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August 27, 1946

Meteorological Services for the Military Staff Committee

Colonel P. H. Greasley - Plans and Operations Division, War Department

Mr. John H. Moore - OA

Mr. Joseph E. Johnson - IS

OA - Mr. Moore

OA - Mr. Tomlinson

IS - Mr. Blaisdell

EUR - Mr. Gardiner ✓

Colonel Greasley came over at his request to discuss a slight difference which appeared to have developed between the State Department and the Joint Chiefs of Staff Organization with respect to recommendations regarding the provision of meteorological services for the Military Staff Committee. Mr. Moore participated in the conversation at my request as he had coordinated the formulation of the State Department position last spring.

It developed that the issue was over a recommendation contained in the State Department paper (SWN/4365) to the effect that the Transportation and Communications Commission of ECOSOC be approached by the MSC for the purpose of taking such immediate steps as might be possible in getting international coordination.

Mr. Moore explained that this State Department recommendation had been based on an assumption that there was a need for immediate action which could not be taken care of by the other recommendations. He said that, in a meeting last June which he attended, Captain Knoll of the U.S. Delegation to the MSC had stated that no urgency existed. Mr. Moore then said on behalf of the State Department that we did not hold to this recommendation but had only made it under the misapprehension about the urgency of the problem.

Colonel Greasley

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Colonel Greasley showed Mr. Moore and Mr. Johnson the proposed recommendation of the Joint Meteorological Committee to the JCS, and both agreed that this is entirely satisfactory to the State Department. It was evident that the difference was merely one on paper and not one on policy. Mr. Johnson agreed to take the necessary steps upon receipt of the JCS paper to clear up any misunderstanding.

Joseph E. Johnson

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 The ~~Commanding~~ General
 Army Air Forces
 AFPMI
 Date: Col. In. 10. 1945

TO
 (1) AFPMI
 (2) QPD
 (3) Chief of Staff
 (4) Secretary of War

FOR
 (2) Concurrence
 (1) Approval
 (1) Signature
 (4) Signature of Attached Letter

Transfer of Military Weather Stations in Greenland 1 JUL 1945

SUMMARY

1. At the present time there are fourteen Danish-operated weather reporting stations in Greenland and sixteen U.S. military-operated stations, of which one of the latter is operated by the U.S. Navy, the remainder by the U.S. Army Air Forces (see attached map).

2. In order to reduce the cost to the U.S. of operating weather reporting stations in Greenland and accomplish a saving in U.S. personnel, it is proposed that arrangements be made as soon as possible for the operation by the Danes of the following listed stations:

<u>Station</u>	<u>Present U.S. Strength</u>	<u>Proposed Danish Strength</u>
Cruncher Island	8	5
Ivigut	6	5
Comanche Bay	8	4
Skjoldungen	7	4
Cape Adlaer	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>
Total	39	24

3. The cost of operation of a U.S. seven-man station in Greenland, including all supplies and salaries, is at present approximately \$22,000 annually. It is estimated that a five-man station operated entirely by Danish personnel, including the cost of all supplies and salaries, would be approximately \$18,000. The saving per station to the U.S. would thus be seven U.S. military personnel and approximately \$4,000. The benefits which would accrue to the U.S. Government are:

- a. This transfer, if successful, would serve as a basis of future action which would permit additional savings, monetary and personnel, to the U.S. Government commensurate with the transfer of other stations.
- b. A weather reporting net would be perpetuated which would provide continued weather reports necessary to U.S. operations in the post-war period.
- c. A properly operated net of this kind in Greenland, on a permanent basis, would assure the continued availability of weather data as applicable to Western Hemisphere defense.

4. In carrying out the above mentioned transfer, it is proposed that the Danish Government be requested, through State Department channels, to make available for travel to, and arrival in Greenland, not later than 1 August, eighteen Danish radio personnel and six Danish mechanic-cooks. These personnel are to be given weather and radio training by the U.S.A.A.F. at Narsarsuaq, Greenland for a two months' period, beginning on or about 1 August 1945. Following this training, the Danish personnel would be deployed at the locations given above, so that U.S. personnel may be withdrawn. It will be necessary:

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SUMMARY SHEET

SUBJECT: Transfer of Military Weather Stations in Greenland

a. To leave presently installed U.S. technical and power equipment at each location and at some later date the Danish Government will be expected to indicate to the U.S. Government which portions of the installation and equipment at each location it desires to purchase. This arrangement is similar to the arrangements previously made with Canada, whereby the Canadians have assumed operation of U.S.A.A.F. weather stations. Negotiations in this regard could be carried on by the Commanding Officer, Greenland Base Command, acting for the United States, and a representative of the Danish Administration in Greenland on behalf of Denmark.

