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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CANBERRA

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Sir :

I have the honor to refer to the cooperative program initiated during the International Geophysical Year between our two governments under which certain facilities for space vehicle tracking and communications were jointly established and operated in Australia for scientific purposes. In view of the resulting mutual benefits, the Government of the United States of America proposes that this cooperative program be continued and extended.

The object of such further and extended cooperation would be to facilitate space flight operations contributing to the advancement of our mutual scientific knowledge of man's spatial environment and its effects; the application of this knowledge to the direct benefit of man; and the development of space vehicles of advanced capabilities, including manned space vehicles.

It is proposed that the program be carried out in accordance with the following principles and procedures :

1. The program shall be conducted by cooperating agencies of each government. On the part of the United States Government, the cooperating agency will be the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. On the part of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, the cooperating agency will be the Department of Supply.

2. The nature and location of facilities required in Australia for the program are as follows :

(a) Minitrack Radio Tracking Station at Woomera (originally established under an arrangement of June 7, 1957, between the United States Naval Research

¹ Came into force on 26 February 1960 by the exchange of the said notes.