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ACTION: Amembassy, COPENHAGEN

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SUBJECT: GREENLAND - NUCLEAR OVERFLIGHTS AND STORAGE.

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1. Assistant Secretary Leddy and Ambassador Rønne exchanged notes morning of May 31. Notes, which form supplement to 1951 Greenland Defense Agreement, are summarized below.
2. US note refers to discussions regarding Danish request, as expressed in for supplement to 1951 agreement, their February 26 note, and proposes following agreement: USG assures Danish Government that in exercise USG rights and duties under 1951 Agreement, it will not repeat not store nuclear weapons or conduct nuclear weapon overflights without consent Government of Denmark.

If foregoing proposal acceptable to Government of Denmark, this note and Danish reply shall constitute agreement, effective on date of Danish reply. Agreement shall form integral part of 1951 Agreement.

3. Danish reply refers to US note; quotes full US text; states note is acceptable to Government of Denmark and that US note and Danish reply shall constitute agreement, effective today, which shall form integral part of 1951 Greenland Agreement.

4. Copies of complete texts pouched to Embassy today.

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5. During May 29 meeting, at which Leddy and Rønne went over final texts, Rønne stated that due to upcoming Danish holidays and to adjournment of Folketing, he did not repeat not believe there would be any substantial press or parliamentary attention given to Greenland question.
6. At May 31 meeting, Rønne said that the ^{substance of the Agreement} ~~issue~~ had been reported ^{confidentially} to the Folketing Committee on Foreign Relations. which had taken note of it.
7. In regard to Danish Government public statement, Rønne told SCAN officer that statement had been prepared. While not at liberty to give details of content or timing, Rønne said that he believed we would find statement acceptable and that USG interests, as expressed during recent negotiations, had been taken into account. END

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