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In reply refer to
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October 22, 1957

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We advised you by letter of August 6, 1957, of the Defense Department's wish to store atomic weapons for the Strategic Air Command and for air defense purposes at Thule Air Base in Greenland. In his reply of August 12 Mr. Cantenbein suggested that perhaps the best way to proceed would be to inquire informally of the Danish Foreign Office whether the Danish Government would wish to be informed in the event that the United States should decide to do this. This suggestion has been carefully considered by both the Department of State and the Department of Defense. The latter has expressed serious doubt of the advisability of any prior approach to the Danes. In the present circumstances we are inclined to agree that it probably would be better simply to take the action without creating the opportunity (or, in view of public sentiment, perhaps the necessity) for the Danish Government to raise some objection. If we were to do this, we might either then inform the Danish Government when the weapons had been stocked at the Thule Air Base or say nothing at all about the matter.

It would be appreciated if you could give us your further comment on this proposed procedure. You are in the best position, of course, to judge the possible Danish reaction and its consequences. If you believe that we could safely go ahead without any notification or inquiry in advance, we will so inform the Defense Department, which, it is understood, wishes to begin deployment of the weapons promptly. We would inform you when deployment had begun, and if you believed it advisable to do so, you could then inform appropriate Danish officials in the manner you thought best. If it seemed best not to invite any attention on the part of the Danish Government to the deployment, the fact that the necessary storage facilities are ready should reduce to a minimum the likelihood of particular notice being taken of our action.

If you

The Honorable
Val Peterson,
American Ambassador,
Copenhagen.

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If you wish to communicate by telegram on this subject, would you please caption messages "for S/AE", in order to keep knowledge of it on a restricted basis.

Sincerely yours,

Philip J. Farley
Special Assistant to the Secretary

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