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The American Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and has the honor to refer to the latter's Note Verbale of October 25, 1952, concerning the establishment of a new defense area on the ice cap of Greenland to accommodate a meteorological station, and the desire of the U.S. Air Force for permission to conduct certain tests and projects on the ice cap, within as well as outside of this defense area.

The Embassy has been requested to inform the Foreign Ministry as follows in respect of several points mentioned in the Note Verbale:

1) The U.S. Air Force agrees to transfer responsibility for the proposed meteorological station whenever the Danish authorities consider themselves capable of undertaking this task.

2) The precise area desired for the meteorological station will not be known until after an on-site survey, tentatively planned for the summer of 1953, has been made.

3) The U.S. authorities now believe that it would be appropriate to make the presently planned tests on the ice cap within a radius of 150 miles of Thule. An area of this extent is required since different types of equipment are to

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be tested at different altitudes under differing snow conditions. The Danish Government is assured that any surveys or photographs of the test area will be transmitted to the Danish Government pursuant to Article V(2) of the Greenland Defense Agreement.

The permission of the Danish Government for the conduct of the ice cap tests in the area indicated is urgently requested.

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