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To: Secretary of State
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NSA LORAN.

Stewart and equipment arrived (LEGTEL 226, 16th and DEPTEL 176, 17th).

I have been officially informed that Iceland has cabled Secretary General ITU of provisional attitude of Iceland as follows: "The direction of Post and Telegraph can consent to convocation of meeting and could also give its consent to discuss prolongation of operating license for Loran station at Vik, provided that within a near future new equipment will be made available on the scheduled wave length, which could substitute Loran equipment and provided further, that the disturbance caused by Loran station can be eliminated satisfactorily, while it is still in operation."

While this seems to be hedged with many provisos, it indicates will to continue and I believe Icelanders will go along particularly as (1) we meet cost, and (2) their aircraft are finding Loran very useful, so Stewart informs me (Icelandic technical expert Briem on whom they rely returning Iceland next few days).

Note: 226 is CM IN 3658 (21 Sep) AF
     176 is CM IN 3970 (20 Jul) ID
ACTION: AF
INFO: ID, PO, SIG

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