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SUBJ: BID BY U S COMPANY FOR CONTRACT FOR AERONAUTIC
EXPLORATION FOR URANIUM

FOR: ARA/BC/B

1. BOB FOWLER OF GEOMETRIC, INC., OF 914 INDUSTRIAL AVENUE, PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA WILL CALL MIKE COTTER, ARA/BC/B MORNING AUGUST 10 SEEKING FOLLOWING INFORMATION. FOWLER'S COMPANY MAKING BID TO ITALIAN STATE ENTERPRISE AGIP FOR AIRBORNE MAGNETIC AND SPECTOMETER SURVEY UNDER RECENTLY SIGNED CONTRACT BETWEEN AGIP AND GOB FOR URANIUM EXPLORATION.

2. MANY ANSWERS TO FOWLER'S QUESTIONS REGARDING GOB PERMITS AND REGULATIONS WILL BE EVIDENT FROM READING OF AGIP/GOB CONTRACT. EMBASSY HAS BEEN PROMISED COPY BUT TOLD THAT CONTRACT NOT YET LEGALIZED. OFFICIALS OF BOLIVIAN ACTION AGENCY FOR CONTRACT, COBOEN, HAVE NOT BEEN AVAILABLE DUE TO SHORT WEEK SINCE AUGUST 5, 6 AND 7 WERE NATIONAL HOLIDAYS. CONTRACT IS LIKELY TO SPELL OUT REGULATIONS FOR AIRCRAFT AND WORK PERMITS. WE WILL TALK TO COBOEN OFFICIALS AUGUST 12 AND HOPE THAT THEY CAN PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING OXYGEN, AVGAS AND HOUSING AVAILABILITIES AT SITES.

3. IF AVIATION CONDITIONS NOT SPELLED OUT IN CONTRACT, GOB DIRECTOR

OF CIVIL AVIATION MUST APPROVE DOMESTIC FLIGHTS. OUR EXPERIENCE IS THAT FOR PROVEN SPECIALIZED NEEDS FLIGHT PERMITS READILY GIVEN AND FAA CERTIFICATIONS RECOGNIZED.

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4. PRICE OF AVGAS 100/130 VARIES ACCORDING LOCALITY AND NATIONALITY

OF BUYER. FOR FOREIGN BUYERS (E.E. US) PRICE HAS BEEN US\$.82 IN COCHABAMBA AND US\$.85 IN SANTA CRUZ. PRICE MAY YET BE HIGHER IN REMOTE AREAS. THERE HAS BEEN RECENT SHORTAGE OF AVGAS WHICH NOW IMPROVING, BUT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PRICES MAY SOON RISE.

5. BOLIVIA HAS NO RPT NO EXCHANGE CONTROLS. TAXES AND IMPORT DUTIES ARE LIKELY TO BE COVERED IN CONTRACT AND EXCEPTIONS MAY BE GRANTED TO SUBCONTRACTORS, ESPECIALLY FOR IMPORT OF NEEDED EQUIPMENT. IF NOT, COMPANIES GENERALLY PAY 25 PER CENT PROFITS TAX AND PERSONAL INCOME TAXES SCALED. ONE U.S. OIL COMPANY STATES THAT ITS EMPLOYEES PAY OUT ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF SALARY IN LOCAL TAXES.

6. GOB INSTITUTO GEOGRAFICO MILITAR, GUARTEL GENERAL, LA PAZ, IS BEST SOURCE FOR TOPOGRAPHIC AND PHOTO MAPS. COL JOHN FURRER, IAGS REP, MAY BE REACHED THROUGH EMBASSY.

7. EITHER PEPE ANTONELLI, KATTAN Y CIA, CASILLA 2694, LA PAZ, BOLIVIA OR FERNANDO KNAUDT BANZER, MERCANTIL SUDAMERICANA, LTD., CASILLA 1185, LA PAZ, BOLIVIA, MAY BE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS U.S. COMPANY'S REPRESENTATIVES. WE HAVE CONTACTED NEITHER AS YET.

8. EMBASSY WILL CABLE FURTHER DATA AFTER CONVERSATION WITH COBOEN.
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