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At 2040Z today, USAF aircraft (B-52) ~~XXXX~~ crashed in North ~~XXXX~~ Star Bay, seven and one-half miles from Thule Base. Five survivors rescued. Aircraft carried four repeat four unarmed nuclear weapons. Wreckage covers five mile area. Difficult climate conditions and lack of daylight hampering search operations. Special USAF team being sent. ^P Department has informed Danish Ambassador here who is reporting to ~~XX~~ Copenhagen. Ambassador said "absolute condition" that first news of crash be released, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ^X from Danish sources. Department completely agrees and information being very closely held here. ^H Embassy should of course make no repeat no comment and if queried by anybody prior Danish announcement, Embassy should refer persons to Danes. ^{1/FYI} We are giving Danish Embassy text of type of statement we would make if repeat if ~~XX~~ US were releasing information.

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