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United States Diplomatic and Consular Staff in Tehran (United States of America v. Iran)

The following information is made available to the press by the Registry of the International Court of Justice:

At public sittings on 18, 19 and 20 March 1980 the Court heard oral argument on the question of its jurisdiction and on the merits in the case concerning United States Diplomatic and Consular Staff in Tehran (United States of America v. Iran) presented on behalf of the Government of the United States by the Honorable Roberts B. Owen, as Agent of the United States, and Mr. Stephen M. Schwebel, as Deputy Agent and Counsel.

During these hearings, questions were put by President Sir Humphrey Waldock as well as by Judges Gros, Morozov, Tarazi and Oda.

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The Government of the United States was represented as follows:

Agent: The Honorable Roberts B. Owen,
The Legal Adviser, Department of State;

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Deputy Legal Adviser, Department of State;

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Assistant Legal Adviser, Department of State;

Mr. Ted L. Stein,
Attorney-Adviser, Department of State;

Mr. Hugh V. Simon Jr.,
Second Secretary, Embassy of the United States
of America

The Government of Iran was not represented at the hearings.

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The Court will now proceed to its deliberation. As this deliberation is secret (Statute, Art. 54, para. 3), no further information on the case will be given, whether orally or in writing, until a press communiqué is issued to announce the date of the public sitting at which the Judgment will be delivered.