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Ved e-mail af 3. juli 2018 til Statsministeriet har du anmodet om aktindsigt på følgende måde:

"Jeg begærer hermed aktindsigt i det brev, som den amerikanske præsident Donald Trump har sendt til statsminister Lars Løkke Rasmussen forud for NATO-topmødet i Bruxelles i næste uge. Brevet skulle udtrykke et ønske om, at Danmark bruger flere penge på forsvar.

Jeg skal anmode om en hurtig behandlig, da jeg agter at bruge brevet i min dækning af topmødet."

Statsministeriet har på baggrund af din anmodning foretaget en søgning i ministeriets elektroniske journalsystem mv. efter et dokument af den i aktindsigtsanmodningen nævnte karakter.

./ Du meddeles hermed aktindsigt i det identificerede dokument, der vedlægges, jf. offentlighedslovens § 7, stk. 1.

Med venlig hilsen



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 19, 2018

His Excellency
Lars Lokke Rasmussen
Prime Minister of Denmark
Copenhagen

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

As we look forward to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Summit, we appreciate Denmark's invaluable contributions to NATO missions and your contribution of troops to the United Kingdom-led multinational battle group in Estonia as part of the enhanced Forward Presence initiative. In this regard, you are setting an example for other Allies to follow. We also appreciate the investments you are making to procure modern, high-end equipment, including from the United States.

In the 2014 Wales Defense Investment Pledge, we collectively agreed that NATO was under-resourced to meet the challenges of today and the future, and all Allies must do their part to fulfill our agreed commitments. Burden sharing, however, must include cash, in addition to capabilities and contributions. Strong performance in one area does not absolve any Ally of responsibility for the others. We recognize that Denmark is taking action to increase defense spending. Still, there is no explanation as to why the United States continues to devote more resources to the defense of Europe when the continent's economies, including Denmark's, are doing well. There is growing frustration that some Allies have not stepped up as promised.

This frustration is not confined to our Executive Branch. The United States Congress has taken note and is concerned as well. The United States is increasingly unwilling to ignore the European failure to meet shared security commitments.

I understand domestic political pressures, as I myself have expended considerable political capital to increase America's defense spending. It will, however, become increasingly difficult to justify to American citizens why some countries continue to fail to meet our shared collective security commitments. At the Summit, we must ensure Alliance credibility by living up to our agreed commitments. I, therefore, expect to see a strong recommitment by Denmark to meet the goals to which we have all agreed.

Sincerely,

A large, bold, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Donald Trump', written over a white background.