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General Lyman L. Lemnitzer
Chief of Staff, U. S. Army
Department of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Lem:

During a recent trip which I took to the Arctic North, including Thule, I was much impressed with your Corps of Engineers officer, Colonel Carroll H. Dunn, who has an important position in connection with the construction of the BMEWS installation there. His courtesy to our party, and the effectiveness of his briefings greatly added to our visit to Thule.

At Thule I was told that the man who knew most about the Greenland Icecap, the caves, and the research being done on the Icecap, is a Colonel John H. Kerkering, U.S.A. Polar Research and Development Center, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Colonel Kerkering's work at Thule had closed down a few days before our party arrived there early this month. In case it is agreeable to you, I would appreciate it if Colonel Kerkering could give me a full briefing on his work and its future prospects.

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Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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