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From: Secretary of State sgd Marshall

To: AMCONSUL Odthaab, Greenland

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DEPTEL 34 Nov 19, 1946. URDES 10 Nov 22, 1946.

Weather Bureau requesting relaxation ban on voice communication by personnel Thule with amateur radio stations. DEPT considering permitting American personnel use voice specific purpose arranging and carrying on interviews with families and friends over US amateur stations. Record would be required dates, times conversations, names of persons participating both ends, call-sign and location US station. Officer in Charge would be responsible instructing personnel matters not to be discussed for security reasons and would be privileged monitor conversations. Light conversation with other amateurs contacted at random would remain prohibited, since morale value such activity less than value voice contacts families while security risk greater, with possibility incidents such as mentioned URDES 4, April 29, 1948.

Weather Bureau understands one of Danish personnel operating amateur station Thule for past year under license Greenland GOVT. DEPT desires confirmation existence such station, whether available all Danish personnel for voice communication Denmark, whether expected remain Thule indefinitely. While existence such station unfortunate from standpoint security and undesirable publicity, fact Danes talking with home might be additional reason giving Americans similar privilege.

Desire views Consulate foregoing.

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