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Honorable Bjarni Benediktsson  
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My Dear Sir:

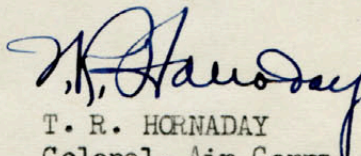
Your letter of the 26th of January 1946 was most welcome when received by me yesterday. I had just about made up my mind that you, and yours, and party were lost in the United States, and was about ready to send scouts out (as we say in the Army) to find you. I really expected your party to return through Westover Field, and planned on a farewell dinner party in Springfield, Mass., to cover the occasion. While I was disappointed that this did not materialize, I am glad you are all back home safely, where I know you are busy with the reins of Government after your sojourn in the United States. I listened to all radio programs and read every item in the newspapers relative to the United Nations Assembly closing programs expecting to hear or read of something regarding Iceland. I know you covered your mission to the United States though, even though it was not published.

I would like to have you meet a dear friend of mine who has only recently taken over command of the Iceland Base Command, Air Transport Command, at the Air Field formerly known as "Meeks Field". His name is Colonel Ira D. Snyder, Air Corps, and you will find him a wonderful fellow socially, as well as otherwise. He loves to play golf, but is good at anything in the sports line. I know that once you are acquainted with him you will feel about him as I do. He is one of our best Army Officers, and I know he will be successful in his duty assignment in your country.

If you ever plan entry to the United States again, please make it through the Port of Entry at Westover Field. It certainly would be a pleasure to greet you again here, and even better if you could stay over a few days to see our flying operations at this base.

With the best of everything for you and yours in the future, and a parting promise that I am at your service at any time you say the word, I remain

Respectfully, believe me,



T. R. HORNADAY  
Colonel, Air Corps  
Base Executive Officer.