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Mr. Alan Huckle
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Dear Mr. Huckle:

I have the honor to refer to our discussions during the annual U.S.-U.K. Diego Garcia talks held on May 14, 2002. During those discussions, we approved, in accordance with the Agreement concerning the Availability of the Indian Ocean Territory For Defense Purposes signed at London on December 30, 1966 and the Agreement concerning a Naval Support Facility on Diego Garcia, which was signed and entered into force February 25, 1976, additional infrastructure upgrades to the United States Naval Support Facility on Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory.

The upgrades, which are specifically described in the Annex to this letter, are consistent with the scope and purpose of the U.S. Naval Support Facility on Diego Garcia and are in support of the facility's September 2001 designation as a Bomber Forward Operating Location (FOL).

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom, I have the honor to propose that this letter with its Annex and your reply to that effect will place on record the understanding of our two governments in this matter.

Sincerely,

Charles P. Wilson
Director, Office of
International Security Operations

Attachment:
Annex

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ANNEX TO LETTER OF July 23, 2002

1. Fiscal Year 2002*

- a. Construction of Telephone Communication Remote Switching Facility
- b. Construction of a New Permanent Ammunition Handling Pad
- c. Construction of an Air Mobility Command Squadron Operations Facility
- d. Air Expeditionary FOL Cantonment Area Quality of Life Improvements

2. Fiscal Year 2003*

Assemble and Construct Temporary Shelters for Four (4) B-2's and Necessary Ramp Infrastructure in Support of Four (4) B-2 Shelters

*All upgrades are subject to the availability of funding.

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