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**Re: Application of R/V Melville (Roger Revelle) Marine Research from  
August 1, 2009 to September 16, 2009**

Dear Mr. Smith,

This is to reply to your letter (AIT-B-102), dated February 9, 2008, regarding the application for marine scientific research activities of the R/V Melville in Taiwan waters during the period between August 1, 2009 and September 16, 2009.

I am writing to inform you that National Science Council (NSC) has approved of the program, which will be conducted by the vessel, Roger Revelle, instead of R/V Melville. Enclosed herewith please find a copy of the letter from NSC for your reference. I would also like to bring to your attention of the following points:

1. The staff and crew of the research vessel are required to conduct their research and install equipment outside the area of 24 nautical miles of Taiwan's Territorial Sea Baseline. In order to fulfill this requirement, please amend the details of the cruise track as well as particulars of vessel path and location and re-submit them to NSC.
2. The Navy will contact Dr. Sen Jan from Taiwan's National Central University, the local partner of the program, in order to escort the research activities of the vessel in Taiwan waters.

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3. If the research equipment is floated to the area within 24 nautical miles of Taiwan's Territorial Sea Baseline, the vessel could enter the sea area to claim it under the surveillance of a Navy officer, while the marine detecting instruments have to be switched off and the data which is collected by the vessel within the area deleted.
4. A list of participants, schedules and detailed cruise track of each entry are required 2 weeks before the mission, so as to timely notify the authorities concerned.
5. For the other matters, please refer to the minutes of the consultation meeting, which is attached to the said letter.

Should you have any further question, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief  
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March 18, 2009

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Dear Mr. Chang,

This is in reference to the AIT letter B-945 dated November 26 of 2008, regarding the proposed marine scientific research activities of the R/V Melville in Taiwan waters during the period 05/20/2009 to 05/26/2009. I am pleased to inform you that the consent has been given to the application by the National Science Council (NSC) through an inter-governmental agencies consultation.

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter from NSC dated March 10, 2009. According to the letter, I would like to bring to your attention the following points.

1. Please execute the research as the proposal and inform NSC of any change in advance.
2. Please provide NSC with a list of participants, time schedules and detailed cruise track of each entry one month before the entire mission, so as to timely notify the authorities concerned.
3. For the other matters, please refer to the minutes of the consultation meeting, which is attached to the said letter.

Should you have any further question, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



Ellen C. L. Chen  
Chief  
Business Division

Minutes of the Consultation Meeting for the U.S. R/V Melville  
to Conduct Marine Scientific Research Activities in Taiwan Waters

Time: March 10, 2009, 9:30am

Location: 19F, National Science Council (NSC) Building

Chair of the meeting: NSC Deputy Minister Chen Cheng-hong

Participants: representatives from Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Transportation (Port of Kaohsiung, Central Weather Bureau), Ministry of National Defense, Central Geological Survey, Coast Guard, Council of Agriculture (Fisheries Agency), China Petroleum, Taiwan.

Observers: Director and Deputy Director of Natural Sciences Department, NSC, Professor Tsai Wu-ting and Professor Hsu Shu-kun of National Central University, Professor Liu Char-shine of National Taiwan University, and Professor Lee Chao-shing of National Taiwan Ocean University.

Meeting Conclusions:

1. The Melville project is part of the U.S.-Taiwan Cooperation projects, and all data results will be freely shared by both sides. Based on the objectives of U.S.-Taiwan technology cooperation, the inter-agency consultation meeting grants consent to the project application.
2. Please notify the U.S. that all instruments must be performed outside of the 24nm territorial sea baseline. Please execute the research as the proposal and inform NSC and Taiwan Coast Guard of any changes in advance. Except for the cruises in the designated areas, all instruments detecting marine environmental data must be turned off during other cruises, including departures and entries into the port. \* Please abide by Article 9 of the Regulations Governing Permission to Undertake Marine Scientific Research in the Exclusive Economic Zone or on the Continental Shelf of the Republic of China.
3. Three weeks prior to the begin of the mission, the U.S. must provide NSC with a list of participants, cruise tracks, and the exact port calls schedules, so that NSC can forward such information to the appropriate authorities for necessary marine patrol protection.
4. Taiwan's Ministry of National Defense (MND) will send a member of its staff on board of the research ship to observe the cruise operation. The MND will contact Professor Sen Jan from the National Central University to arrange for boarding.

5. If Melville is going to stop at Keelung Harbor, please ensure all requirements for the port call are ready.

\* Subject: FW: 2008-124 MELVILLE  
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To: "Elizabeth Brenner" <shipsked@ucsd.edu>, "Rose Dufour"  
<rdufour@ucsd.edu>  
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FYI

From: Chang, David C  
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2009 12:03 AM  
To: Tirpak, Elizabeth J (OES)  
Subject: RE: 2008-124 MELVILLE

Liz,  
Our NSC contact said the instruments collecting "marine environmental data" referred to the instruments detecting thermohaline, magnetic and gravity information, as well as the EM 120 multi-beam, and shipboard ADCP. As for "except for the cruises in the designated areas," NSC means data recording is allowed only within the original cruise tracks submitted to NSC. There should be no data recording during the ship's departure and return to the port. To sum up, the NSC meant there should be no data recording by these instruments within the 24nm sea baseline of Taiwan. I hope this answers your questions. DC

From: Tirpak, Elizabeth J (OES)  
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2009 7:40 PM  
To: Chang, David C  
Subject: FW: 2008-124 MELVILLE

Hi David – please get clarification on the specific type of "marine environmental data" that the Melville cannot collect within 24nm. Also – its hard to tell what they mean by "except for the cruises in the designated areas" – I can't tell whether we're exempt from restrictions or not.