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The Honorable Olof Landenius
Consul General of Sweden
1616 Cargill Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of March 7th and have studied its contents. I am sure that the decision of harmonious cooperation between various countries so far as assistance being given to the nationals of the Nordic countries should result in a very satisfactory service to those who may need it.

This notification will be filed in the Secretary of State's office.

Yours very truly,

JOSEPH L. DONOVAN
Secretary of State

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Minneapolis, March 7, 1967

The Secretary of State
State Capitol
St. Paul, Minnesota

Sir:

I have the honour to inform you that the Swedish, Danish, Finnish, Icelandic and Norwegian Governments have agreed to initiate cooperation in consular matters between their consular representatives abroad.

The basic principles for this cooperation are embodied in "the Agreement of Cooperation in Consular Matters between the Nordic countries", signed in Helsinki on March 23, 1962.

Article 31 of this Agreement reads as follows:

"Officials, members of the foreign service of a Contracting Party assigned outside the Nordic countries shall, to the extent compatible with his professional obligations and as long as there are no objections on the part of the receiving country, also assist nationals of other Nordic countries lacking representation at the place concerned."

The Swedish Ambassador's notification to the State Department of Sweden's participation in such cooperation, dated November 16, 1966 is enclosed together with the State Department's reply of December 15, 1966, indicating that the Government of the U.S. has no objection to the arrangement. In this exchange of letters are further indicated the areas where assistance will be given nationals of other Nordic countries.

With reference to what precedes, I hereby have the honour to inform you, as far as Minnesota is concerned, of the intention of the Swedish Government to establish such cooperation and to render assistance between its consular representatives and those of the Governments of Denmark, Finland, Iceland and

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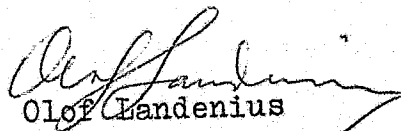
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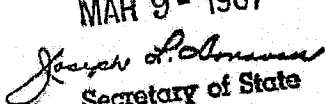
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Norway.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you,
Sir, the assurances of my high consideration.


Olof Landenius
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Washington, D.C.
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No. 123

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the informal notification in February, 1965 to the Department of State by representatives of the Swedish, Danish, Finnish and Norwegian Embassies regarding the intention of the five Nordic States to initiate co-operation between their consular representatives abroad.

This intention is embodied in the Agreement of Co-operation in Consular Matters between the Nordic Countries, signed in Helsinki on March 23, 1962. Article 31 of this Agreement reads as follows:

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The Honorable
Dean Rusk,
Secretary of State,
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Co-operation in many fields will take place between career consuls and honorary consular representatives. Such representatives will also give assistance to nationals of the Nordic countries not represented by a consular officer.

The following are areas where assistance will be given nationals of other Nordic countries:

"Practical assistance in the form of advice and guidance concerning local conditions;

The solving of local problems of a practical nature;

Assistance establishing contact with the applicant's Ministry of Foreign Affairs; other national authorities or the nearest Foreign Service station;

Safe-keeping, delivery and forwarding of mail;

Referring applicant to a suitable local lawyer;

Missing persons inquiries;

Safe-keeping of valuables at the station.

The co-operation also applies to the following important categories of consular services:

Assistance to and repatriation of destitute Nordic nationals;

Assistance to imprisoned and accused persons;

In the event of decease, assistance with funeral or with repatriation of coffins and urns."

With reference to the general acceptance among nations of the idea of consular representation of third powers, as embodied in article 8 of the UN Convention on Consular Relations, signed in Vienna on April 24, 1963, I hereby have the honor to inform you of the intention of the

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Swedish Government to establish such co-operation and assistance between its consular representatives in the United States of America, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands and those of the Governments of Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway.

I would appreciate your confirmation that the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the United States.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Hubert de Besche

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Joseph L. Johnson
Secretary of State

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

December 15, 1966

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note No. 123 dated November 16, 1966 informing the Department of State of the intention of the five Nordic States to initiate cooperation between their consular representatives abroad in accordance with Article 31 of the Agreement of Co-operation in Consular Matters between the Nordic Countries, signed in Helsinki on March 23, 1962.

The Department of State has no objection to the exercise of the functions listed in your Excellency's Note by officers of the consular establishment of Sweden on behalf of the other Nordic States. It must be understood, of course, that the exercise of these functions by such consular officers can in no way enlarge upon or otherwise affect the authority vested in them by the Consular Convention of June 1, 1910.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Acting Secretary of State:

His Excellency

Hubert de Besche

Ambassador of Sweden.

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