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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AUSTRALIA
and UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

**Memorandum of arrangement to cover re-entry experiments
in Australia in connection with Project Sparta (with
exchange of notes between the United States of America
and Australia, and United States of America Aide-
Mémoire). Signed at Canberra, on 30 March 1966**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE, AUSTRALIE
et ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD**

**Mémorandum d'accord concernant les essais de rentrée dans
l'atmosphère effectués en Australie dans le cadre du
Projet Sparta (avec échange de notes entre les États-
Unis d'Amérique et l'Australie et aide-mémoire des
États-Unis d'Amérique). Signé à Canberra, le 30 mars
1966**

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No. 8588. MEMORANDUM OF ARRANGEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO COVER RE-ENTRY EXPERIMENTS IN AUSTRALIA IN CONNECTION WITH PROJECT SPARTA. SIGNED AT CANBERRA, ON 30 MARCH 1966

This Memorandum records the understandings reached between the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia (in this Memorandum called the "Australian Government"), the Government of the United States of America (in this Memorandum called the "United States Government") and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (in this Memorandum called the "United Kingdom Government") in connection with the project known as Sparta (in this Memorandum called "The Project"), for the firing of certain re-entry vehicles from the Australian test range at Woomera and the use of special instrumentation to observe re-entry phenomena. The Project will be conducted in accordance with the following principles and procedures.

Article I

1. The Project will be conducted by three co-operating agencies on behalf of the three Governments. These agencies will be the Advanced Research Projects Agency of the United States Department of Defense, the United Kingdom Ministry of Aviation and the Australian Department of Supply.
2. The co-operating agencies will negotiate with a view to reaching agreement upon the programme for the Project, arrangements with respect to the use of the test range, the financing of the Project and other matters relating to the Project.

Article II

As between the United Kingdom Government and the Australian Government, subsisting arrangements relating to the conduct of the Joint United Kingdom/Australian Long Range Weapons Project shall apply with respect to the Project insofar as they are not modified by the terms of this Memorandum or the agency agreement to be concluded in accordance with the preceding article.

¹ Came into force on 30 March 1966, upon signature, in accordance with article VI.

Article III

1. The Australian Government will take the necessary steps to facilitate the admission into its territory of such United States personnel (military and civilian employees of the United States Government and contractors and sub-contractors and their employees) as may be assigned to visit or participate in the Project.
2. The Australian Government will arrange for the implementation by appropriate means of the principle that goods, including private motor vehicles, that are owned by United States personnel when they enter Australia for the purpose of participating in the Project and are brought by them into Australia for their personal and household use and that will be removed by them from Australia upon their ceasing to participate in the Project will, subject to compliance with procedures and to the provision of recognisances prescribed by or under Australian law, be permitted entry and removal free from payment of Australian customs duty and sales tax.
3. United States personnel sent to Australia to participate in the Project will be free from Australian taxes on income in respect of:
 - (A) Remuneration for services rendered in Australia or by virtue of the presence of such personnel in Australia in connection with the Project and
 - (B) Income derived from sources outside Australia.
4. United States personnel, while engaged in Australia under the Project, will, unless they acquire an Australian domicile, also be free from Australian death and gift duties which, because of their presence in Australia, might become payable in respect of property situated outside Australia.
5. The provisions of this article do not exempt any persons from payment of Australian taxes on income derived from Australian sources, nor do they exempt United States citizens who, for United States income tax purposes, claim Australian residence from payment of Australian taxes on income.
6. The provisions of this article do not apply to any persons for whom status in Australia is provided under the Agreement Concerning the Status of United States Forces in Australia of May 9, 1963.¹

Article IV

1. The Australian Government will take the necessary steps to facilitate the admission into Australia of all property provided by or on behalf of the United States Government in connection with the Project. No duties, taxes, or other

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 469, p. 55.

like charges will be imposed on such property by the Australian Government or any of its instrumentalities.

2. The United States Government and its contractors and subcontractors will retain title to all property imported, brought into or acquired in Australia for the Project.

3. The United States Government and its contractors and subcontractors may remove such property from Australia at their own expense and free from export duties or related charges, upon the completion of the Project or sooner. However, such property will not be disposed of in Australia except under conditions acceptable to the Australian Government.

Article V

1. Data acquired through the programme, including the results of the analysis of such data, will be freely available to each of the participating Governments. This arrangement does not place the participating Governments under obligations to exchange information on application of data, acquired through the programme, to particular weapon systems.

2. Should any information involving any proprietary rights be exchanged under the Project, such rights will be respected by the Government receiving it, but each of the participating Governments may use for its own purposes all other information.

3. Should inventions be made during the course of the joint work of the Project, each of the participating Governments will, so far as is within its power, grant to the other two Governments a royalty-free license to use those inventions for their defense purposes.

Article VI

This Memorandum of Arrangement will take effect from the date of signature and will have effect in respect of operations for three years from that date and thereafter until terminated by any one of the Governments upon three months' written notice to the other two Governments.

SIGNED at Canberra this thirtieth day of March One thousand nine hundred and sixty-six.

For the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia :
J. G. GORTON

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and Northern Ireland :
J. Conwy MORGAN

For the Government of the United States of America :
Edwin M. CRONK