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1. AS OF 1100 COPENHAGEN TIME THERE HAS BEEN NO DANISH ANNOUNCEMENT, BUT AT 0700 LOCAL TIME DANISH AIR FORCE DUTY OFFICER TELEPHONED AIR ATTACHE KEMP TO REPORT THAT A MESSAGE HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM DANISH LIAISON AT THULE REGARDING THE ACCIDENT. HE REPORTED THAT ACCORDING TO THEIR MESSAGE, WHICH HE SAID WAS RECEIVED ABOUT FIVE HOURS AFTER THE ACCIDENT, B-52 POSSIBLY CARRIED NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THAT ONE PARACHUTE HAD BEEN SIGHTED. HE SAID ACCIDENT OCCURRED AT NORTH STAR BAY, APPROXIMATELY SEVEN MILES SOUTHWEST OF THULE. DUTY OFFICER ALSO STATED MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT.

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2. CASUALTY REPORTS ON TWO MISSING PERSONNEL FROM AIRCRAFT WERE RECEIVED FROM THULE COMMANDING OFFICER BY AIR ATTACHE APPROXIMATELY 0830.

3. AIR ATTACHE HAS CABLED CHIEF OF STAFF AIR FORCE FOR GUIDANCE. EMPASSY HAS NOT APPROACHED MFA TO EXPLORE DANISH THINKING REGARDING HOW THE QUESTION SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IN DENMARK. INDEED, WE ARE UNCERTAIN WHO IN MINISTRY IS INFORMED. POSSIBLY PM KRAG WILL DELAY RELEASE FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID UNFAVORABLE IMPACT ON TOMORROW'S NATIONAL ELECTIONS.

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4. REPERCUSSIONS IN DENMARK MAY BE SEVERE IN LIGHT SPECIAL NUCLEAR SENSITIVITIES; HENCE THE SOONER WE HAVE THE TEXT OR OTHER GUIDANCE GIVEN TO DANES BY WASHINGTON AND ANY ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION BACKGROUND THE BETTER WE WILL BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM HERE. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE NO-COMMENT, "REFER TO DANISH AUTHORITIES" APPROACH IS SOUND, BUT IN VIEW OF PALOMARES EXPERIENCE WE NEED MAXIMUM ASSISTANCE SOONEST.

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5. AIR ATTACHE LEARNED FROM DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE DANISH AIR FORCE THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEFENSE MINISTER'S INSTRUCTIONS MATTER HAD BEEN REFERRED TO MFA.

6. DCM HAS BEEN DESIGNATED CONTROL OFFICER HERE TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM. WHITE  
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