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SUBJ: GREENLAND NUCLEAR PROBLEM AND FAR EAST SITUATION.

FOL MEMCON IS UNCLEARED FYI AND SUBJECT TO REVISION UPON REVIEW.

1. AT DANISH AMB RONNE'S REQUEST, UNDER SEC KATZENBACH RECEIVED HIM AFTERNOON OF FEB 2. RONNE EXPLAINED HIS NEW FOREIGN MINISTER POUL HARTLING HAD ASKED HIM TO RETURN TO COPENHAGEN FOR CONSULTA-

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TION ON THULE NUCLEAR PROBLEM. AT THIS STAGE, AMB SAID HE WISHED TO BE IN POSITION TO GIVE NEW GOD THE SAME ASSURANCE WE GAVE OUTGOING KRAG GOVERNMENT, TO WIT: "THE DANISH GOVERNMENT CONFIRMS THAT THERE ARE NO REPEAT NO NUCLEAR WEAPONS STORED IN GREENLAND AND NO REPEAT NO OVERFLIGHTS OF GREENLAND CARRYING NUCLEAR WEAPONS". HE SAID HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO BE ABLE TO STATE THAT WE WOULD NOT CHANGE THIS SITUATION WITHOUT FIRST CONSULTING GOD. THIS CONFIRMATION WOULD BE FOR GOD'S CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. HE REALIZED, OF COURSE, THAT USG COULD NOT ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT SUCH AS THAT ISSUED BY KRAG GOVERNMENT, BUT A PRESENT HE DID NOT SEE NEW GOD UNDER PRESSURE TO SAY ANYTHING MORE THAN THAT, IF ANYTHING AT ALL. AFTER HIS CONSULTATIONS IN COPENHAGEN HE THOUGHT OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS COULD EXPLORE IN RELAXED WAY PROBLEM OF MORE FORMAL ASSURANCES RE NUCLEAR QUESTION EITHER IN CONTEXT OF GREENLAND DEFENSE AGREEMENT OR IN DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGE.

2. UNDER SECRETARY STATED THERE WAS NO PROBLEM IN ASSURING THE AMB [REDACTED]

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HE ALSO SAID IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO CONCEIVE CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE WE WOULD DEPART FROM THIS ASSURANCE WITHOUT CONSULTING GOD UNLESS CIRCUMSTANCES WERE SO EXTREME REASONS FOR DEPARTURE WOULD BE READILY APPARENT. HE ADDED THAT IF GOD INTENDED TO MAKE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSULTED IN ADVANCE EVEN THOUGH WE WOULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED WITH IT. AMB REPLIED HE QUITE UNDERSTOOD AND INDICATED SATISFACTION WITH UNDER SECRETARY'S REPLY.

3. CONVERSATION TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON SITUATION IN KOREA AND VIETNAM. UNDER SEC CONFIRMED WE WILLING TO HAVE DIRECT TALKS WITH NORTH KOREANS AT PANMUNJOM TO REACH DESIRED DIPLOMATIC SETTLEMENT. HE THOUGHT DESPITE OUTBURST OF GUERRILLA AND TERRORIST VIOLENCE IN VIETNAM, SITUATION THERE REMAINS MILITARILY MANAGEABLE AND SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN UNDULY SERIOUSLY. AS TO WHETHER THIS DEVELOPMENT WOULD LEAD TO FURTHER ESCALATION, UNDER SEC REPLIED IT TAKES TWO TO ESCALATE, AND IF NORTH

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VIETNAMESE CONTINUED BUILD UP OF FORCES AGAINST ALLIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM, IT WAS THEIR ESCALATION NOT OURS. THE JAMB AGREED.  
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