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between the Icelandic Police and the
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PREAMBLE

These instructions are applicable to both Icelandic Police and U. S. Military Police within the International Area/s and the Agreed Area/s other than those as are designated under Article 6, "Security Regulations for the Agreed Areas".

ARTICLE 1.

The interests and objectives of the Icelandic and U. S. Military Police are of such scope that their activities should be mutually supporting. Accordingly, the principle of friendly and full cooperation with each other in enforcing applicable laws and orders must at all times be a guiding policy, and each will endeavor to assist the other in carrying out their separate responsibilities.

Icelandic Police or U. S. Military Police each will assume primary responsibility in action concerning nationals of his own country.

Whenever members of the two forces disagree as to which should have primary action responsibility, each will report the case to his superior. Until such agreement has been reached the police will cooperate in maintaining status quo in the matter.

Icelandic police have authority to detain U.S. personnel and U.S. Military Police have authority to detain Icelandic nationals.

In all cases of apprehensions where the alleged offender is turned over to the other police force, a report of final disposition will be forwarded to the force which originally made the apprehension.

In all cases of disagreement between Icelandic and U.S. Police concerning delinquencies or violations of law, a report of the violation countersigned by both police, will be made in sufficient copies to forward to higher authorities of both representatives.

ARTICLE 2.

It is the duty of the police at the Airport, Icelandic as well as American, to take care that no goods are removed from the Airport without the necessary permission for such removal.

At the Airport Gate the Icelandic and the American police shall take care that stolen goods and illicit merchandise are not removed from the Airport. This enforcement shall be so conducted that when an American vehicle is leaving the Airport it shall first be searched by the American police who will seize all articles which may not be removed from the Airport. Such articles do not have to be handed

over to the Icelandic police. When the American police has completed its search the Icelandic police shall conduct its search. If the Icelandic police finds articles which in its opinion may not be removed from the Airport it shall seize such articles and does not have to hand them over to the American Police.

When an Icelandic vehicle is leaving the Airport it shall first be searched by the Icelandic police who will seize all articles which may not be removed from the Airport. Thereupon the American police may search the vehicle. If the American police finds illegal articles in the vehicle it may seize them, provided they are the property of Americans. Otherwise they shall be handed over to the Icelandic police.

In Article 8, paragraph 1 of the Status Annex to the Defense Agreement it is provided that Icelandic customs authorities have the right under the general conditions laid down by the laws and regulations of Iceland to search Americans when it so desires. Normally this search will be so conducted that the American police at the request and under the supervision of the Icelandic police will search Americans and deliver articles found to the Icelandic police. If the American police considers it necessary to search Icelanders the search will be made by the Icelandic police at the request and under the supervision of the American police. Articles found will be kept by the Icelandic police.

Contraband goods which have been seized by the police forces must never be given to those from whom they were taken.

Upon discovery of contraband articles, the Icelandic police will confiscate them in accordance with instructions from their own higher authority. Stolen items will be returned to the rightful owner if possible. All items which are U.S. Government property, will be returned to U.S. Military Police who will assume custody thereof. If the respective police officers are unable to agree as to custody of certain articles, the items will be inventoried, the list signed by both representatives, then referred to higher authority for disposition.

ARTICLE 3.

Both Icelandic and U.S. Military Police are charged with the responsibility of detection of smuggling, and prevention of illegal entry and exit into and out of the International Area and Agreed Area/s.

ARTICLE 4

Icelandic police and U. S. Military police are both charged with the responsibility for enforcement and rules and laws relating to safe driving.

In cases where drivers of vehicles are suspected of being under the influence of alcohol, the suspect will not be permitted to continue driving, but will be turned over to the police of his nationality who will cause such tests as may be required by their higher authority to determine sobriety. In all such cases where the two police forces have mutual interests, reports of the tests and final disposition of the cases will be forwarded to appropriate authorities of the other force.

ARTICLE 5.

The police forces should keep in mind that at the Airport, Icelandic laws and regulations are in force and that they shall be respected by everyone. It should be observed that it is the duty of the Icelandic police to take all possible measures to prevent the violation of Icelandic laws and regulations at the Airport and that by the terms of the Defense Agreement the military authorities have undertaken to cooperate with the Icelandic police and assist them in performing their duties.

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