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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  
ACTION: AF CSGAS-10  
INFO: ID, PO, SIG

CM IN 3940 (22 Sep 48) DTG: 20 Sep/1 FM hrw/B

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