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Embassy telegram 679 and 690.

GOA has given Embassy revised draft aide-memoire which being forwarded by pouch. No substantive changes in texts contained Embassy telegrams except as stated below:

1) Paragraph 2 (Embassy telegram 679) now reads: "That, pending the coming into force of a status of forces agreement between Australia and the US, the US Government agrees to pay in accordance with applicable US foreign claims legislation:

(A) Claims in respect of damage to or loss of property, personal injury or death arising from the US operations;

(B) Damages and costs against the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, its servants or agents, as a result of claims by third parties arising out of or in connection with the activities of US personnel engaged on the project".

2) New paragraph 6 "The Government of the Commonwealth of Australia shall take the necessary steps to facilitate the admission into Australia of such US personnel as may be assigned to visit or participate in the activities provided for in the programme. The Government of the US will, on being requested so to do by the Australian authorities ensure the departure of any such personnel from Australia.

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3) Old paragraph 6 now paragraph 7.

4) Paragraph 8 "Data collected as a result of the project will be made available to the Government of Australia under conditions to be agreed;"

5) Paragraph 9 "Staffing of and access to facilities involved in the project by Australian personnel shall be permitted under conditions to be agreed".

External Affairs indicated informally no objection insertion in new paragraph 6 of phrase "and exit from" after "admission into".

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