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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of South Africa and has the honor to request clearance for the United States-flagged research vessel R/V Melville to conduct marine scientific research in South African waters as described in the attached documentation.

The R/V Melville proposes to conduct research during the period of February 12, 2003, to March 20, 2003 (in addition to an earlier visit — see diplomatic note number 0830). The objective of the research is to measure the velocity and property fields of the Agulhas current and undercurrent in order to analyze their water mass characteristics, transports and entrainment, and understand the evolution of their flows. Space can also be provided for South African scientific personnel, if requested at least one month prior to the ship's departure. All data will be freely shared with South African researchers.

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

Embassy of the United States of America,
Pretoria, July 8, 2002

