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Ms. Doris Jakobsen, M.P.
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Dear Ms. Jakobsen,

As the United States Senior Defense Official to Denmark, I am responding to your inquiry of 15 May 2013 about the Thule Joint Defence Area in Greenland.

Please note that the report that you referenced, "*Making Sense of Ballistic Missile Defense*," is not reflective of the official policy of the United States of America. With respect to policies affecting and involving Greenland, our three governments have established two intergovernmental fora, the Joint Committee and the Permanent Committee, where issues concerning Greenland are discussed. The United States, in cooperation with its Danish and Greenlandic partners, will continue to use these two fora to discuss policy related matters.

I hope this letter addresses your questions and concerns regarding this specific non-governmental report as well as U.S., Danish, and Greenlandic coordination mechanisms.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R Alistair Borchert'.

R Alistair Borchert
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