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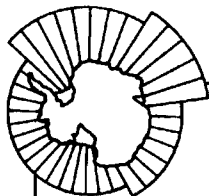
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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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The USA has requested that the attached letter, in response to COMM CIRC 06/92 and SC CIRC 06/35, be circulated to Members.

Dr D.G.M. Miller
Executive Secretary

Attch.



United States Department of State

*Bureau of Oceans and International
Environmental and Scientific Affairs*

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 25, 2006

Dr. D.G.M. Miller
Executive Secretary
CCAMLR
North Hobart
Tasmania

Dear Executive Secretary,

I refer to COMM CIRC 06/92 and SC CIRC 06/35 concerning the proposed large-scale synoptic survey in the Atlantic sector of the Southern Ocean, which is intended as a contribution by CCAMLR to the International Polar Year (IPY).

The United States strongly supports the efforts being made to undertake scientific research as part of IPY, and the U.S. Government has made and will make significant financial contributions to IPY projects. I must inform you, however, that as a result of escalating global fuel prices and static program funding, it may not be possible for the U.S. Government to participate in this CCAMLR effort in 2008, and thus we will not be able to commit ship time for this purpose at the upcoming meeting of the Scientific Committee.

U.S. agencies will continue to pursue funding options, and if funding can be secured, we will inform others promptly.

I would be grateful if you would circulate this letter to the other members of the Commission.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Evan

Evan T. Bloom
US Commissioner to CCAMLR