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Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy presents its compliments to the Federal Political Department and has the honour to inform the Department that the Solomon Islands Protectorate became independent as Solomon Islands on 7 July 1978, and that the Colony of Tuvalu will become an independent country within the Commonwealth on 1 October 1978.

The Federal Political Department will be aware of the long-standing practice by which the Embassy and its consular posts exercise consular functions on behalf of those Commonwealth countries (with certain exceptions) which have no diplomatic or consular representation in Switzerland. The Embassy is however obliged by Article 8 of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations to give notification of the exercise of consular functions on behalf of Commonwealth countries which become independent after the date on which the Convention came into effect for the United Kingdom. The Embassy accordingly notifies the Department that the Embassy and its consular posts propose to exercise consular functions on behalf of the Solomon Islands and Tuvalu unless the Department objects.

Her Majesty's Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Federal Political Department the assurance of its highest consideration.

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7 September 1978



Herrn Dr. E.K.

Nachdem die (mündliche) Notifizierung,
gemäss Note Völkerrechtsdirektion v.
11.12.75 (Australien - Papua Neuguinea)
Völkerrechtskonform ist, also zu keinem
Konträren Anlaß gibt, kann Postskoll
die Note mit Hinweis auf beauftragte (aha-
ten Kenntnis genommen etc.) (H
Kanzlei EINGANG)