U.S. in talks to open new bases in Greenland

The U.S. is reportedly engaged in secret talks with Denmark to establish three new military bases in Greenland, just months after President Donald Trump threatened to seize the Arctic territory by force



Pituffik Space Base *(above)*: Formerly ***Thule Air Base.*** Only existing U.S. military base in Greenland. Used for missile warning for ***NORAD****



GIUK Gap: Primarily focus of new bases would be surveillance of Russian and Chinese maritime activity in area between Greenland, Iceland and UK

CANADA

Baffin Bay

GREENLAND
(Denmark)

Kangerlussuaq

Arctic Circle

Nuuk

Narsarsuaq

ICELAND

ATLANTIC OCEAN

Labrador Sea

400km

250 miles

U.S. bases in Second World War *(1940-45)*

- Air base
- Navy base
- Other military outposts

New bases: U.S. eyeing former bases in ***Narsarsuaq***, which offers deepwater port, and ***Kangerlussuaq***, which already has runway capable of handling large aircraft

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