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Copenhagen, September 24, 1962.

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Sydvest 26/9
til Traktatsamlingen
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Excellency,

1. By an exchange of notes of September 24, 1962, agreement has been reached on the following clause as one of the conditions for the operation of the United States nuclear power plant at Camp Century:

"The United States Government recognizes its responsibility to pay in full all valid claims arising out of the operation of the plant and will take appropriate action and, if necessary, seek appropriations for such claims, any difference of opinion to be resolved in the normal manner, taking into consideration pertinent Danish legislation and international conventions."

In this connection, it is understood that the so-called maximum liability provision contained in existing Danish legislation is not intended to be an absolute maximum insofar as state-operated nuclear reactors like the United States reactor at Camp Century are concerned.

2. The reference made in the clause quoted in (1) above to the potential necessity of seeking appropriations is understood to imply that the Government of the United States, like other governments, has, of course, procedures which require the Executive to obtain budgetary authorization

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in order to honour its commitments.

3. In circumstances other than those related to the liability on the operation of the said nuclear power plant, the NATO Status of Forces Agreement will be applicable, as well as the relevant provisions of the Agreement of April 27, 1951, concerning the Defense of Greenland.

I have the honour to propose that, if the foregoing is acceptable to Your Excellency's Government, this letter and Your Excellency's reply concurring therein shall constitute an understanding between our two Governments on the above-mentioned subject.

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

(sign.) Paul Fischer