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C. REQUEST HE SUPPORT OUR PUBLIC POSTURE. SINCE WE CAN ANTICIPATE EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS, PRIOR CONSULTATION WILL ENABLE US HARMONIZE OUR THINKING. KRAG WHEN QUESTIONED COULD SAY HE KNOWS AMERICAN GOVT IS FULLY AWARE DANISH NUCLEAR WEAPONS POLICY AND THAT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD VIOLATE SUCH POLICY (OR STRONGER, THAT HE HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE ABOARD U.S. VESSELS WHILE IN DANISH TERRITORIAL WATERS). SUCH CONSULTATION SHOULD HELP

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HEAD OFF DANISH DEMANDS FOR SPECIFIC UNDERTAKINGS. PRESS WOULD CONTINUE UNHAPPY WITH NO CONFIRM-NO DENY STATEMENT, BUT I BELEIVE WE COULD MANAGE PROBLEM IF KRAG NOT SURPRISED AND PRE POSITIONED TO SUPPORT US.

7. WITH MIN OF DEF APPROVAL SHIP VISITS NOW UNCLASSIFIED. FIRST U. S. SHIP VISIT JUNE 16-19 FOLLOWED BY OTHERS. SSRIISCF\* USS WILLIS (DE-1027) WILL VISIT AALBORG JUNE 30-JULY 5 AND PARTICIPATE IN DANISH/AMERICAN JULY 4TH CELEBRATION SPONSORED ANNUALLY BY REBILD SOCIETY NATL PARK JUST SOUTH OF AALBORG. SOCIETY WILL PUBLICIZE SHIP'S VISIT IN MAY NEWSLETTER WITH PICTURES SHIP, COMMANDING OFFICER AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

8. DEPT'S AND DOD'S GUIDANCE URGENTLY REQUESTED.

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\* - As received; will be serviced upon request.

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