b. To make available, through the Greenland Base Command, technical and other supplies, including clothing, fuel, and subsistence, required by the operating personnel to maintain station operation.

c. To pay the salaries of operating personnel from War Department funds so long as the military necessity for these stations, as established herein, continues. In this regard the War Department responsibility for meeting the salaries of Danish operating personnel will begin at the time such personnel arrive at Narsarsuaq to receive training and will continue as long as the personnel are providing service to the United States. It will be the responsibility of the Danish Government in Greenland to employ and provide the salaries of any Danish personnel who are transported to Greenland and who are subsequently found to be incapable or undesirous of employ by the United States.

d. That the agreement with the Danish Government assure the U.S. Government of the continuous operation of the stations set forth above until the conclusion of the U.S. military requirements; or that it be agreed that one year's notice be rendered by either government should either desire to discontinue the operation of any station.

5. The plan as outlined above has been discussed by U.S. military representatives of the 8th A.A.F. Weather Region, of the 6th A.A.C.S. Wing, of the Greenland Base Command, and of the U.S. Consul in Greenland, with the Acting Danish Governor of Greenland, Mr. Eake Brun. The latter has indicated the unofficial Danish concurrence and desire to initiate and carry out this program and has further indicated that he would advise the government in Copenhagen of the substance of these discussions.

6. It is requested that this program be approved by the War Department and that the attached letter from the Secretary of War to the Secretary of State be dispatched as soon as possible. It is desirable that this program be instituted immediately in order that the Danish personnel can be deployed at these locations prior to the winter season, otherwise it will be necessary to delay this transfer until the summer of 1946.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:

Signed

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Ltr fr Sec of War
to Sec of State,
for signature

APPROVED
By order of the Secretary of War
THOS. T. HANCOCK
Deputy Chief of Staff

REUBEN C. HOOD, JR.
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Deputy Chief of Air Staff.

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By W. T. THURMAN - 2 -
Asst. to the Deputy Chief of Staff

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Forwarded from AFHX
30 June 1945
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The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Dear Mr. Secretary

JUL 5 - 1945

At the present time there are fourteen Danish-operated weather reporting stations in Greenland and sixteen U.S. military-operated stations, of which one of the latter is operated by the U.S. Navy; the remainder are operated by the U.S. Army Air Forces (see attached map).

In order to reduce the cost to the United States of operating weather reporting stations in Greenland and accomplish a saving in U.S. personnel, it is proposed that arrangements be made as soon as possible for the operation by the Danes of the following listed stations:

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Total	39	24

In carrying out the above-mentioned transfer, it is proposed that the Danish Government be requested to make available for travel to, and arrival in Greenland, not later than 1 August 1945, eighteen Danish radio personnel and six Danish mechanic-cooks. These personnel are to be given training by U.S. Army Air Forces at Karsarsuaq, Greenland, for a two months' period, beginning on or about 1 August 1945. Following this training, the Danish personnel will be deployed at the locations given above and U.S. personnel would be withdrawn. It is proposed further:

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The Secretary of State

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The plan as outlined above has been discussed by U.S. military representatives of the 8th A.A.F. Weather Region, of the 6th Army Airways Communications Wing, of the Greenland Base Command, and of the U.S. Consul in Greenland, with the Acting Danish Governor of Greenland, Mr. Hake Bruun. The latter has indicated the unofficial Danish concurrence and desire to initiate and carry out this program, and has further indicated that he would advise the government in Copenhagen of the substance of these discussions.

The War Department has determined that by carrying out the plan set forth above, considerable saving, both monetary and in personnel, would accrue to the U.S. Government, commensurate with such transfer. Additional benefits which would accrue to the U.S. Government are:

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Following the receipt of your letter of 24 April 1945, I have carefully considered the possibility of releasing U. S. Army Air Forces weather reports at Lagens Airfield, Terceira, Azores to Portuguese authorities at Angra do Heroismo, Azores.

The Joint Meteorological Committee and the Joint Intelligence Committee have indicated their approval to the release of Lagens weather reports to the Portuguese. The War Department will take appropriate action to inform the weather station at Lagens that it is authorized to furnish weather data to the Chief of the Azores Meteorological Station, upon request.

It is recommended that the State Department inform the American Maritime Delegation in the Azores of the aforementioned approval, and that the U. S. Army Air Forces weather station at Lagens is prepared to furnish weather data when so requested by the Chief of the Azores Meteorological Station at Angra do Heroismo, Terceira, Azores.

