

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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Copenhagen, February 20, 2003

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to Exchanges of Notes of October 14, 1964, May 5, 1965, September 30, 1986, and September 29, 1992, between our two Governments concerning certain adjustments of the geographical extension of the defence areas in Greenland made available to the United States by the Government of Denmark pursuant to Article II (3) of the Agreement of April 27, 1951, Concerning the Defence of Greenland as set forth in Technical Schedule of March 20, 1958, and the Memorandum of Understanding of March 13, 1991 between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark (including the Home Rule Government of Greenland) Concerning Use of Sondrestrom Aviation Facility, Kulusuk Airfield and Other Matters Related to United States Military Activities in Greenland.

1. Following the agreement in the Memorandum of Understanding of today's date concerning removal of Dundas from the defence area and discussions between our representatives, I have the honour to propose that the defence area in Greenland be redefined as follows:

- 1.1 Thule

The defence area of Thule covers the area of the Southern bank of Wolstenholme Fjord limited by Harald Moltke's Glacier (Sermerssuaq), the ice cap and a straight line between the following two points: 69° 10' W, 76° 30' N and 68° 35' W, 76° 18' N, save the area delimited by a line beginning at the coast south at 76° 325 min N following the watershed to 68° 46' W, 76° 332' N and from there north to a point on the coast on 68° 44' W.

2. It is agreed that, in case of emergency or if performance of a mission makes it necessary, access to and movement by the Armed Forces of the United States in any of the portions of the defence areas relinquished in accordance with this and earlier Exchanges of Notes is authorized subject to the provisions of Article V (3) and Article VI (as modified in 1986) of the Agreement of April 27, 1951, Concerning the Defence of Greenland.

His Excellency
Mr. Stuart Alan Bernstein
Ambassador of the United States of America
Copenhagen

It is understood and agreed that the entitlement to priority use by the United States of facilities in Sondrestrom and Kulusuk shall continue in accordance with Article XV of the Memorandum of Understanding of March 13, 1991 referenced above.

3. The Danish Liaison Officer at Thule shall be informed immediately, and whenever possible in advance, of any access or movement in the areas relinquished in accordance with this and earlier Exchanges of Notes, as authorized therein.

If this proposal is agreeable to the Government of the United States of America, this Note and Your Excellency's reply to that effect shall constitute a new Technical Schedule to the Agreement of April 27, 1951, Concerning the Defence of Greenland, superseding the Technical Schedule contained in the Exchange of Notes of September 29, 1992. It shall enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's reply and remain in force for the duration of the Agreement of April 27, 1951.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.



Per Stig Møller
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Ambassador of the United States of America.

March 12, 2003

Dear Mr. Minister: ,

I have the honor to refer to your note of February 20, 2003 which reads as follows:

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I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration."

I confirm that the foregoing proposal is agreeable to the Government of The United States of America and that your note and this reply shall constitute a new Technical Schedule to the Agreement of April 27, 1951, Concerning the Defence of Greenland, superseding the Technical Schedule contained in the Exchange of Notes of September 29, 1992, and that it shall enter into force on the date of this reply and remain in force for the duration of the Agreement of April 27, 1951.

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

Sincerely,



Stuart Bernstein

His Excellency
Per Stig Møller,
Minister of Foreign Affairs,
The Kingdom of Denmark.