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### **Cable, Cornell, Swedish Embassy, Pyongyang, to the Cabinet, Stockholm**

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#### **Summary:**

In an urgent message for the Chief of Police, Swedish Charge D'Affairs in Pyongyang Erik Cornell suggests that the North Korean ambassador in Sweden not be declared guilty in the published police report on smuggling by North Korean diplomats. Cornell further suggests that the North Korean ambassador and Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs directly discuss the agreement he reached with the North Korean Deputy Foreign Minister that the ambassador will be recalled quickly should the Swedish government help minimize unfavorable press.

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För Richefen.

Nytt möte med viceministern som säger sig beredd snabbt kalla hem ambassadören för rapportering om garanteras att svenska myndigheter gör sitt yttersta för att minimisera ofördelaktig publicitet. Läget beträffande fri press klargjort. Denna garanti måste repeterar måste inbegripa att ambassadören icke efter sin avresa i publicerad polisrapport eller liknande förklaras skyldig annars meningslöst hemkalla honom. Jag föreslagit sådan understanding vidareutarbetas direkt mellan ambassadören och UD. Tela besked.

Cornell

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[From] Swedish [Embassy] Pyongyang  
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[To] Cabinet Stockholm

VERY URGENT  
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For the Chief of Police.

During a recent meeting with the Deputy Minister, he said that he is prepared to quickly call the Ambassador home for reporting if the Swedish authorities will guarantee to do their utmost to minimize this unfavourable publicity. The situation regarding the free press is clear. This guarantee must, [I] repeat, must include: that the ambassador is not declared guilty in the published police report, otherwise it would be meaningless to recall him. I suggested that such understanding must be further elaborated directly between the ambassador and the Utrikesdepartementet [Ministry for Foreign Affairs]. Phone message.

[Erik] Cornell

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