

Matthew J. Quint

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SKILLS

- Research, analysis, and actionable reporting on legal and policy matters.
- Negotiation and relationship building.
- Meeting organization, coordination, and facilitation.
- Domain expertise in nuclear power and proliferation issues.
- Office management, including: budgeting, database management, and financial management.
- Strong communication and interpersonal capabilities.
- Team leadership and coordination.

EMPLOYMENT

Embassy of Australia – Washington, DC

April 1995-June 2005

Assistant Counsellor (Nuclear Science and Technology)

Major Policy Accomplishments

2001-2004 – Coordinated successful effort to convince US government to extend termination date and change conditions of the **US Foreign Research Reactor Spent Nuclear Fuel Acceptance Program**, a highly touted international nonproliferation effort with an annual budget of approximately \$20M.

- Wrote and edited letters from ANSTO, the Australian Minister for Education Science and Training, and the Foreign Research Reactor (FRR) Group to the US Under Secretary and Secretary of Energy. Maintained regular contact with Department of Energy (DOE) division directors and managers in charge of the implementation of this program.
- Made recommendations to division directors and the Executive Director of ANSTO based on meetings with the DOE, the FRR Group, and the press. Successfully raised this issue to the Ministerial level to obtain a committed response from the DOE.
- Contacted and interviewed partners at several major Washington DC law firms to contract legal advice for the Australian Government on procedural issues.
- Researched and wrote reports on additional developments through attending conferences and reading press stories, US government reports, and NGO reports.
- Acted as the lead Australian government representative to the FRR Group, which coordinated lobbying efforts on behalf of several countries (Sweden, Japan, Germany, Austria, etc.) affected by this program. This group coordinated regular meetings among country and corporate representatives .
 - Represented Australian government interests at FRR Group meetings with the Chief of Staff for the Under Secretary of Energy, DOE division directors, members of Congress, and other interest groups.
 - Wrote and edited correspondence from the FRR Group to all levels of the DOE and the press.
 - Provided analysis and strategy recommendations based on upcoming changes to US policy affecting this program that were reported by the DOE, US GAO, non-profit groups, the press, etc.

2002-2003 – Participated in the development of a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) and the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)**. The MOU was completed in September 2003, and has aided the process of collaborative information-sharing on sensitive nuclear policy and nonproliferation issues.

- Arranged and reported on meetings between the CEO and other representatives of ARPANSA and the NRC Commissioners, the Director of International Programs, and the General Counsel Office.
- Contacted the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade after finding concerns that the language might implicate treaty level provisions. This led to changes in MOU terms.

1996-2005 – Provided analysis on US government non-proliferation policies and assisted Australian-US communications concerning the use of SYNROC ceramic immobilization technology developed by ANSTO. In 2000, the DOE selected SYNROC as the preferred technology to dispose of 17 metric tons of surplus US weapons plutonium, a \$1B program. This project was delayed by the Bush administration later that year and eventually cancelled in 2002.

- Maintained email, phone and personal contact with DOE department directors and managers in charge of the implementation of this program.
- Acted as local liaison for COGEMA-ANSTO LLC, a subsidiary formed in 1999 to respond to the US Plutonium Immobilization Project request for proposals.
- Researched and wrote reports on the DOE's environmental management program to help locate funded uses for SYNROC. Provided timely information on DOE RFPs and unfavorable Congressional changes to waste treatment requirements. These efforts helped link ANSTO to a \$3M applied research project at Idaho National Laboratory.
- Arranged and attended meetings between ANSTO Division Directors, research scientists and DOE Division Directors to promote the possible use of SYNROC.

Shaw Pittman Potts and Trowbridge – Washington, DC

August 1994 - April 1995

Legal Assistant

- Arranged, organized, and researched all documents and exhibits during four-month, multimillion dollar civil trial concerning nuclear steam generators.
- Assisted counsel in all phases of preparation and courtroom activity, including document preparation, trial attendance, note-taking, and providing recommendations on documents that might counter trial testimony.
- Managed and organized 10,000 document database.

Project Assistant

August 1993-July 1994

- Researched and organized litigation documents in civil trial concerning nuclear steam generators.
- Proofread and cross-checked documents to be filed in court and performed court filings.

EDUCATION

1989-1993 Cornell University - B.A. - Political Science/History; Deans List

COMPUTER SKILLS

Broad experience with MS Office (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint), working knowledge of HTML and Visual BASIC, can learn new software very quickly.

Professional and personal references available upon request