Sincerely yours,

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HENRY L. STIMSON

Secretary of War.



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JOINT METEOROLOGICAL COMMITTEE

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17 May 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SUPERVISOR OF REPORTS, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, WAR DEPARTMENT:

Subject: Release of U.S. Army Weather Reports to Portuguese Authorities in Azores

Enclosure: File on this subject

The Joint Meteorological Committee has considered this subject and has agreed to inform the Supervisor of Reports, Military Intelligence Service, War Department, that it has no objection to furnishing U.S. Army weather reports, prepared at Lagens Airfield, to Portuguese meteorological authorities at Angra do Heroismo, Terceira, Azores.

/s/ JAMES V. BASSETT,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.
Secretary

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Supervisor of Reports, Military Intelligence Service, War Department, Washington 25, D.C., 18 May 1945.

To: AC/AC, Operations, Commitments and Requirements, Weather Division, AAF.
Room 4D1000, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D.C.

1. Your attention is invited to above memorandum.

FOR THE CHIEF, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE:

- 2 Incls:
1. Ltr fr American Maritime
del to Sec of State dtd 10 Apr
2. Ltr fr State Dept dtd 24 Apr

J. W. RUDOLPH
Colonel, GSC
Supervisor of Reports

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Supervisor of Reports, Military Intelligence Service, War Department,
Washington 25, D.C., 28 April 1945

To: Secretary, Joint Intelligence Committee
(Att: Joint Meteorological Sub-Committee)

1. Authority to release U.S. Army Weather data to the Portuguese Chief of Meteorological Station at Angra do Heroismo, Azores, is referred to the Joint Intelligence Committee for decision in view of possible Naval interest and possible Combined Intelligence Committee concern.

FOR THE CHIEF, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE:

2 Incls

/s/ J. W. RUDOLPH

1. Ltr fr American Maritime

Colonel, GSC

Del. to Sec of State dtd April 10

Supervisor of Reports

2. Ltr fr State Dept dtd April 24

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Joint Intelligence Committee, The Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington,
D.C., 3 May 1945

To: Secretary, Joint Meteorological Committee, Joint Chiefs of Staff,
Washington, D.C.

The subject request does not concern "technical information" within the cognizance of the Joint Intelligence Committee and is accordingly referred to the Joint Meteorological Committee for direct response to the Supervisor of Reports, M.I.S., War Department.

/s/ JAMES S. LAY, JR.
Secretary, J.I.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
AV 853B.9243/4-1045

April 24, 1945

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The Acting Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Honorable the Secretary of War and encloses a copy of a despatch dated April 10, 1945 from the American Maritime Delegation at Angra do Heroismo, Azores, in which it is reported that the Portuguese Chief of the Meteorological Station in that city wishes to have arrangements made to obtain weather reports prepared by the United States Army authorities stationed at Lagens Airfield, Terceira. The despatch states that this matter must be cleared with the War Department in Washington before they can act.

In view of the above circumstances and of the fact that the American Maritime Delegate recommends favorable action in connection with this matter, the Department of State would appreciate it if the War Department would find it possible to issue such instructions to the Army authorities on Terceira Island as would be necessary to authorize the release of the weather reports desired by the Portuguese Chief of the Azores Meteorological Station.

Enclosure:

From American Maritime
Delegation, Angra do Heroismo,
Azores, April 10, 1945

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American Maritime Delegation,
Angra do Heroismo, Azores
April 10, 1945

SUBJECT: Releasing of U.S. Army weather reports to Portuguese
Authorities at Angra do Heroismo, Azores

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to a request recently submitted to this office by Colonel Jose Agostinho, Portuguese Army retired, Chief of the Azores Meteorological Station at Angra do Heroismo, Terceira, Azores, that arrangements be made if possible for him to obtain copies of the weather reports prepared here by the U.S. Army authorities (Air Transport Command) stationed at Lagens Airfield, Terceira.

The matter has been discussed with the U.S. Army authorities who are in complete agreement but who state that the matter must be cleared with the War Department in Washington before they can act.

It is therefore requested that the Department take the necessary steps to obtain permission from the War Department for the release of the reports and that the local U.S. Army authorities be instructed accordingly.

Colonel Agostinho and the other Portuguese authorities have been most cooperative in those phases of our work here which are concerned with the presence of American Armed Forces on the Island. Acceeding to this minor request will help to repay past kindnesses and maintain the good relations already established.

Respectfully yours,

WILLIAM MORDAUNT GIBSON

American Maritime Delegate

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