

UNCLASSIFIED

DEF 7 DEN-US

DEF 12 US

(E2)

INCOMING TELEGRAM Department of State

44

SECRET

2nd Release

Copenhagen
7/16/66

Action

G

Info

SS

SP

SAH

L

EUR

P

USIA

NSC

INR

CIA

NSA

CPR

RSR

TUVFHE682984
PP RUEHC RUEKDA
B RUFHOL 057D 1971230
ZNY SSSSS

1966 JUL 16 AM 11 00

1381

P 161215Z JUL 66
FM AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 27
RUEKDA/DEPT OF DEFENSE PRIORITY UNN
STATE ORNC
BT
SECRET COPENHAGEN 057/JUL 16

Obtained Under the
Freedom of Information Act
by Hans M. Kristensen

Available at <http://nukestrat.com>

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-

PAGE TWO RUFHOL 0757D SECRET
ALSO REQUESTED STATEMENT FROM EMBASSY.

B1

3. [REDACTED] TELEPHONED
DCM LATE AFTERNOON JULY 14 THAT NEXT DAY "INFORMATION" WOULD
REPORT "SUSPICION NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOARD" RANDOLPH. [REDACTED]
SAID STORY COULD HAVE SOME EFFECT ESPECIALLY IF NO ACTION
TAKEN TO DENY OR BLUNT IT AND THAT IX QUESTION PUT TO PRIMIN
Krag it would be answered along following line: HE BELIEVES
AMERICAN AUTHORITIES ARE FULLY AWARE OF DANISH NON-STATIONING
OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS POLICY AND HE HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE ANY
NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOARD CARRIER. [REDACTED] ALSO SAID IF
PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION SUBSEQUENTLY FILED IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY

B1

B1

B1

JRM 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

SECRET

RECEIVED BY [REDACTED]

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

82
Action

CONTROL: 13813
CORRECTION ISSUED:
7/17/66; 11:00 P.M. RS
-CORRECTED PAGE TWO-

G
Info

INCOMING TELEGRAM SECRET
-2-COPEHNAGEN 57, JULY 16.

SS
SP
SAH
L
ELR
P
US DA
NSC
INR
CIA
NSA
CPR

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

RSR

PAGE THREE RUFNOL 07 057 S E C R E T
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.

B1

6. [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] VIEW ON COMMENTS NEWSPAPER STORIES).

B1

B1

[REDACTED]

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.

[REDACTED]

B1

GP-1.
WHITE
BT

SECRET

UNCLASSIFIED