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Safe: Greenland

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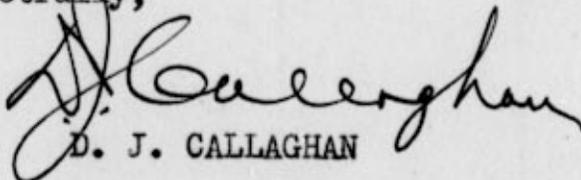
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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT

In accordance with the President's instructions concerning equipment for the country mentioned in the attached despatch, I have to inform the President that the material went forward via Coast Guard vessel CAMPBELL on Thursday, May 30, 1940.

Respectfully,

  
D. J. CALLAGHAN

HSM  
This telegram must be  
closely paraphrased  
before being communi-  
cated to anyone. (Br.)

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Undated  
Rec'd May 24, 1940  
3 a. m.

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

Called on Governor Svane. Brought up the question of defense of the cryolite mine, emphasized the vulnerability of the mine and expressed fear that sabotage might be attempted by Nazi sympathizers at Ivigtut. He asked whether it would be feasible for an American military detachment to be stationed there as soon as possible. And as an alternative suggested the stationing of an armed ship such as a Coast Guard vessel at Ivigtut. He stated that it would undoubtedly be possible to organize a defense corps of Danes to patrol the mine property. He also expressed some concern over the possibility of a raid on Ivigtut. I said that it was my impression that the United States Government would hesitate to station a military force in Greenland but that it might consider extending other assistance in connection with defense measures for the mine. In view of Fischer's statements outlined in my telegram No. 3 Svane's fears may be somewhat exaggerated.

HOWEVER,

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HOWEVER, the latter does not appear to be an alarmist and he states that he has discussed the matter thoroughly with Governor Brun of north Greenland who is in entire accord with him. In view of Svane's obvious concern in regard to this matter and other factors of which the Department is aware, it is respectfully suggested that as favorable  
/consideration as possible be given to Svane's request.

The Department will be kept informed of developments.

PENFIELD

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