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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and has the honor to inform that the United States of America has chartered a flight which is scheduled to depart from Kolkata on April 5, 2020, in order to evacuate U.S. Citizens due to the world-wide COVID-19 situation.

Due to the movement restriction measures implemented by different states and union territories of India (cancellation of motor, rail, air transport, and closing of interstate borders), many U.S. nationals and their families have no means and/or are not allowed to travel back to their home country.

In this regard, the U.S. government has arranged chartered buses to transport U.S. citizens from West Bengal, Jharkhand, and Bihar, from April 3-4, 2020 (additional information enclosed). We request that all the authorities concerned, including the local police in all the states and union territories, are kindly instructed to allow the movement of these passengers to board humanitarian repatriation flights.

The U.S. Government has arranged a flight with Air India, from Kolkata to Delhi, on Sunday, April 5, 2020, to bring passengers to board a direct repatriation flight to the United States.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of External Affairs, the Indian Government assurance of its highest consideration.

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**Embassy of the United States of America,**

**New Delhi, 2 April 2020.**



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