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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
AUSTRALIA**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to a  
space research program. Canberra, 20 September 1976  
and 14 January 1977**

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## EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND AUSTRALIA RELATING TO A SPACE RESEARCH PROGRAM

### I

#### *The American Embassy to the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs*

No. 156

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Department of Foreign Affairs and has the honor to refer to the agreement concluded between the Governments of the United States of America and 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, and with particular reference to Article 2(3), further discussions have been held between representatives of both countries looking toward use of the Australian Woomera Range for launching of 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 1977 of up to six Aerobee sounding rockets for scientific investigations, and such additional launchings in the future as may be consented to by the two Governments. The 1977 program will be similar to the programs conducted in 1970 and 1973 under the authority of the same agreement.

It is proposed that the specific number, character, purpose and schedule of scientific experiments to be performed as part of the program, the allocation of technical and operational responsibility with respect to the launchings, the financial arrangements in relation to the program, the provisions of facilities and services for rocket launching, tracking and telemetering of information from each rocket, the recording and sharing of information from each rocket and the publication of information concerning the program 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 Defence, the cooperating agency designated by the Government of Australia.

It is further proposed that the provisions of Article 3 through 12 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 proposals are acceptable to the Government of Australia, this Note and the reply of the Department of Foreign Affairs 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 avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Canberra, A.C.T., September 20, 1976.

Embassy of the United States of America

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 14 January 1977, 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.

## II

*The Australian Department of Foreign Affairs to the American Embassy*

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The Department of Foreign 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. 156 of 20 September 1976 which reads as follows:

[See note I]

The Department of Foreign Affairs has the honour to confirm that the Government 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 Australia and the Government of the United States of America on the matter which shall enter into force on the date of this reply.

The Department of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

Canberra, A.C.T., 14 January 1977.

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