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and
Japan**

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**États-Unis d'Amérique
et
Japon**

Échange de lettres constituant un accord entre le Gouvernement des États-Unis d'Amérique et le Gouvernement du Japon concernant la coopération pour le maintien du système d'observation météorologique par satellite de la région du Pacifique. Washington, 18 février 2005

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(hereinafter referred to as "NOAA") and for the Government of Japan by the Japan Meteorological Agency, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (hereinafter referred to as "JMA").

2. With a view to setting forth detailed terms and conditions for the Cooperation, NOAA and JMA will conclude implementing arrangements (hereinafter referred to as "the Implementing Arrangement"), which will provide for the mutual back-up of NOAA and JMA geostationary meteorological satellites.

3. NOAA and JMA shall consult with each other regarding any matter that may arise from or in connection with the Cooperation. If the matter cannot be resolved through such consultations, consultations between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan shall be held through diplomatic channels with a view to finding a mutually acceptable solution.

4. The provisions of the present arrangements and the Implementing Arrangement shall be implemented in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in each country. Activities under the present arrangements and the Implementing Arrangement shall be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

5. The present arrangements shall remain in force until the expiry of five years from the date on which

either Government gives the other Government written notice of its intention to terminate them through diplomatic channels. The present arrangements may be amended by mutual written agreement of the two Governments.

I have the further honor to propose that, if the foregoing arrangements are acceptable to the Government of Japan, this Note and Your Excellency's Note in reply shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments, which will enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's reply.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Anthony F. Reed". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial 'A'.