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Mr. Dennis French Mr. Richard Jacobs Maravilla Resort 77-564 Country Club Drive Suite 100 Palm Desert, CA 92260

Dear Dennis and Rick:

Let me say again that we feel flattered that you would invite us to look at such a beautiful piece of property and we feel very honored that you would consider us to be a part of your team.

Quite simply, the Maravilla property at Todos Santos is the *finest piece of property that I have seen in my twenty years in the golf course design business*. After three days of walking, hiking and climbing, I found hundreds of potentially thrilling golf holes and it is clear to me that this is a *world-class piece of property*. Nine to ten golf holes with a view of the *Pacific Ocean* ... playing through a forest of 20-30 foot tall Saguaro cacti ... putting on cliffs 400 feet above the crashing surf ... barking sea lions ... where else are you going to find this?

When you couple all this with the easy access and proximity to the thriving resort area of Los Cabos and the rustic charm and seclusion of "Old Mexico" found in Todos Santos, this project has *winner* written all over it.

Rick, as I told you in the Café Todos Santos, a piece of property with this kind of beauty, magnitude, and potential comes to someone once in a lifetime. I'm ready – let's get started!

Sincerely,

Michael Strantz

Tobacco Road Architect ~ Mike Strantz

Awarded the "1998 Architect of the Year" by Golf World Magazine, Tobacco Road designer Mike Strantz has made his mark in the golf architectural business. Mike helped design some of the finest golf facilities in America during his 9 year internship with Tom Fazio. After a 5 year leave of absence he returned to the golf world with a vengeance. His first solo effort was Caledonia Golf Club, in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

This course has been deemed a "must play" and has also been ranked 85th in the top 100 courses by Golf Magazine. His next major projects were Stonehouse and Royal New Kent in Virginia, ranked 14th and 23rd respectively, in the top 100. Another feather in his cap is the sister course to Caledonia, called True Blue. Located in Myrtle Beach, True Blue has been dubbed the "Pine Valley of the South."

Fellow architects and critics have referred to Mike's courses in terms of "sensory overload" and having, "drop-dead signature holes." So how does Tobacco Road stack up against his other famous designs? Simply put, "It's the best project I've worked on," says Strantz.



Mike Strantz Designed Courses

- Tobacco Road Golf Club
- Royal New Kent Virginia
- Stonehouse Virginia
- True Blue Myrtle Beach, SC
- Caledonia Myrtle Beach, SC
- Tot Hill Farm Asheboro, NC



Strantz draws each hole individually before construction begins.



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