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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.

The R/V Melville proposes to conduct research during the period May 9 - 16, 2003 with a port call in Cape Town from May 9-13. The objective of the research is to develop a model system for the study of speciation in marine holozooplankton populations and to examine the biogeographic and ecological factors important during speciation in the open ocean, as detailed in the information attached. Space can also be provided for South African scientific personnel, if requested at least one month prior to ship's departure. All data results 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 of the Republic of South Africa the assurance of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,  
Pretoria, November 14, 2002

