

DEFENSE

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Minister

No. 283

REYKJAVÍK, 7th October, 1946

MONSIEUR LE MINISTRE,

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's note no. 616 dated September 19, 1946, proposing certain arrangements with regard to the termination of the defense agreement of July 1, 1941,³ the withdrawal of the United States Armed Forces now in Iceland, and the future use of the Keflavik airport.

In accordance with further conversations that have taken place between representatives of the Government of Iceland and representatives of the Government of the United States I have the honour to suggest that the proposals for an agreement between the two Governments set forth in Your Excellency's note above mentioned be amended to read as follows:

1. The Government of Iceland and the Government of the United States agree to the abrogation of the defense agreement of July 1, 1941, which shall terminate upon the coming into force of the present agreement.

2. The Keflavik area and the airfields, hereinafter referred to as the airport, and the immovable installations constructed thereon by the United States which will be listed in a joint Icelandic-United States inventory to be prepared concurrently with the transfer of the airport, will be transferred to the Government of Iceland. The airport shall then become the undisputed property of the Icelandic State in fulfilment of the undertakings of the Government of the United States with respect thereto.

¹ *Post*, p. 1188.

² 2 UST 1195; TIAS 2266.

³ EAS 232, *ante*, p. 1160.