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Dear Embassy colleagues,

Just a personal note from me to let you know that I'll be finishing up as Australia's Ambassador to the United States at the end of March. I'm attaching for your reference a statement from the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister from earlier this afternoon, on what I've been up to and what lies ahead: <https://www.pm.gov.au/media/australias-ambassador-united-states-america>.

I want to thank each and every one of you for your hard work, professionalism and friendship over the past three years. Together we have achieved so much as an organisation, including in response to a series of significant changes in the US system, and we should be proud.

From April, I'll be dividing my time between New York and Washington on US-China relations. As you know, this has been my public policy passion all my life – s 33(a)(iii)

. As the head of Asia Society, and its 'think and do' tank the Asia Society Policy Institute and Center for China Analysis, that will be my central focus.

We will convene an all-staff meeting at 11am tomorrow (Tuesday) to discuss further and answer any questions you may have. I look forward to seeing you then or catching up soon.

Kind regards,

Kevin

**H.E. The Hon. Dr. Kevin Rudd AC**

Ambassador of Australia to the United States

26<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister of Australia

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Hi SES/HOM Section s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Happy New Year and greetings from Washington.

Given the news about Dr Rudd's posting cease date, which is less than 3 months away, I would be grateful for any advice you can provide about the process.

I am familiar with the stages of a non-SES A-based officer returning to Australia, and suspect Dr Rudd is likely to remain in the US.

Kind regards

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