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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
AUSTRALIA**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning radio communications between amateur stations on behalf of third parties. Canberra, 21 and 26 May 1982**

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

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif aux communications échangées en faveur de tierces parties entre stations radio amateurs. Canberra, 21 et 26 mai 1982**

*Texte authentique : anglais.*

*Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 25 mai 1990.*

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND AUSTRALIA CONCERNING RADIO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN AMATEUR STATIONS ON BEHALF OF THIRD PARTIES

I

No. 74

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Department of Foreign Affairs and has the honor to propose that an arrangement be concluded between the United States and Australia to permit the exchange of third party messages between radio amateurs of the United States and Australia.

The Embassy has been authorized to submit for the consideration of the Australian Government the following proposal:

Amateur radio stations of Australia and the United States may exchange internationally messages or other communications from or to third parties, provided:

1. No compensation may be directly or indirectly paid on such messages or communications.
2. Such communications will be limited to conversations or messages of a technical or personal nature for which, by reason of their unimportance, recourse to the public telecommunications service is not justified. To the extent that in the event of disaster, the

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 25 June 1982, i.e., 30 days from the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

public telecommunications service is not readily available for expeditious handling of communications relating directly to safety of life or property, such communications may be handled by amateur stations of the respective countries.

3. This arrangement will be applicable with respect to all amateur radio stations duly licensed by appropriate authorities of either the United States or Australia.
4. This arrangement will be subject to termination by either Government on sixty days' notice to the other Government, by further arrangement between the two Governments dealing with the same subject, or by the enactment of legislation in either country inconsistent therewith.

The Embassy has the honor to suggest to the Department of Foreign Affairs providing that the Department concurs with the proposal quoted above, that this Note, together with the Department's Note in reply concurring with this proposal constitute an understanding between the two Governments with respect to this matter, such understanding to be effective 30 days from the time of the Department's Note in reply.

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

Embassy of the United States of America

Canberra, May 21, 1982

## II

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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. 74 of 21 May, 1982 concerning the exchange of third party messages between radio amateurs of the United States and Australia which reads as follows:

[*See note I*]

The Department of Foreign Affairs has the honour to confirm that the contents of the Embassy's Note represent also the understanding of the Government of Australia and may be taken to be in effect 30 days from the date of this Note in 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.

26 May 1982

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