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SUBJ: OCEAN BOTTOM SURVEY AT THULE, GREENLAND

1. I RECOMMEND, AS DEPT SUGGESTS, SURVEY BE TREATED AS CONTINUATION PROGRAM OF CLEAN-UP AND SURVEILLANCE SUCCESSFULLY INITIATED LAST SPRING AFTER B-52 CRASH. THE KEY TO MY MIND IS TO TREAT SURVEY AS CONTINUATION OF ARRANGEMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF B-52 CRASH PROGRAM.

2. MFA NOW IS HYPERSENSITIVE TO GREENLAND PROJECTS SINCE REPERCUSSIONS OF DANISH CANCELLATION OF ROCKET PROJECT BROUGHT MUCH CRITICISM FROM DANISH SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS. MFA MIGHT BE INCLINED NOW TO RELY HEAVILY ON GUIDANCE FROM THOSE DANES WHO HANDLED B-52 PROBLEMS WELL AND WITH FEW LONG-RANGE REVERBERATIONS.

3. WITH THIS IN MIND, I PROPOSE THAT WE BEGIN WITH AN EXPLORATORY DISCUSSION WITH MR. KOCH OF DANISH AEC. HIS SUGGESTIONS IN DEALING WITH DANISH PRESS AND OTHER DANISH REPERCUSSIONS OF B-52 LAST SPRING PROVED SOUND. KOCH IS A CLOSE FRIEND WHO HAS PROVED DISCREET. I WOULD BE DISPOSED TO RELY ON HIS GUIDANCE IN PRESENT TICKLISH MATTER. HE ASSISTED IN KEEPING PUBLICITY ABOUT CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS WELL CHANNELLED, REASONABLE AND EVEN HELPFUL TO US EFFORTS. BASED UPON THIS EXPERIENCE I BELIEVE WE SHOULD ANNOUNCE THE OCEAN BOTTOM SURVEY AS PART JOINT AMERICAN/DANISH SCIENTIFIC FOLLOW-UP EFFORT AGREED UPON AT LAST MEETING OF DANISH AND AMERICAN SCIENTISTS.

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4. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH KOCH AND WITH BENEFIT OF HIS SUGGESTIONS WHICH I COULD ACCEPT OR REJECT -- DEPENDING ON U.S. EXCLUSIVE INTERESTS -- I WOULD IMMEDIATELY INFORM PERMANENT UNDERSECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FISCHER.

5. KOCH DEPARTS FROM COPENHAGEN 1500 JULY 18 FOR LONDON FOR THREE DAYS. IF DEPT AGREES MY PROPOSAL, I RECOMMEND DEPT AUTHORIZE ME TO TALK WITH HIM IMMEDIATELY. MY DISCUSSION WOULD ENABLE GEN GLASSER TO FOLLOW UP IN HIS TALK NOW SCHEDULED FOR MORNING JULY 18, IF THIS SEEMS DESIRABLE.

6. I BELIEVE BLANKINSHIP WHO IS PROJECT OFFICER ON B-52 QUESTION MIGHT PROFITABLY ATTEND MY AND GLASSER'S CONVERSATIONS WITH KOCH.

7. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH KOCH AND FISCHER I WOULD RECOMMEND WE EMPHASIZE THIS IS BEGIN UNDERLINE ROUTINE COMPLETION END UNDERLINE OF B-52 CLEAN-UP TO MAKE CERTAIN NO DEBRIS IS ON SEA BOTTOM AND THAT FROM ANALYSIS OF ALREADY RECOVERED WRECKAGE WE CONCLUDE NOT RPT NOT LIKELY ANYTHING WILL BE FOUND DURING SURVEY.

8. ANY PUBLICITY SHOULD BE COORDINATED. THE PRECEDENT OF JOINT RELEASE AT TIME OF DANISH/AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC MEETING IS USEFUL PRECEDENT. I WOULD SEEK INITIALLY OBTAIN KOCH'S IDEAS ABOUT DRAFT ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH, OF COURSE, WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY HIGHEST LEVELS OF DANISH GOVT. FULL APPROVAL OF DANES SHOULD BE OBTAINED BEFORE ANY RELEASE IS MADE. WE WOULD POINT OUT ADVANTAGES TO DANES OF LISTING BOTTOM SURVEY AMONG OTHER UPCOMING GREENLAND PROJECTS, IF FEASIBLE. WHITE

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