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The Department wishes to further advise the Embassy that all research information from this cruise must be submitted post cruise to the Department in both hard copy, digital format and if applicable posted to any website linkages.

The Department further advises that the Marine Scientific Research Sub-Committee (MSR) encourages affiliation/discussions/seminar presentations with relevant government and academic institutions post cruise. The MSR also acknowledges the cooperation of the Scientist in Charge, Mr Charles Nittrouer, to allow Papua New Guinea scientists to participate in this cruise and prior consultations that were held in July 2002 in Port Moresby, in conjunction with Dr Greg Brunskil of the Australian Institute of Marine Sciences.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Immigration of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.



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