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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: May 7, 1965

SUBJECT: Withdrawal of US Equipment and Personnel from Greenland

PARTICIPANTS: Robert Cameron, Counselor, Canadian Embassy
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I informed Mr. Cameron this morning that the Department of Defense had arrived at the conclusion that, with advancing technology and the declining nature of the manned bomber threat, the Nike Hercules units and the 931st aircraft control and warning squadron at Thule were now of only marginal usefulness for continental defense and would, therefore, be withdrawn before September 15, 1965. I explained that this would not affect the operational status of the Thule air base, which would be kept open, mainly to support the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System located there. I told him an announcement would be made simultaneously in Washington, Copenhagen and Thule at a time still to be determined.

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