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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Marshall Islands presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honor to make reference to U.S. **Diplomatic Note No.15-105** regarding request for an authorization for NOAA Chief of Scientist Jeremy Potter to conduct marine scientific research in area requiring the consent from the RMI Government. It is in this regard that the Ministry has the further honor to inform the Embassy that in compliance with the requirements of the MIMRA Act 1997, NOAA Research Vessel, "Okeanos Explorer", has been granted permission, on the condition that a copy of report of all data and other information from the research vessel in RMI WATERS be forwarded to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Marshall Islands Resource Authority.

The Ministry has the further honor to advise that authorization is granted pursuant with the understanding that the said vessel, captain and crew will comply with all RMI laws and regulations, and in particular the Marine Water Quality (1992) regulations, Solid Waste (1989) regulations, and Toilet Facilities and Sewage Disposal (1990) regulations, copies of which are available for download at the RMI-EPA website <http://rmiepa.org>.

Furthermore, the Ministry wishes to forward herein, RMI's nominees from Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority to participate in afore-named research.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Marshall Islands avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurance of its highest consideration.



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