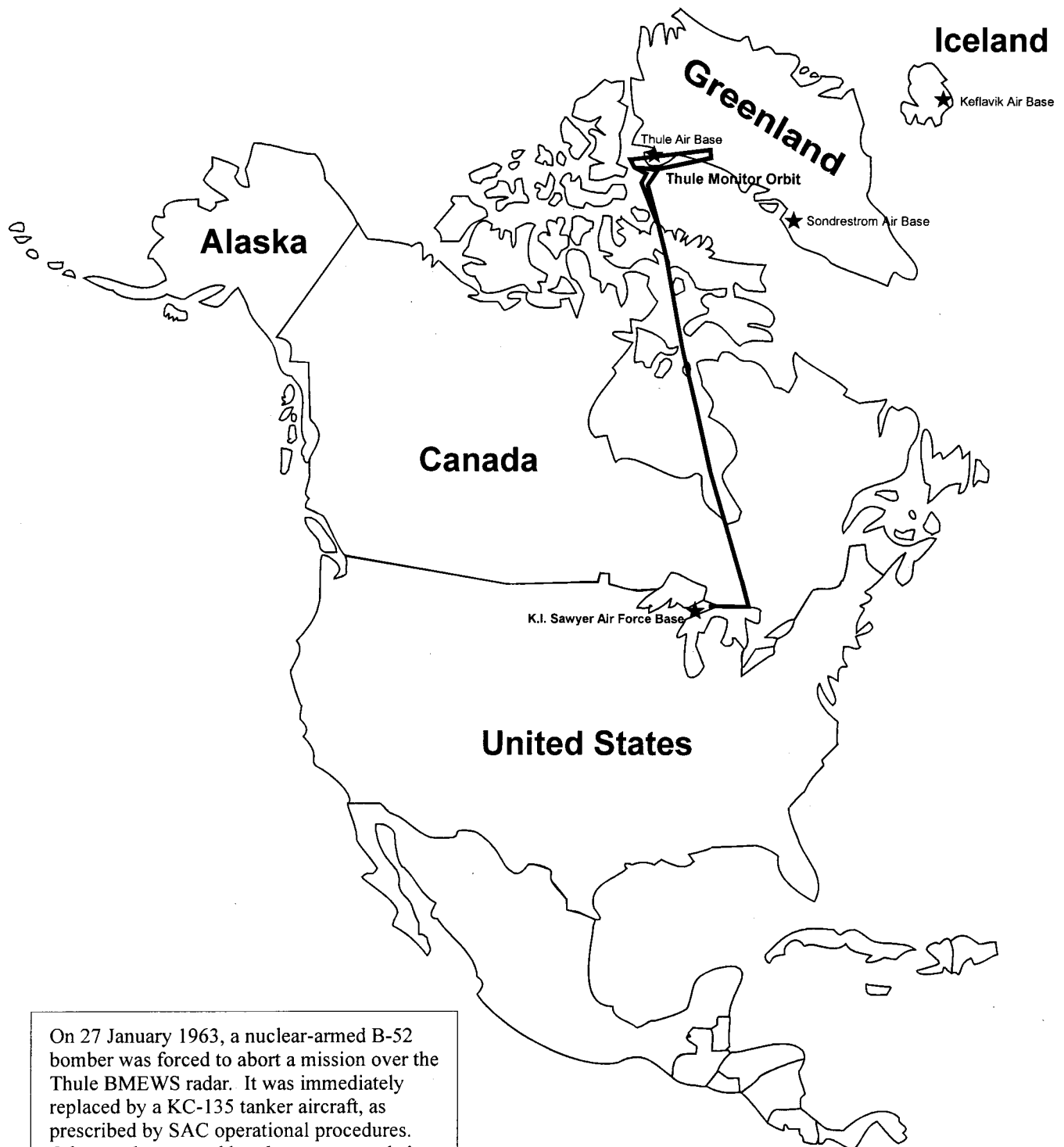


KC-135 Thule Monitor Sortie

27 January 1963



On 27 January 1963, a nuclear-armed B-52 bomber was forced to abort a mission over the Thule BMEWS radar. It was immediately replaced by a KC-135 tanker aircraft, as prescribed by SAC operational procedures. Other nuclear-armed bombers on ground alert were first priority but seemingly were unavailable for the mission.

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