

**DEFENSE**

**Joint Defense Facility at Pine Gap**

**Agreement Between the  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and AUSTRALIA**

Extending the Agreement of December 9, 1966,  
As Amended and Extended

Effected by Exchange of Notes  
Signed at Canberra June 4, 1998



NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966  
(80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

“ . . .the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof.”

## **AUSTRALIA**

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EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Canberra, June 4, 1998

No. 67

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to your note dated 4 June 1998  
which reads as follows:

"I refer to the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America relating to the Establishment of a Joint Defence Facility at Pine Gap done at Canberra on 9 December 1966, as amended and extended (hereinafter "the Agreement").

"The Government of Australia proposes that the Agreement be extended for a period of ten years from 16 November 1998 and thereafter remain in force until terminated. The Government of Australia further proposes that after this extension has been in force for a period of seven years, either Government may at any time notify the other in writing that it desires to terminate the Agreement in which event the Agreement shall terminate three years after such notice has been given.

"If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United States, I have the honor to propose that this Note and your confirmatory reply thereto shall together constitute an Agreement between our two Governments concerning this matter which shall enter into force on the date that the Government of Australia notifies the Government of the United States of America that all domestic procedures as are necessary to give effect to this Agreement in Australia have been satisfied."

The Honorable

Alexander Downer, M.P.,


Minister for Foreign Affairs,

Parliament House,

Canberra.

I have the honor to confirm that the Government of the United States of America accepts the proposals contained in your Note and that your Note and this reply shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments concerning this matter which shall enter into force on the date that the Government of Australia notifies the Government of the United States of America that all domestic procedures as are necessary to give effect to this Agreement in Australia have been satisfied.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

*Linda Falkner*  


4 June 1998

Her Excellency Mrs Genta Holmes  
Ambassador  
Embassy of the United States of America  
YARRALUMLA ACT 2600

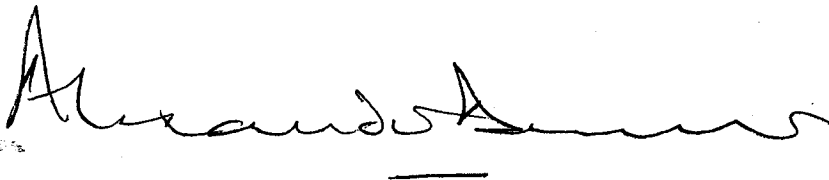
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ALEXANDER DOWNER