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SUBJECT: TALKING POINTS FOR DCI MEETING WITH JAN ELIASSON

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TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE INCORPORATE INTO DCI BRIEFING BOOK.

2. PER 30 MAY 1996 STU-III CONVERSATION BETWEEN IOO LOCKSLEY AND DC/EUR/NBL, THE FOLLOWING ARE TALKING POINTS FOR DCI'S MEETING WITH SWEDISH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER JAN ((ELIASSON)). TALKING POINTS WERE PREPARED BY EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR:

BEGIN:

RUSSIA: THE FIRST ROUND OF RUSSIA'S ELECTIONS WILL JUST HAVE TAKEN PLACE, AND SWEDEN WILL BE VERY INTERESTED IN YOUR ASSESSMENT OF NOT ONLY THE FIRST ROUND WINNER(S), BUT ALSO HOW THE ELECTIONS WERE CONDUCTED. SWEDES WORRY THAT NO MATTER HOW THE ELECTIONS TURN OUT, YELTSIN -- ONE WAY OR ANOTHER -- WILL RETAIN THE PRESIDENCY.

ALTHOUGH EMOTIONALLY ATTACHED TO ITS TRADITIONAL NEUTRAL AND NON-ALIGNED POLICY, SWEDEN IS PREOCCUPIED WITH THE SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF RUSSIA'S BALTICS POLICY. KALININGRAD IS CLOSER TO STOCKHOLM THAN TALLINN. SWEDEN IS VERY NERVOUS ABOUT MUMBLINGS

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(SUCH AS BY DOUGLAS HURD) THAT THE SWEDES AND FINNS SHOULD TAKE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR BALTIC SECURITY - THEY SIMPLY ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO DO SO, PARTICULARLY SINCE SWEDEN HAS DRASTICALLY CUT ITS DEFENSE EXPENDITURES AND EVEN DEFENSE CAPABILITIES. SWEDEN WANTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO SECURITY IN THE BALTICS, BUT REALIZES SUCH A POLICY CAN ONLY SUCCEED IF IT IS CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH US.

SWEDEN WILL NOT SAY SO OUT LOUD, BUT IT IS A STRONG PROPONENT OF INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE OF THE BALTICS IN THE FIRST TRANCHE OF NATO ENLARGEMENT. SWEDEN ITSELF IS A LONG WAY FROM EVEN CONSIDERING MEMBERSHIP (70 PERCENT IN A RECENT POLL OPPOSED NATO MEMBERSHIP), BUT THERE IS NOT MUCH CLARITY HERE ON WHERE SWEDEN WANTS TO COME OUT IN THE EMERGING EUROPEAN SECURITY STRUCTURE.

POINTS TO MAKE:

- WE WANT TO CONTINUE COORDINATING OUR APPROACH ON THE BALTICS. OUR CLOSE COOPERATION ON MANAGING THE WITHDRAWAL OF RUSSIAN FORCES IS A GOOD BASIS FOR HELPING TO MANAGE THIS NEXT PHASE OF RUSSIAN-BALTICS RELATIONS.
- THE NEXT SIX MONTHS WILL BE VERY ACTIVE WITHIN THE ALLIANCE REGARDING NEXT STEPS ON NATO ENLARGEMENT. WE ARE VERY AWARE OF THE SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE THREE BALTIC STATES AND HAVE REPEATED THAT THE DOOR IS NOT CLOSED TO THEM FOR EVENTUAL MEMBERSHIP IN NATO.
- WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE BALTICS REMAIN PART OF A EUROPEAN SECURITY SPACE, WHEREBY THE EU AND THE NORDIC PARTNERS WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY AN INDISPENSABLE ROLE.

