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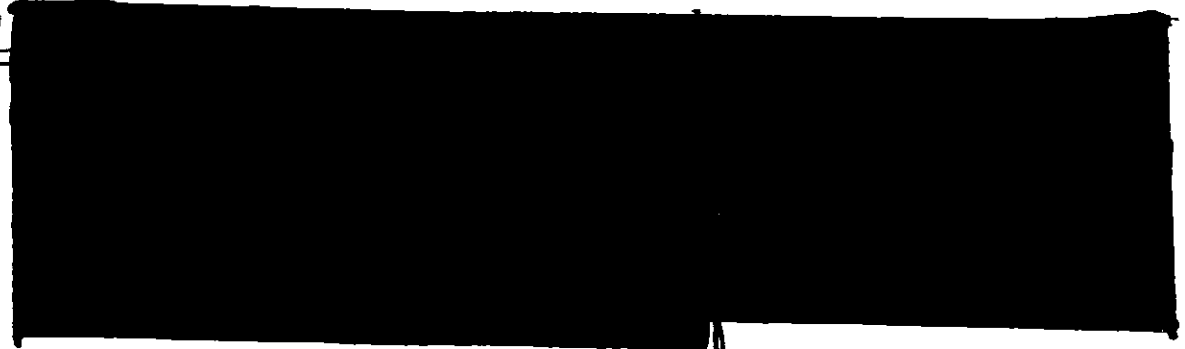
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1. CARRIER RANDOLPH WITH DESTROYER BORIE AND DESTROYER ESCORT MCDONNELL ON INFORMAL VISIT COPENHAGEN JULY 14-18. DURING PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 14 REAR ADMIRAL PAUL E. HARTMAN WAS ASKED WHETHER NUCLEAR WEAPONS WERE ABOARD CARRIER AND REPLIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIRECTIVES REGARDING LOCATION ALL WEAPONS HE COULD NOT CONFIRM OR DENY PRESENCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON RANDOLPH. ADMIRAL ALSO SAID ALL NAVY SHIPS HAVE CAPABILITY TO CARRY THESE WEAPONS.
2. REPLY SATISFIED ALL MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES EXCEPT REPORTER FOR COPENHAGEN INDEPENDENT DAILY "INFORMATION" WHO DIRECTED INQUIRIES TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AND DEFENSE MINISTRY WHETHER NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOARD CARRIER IN CONTRAVENTION OF DANISH POLICY FORBIDDING STATIONING NUCLEAR WEAPONS DENMARK. REPORTE-

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 ALSO REQUESTED STATEMENT FROM EMBASSY.

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JRN IN RESPONSE TO "INFORMATION" QUESTIONS, AND TO DEFLATE STORY, PRESS ATTACHE STATED THERE WERE NO WEAPONS ABOARD RANDOLPH WHICH WOULD VIOLATE WELL-KNOWN DANISH POLICY CONCERNING STATIONING

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OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THIS STATEMENT WAS ALSO GIVEN RITZAUS (DANISH NEWS SERVICE).

5. JULY 15 NEWSPAPERS EXCEPT "AKTUELT" AND "INFORMATION" CONFINED STORIES TO ROUTINE DETAILS SHIPS VISIT WITH SUITABLE PHOTOGRAPHS. AKTUELT HAD BALANCED STORY ON VISIT

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WHICH BRIEFLY MENTIONED RITZHAUS ITEM. INFORMATION CARRIED 500 WORD STORY ENTITLED "NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOARD US SHIP IN COPENHAGEN RUMORED". STORY DID NOT GIVE ANY BASIS FOR RUMOR, MENTIONED PRESS CONFERENCE AND ATTEMPTS TO GET INFORMATION FROM EMBASSY AND DANISH MINISTRIES, AND SUGGESTED NEED FOR LAWS OR REGULATIONS COVERING CASE.

6. SEIDENFADEN TOLD DCM JULY 15 "INFORMATION" ASKED HIM FOR FOLLOW-UP CURRENT WHICH HE RIDICULED TO REPORTER AS "FOOLISH" AND COMPARED IT TO NEWSPAPER RUMORING CERTAIN BUILDING WOULD BURN AND WHEN IT DID NOT FOLLOWING UP WITH STORY COMMENTING ON EFFECTS IF IT HAD BURNED. (SEE LAST PARA EMBASSY'S A-22 JULY 12 GIVING ANOTHER SEIDENFADEN VIEW ON COMMENTS NEWSPAPER STORIES).

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7. COPENHAGEN NEWSPAPERS JULY 16, INCLUDING "INFORMATION", DO NOT REPEAT NOT CARRY ANY REFERENCE TO MATTER.

8. REQUEST GUIDANCE FOR PRESS HANDLING IF RUMOR IS REVIVED OR SIMILAR STORY AGAIN FLOATED. ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION

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OF APPROPRIATE REPLY IF QUESTION OF STORAGE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON VISITING NAVAL UNITS RAISED FORMALLY ON OFFICIAL LEVEL.

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