with the Executive and people of Duke's County, Martha's Vineyard, through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding.

The Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines is cognizant of the need to enhance our development through inter-governmental; people-to-people; and private sector collaborative initiatives. The Partnership now forged between the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Martha's Vineyard, through the excellent work of our Washington Embassy under the leadership of Ambassador La Celia Prince must be commended. We see this friendship and relationship as one which holds tremendous potential for the mutual benefit of both our peoples.

Already the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Fire Services, which falls under the Ministry of National Security of which I take charge, has been a beneficiary of this partnership with Martha's Vineyard, following the visit of two of your Fire Services experts who completed a mission here last year. The generous donation of their expertise and know-how has thus far further equipped our Fire Services with enhanced capabilities when called upon to deliver services. There is no doubt that the morale and capacity of our Fire Service Department has been greatly enhanced through this partnership. I was also tremendously gratified to learn that upon the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding, Ambassador Prince will also receive a donation of equipment which will fill an urgent need at the Fire Services stations throughout St. Vincent and the Grenadines. My gratitude to the Executive and people of Martha's Vineyard is profound. Let me also acknowledge the work of the United States Department of State in facilitating the forging of this partnership.

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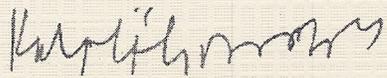
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Therefore on behalf of the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and specifically the Fire Service Department, we extend sincerest gratitude to Martha's Vineyard and its people. It is my hope that this relationship will not only prove to be a mutually beneficial one, but that it would deepen the friendship of both parties and our peoples given our "Islandness".

Accept warm fraternal regards.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. The Hon. Ralph E. Gonsalves  
Prime Minister

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