GERMANY: WE HAVE BEEN HEARING MORE AND MORE HIGH-LEVEL SWEDES EXPRESS THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT GERMANY'S (SPECIFICALLY KOHL'S) AMBITIONS IN THE EU. THEY BELIEVE KOHL IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY RELUCTANT TO ENLARGE THE EU BECAUSE OF THE HUGE COSTS FOR GERMANY. ESTONIA APPEARS TO BE THE BEST CANDIDATE AMONG THE BALTS FOR EVENTUAL EU MEMBERSHIP, SO IF - AS ANTICIPATED - IT IS NOT IN THE FIRST NATO ENLARGEMENT TRANCHE AND THE GERMANS BLOCK IT FROM MEMBERSHIP SOON IN THE EU, THE SWEDISH NIGHTMARE OF HAVING HELPED C REATE A RUSSIAN SPHERE OF INFLUENCE IN THE BALTS, BY DEFAULT, IS THAT MUCH CLOSER.

THE SWEDES ALSO WANT GERMANY TO EXERCISE ITS LEADERSHIP IN THE EU IGC PROCESS. NEWLY-ELECTED PM PERSSON SAID HIS TWO FOREIGN POLICY GOALS ARE THE BALTICS AND THE EU. FOR THE SWEDES, A HIGH

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PRIORITY OF EU POLICY IS ENLARGEMENT, MAKING IT THE REVERSE SIDE OF THE COIN OF ITS HIGH PRIORITY IN BALTIC ISSUES.

RAOUL WALLENBERG: U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT RECENTLY RAN A SPLASHY ARTICLE CLAIMING THAT RAOUL WALLENBERG WAS A U.S. SPY. THE SWEDES ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED (WITH OUR SUPPORT) IN OPENING UP KREMLIN FILES TO TRY TO ESTABLISH THE TRUE FATE OF RAOUL WALLENBERG. HE REMAINS, HOWEVER, A POPULAR AND SYMBOLIC FIGURE BOTH IN SWEDEN AND IN THE U.S. ELIASSON MAY ASK YOU WHETHER THE AGENCY HAS ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON WALLENBERG AND MAY URGE THAT ANY SUCH INFORMATION BE RELEASED.

BOSNIA: SWEDEN HAS AN 840-PERSON CONTINGENT IN BOSNIA, WORKING OUT OF SECTOR NORTHEAST COMMANDED BY THE U.S. IT CONTRIBUTED PEACEKEEPERS UNDER UNPROFOR AND MAKES AN ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION (ABOUT \$30 MILLION THIS YEAR) TO BOSNIAN RECONSTRUCTION. THE DECISION LAST YEAR TO PLACE ITS FORCES UNDER NATO COMMAND REPRESENTED A SYMBOLIC DEPARTURE FOR SWEDEN FROM ITS PREVIOUS POLICY OF MILITARY NON-ALIGNMENT. THERE ARE ABOUT 140,000 REFUGEES FROM EX-YUGOSLAVIA IN SWEDEN, INCLUDING 60,000 BOSNIANS.

-- IT WOULD BE A WELCOME GESTURE IF YOU WERE TO COMPLIMENT SWEDEN'S CONTRIBUTION TO BOSNIAN RECONSTRUCTION AND TO THE IFOR CONTINGENT'S CLOSE, AND GOOD, WORKING RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. COMMAND IN SECTOR NORTHEAST.

END TALKING POINTS

3. STATION HAS NOT CHANGED EMBASSY'S TALKING POINTS. NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT ON SOME OF THESE SUBJECTS, HQS SHOULD PREPARE APPROPRIATE RESPONSES. NOTE THAT ON RAOUL WALLENBERG, FOR EXAMPLE, DCI SHOULD BE BRIEFED ON ON PAST COOPERATION WITH THE INVESTIGATION AND THAT WE HAVE ALREADY RELEASED ALL RELEVANT MATERIALS (OR AT LEAST SO STATION UNDERSTANDS). RESPONSES TO ABOVE QUESTIONS SHOULD PROBABLY BE COORDINATED WITH STATE DEPT. TO AVOID TREDDING ON POLICY TOES. REGARDS.

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