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P. J. V. j. nr.105.F. 18b  
Copenhagen, March 20, 1958

Excellency:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note of today's date reading as follows:

"I have the honor to refer to discussions which have taken place between representatives of the Government of the United States of American and of the Government of Denmark on the subject of the establishment in Greenland of distant early warning stations. In these discussions, the representatives of the two governments have agreed upon the provisions set forth in the memorandum annexed hereto applying to the construction, operation and manning of the installations.

Accordingly, I have the honor to propose that this note and your Excellency's reply thereto shall be regarded as constituting agreement between our two Governments in the terms set forth in the annexed memorandum."

In reply thereto, I have the honour to inform you that the Danish Government is in agreement with the foregoing proposal and that your Note and this reply shall be regarded as constituting agreement between our two Governments in the terms set forth in the memorandum annexed to your Note.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

/s/H. C. Hansen

His Excellency

Mr. Val Peterson

Ambassador of the United States of America, Copenhagen

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American Embassy  
Copenhagen, March 20, 1958

No. 282

Excellency:

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Accordingly, I have the honor to propose that this note and Your Excellency's reply thereto shall be regarded as constituting agreement between our two Governments in the terms set forth in the annexed memorandum.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Annex:

Val Peterson

Memorandum

His Excellency

H. C. Hansen,  
Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Copenhagen

GREENLAND AFFAIRS

A5-2

Provisions Applying to the Construction, Operation and Manning of the Distant Early Warning Line in Greenland

I. Danish-American Project Commission

It is anticipated that the United States will carry out the establishment of the Greenland Early Warning Stations through a management contractor appointed by the United States. It is understood that the management contractor will be under the direct supervision of a central office established by the United States Air Force.

For the purpose of consultation on matters of mutual interest referred to below, the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark will establish a Danish-American Project Commission.

The Commission will be composed of one representative for each Government. It will be established at an early date and will as its principal headquarters use the offices of the central Air Force office having responsibility for the establishment of the early warning stations in Greenland and will meet at that office and at such other places and at such time as may be agreed upon by the members.

In case of serious divergencies of views in the Commission, the matter shall be referred to the two Governments for determination. The Governments would give full consideration to the schedules for completing the stations in their discussions and deliberations.

II. Construction

In carrying out the project Danish labor and contractors will be considered in accordance with paragraph 1 in the Agreed Record attached to the exchange of notes between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the United States Embassy of the 13th and 19th July 1956, concerning work on the defense areas in Greenland. It is understood that in addition to paragraph 1 of the Agreed Record all other provisions and principles set forth in the Agreed Record are applicable to construction contracts.

III. Procurement of the Non-Electronic Equipment, Supplies and Materials.

Danish suppliers will be given consideration in the procurement of non-electronic equipment, supplies and materials in accordance with the principles set forth in paragraph 1 in the Agreed Record attached to the exchange of notes mentioned under paragraph II. It is understood that in addition to paragraph 1 of the Agreed Record all other provisions and principles set forth in the Agreed Record are applicable to procurement contracts. Among the factors to be taken into account in selecting a supplier of such equipment, supplies or materials are price, quality, time of delivery and compatibility.

IV. Operation and Manning

It is understood that the early warning stations will be manned with either civilian or United States military personnel. In the event civilian personnel man the stations, only qualified Danish or American personnel will be used.

It is understood that the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark after consultation and agreement between the two Governments may take over full responsibility for the operation and manning of the Greenland early warning stations. Denmark will insure the effective operation in association with the United States of any installations it takes over.

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TECHNICAL SCHEDULE

This technical schedule sets forth the defense areas selected pursuant to Article II (3) of the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark, pursuant to the North Atlantic Treaty, concerning the defense of Greenland, signed in Copenhagen on April 27, 1951.

The present technical schedule supersedes former technical schedules delineating the defense areas.

NARSSARSSUAQ

The Narssarssuaq area, and sites in the vicinity, described as follows:

Narssarssuaq:

The area bounded by: 61°02' and 61°16' North  
45°15' and 45°32' West

Simiutaq:

The whole island in the mouth of Skovfjord and the waters surrounding it up to one mile from the shore line.

SONDRE STROMFJORD

The Sondre Stromfjord area, and additional sites, described as follows

Sondre Stromfjord:

The area bounded by: 66°47' and 67°10' North  
50°15' and 51°15' West

Cruncher Island:

The unnamed island south of the Simiutaq Island located in the mouth of Sondre Stromfjord at approximately 66°01'27" N and 53°32'35" and the waters surrounding it up to one mile from the shore line.

