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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Tonga presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to the Embassy Note. No. 73 dated 03<sup>rd</sup> September 2009 proposing to conduct marine scientific research by the R/V Roger Revelle in areas subject to the jurisdiction of the Kingdom of Tonga during the period of November 20<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

The Ministry has further the honour to inform the latter that the Government of Tonga granted approval for the request from the University of Washington in St. Louis, USA to conduct marine scientific research in Tongan water by the Research Vessel (R/V) Roger Revelle under the geographical areas of Latitudes 19° S - 22° S and Longitudes 174° W - 179° W during the period November 20<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009 and to make a port call at Queen Salote Wharf from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November and 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

The Ministry further the honour to inform that the results of the survey be submitted to the Ministry of Lands, Survey and Natural Resource in two stages such as; a preliminary report at the end of the research survey and final report when data analysis and result is completed.

The Ministry has further the honour to inform that a staff from the Geology Unit of the Ministry of Lands, Survey and Natural Resources of the Government of Tonga be participates in the research survey and the expenses incurred be borne by Washington University and National Science Foundation.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Tonga avails itself this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.



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