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The American Embassy to the Australian Department of External Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Department of External Affairs and has the honor to inform the Department that the Government of the United States of America desires to enlist the cooperation of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia in the program outlined hereunder to sample by means of balloons the radioactivity of the upper atmosphere. The objective of this program is to provide valuable data on the distribution of radioactivity in the Southern Hemisphere which will contribute to mutual scientific knowledge of this subject.

It is proposed that this program be carried out in accordance with the following understandings :

1. The program will be conducted by cooperating agencies of the two governments. On the part of the Government of the United States of America, the cooperating agency will be the United States Atomic Energy Commission, which may act through a contractor of its own selection. On the part of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, the cooperating agency will be the Department of Supply.

2. (A) The cooperating agencies are agreed that the airport at Mildura, Australia, meets the need for a large, flat, hard-surfaced balloon site possessing communications and transportation facilities and terrain suitable for recovery operations extending a few hundred miles downwind. The Australian cooperating agency will provide the balloon site on terms to be agreed and, on a reimbursable basis, equipment for meteorological recovery purposes as may be mutually agreed.

¹ Came into force on 9 May 1961 by the exchange of the said notes.