Iceland lies scarcely fifty miles south of the Arctic Circle but despite its geographical position the island enjoys a more moderate temperature. Church XXXXXXX the year around than one would expect by comparison with the weather of Greenland at the same latitudest The more easterly situation within the warming influence of Iceland finds it/of the northern fringes of the Gulf Stream the tempering effect of which results in windy and rainy summers although withey what seemingly pardoxically not in excessive winter snew. Iceland's position without moder is determined by recently discovered geophysical phenomenon of the movement of vast blocks of the Earth's crust manifest by (a suboceanic structure, the mid-Atlantic ridge, which extends the entire length of at the northern terminous of the ridge that rises above the ocean surface. The ridge marks the line of separation XXXXX plastic for the separation of crustal blocks where subcrustal/basalt XXXXX rises to fill the slowly which is still continuing volcanic has been gradually raised by this/extrusion process/over a period of many millions of years . line The XXXX of volcanic activity which marks XXX roughly the crustal spreading zone lies diangonally across the island from the newly fromed island of Surtsey off the southwest coast, through the Westermann islands, Mt. Hekla and the hot spring areas to the north and east of the volcane,

and on north-eastward to the moon-like landscape known as Askja north of Along Vatnajorkoll, the largest glacier of Iceland. /This zone are found many of geological

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The beauty and attractiveness of Iceland, however, is not confined to its volcanic phenomena. even though its mountains are all composed of ignious rocks spewed up during past ages out of the hot substructures of the earth. Alceland is clothed in artic vegetation wherever plant life has become established. The trees are dwarf XXXXXX and stunted species of willows,

birch and evergreens. Tundra covers much of theinterior. Wild flowers belonging to XXX arctic and alpine species proliferate here in the summer months. What agriculture Iceland sustains is carried on along the narrow southern outwash plains of the glaciers, and in the wide vallges of the north where paradoxically the weather is more clement farming than on the south coast. A fach nutricious grass is the chief product of which is mown for hay to feed live stock A Werk striking feature of Iceland is the abundance of moss: Old lava flows everywhere have become over-grown (cense) where the state of gray-green, sphagoom-like pillony their masses that resembling sphagnum in its coarsness of structure. Bodrdering streams, AN below a retreating glacial fromt, and on cinder deposits rich acquire good duelop to with minerals mosses XXX a brilliant yellow-green gold and emerald green led h from the mineral richness of the soil.

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The affinities of Icelands are with the sea. Its rocky core sprang from theocean depths in a prolonged firy birth that continues to this day. Its plant life came to it as voyagers from the continents to the east and west. Of mammal life it claims scarcely any of its own; what it acquired was brought there by its first human visiters little more than a thousand years ago. But its closeness to the sea is expressed finds for which ultimate expression in its sea bird population that the surrounding fish-rich waters provide a lasting source of food. Puffins by the hundreds shearwaters. of thousands nest on Icelands cliffs together with fulmars, and kittiwakes skuas, glaucous gulls, and kittiwakes whose numbers seem smalter only by comparison. Arctic terms the fiercely agren pugnations arctic terngshare the colonized the low coastal plains which they in considerable numbers and varieties largely share with shearwaters and skuas. Shore birds arrive in the spring/from Europe; and Africa fewer from America. The small numbers of land birds the with carl that have established a migratory route to Iceland all come from Europe, most lista thest biological outpost though tenuously to which Iceland is the far Taled. connected to America by an ocean stream. Xox 17th will a to. date Connector trond test for Ayou

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