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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT/GUIDANCE ON DANISH  
SHIP VISIT ISSUE

1. THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE BY THE  
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN AT THE JUNE 7 PRESS BRIEFING:

DENMARK: SHIP VISIT ISSUE

WE HAVE NOTED THE JUNE 7 STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT BY  
PRIME MINISTER POUL SCHLUETER ON THE QUESTION OF SHIP  
VISITS TO DENMARK.

WE HAVE ALSO NOTED THE RELATED STATEMENT BY FOREIGN  
MINISTER ELLEMANN-JENSEN THAT "THE DANISH GOVERNMENT  
CONSIDERS THAT THIS PROCEDURE RESPECTS THE POLICY OF  
OUR ALLIES NEITHER TO CONFIRM NOR TO DENY THE PRESENCE  
OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON THEIR NAVAL VESSELS."

AFTER REVIEWING THESE TWO STATEMENTS, AND AFTER  
CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK AND WITH  
KEY ALLIES, WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE DANISH HANDLING  
OF THE SHIP VISIT ISSUE DOES NOT INFRINGE UPON THE  
POLICY OF NEITHER CONFIRMING NOR DENYING THE PRESENCE  
OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOARD U.S. NAVAL VESSELS.

2. THE FOLLOWING Q'S AND A'S WERE ALSO APPROVED FOR  
USE BY THE SPOKESMAN AT THE NOON BRIEFING (THE SECOND Q  
AND A WAS USED).

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WEAPONS AT ANY GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LOCATION, INCLUDING

ABOARD ANY U.S. MILITARY STATION, SHIP, VEHICLE, OR  
AIRCRAFT. THIS POLICY, WHICH IS COMMON AMONG THE  
WESTERN NUCLEAR ALLIES AND APPLIED WORLD-WIDE TO ALL  
VISITS BY U.S. SHIPS, HAS AS ITS FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSE  
THE MILITARY SECURITY OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THIS POLICY  
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COMMITMENTS AND IS AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF OUR POLICY  
OF DETERRENCE.

Q: WHAT IS THE DANISH SOLUTION TO THE SHIP VISIT  
CRISIS? WHAT DID PRIME MINISTER SCHLUETER SAY ON THIS  
SUBJECT?

A: HE ANNOUNCED THAT THE DANISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS WOULD BE CIRCULATING A NOTE TO ALL DIPLOMATIC  
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OF THE VESSEL WILL BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULES LAID  
DOWN BY THE DANISH GOVERNMENT."

Q: IS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAPPY WITH THE WAY THIS HAS  
WORKED OUT?

A: I WOULD ONLY SAY THAT THE SITUATION HAS BEEN WORKED  
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THE US POLICY ON NCND HAS NOT BEEN CHANGED.

Q: DOES THIS MEAN THAT U.S. SHIPS WILL VISIT DANISH  
PORTS?

A: YES, IN PRINCIPLE. THE DANISH GOVERNMENT IS NOT  
CHALLENGING THE POLICY OF NEITHER CONFIRMING NOR

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