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AGREED MINUTES



of the meeting November 8-9, 1990 in Copenhagen
regarding US activities in Greenland

1. Transfer of facilities and functions
(work of Transition Committee)

The Delegations took note of a report from the Transition Committee (Transcom) regarding the work of the Committee, and accepted the agreed conclusions from the two meetings held by the committee:

The US Delegation is examining the use of "no cost" and "no rent" leases in order to facilitate the transfer of essential equipment to Danish/Greenlandic authorities after September 30, 1992.

2. Acceptance of recommendations by Aeronautical Telecommunications Subcommittee.

The Delegations accepted the recommendations made by the Aeronautical Telecommunications Subcommittee as contained in the Report from the Subcommittee of 29 June 1990.

3. Environmental issues

The Delegations noted that the Department of Defence will remove all known hazardous substances from DYE-2 and -3 and that all above and below ground structures at those sites will remain in place. The Government of the United States agrees to provide Danish/Greenlandic authorities certification that all known hazardous substances have been removed from DYE-2 and -3, at which time those sites become the sole responsibility of the Home Rule Government of Greenland.

With respect to DYE-1 and -4, the Delegations noted that the Department of Defence agrees that all above ground structures will be dismantled and buried along with non-hazardous material, equipment, and debris. Disposition actions for DYE-1 and -4 will be accomplished by the Government of the United States, or, with the agreement of both Parties, by the Home Rule Government of Greenland. If the latter option is agreed upon, the Parties will negotiate an implementing arrangement under which

the United States Government will pay a reasonable sum in exchange for assumption of this obligation by the Home Rule Government of Greenland.

Once the Government of the United States has paid the agreed amount, the Home Rule Government of Greenland will assume all responsibility/liability for the sites.

These understandings are subject to availability of funds.

4. Review of MOU-draft, incl. access provisions

The Delegations reached agreement ad referendum on a text of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) concerning the use of Sondrestrom aviation facility, Kulusuk Airfield and other matters related to United States military activities in Greenland and initialled the text.

The Delegations agreed to return to the question of an exchange of notes concerning the termination of the status of Sondrestrom as a defence area.

The following statements to the MOU-text were made:

Re Art. III, para 1

The US Delegation stated, that it was unaware of any US law that would preclude Denmark/Greenland from receiving the right of first purchase as defined under this Article.

Re Art. IV, para 2

The Danish/Greenlandic Delegation stated that under Danish law and Greenland law the responsibility and sole and exclusive right concerning all forms of construction and contracting for goods and services for long-haul telecommunication in Greenland is assigned to the Home Rule Government of Greenland.

The US Delegation notes that the laws concerning Greenland telecommunications postdate the 1951 Agreement, which remains in force.

Therefore, the Delegations agreed to discuss in the Permanent Committee, at the earliest opportunity, the regularisation of the telecommunication arrangements.

Re Art. XIII, para 3 and Art. XIV, para 3

The US Delegation reaffirms the commitment of the United States for an orderly transition of the facilities in question in accordance with the transition plan to be agreed upon.

5. Air traffic/Thule-Sondrestrom


The US Delegation agrees with the principle that an air link should be maintained between Thule and Sondrestrom and the US Government feels MAC is the most cost-effective way to maintain this link.

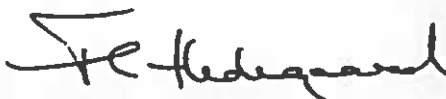
The US side has requested that MAC continue flying this route.

The Danish/Greenlandic side stated its appreciation that the air link would be maintained.

The Delegations agreed to discuss in due course the possibility of Greenlandic airline companies to operate such a link.

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