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**AUSTRALIA  
and  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to the  
launching of three Aerobee rockets. Canberra, 22 May  
1970**

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*Registered by Australia on 11 August 1970.*

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**AUSTRALIE  
et  
ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif au lancement  
de trois fusées Aerobee. Canberra, 22 mai 1970**

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*Enregistré par l'Australie le 11 août 1970.*

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>  
BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA RELATING TO THE LAUNCHING OF THREE  
AEROBEE ROCKETS

I

Note No. 106

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Department of External Affairs and has the honor to refer to the Agreement concluded between the Governments of the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Australia on March 25, 1970<sup>2</sup> concerning a continued program of cooperation to facilitate space flight operations contributing to the advancement of mutual scientific knowledge of man's spatial environment and its effects. In accordance with the spirit of cooperation inherent in that Agreement, further discussions have been held between representatives of the two countries looking towards use of the Australian Woomera range for the launching of U.S. sounding rockets for scientific investigations.

In accordance with those discussions, it is proposed that the two governments cooperate in a program involving the launching from Woomera during 1970 of up to three Aerobee rockets for scientific investigations. It is proposed that the specific number, character and schedule of scientific experiments to be performed as part of the program, the allocation of technical and operational responsibility with respect to the launching, the arrangements for financing the program, and the provision of facilities and services for rocket launching, tracking and telemetering of information from the rocket, be agreed upon by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the cooperating agency of the Government of the United States of America, and by the Department of Supply, the cooperating agency of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia. It is further proposed that the provisions of Articles three through twelve of the Agreement of March 25, 1970 between the two governments shall apply *mutatis mutandis* with respect to this joint program.

The Embassy proposes that if the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, this Note and the

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 22 May 1970, the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 745, p. 177.

Department's reply to that effect shall together constitute and evidence an agreement between the two governments which shall enter into force on the date of the Department's reply and shall remain in force for three years. The Embassy further proposes that this Agreement shall supersede and terminate the Agreement for an Ultra Violet Survey of the Southern Skies effected by an Exchange of Notes between Australia and the United States of America on May 22, 1961.<sup>1</sup>

The Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of External Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America

Canberra, A.C.T., May 22, 1970

## II

The Department of External Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Embassy's Note No. 106 of 22nd May 1970, reading as follows:

[*See note I*]

The Department of External Affairs has the honour to confirm that the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia concurs in the proposals outlined in the Embassy's Note and agrees that the Embassy's Note and the present reply shall together constitute and evidence an Agreement between the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Government of the United States of America on the matter which shall enter into force on the date of the Department's reply.

Canberra, A.C.T., 22nd May, 1970

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 419, p. 3, and p. 357 of this volume.