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REPTTEL: STATE 109698.

SUBJECT: GREENLAND NUCLEAR QUESTION.

FOLLOWING MEMCON UNCLEARED, FYI, NOFORN AND SUBJECT TO REVIEW:

CALLING ON INSTRUCTIONS FEBRUARY 26, DANISH AMBASSADOR RONNE LEFT WITH SECRETARY FOLLOWING SIGNED NOTE (UNESSENTIAL WORDS OMITTED):

QUOTE 1. WITH REFERENCE TO OUR RECENT DISCUSSIONS REGARDING

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DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS IN GREENLAND, I HAVE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT DANISH GOVERNMENT HAS CONSIDERED LACK OF CONSISTENCY BETWEEN DANISH POLICY ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON ONE HAND AND AGREEMENT OF APRIL 27, 1951, BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING DEFENSE OF GREENLAND ON OTHER.

2. DANISH GOVERNMENT APPRECIATES ASSURANCES RECENTLY GIVEN BY USG THAT THERE ARE NO NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN GREENLAND AND NO OVERFLIGHTS WITH SUCH WEAPONS ARE TAKING PLACE. MY GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO NOTED WITH SATISFACTION UNDERTAKING GIVEN BY YOUR

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GOVERNMENT THAT THIS SITUATION WILL NOT BE CHANGED WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH DANISH GOVERNMENT.

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(b)(6) 3. DECLARATION MADE BY DANISH GOVERNMENT AT OPENING SESSION OF DANISH PARLIAMENT ON FEBRUARY 6, 1968, INCLUDED FOLLOWING SECTION: INNER QUOTE IT IS THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT THAT NO [REDACTED] WITHIN DANISH TERRITORY. THIS POLICY IS ALSO VALID FOR GREENLAND AND FOR GREENLAND AIR SPACE END INNERQUOTE.

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4. ON FEBRUARY 8 DANISH PARLIAMENT PASSED RESOLUTION TO SAME EFFECT AND REQUESTING GOVERNMENT TO GET ABSOLUTE GUARANTEES THAT [REDACTED]

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(b)(6) [REDACTED] IS MAINTAINED IN ALL PARTS OF REALM.

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(b)(6) 5. I AM INSTRUCTED TO ASK USG THAT DISCUSSIONS BE INITIATED WITH VIEW TO REACHING AGREEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ON SUPPLEMENTING AGREEMENT OF APRIL 27, 1951, CONCERNING DEFENSE OF GREENLAND TO EFFECT THAT [REDACTED] UNDER THE AGREEMENT BE STORED IN OR INTRODUCED INTO GREENLAND INCLUDING GREENLAND AIR SPACE. SIGNED TORBEN RONNE, AMBASSADOR OF DENMARK. UNQUOTE.

AMBASSADOR SAID HE WISHED STRESS TWO POINTS: A) HOPED AGREEMENT COULD BE WORKED OUT SOONEST IN ORDER END WHAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE CONTINUED PUBLIC AND PARLIAMENTARY DISCUSSION OF ISSUE IN DENMARK; B) DANISH GOVERNMENT ENTIRELY FLEXIBLE RE PROCEDURES FOR ENCOMPASSING AGREEMENT - COULD BE INFORMAL

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES, SUPPLEMENTAL PROTOCOL TO 1951 GREENLAND DEFENSE AGREEMENT, ETC.

SECRETARY ASKED WHETHER AMBASSADOR INSTRUCTED TO DISCUSS DANISH

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(b)(6) REQUEST IN TERMS OF EFFECT ON [REDACTED] AMBASSADOR REPLIED NEGATIVELY ALTHOUGH HE ADMITTED DANES COUNT [REDACTED] HE HOPED MATTER RAISED BY NOTE COULD BE TREATED ON LIMITED TECHNICAL BASIS NOT INVOLVING WIDER POLICY CONNOTATIONS. SECRETARY REPLIED WE ARE ESPECIALLY CONCERNED WITH POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF DANISH REQUEST FOR THE UNITED STATES, WHICH OBVIOUSLY DIFFERENT FROM MORE LIMITED DANISH PUBLIC OPINION PROBLEM.

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(b)(6) SECRETARY ASKED IF ANY QUESTION INVOLVED OF CONTINUED US PRESENCE AT THULE AND WHETHER AMBASSADOR PREPARED DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF DANISH AGREEMENT TO US NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN GREENLAND IN NATO ALERT SITUATIONS. AMBASSADOR REPLIED CONTINUATION OF GREENLAND DEFENSE AGREEMENT NOT INVOLVED BUT ONLY CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT DANISH POLICY OF [REDACTED]

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(b)(6) PAGE 5 RUEHC 120936 ~~TOP SECRET~~ DENMARK IN PEACETIME APPLIES TO GREENLAND AS WELL. HE ADDED HIS INSTRUCTIONS DID NOT INCLUDE DISCUSSION [REDACTED] BUT THIS DID NOT MEAN QUESTION COULD NOT BE DISCUSSED. USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS INVOLVING DANISH TERRITORY WOULD ALWAYS BE MATTER OF DANISH CONSENT, WHICH AMBASSADOR THOUGHT NOT NECESSARY OUT OF QUESTION IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.

AMBASSADOR STATED HE HOPED FORMULA COULD BE REACHED FOR MAKING SOME SORT OF PUBLIC STATEMENT ABOUT AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD REMOVE MATTER FROM PUBLIC FORUM.

SECRETARY SAID WE WOULD GIVE NOTE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE ENDED TALK WITH EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION FOR FINE DANISH-US COOPERATION WHICH HAD GREATLY FACILITATED HANDLING OF THE REGRETTABLE CRASH.

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