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Note Verbale.

In a Note No. 615 of June 10th, 1952, the Embassy of the United States of America has requested the approval of the Danish Government to the establishment of a defence area of five square miles on the ice cap of Greenland in the vicinity of 75° North and 40° West. According to the Note the area is desired to accommodate a meteorological station with a permanent staff of approximately twenty-five men, who will be engaged in reporting surface and rain observations.

In addition, the Embassy has requested permission for the United States Air Force to conduct certain scientific tests and projects on the Greenland ice cap, within as well as outside the boundaries of the above-mentioned defence area.

In reply, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs has the honour to state that the Royal Government has no objection to the establishment of the proposed defence area in accordance with the provisions of Article II of the Agreement between Denmark and the United States of America concerning the Defence of Greenland, signed on April 27th, 1951. The Danish Government must, however, reserve the right to take over the planned meteorological station, when the Danish authorities consider

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themselves capable of undertaking this task, which they anticipate may be possible in a foreseeable future.

Further, the Royal Government is prepared to permit the United States Air Force to conduct the tests etc. specified in the Embassy's Note, on the Greenland ice cap, provided these operations be confined to a specific area of the ice cap, defined in advance. The Danish Government would appreciate, however, if, in accordance with the provisions in Article V (2) of the Agreement of April 27th, 1951, any surveys or photographs, etc. resulting from these operations could be made available in due course to the proper Danish authorities.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs suggests that negotiations be initiated between representatives of the two Governments for the purpose of making the necessary amendments to the Technical Schedule of the Greenland Defense Agreement, including the exact definition of the boundaries of the new defense area and of the area within which the above-mentioned tests etc. may be carried out.

Copenhagen, October 25th, 1952.

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