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1. HQS PLEASED BY REF PARA ONE REPORT THAT SPECIAL FEATURE ON WALLEBERG WILL BE TELECAST EARLY OCTOBER. Y

2. PARA THREE BELOW BEGINS TEXT 27 AUGUST USEMB STOCKHOLM (NO. 3485) TELEGRAM TO STATE DEPT, WHICH WILL BE OF INTEREST TO C/O FOR BACKGROUND. IF ULLSTEN'S "SECRET" LETTER TO KOSYGIN SHOULD

BE PUBLICIZED BY SWEDISH GOVT IN TWO WEEKS, AS ULLSTEN SEEMS TO BE THREATENING TO DO, THIS WOULD PROVIDE GOOD, FRESH PEG FOR CASPONSOR FEATURE. AN INTERVIEW OF ULLSTEN MIGHT EVEN BE POSSIBLE IF SWEDES ARE MADE AWARE OF PLANNED 30-MINUTE ZDF "MAGAZIN" FEATURE ON WALLEBERG CASE. Y

3. "DCM WAS ASKED TO CALL ON MFA SOVIET AFFAIRS OFFICER SVEN HIRDMAN LATE AUGUST 22 TO DISCUSS WALLEBERG CASE. HIRDMAN SAID PM ULLSTEN HAD WRITTEN "STRONG" LETTER TO SOVIET PM KOSYGIN INSISTING THAT MOSCOW URGENTLY CARRY OUT FURTHER INVESTIGATION INTO WALLEBERG'S FATE. LETTER WAS HANDED TO SOVIET AMBASSADOR JAKOVLEV WHO HAD BEEN CALLED TO THE PM'S OFFICE FOR THE PURPOSE. Y

ULLSTEN LETTER, STAMPED "SECRET" WILL NOT BE MADE PUBLIC. ACCORDING TO HIRDMAN, IF ULLSTEN HAS NOT RECEIVED MOSCOW'S RESPONSE IN TWO WEEKS, "AND IF A SWEDISH JOURNALIST SHOULD ASK ULLSTEN AT THAT TIME WHAT WAS NEW IN THE WALLEBERG CASE," THE PM WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DESCRIBE LETTER TO KOSYGIN. HIRDMAN PROVIDED DCM IN CONFIDENCE WITH COPY OF ULLSTEN LETTER. TEXT OF LETTER IN EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS: Y

"DEAR MR. MINISTER PRESIDENT, Y

THE RELATIONS BETWEEN SWEDEN AND THE SOVIET UNION ARE AN EXAMPLE OF MULTI-FACETED AND ACTIVE COOPERATION BETWEEN NATIONS WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS, AS PRESIDENT LEONID I. BREZHNEV ALSO STATES IN THE PREFACE TO THE SWEDISH EDITION OF HIS BIOGRAPHY. THE EXCHANGE OF VISITS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY EXTENSIVE. LAST YEAR, THEIR MAJESTIES THE KING AND QUEEN PAYED A HIGHLY VALUED VISIT TO VARIOUS PARTS OF YOUR COUNTRY. EXCHANGES AT THE CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT LEVEL TAKE PLACE ON A REGULAR

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BASIS, AND IN THIS REGARD I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU OF THE INVITATION TO YOU TO PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO SWEDEN AT A SUITABLE TIME. OUR ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL-SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONSHIPS ARE ALSO DEVELOPING FAVORABLY. THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT PLACES THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE ON THE POSSIBILITIES OF FURTHER DEEPENING AND EXTENDING THIS COOPERATION, FOR THE BENEFIT OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES. Y

"HOWEVER, ESTEEMED MR. MINISTER PRESIDENT, THERE IS AN UNRESOLVED QUESTION THAT CONSTITUTES A DISTURBING ELEMENT IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN SWEDEN AND THE SOVIET UNION. I MEAN SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLENBERG, WHO DISAPPEARED IN BUDAPEST AT THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR AND WAS TAKEN TO THE SOVIET UNION. A CLARIFICATION OF HIS FATE, WHICH TO SUCH A GREAT DEGREE ENGAGES BOTH SWEDISH AND INTERNATIONAL OPINION, WOULD PROMOTE THE FUTURE HARMONIC DEVELOPMENT OF OUR RELATIONS IN AN EXTRAORDINARILY BENEFICIAL WAY. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT I TURN TO YOU PERSONALLY TO REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING RAOUL WALLENBERG'S FATE. Y

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS EXPLAINED THAT WALLENBERG, IF HE WERE IN THE SOVIET UNION, NATURALLY WOULD BE ALLOWED TO TRAVEL HOME. AT THE SAME TIME, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS REFERRED TO AN DOCUMENT HAVING BEEN FOUND THAT THERE IS REASON TO REGARD AS REFERRING TO RAOUL WALLENBERG' AND EXPLAINED THAT 'THE CONCLUSION SHOULD BE DRAWN' THAT WALLENBERG DIED IN JULY, 1947. Y

"ON JANUARY 3, 1979, THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT INFORMED THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT THAT INFORMATION HAD COME TO ITS ATTENTION IMPUTING THAT WALLENBERG WAS ALIVE IN 1975, WHEN HE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN IN THE PRISON HOSPITAL IN BUTYRKA. IN A MEMORANDUM WHICH WAS PRESENTED TO THE SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY ON JANUARY 24, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT REFERRED TO ITS PRIOR ANSWER THAT WALLENBERG DIED IN JULY, 1947, AND STATED THAT 'ALLEGATIONS THAT R. WALLENBERG IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN IN THE SOVIET UNION AS LATE AS 1975 DO NOT AGREE WITH REALITY.' Y

"THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT'S REPORT ON JANUARY 3 WAS BASED INTER ALIA ON INFORMATION EMANATING FROM A SOVIET CITIZEN NAMED JAN KAPLAN, DURING THE TIME THAT HAS PASSED SINCE OUR REPORT WAS PRESENTED, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HAS REACHED US OF A SWEDISH CITIZEN LIVING IN A SOVIET PRISON IN THE 1970'S. Y

"I WANT TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAVING UNDERTAKEN NEW INVESTIGATIONS BECAUSE OF OUR REPORT ON JANUARY 3. AT THE SAME TIME, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT MUST PLACE CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE ON THE RENewed INFORMATION THAT WALLENBERG WAS IN A PRISON HOSPITAL IN MOSCOW IN THE 1970'S.

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THEREFORE, I MUST URGENTLY REQUEST THAT THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES CONDUCT A FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF THIS INFORMATION. I WOULD ALSO BE GRATEFUL IF A REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW MIGHT JOIN IN CONVERSATION WITH MR. KAPLAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING THE INQUIRY AND PREVENTING THE POSSIBILITY OF MISTAKING THE PERSONS. VERY TRULY YOURS, OLA ULLSTEN END TEXT. ?

"HIRDMAN SAID HE WISHED TO DESCRIBE THE 'ADDITIONAL INFORMATION' REFERRED TO IN THE PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH OF THE ULLSTEN LETTER. SOURCE IS SOVIET JEW EMIGRE NOW RESIDING IN ISRAEL WHO IS AN ACQUAINTANCE OF KALINSKI. SOURCE HAS DESCRIBED TO SWEDS A DINNER TO WHICH HE WAS INVITED IN MOSCOW LAST YEAR. SOURCE'S SON AND MOST'S SON WERE CLASSMATES AND GOOD FRIENDS. THE MOST IS A COLONEL IN THE KGB. DURING THE CONVERSATION, MOST COMMENTED THAT HE KNEW OF MANY PRISONERS WHO HAD MANAGED TO SURVIVE IN SOVIET PRISONS FOR THIRTY YEARS OR MORE AND, FOR INSTANCE, KNEW OF ONE SWEDE WHO HAS BEEN IN SOVIET PRISONS FOR SUCH A PERIOD. THIS INFORMATION, COMBINED WITH THE SIGHTINGS OF WALLEMBERG ALLEGED BY JAN KAPLAN, WERE KEY FACTORS IN THE DECISION TO MAKE CONTACT WITH KOSYGIN, ACCORDING TO HIRDMAN. Y

"HIRDMAN EMPHASIZED SERIOUSNESS OF ULLSTEN CT, NOTING THAT LAST SUCH LETTER BETWEEN PM'S ON WALLEMBERG WAS THAT FROM ERLANDER TO KOSYGIN DATED FEBRUARY 11, 1965 (KOSYGIN NEVER RESPONDED). SWEDEN, HE SAID, DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT SOVIETS HAVE TOLD THE TRUTH. GOS DOES NOT BELIEVE WALLEMBERG DIED IN 1947. NO ONE, EXCEPT SOVIETS, KNOWS HOW MUCH LONGER WALLEMBERG MAY HAVE LIVED OR WHETHER HE LIVES NOW. BECAUSE HE MAY STILL BE ALIVE AND UNTIL THERE IS FULL CLARITY FROM THE SOVIET SIDE, GOS WILL PURSUE CASE WITH DETERMINATION. HIRDMAN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR EXTENSIVE U.S. COOPERATION IN THE PAST WHICH HE HOPED WOULD CONTINUE.

HIRDMAN SAID COPY OF ULLSTEN LETTER HAD BEEN GIVEN TO WALLEMBERG'S HALF-SISTER, NINA LAGERGREN, WHO HAS AGREED TO REMAIN SILENT ABOUT IT. HIRDMAN SAID MRS. ANNETTE LANTOS OF THE U.S. COMMITTEE FOR WALLEMBERG AND MRS. LAGERGREN WOULD CALL ON MFA SECCEN LEIFLAND ON AUGUST 29. ON SEPTEMBER 3, LANTOS AND LAGERGREN AND 35 'BIG NAMES' WILL OFFICIALLY ESTABLISH SWEDISH COMMITTEE FOR WALLEMBERG IN A CEREMONY IN FRONT OF SWEDISH PARLIAMENT, THUS ENSURING, ACCORDING TO HIRDMAN, CONTINUED EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY FOR THIS NOW INTERNATIONAL EFFORT. Y

"IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION, HIRDMAN CONFIDED THAT HIS PERSONAL OPINION WAS THAT SOVIETS MAY NEVER RESPOND TO ULLSTEN LETTER AND WOULD NOT QUESTION KAPLAN. FURTHER, SHOULD KAPLAN BE QUESTIONED,

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NO SWEDISH EMBASSY OFFICER WOULD BE PERMITTED TO BE PRESENT. HIRDMAN THOUGHT IT QUITE POSSIBLE THAT KAPLAN WOULD NEVER BE RELEASED FROM PRISON. HE SAID FURTHER THAT HE WOULD NOT ARGUE WITH OBSERVATION THAT SOVIETS, IN ALL PROBABILITY, WOULD MURDER HALLENBERG, IF, BY SOME MIRACLE, HE IS STILL ALIVE, RATHER THAN ALLOWING HIM TO SURFACE AND THEREBY DESTROY COMPLETELY SOVIET CREDIBILITY IN THIS CASE."

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