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SUBJECT: LORAN A STATIONS

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1. PROVIDED HERewith ARE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND AMENDED INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING PROPOSED CLOSURE OF LORAN A STATIONS AT CAPE ATHOLL (GREENLAND) AND CAPE CHRISTIAN (CANADA), WHICH, IN TURN, WOULD FORCE CLOSURE OF NIPISAT (GREENLAND) STATION.

2. QUESTION OF CLOSING FACILITY AT CAPE CHRISTIAN MUST, UNDER BILATERAL AGREEMENT (MAY 3, 1954; TIAS 3019), BE
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BROUGHT BEFORE US- CANADA PERMANENT JOINT BOARD ON DEFENSE (PJBD). IN VIEW OF LINKAGE OF STATIONS, DECISION ON GREENLAND STATIONS DEPENDENT UPON RESOLUTION OF ISSUE OF CAPE CHRISTIAN STATION IN PJBD.

3. FYI. PARA 5(A) OF 1954 AGREEMENT REQUIRES THAT CANADA HAVE THE RIGHT, ON ONE YEAR' S NOTICE, TO TAKE OVER OPERATION AND MANNING OF STATION, AND, FURTHER, THAT SUBSEQUENT COSTS OF OPERATION (EXCLUSIVE OF MILITARY MANPOWER COSTS) BE SHARED PROPORTIONATELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH USE.

4. PARA 5(B) OF AGREEMENT REQUIRES THAT QUESTION OF " CONTINUING NEED" OF STATION BE REFERRED TO PJBD AND THAT, IN ASSESSING CONTINUING NEED, PJBD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT RELATIONSHIP THIS STATION TO THOSE ESTABLISHED " ELSEWHERE IN SAME GENERAL REGION." END FYI.

5. FOR OTTAWA: REQUEST EMBASSY BRIEF APPROPRIATE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES ON U. S. INTENTIONS RE THESE STATIONS (PARA 1 REFTEL) AND NOTE THAT U. S. INTENDS SUBMIT " PROPOSED CLOSURE OF LORAN A STATIONS" AS AGENDA ITEM FOR JUNE MEETING OF PJBD.

6. FOR COPENHAGEN: DEPARTMENT AWARE OF NEGATIVE RAMIFICATIONS THAT COULD RESULT FROM IMPROPER HANDLING OF CLOSURE OF U. S. FACILITY (NIPISAT) EMPLOYING DANISH CITIZENS. CONSEQUENTLY, EVEN IF YOU HAVE ALREADY APPROACHED DANES PER PARA 3 REFTEL, REQUEST YOU INFORM DANISH GOVERNMENT OF NEED TO REFER CAPE CHRISTIAN CLOSING TO PJBD, WITH CONSEQUENT DELAY IN FINAL DECISION GREENLAND STATIONS. REQUEST YOU ALSO STRESS POINT THAT, SUBJECT TO REQUIREMENT OF 1954 US- CANADIAN AGREEMENT, OUR INTENTION IS STILL TO CLOSE BOTH CAPE CHRISTIAN AND CAPE ATHOLL STATIONS ON DECEMBER 31, 1974, WHICH WILL FORCE CLOSURE OF NIPISAT STATION, AND OFFER TO DISCUSS WITH DANES (1) EFFECT FORCED CLOSURE OF NIPISAT WOULD HAVE ON DANISH EMPLOYEES AND (2) STEPS THAT COULD BE TAKEN TO ALLEVIATE ANY RESULTANT DISLOCATION OR HARDSHIP. ROGERS

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