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**DENMARK  
and  
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**Exchange of notes (with annex) constituting an agreement relating to a United States-Danish Committee on Greenland Projects. Washington, 2 December 1960**

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**DANEMARK  
et  
ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE**

**Échange de notes (avec annexe) constituant un accord portant création d'un Comité américano-danois des travaux au Groenland. Washington, 2 décembre 1960**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré par le Danemark et les États-Unis d'Amérique le 14 août 1961.*

No. 5789. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN DENMARK AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA RELATING TO A UNITED STATES-DANISH COMMITTEE ON GREENLAND PROJECTS. WASHINGTON, 2 DECEMBER 1960

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I

*The Secretary of State to the Danish Ambassador*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1960

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to discussions which have recently taken place concerning the mutual desire of the Governments of the United States and Denmark to establish a Consultative Committee which would enable the two Governments, through consultation and liaison by the members of the Committee, to give effective implementation to the agreement of the two Governments regarding participation of Danish enterprises and labor in United States defense projects in Greenland. This agreement was effected by exchange of notes on July 13 and 19, 1956 between the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the American Embassy at Copenhagen<sup>2</sup> and is recorded in a document, dated July 11, 1956, entitled "Agreed Record of Meetings Held Between American and Danish Representatives July 9 and 10 in Copenhagen on Contracts and Labor Used in Work on Defense Areas in Greenland".<sup>2</sup> I wish to confirm the understanding reached as the result of these discussions, as follows :

1) There is established a United States-Danish Committee on Greenland Projects which shall be responsible, except as provided in paragraph 2 below, for the exchange of information and consultation contemplated by the United States-Danish agreement recorded in the aforementioned "Agreed Record of Meetings" of July 11, 1956. The specific terms of reference are set forth in an Annex<sup>3</sup> which is made an integral part of this agreement;

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 2 December 1960 by the exchange of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> Not printed by the Department of State of the United States of America.

<sup>3</sup> See p. 248 of this volume.

2) The present United States-Danish Project Commission which was set up in 1958 for the sole purpose of consultation on matters of mutual interest relating to the construction, operation, and manning of the Distant Early Warning Stations in Greenland will continue to function as heretofore, until the construction and installation of the DEW Line stations are completed. At such time any remaining responsibilities of the Commission will be transferred to the Committee established by this agreement.

If the foregoing is acceptable to Your Excellency's Government, I have the honor to propose that this note and Your Excellency's reply indicating concurrence therein shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments on this matter, which shall enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's note in reply.

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

For the Secretary of State :

Foy D. KOHLER

Enclosure :

Annex.

His Excellency Count Kield Gustav Knuth-Winterfeldt  
Ambassador of Denmark

#### A N N E X

#### UNITED STATES-DANISH COMMITTEE ON GREENLAND PROJECTS

##### 1. *Establishment of the Committee:*

In consonance with the mutual desire of the Governments of the United States and Denmark to give effective implementation to the agreement of the two Governments regarding participation of Danish enterprises and labor in United States defense projects in Greenland, which agreement was effected by an exchange of notes between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the American Embassy in Copenhagen dated July 13 and July 19, 1956, and is recorded in a document dated July 11, 1956, entitled "Agreed Record of Meetings Held Between American and Danish Representatives July 9 and 10 in Copenhagen on Contracts and Labor Used in Work on Defense Areas in Greenland", there is hereby established a permanent United States-Danish Committee on Greenland Projects.

##### 2. *Composition of the Committee:*

a. The Committee shall be composed of :

(1) For the United States : One USAF<sup>1</sup> representative.

<sup>1</sup> United States Air Force.

(2) For Denmark : One Danish Embassy representative.

*b.* Each member shall appoint an alternate. The members may be assisted by such staff, military, or civilian, as they consider appropriate.

3. *Terms of Reference:*

*a.* The Committee shall :

(1) Provide on a continuing basis for exchange of information and direct consultation and liaison between the appropriate United States and Danish authorities as contemplated by the aforementioned July 11, 1956 understandings regarding (i) existing contracts and (ii) proposals for future United States contracts required in connection with United States defense activities in Greenland. Such procedures shall ensure that the Danish Member of the Committee shall receive timely information on all proposed commercial contracting projects required in connection with United States defense activities in Greenland. The procedures must take into consideration deadlines to be observed in the negotiation and conclusion of contracts to ensure that the United States forces can accomplish their mission.

(2) Identify problems growing out of commercial aspects of United States logistics programs pertaining to United States defense activities in Greenland.

*b.* The Members shall :

(1) Do their utmost to implement the decisions arrived at and the procedures worked out by the Committee.

(2) Take appropriate action to ensure timely response to inquiries addressed by the Committee or its members or staff to United States and Danish agencies.

4. *Offices of the Committee:*

The offices of the Committee shall be in Washington, D.C. or any other place or places decided upon by mutual agreement between the members of the Committee.

5. *Frequency of Meetings:*

The Committee shall meet at the call of either member, but in any event regular meetings will be held at least once every three months.

6. *Conduct of Meetings:*

All meetings of the Committee shall be held in closed session, unless otherwise agreed by the Committee. The release of information concerning the decisions or activities of the Committee shall be as mutually agreed upon between the members of the Committee.

## II

*The Danish Ambassador to the Secretary of State*

DANISH EMBASSY  
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

Reference No. 8. V. 30.a.

December 2, 1960

Sir :

I have the honor to refer to your note of today's date reading as follows :

[*See note I*]

In reply thereto I have the honor to inform you that the Danish Government is in agreement with the foregoing proposal and that your note and this reply shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between our two Governments on this matter which shall enter into force from the date of this note.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

K. KNUTH-WINTERFELDT

The Honorable Christian A. Herter  
Secretary of State of the United States of America  
Washington