

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: SHIELDS X 40  
**Date:** Wed, 13 Jul 2011 17:00:08 +0000

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This is all very helpful information! Thank you very much!

On Jul 13, 2011, at 10:54 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear [REDACTED],

These panels survive for up to 20 years on the ceilings of Haus Tambaran's (structure in the Met) in the Washkuk. The structures have no walls, therefore the panels are somewhat exposed to the worst of the elements.

The pigments are natural earth pigments which can be sealed with an acrylic matte sealer. For long term preservation the back side of the stripped and flattened frond should probably be treated with an insecticide and/or a sealer for strength. (They will be fumigated before they leave New Guinea.)

In the Washkuk, panels are sewn together as they are never perfectly flat or the same size, nor do they have nails.

I will send you a panel today.

Best

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2011 9:43 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: SHIELDS X 40

Hi [REDACTED],

I think it would be a good idea to have an old panel sent to me just to be sure! The intended use for them is to line the ceiling of a "tiki hut" type structure in the Caribbean, so they will be exposed to inclement weather at times! Do you think they will work for that purpose?

It can be sent to:

[REDACTED]  
9 E. 71st St.  
New York, NY 10021

[REDACTED]  
Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

On Jul 13, 2011, at 10:26 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear [REDACTED],

You could send the check directly to me. My address is:

[REDACTED]

My daughter [REDACTED] also works with me and her phone number is [REDACTED] (backup).

I have already sent word to a neighbor of David's in Ambunti to expect an order.

I do need to make sure you understand that these are not shields. They are panels made from the flattened bottom end of a sago palm frond. They are quite light and much more fragile than a wood shield. I would be happy to send you, free of charge, an old beat-up (and disposable) panel to confirm that we are all on the same page.

Thanks

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2011 9:13 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: SHIELDS X 40

Hi [REDACTED],  
I just wanted to confirm we would like 40 shields made similar to the ones in the photo which are on exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum in New York. Brian had sent me some examples of a few shields which a certain "David" had made which my client really liked. I am happy to send you a check for \$1000 as a deposit. Should I send it directly to you, or should I send it to Brian? Many thanks for your help,

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**From:** Brian Gaisford <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** July 12, 2011 10:56:24 AM MDT  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** "Hunt, Dee Anna" <[REDACTED]>, Peter Keller <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: SHIELDS X 40

[REDACTED],  
I am going to put you in direct contact with them . I trust them as they were recommended by very trustworthy friends of mine .  
Send me a chk for \$ 1000 dp made out to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] .  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] will get on the order  
Brian

On Jul 12, 2011, at 12:44 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

OK, we will do them for \$150 each.

Where is Vista ca?

On Jul 12, 2011, at 12:00 PM, Brian Gaisford wrote:

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best is \$ 150 per but you will have to pay shipping from Vista ca .

\$ 1000 for them .

PLS advise

Brian