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THE WORLD'S second-largest island is the Australian island of New Guinea. West Papua is the western half of New Guinea.

In 1936, the Standard Oil company discovered a mountain in western New Guinea that was the world's greatest gold and copper deposit. The mountain was part of the homeland of the Amungme tribal nation, and sacred. Neither they nor the Dutch colonial governor would ever allow an American company to mine and destroy this mountain, so the Rockefeller family kept its discovery secret.

In 1959, the *New York Times* revealed the Papuan Mines Office was searching to discover from which mountain alluvial gold was coming into the Arafura Sea, between New Guinea and the Australian mainland. The Rockefeller family also knew the politically powerful grandson of the Union Pacific Railway empire, Robert Lovett, who was a co-director with them of the Freeport Sulphur Company.

Freeport sent a man with a cover story to begin establishing its claim to the Papuan gold and copper; Robert Lovett purchased his way to President-elect John F. Kennedy and suggested JFK appoint Lovett's young friend (and fellow member of the Yale University Skull and Bones society) McGeorge Bundy as the U.S. national security adviser.

As the U.S. Department of State revealed 10 years later, Bundy and the National Security Council began to lobby JFK to coerce the Dutch to sell the people and nation of West Papua to

Indonesian control. Bundy told his president that it was to save America from communism, concealing his relationship to the Freeport quest for the Papuan gold and copper.

The U.S. government used a \$200 million bond scheme to manipulate the UN into signing onto this illegal trading of a colony between nations. It was mass slavery. Of course, the U.S. government itself had been manipulated.

That is why the U.S. and UN have been silent about the genocide and ethnic cleansing of the Papuan people for the past 47 years.

I ask you to please expose this betrayal. The West Papuan people saved thousands of American lives and provided food for a half million Americans during final year of the Second World War. They deserved better, and the American people deserved the truth, instead of cover stories that it had to sacrifice the West Papuan people for the sake of buying Indonesian friendship in the Cold War, and now the "war on terror."

It was always about profits for Freeport, whether the U.S. government knew it or not.

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