

## **Alan Madsen wrote:**

I was part of the Navy detachment that was stationed at HOFN. In 1983 I spent more time at HOFN than any other Navy person. If you look up UISS/CAESAR you find out some of the reason of what we were there for. Our mission was declassified in 1992.

I never heard of H2 being a site. (referring to "The Secret After Life of H-2") Must of been before my time. I know that I was informed while I was at my next duty they shut down H3 for the Navy. I was there in 1983. I know they had trouble getting volunteers to go up there on the maintenance side. They would force people for 15 day tours unless you were like me and volunteered for more. As far as the name CPO Jones I knew a number of Jones during my time of working in that system. If you have a first name I might figure out who it was he may have been a member of IUSS/CAESAR org. We were usually referred to POIC (Petty Officer In Charge) or a C for Chief. When I was up there a Chief wouldn't be up there unless inspection of us lower ones as a matter of fact I only saw a chief go up there once and the Air Force people made him feel right at home due their drinking with him he barely got out to the site the next morning for site inspection being hung over. 1967 and 68 was near the time frame that saw the system put in up in Iceland. I would always appreciate all information you have on H2. Thank-you

From IUSS/CAESAR org SOSUS didn't get deployed to Iceland till 1967. They had been deployed near the states but full determination of their ability had not really been determined. During the 50s that was when some research had been done in the range of the system, nuke subs had made it important to have a better system since subs could stay underwater for long periods of time. The only problem the Soviets had was their subs were extreme noise levels. In IUSS/CAESAR org you can see the extreme range of this system. I am a member of this organization. Since I was stationed at H-3 I really didn't know about H-2 during the 80s since it had been long since shutdown. As far as my

involvement at H3 I was a maintenance tech. and performed preventative maintenance on the electronic equipment that was there and was the POIC of the Navy section while there. We had little involvement with AF people professionally. Basically they were support for us as far as living there. They as far as you know had their own mission.