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The Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations (Office of Legal Affairs) and, referring to its communication CLCS.64.2012.LOS of 28 December 2012 concerning receipt of the submission made by the Republic of Kiribati to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, has the honor to submit the following observations by the Government of the United States.

The United States has taken note of the potential for overlap between areas of continental shelf extending beyond 200 nautical miles (nm) from the Republic of Kiribati and areas of continental shelf extending beyond 200 nm from United States territory.

The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, including its Annex II, and the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, in particular Annex 1 thereto, provide that the actions of the Commission shall not prejudice matters relating to delimitation of boundaries between States with opposite or adjacent coasts.

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DIPLOMATIC NOTE

With reference to the Executive Summary of the submission of the Republic of Kiribati, the Government of the United States confirms that it does not object to the Republic of Kiribati's request that the Commission consider the documentation in its submission relating to the aforementioned areas and make its recommendation on the basis of this documentation, to the extent that such recommendations are without prejudice to the establishment of the outer limits of its continental shelf by the United States, or to any final delimitation of the continental shelf concluded subsequently in these areas between the Republic of Kiribati and the United States.

The Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations takes this opportunity to renew to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

M. A. J.