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From: AMLEGATION Reykjavik Iceland sgd Butrick
To: Secretary of State
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NEA 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 *CSGAS-20*
176 is CM IN 3970 (20 Jul) ID
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