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DRAFT UNDERSTANDINGS AND RESERVATIONS

1. Article 10 is reserved to the extent that it would affect the internal administration of the United States Armed Forces, including the administration of military justice.

2. The United States understands that Article 16 establishes a special protection for a limited class of objects that, because of their recognized importance, constitute a part of the cultural or spiritual heritage of peoples, and that such objects will lose their protection if they are used in support of the military effort.

3. It is the understanding of the United States that when assistance is provided to the armed forces of a High Contracting Party by another High Contracting Party, in relation to a situation described in Article 1/1, the Protocol will govern the conduct of both High Contracting Parties only to the same extent, and under the same conditions, that it binds the High Contracting Party in whose territory the conflict takes place.

4. The United states shall, through a reservation or understanding, make clear that it does not accept the reference in Article 1 to Article 1(4) of Protocol I, and that the scope of the Protocol will be the same as that of Article 3 common to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949.

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