Early Warning Sites

(a) At Qaqatoqaq the area bounded by 66°39'07.7" and 66°37'07.7" N and 52°51'35.4" and 52°52'05.4" W.

(b) On the Ice Cap, two areas:

No. 1. a circular area with a radius of 1824 meters and with its center at 66°30' N and 46°30' W, and

No. 2. a circular area with a radius of 1824 meters and with its center at 64°45' N and 43°25' W.

(c) On Kulusuk Island, the area bounded by 65°31'46" and 65°30'38" N and 37°09'43" and 37°09'05" W.

The location of roads, wharves, jetties, beach areas and airstrips required for the support of the early warning areas shall be determined by the appropriate authorities and the two Governments.

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THULE

The Thule area, and sites in the vicinity, described as follows:

- (a) The continuous land area bounded by: Meltke's Glacier (Sarworssuaq), and the Ice Cap and the Petowik Glacier; in addition, the defense area comprises the territorial waters adjacent to this land area.
- (b) The land area of Nunatarssuaq at the head of Wolstenhelmo Fjord.
- (c) Two circular areas on the Ice Cap with a radius of 500 meters each and with centers at respectively 78°07'48" North, 71°36'31" West and 76°59'00" North, 56°00'00" West.

The Danish Government agrees to the above delineation of the Thule defense area on the understanding, of Article II (3) (c) of the Agreement, that the Dundas radio station operated by Denmark will remain in its present location and that the extension of the defense area will in no way prevent the Danish authorities from taking such steps as they deem appropriate in connection with the maintenance and operation of the said station or the daily life and free movement of the personnel. However, the free movement provision will not be construed to limit the right of the United States Defense Area Commander to control, for military security purposes, entry of the personnel of the radio station to special restricted areas and buildings. (Reference Article II (3) (b) of the Greenland Defense Agreement).

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ANNEX 1

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

At a meeting held on December 9, 1957 in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs between Mr. Hancock, Dr. Serup and Mr. Bruns the proposed site of Kangeq was discussed and doubts expressed as to the precise meaning of the understanding reached during the discussions at the fifth session. In this connection it was brought out that General Wootton at the first session had stated that there was a possibility that the Kangeq station would not be constructed.

After consultation with the Greenland Department it was agreed that in view of the doubt as to the construction of the station at Kangeq it would preferable at this time to list only the following sites in the proposed amendment to the Technical Schedule:

1. Qaqatoqaq Area
2. Icecap Area No. 1
3. Icecap Area No. 2
4. Kulusuk Area on Kulusuk Island

It is understood that the Technical Schedule would be amended to include a fifth site in the vicinity of Kangeq if and when the Government of the United States determines that a station at that site is required. Such amendment would be made without further consideration on a request of the Government of the United States addressed to the Danish Government.

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ANNEX 2

STATEMENT OF INTENTION

Mr. Brun stated that it is the intention of the Danish Government, in accordance with Article 7, Paragraph 3, of the Act No. 271 of May 27, 1950, to ask the Greenland Council to submit its opinion on the project. We further indicated that when this opinion has been expressed, it may be necessary for the Danish Government to request new discussions with a view to making such arrangements as may be appropriate in the circumstances, taking into account on the one hand, the opinion expressed by the Greenland Council and, on the other hand, the common interest of the two Governments in a speedy completion of the project.

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ANNEX 3

STATEMENT

At a meeting on December 8, 1957 in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs between Mr. Hancock, Dr. Serup, Mr. Brun and Mr. Christenson, Dr. Serup pointed out that some difficulty might be anticipated with regard to the question of living expenses of the Danish representative on the Project Commission in New York. He stated that it would be necessary to submit the question of appropriation to the Folksting. In the first place this was a procedure that would take a very long time. In the second place it would stir up discussions and give publicity to the entire project which might be most undesirable from a U.S. point of view. In these circumstances he asked whether perhaps the U. S. Government would find it possible to pay the expense of the Danish representative.

Mr. Hancock replied that he could not of course commit the U. S. to pay any expenses growing out of Danish participation in the Project Commission. Expenses of this type would also create similar problems in the U.S. Government. However, there might be several possibilities of some form of indirect assistance which could prove helpful in this matter, and the Air Force would certainly keep the problem in mind. He had in mind possible assistance in providing office space, equipment, etc., and also perhaps some transportation for the Danish representatives. While the problem of trans-Atlantic flights would be difficult, he felt there would be no problem regarding transportation between the U. S. and Greenland.