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8- OCT 1945

The Honorable  
The Secretary of State  
Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have your letter of October 2, 1945, AV 859.796/9-1145, covering a telegram received from the American Legation, Stockholm, in which reference is made to the desire of the Swedish Government to make available to the Danish Airline DDL, B-17 aircraft presented to them by the United States Government.

The War Department interposes no objection to the transfer of ownership of the B-17 aircraft presented to the Swedish Government.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ROBERT P. PATTERSON

Secretary of War

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Military Aircraft Flying Over Sweden

5 Sept 45

SUMMARY

1. Letter from Secretary of State dated 29 August 1945 to Secretary of War inclosing copy of telegram from American Minister at Stockholm transmitting complaints of Swedish Foreign Office that American aircraft transit Sweden without authority and requesting advice of corrective action taken.
2. Proposed letter from Secretary of War to Secretary of State advising that commanding officers concerned have been informed of Swedish policy and requested to comply.

COORDINATION

3. Proposed action has been coordinated with the Assistant Secretary of War for Air.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL, AAF:

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Proposed letter to Sec of State

HOYT S. VANDENBERG  
Lt. General, U.S.A.  
Assistant Chief of Air Staff - 3

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to the State Department communication of August 29, 1945 (AV 811.2229), including a copy of telegram No. 2825, dated August 21, from the American Minister at Stockholm.

On July 6 and 10, 1945, the Commanding General, U. S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe was advised of the Swedish policy concerning landings by United States military aircraft in Sweden and requested to comply therewith. As regards the specific complaint stated in the telegram from the Minister, steps have been taken to advise all commanding officers concerned that the same policy applies to aircraft which transit Sweden without landing.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) HENRY L. STIMSON  
Secretary of War

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to  
AV 811.2348/

August 29, 1945

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to the Department's communication of July 6, 1945 enclosing a paraphrase of telegram no. 2399 dated July 7 from the American Minister at Stockholm regarding the need for foreign aircraft to obtain permission from the Swedish Government to land in and leave Sweden. In this connection there are enclosed a copy of despatch no. 5811 dated July 12, 1945 from the American Legation at Stockholm on the same subject and a copy of telegram no. 2835 of August 21 from the American Minister at Stockholm.

It would be appreciated if the War Department would take such action as may be necessary to insure that United States military aircraft observe the regulations of the Swedish Government with respect to flights into or over Swedish territory. Please advise the Department of the action taken in this connection in order that it may reply appropriately to the Swedish Government.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State

Enclosures:

Assistant Secretary

1. Despatch no. 5811, July 12, 1945, from Stockholm, Sweden, with enclosures.
2. Telegram no. 2835, August 21, 1945, from Stockholm, Sweden.

The Honorable  
Henry L. Stimson,  
Secretary of War.

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~~SECRET~~LEGATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 5811

Stockholm, July 12, 1945.

Subject: Landing of Foreign Aircraft in Sweden.

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The Honorable  
The Secretary of State,  
Washington.

Sir:

Referring to the Legation's telegrams No. 2344 of July 3 and No. 2399 of July 7, I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a circular note, and a translation thereof from the French, sent to Chiefs of Mission in Stockholm by the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs. As stated in the note, there has been since the armistice in Europe, a number of cases of foreign aircraft flying over and landing on Swedish territory without having received prior authorization from the competent Swedish authorities. Cases have also been reported of planes which, although they had obtained the necessary authorization, nevertheless, have not observed the Swedish regulation that a plane before its departure from a foreign airport for Sweden must inform the airport of destination in Sweden concerning its estimated time of arrival. Another regulation, which has not been observed, is that requiring foreign aircraft leaving Sweden to inform the Swedish airport of departure of their arrival at the first airport outside of Sweden.

The enclosed note was received shortly after the announcement made in the press that foreign aircraft making unauthorized landings in Sweden would be taken over by the police, as reported in the Legation's telegram No. 2344 of July 3. As stated in the same telegram, there have been recent cases of American military aircraft from European countries under SHAEF control flying over and landing in Sweden without having first obtained Swedish authorization to do so. This telegram was repeated to Copenhagen and Oslo and the Legation's telegram No. 2399 of July 7 containing the gist of the enclosed note was also repeated to these two missions as well as to Ambassador Murphy in Paris and to the American Embassy in London.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ HERSCHEL V. JOHNSON

## Enclosures:

1. Cy of Circular Note
2. Translation of encl 1

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Cy to American Embassy, London  
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Enclosure No. 2 to despatch No. 5811 of July 12, 1945, from the American Legation at Stockholm, Sweden

TRANSLATION from French

ROYAL MINISTRY  
OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honor to bring to the attention of the Chiefs of Mission the following:

After the armistice in Europe there have been numerous cases of foreign aircraft flying over Swedish territory and landing at airports in Sweden without the competent Swedish authorities having been notified of their arrival.

This concerns both aircraft in possession of authorization to fly over Swedish territory and to land but which fail to send a message of departure to the Swedish airport concerned as well as aircraft which fly over Swedish territory and land there without having received any authorization.

Concerning this subject, the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which is in agreement with the competent Swedish authorities, wishes to emphasize to the Chiefs of Mission the extraordinary importance that aircraft which have received authorization to fly over Sweden as well as to land there, send a message of departure to the airport of destination in Sweden, and even more that aircraft without authorization, request such authorization from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs forty eight hours before the estimated time of arrival at the Swedish airport.

It is evident that a message of departure, even in this latter case, must be sent to the airport concerned.

The Swedish authorities responsible for aerial safety emphasize the fact that it is absolutely necessary to observe the rules, especially those mentioned above, because Swedish airports are very much frequented at present.

The competent authorities have finally indicated to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that it is to be hoped that foreign aircraft departing from Swedish airports do not fail to send a message of landing upon arrival at the first place of landing following departure from Swedish territory.

Stockholm, July 5, 1945

To the Chiefs of Mission  
in Stockholm

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## INCOMING TELEGRAM

Stockholm

Dated August 21, 1945

Rec'd 5:57 p.m.

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Secretary of State

Washington

2835, August 21, 7 p.m.

Following communication has been received from the Foreign Office:

"During the last few months a considerable American and British aircraft have flown over the western coast of Sweden, apparently on their way between Oslo and Copenhagen. These flights have not been authorized by the Swedish authorities and the aircraft concerned have not taken up radio communication with Swedish stations.

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs have the honor to invite the American Legation's attention to these flights which constitute, according to the opinion of the competent Swedish authorities, serious risks for the legal air traffic in the said area. The Ministry would be grateful, if measures could be taken with a view to avoiding American aircraft flying over Swedish territory without due authorization."

I am acknowledging foregoing to the effect that the matter has been referred to my Government for investigation and that remedial steps will be taken if investigation indicates aircraft in question were American.

Department's instruction would be appreciated. Text by pouch to Copenhagen and Oslo.

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MAY 15 1945

The Honorable  
The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have your letter of April 30, 1945 requesting my views on the recommendation of the U.S.-British-Swedish Petroleum Committee in Stockholm that a survey be made of the possibilities for storing aviation gasoline in northern Norway, for use in connection with the operation of American aircraft engaged in transporting Norwegian police troops from Sweden to northern Norway.

This matter has been referred to the European Theater with a request that comments be submitted to the War Department and, at the same time, to the U.S. Military Attache in Stockholm.

When the reply is received from the theater you will be further informed regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) HENRY L. STANSON

Secretary of War

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MAY 9 - 1945

Honorable James Clement Dunn  
Assistant Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dunn:

I have your letter of 21 April 1945, which incloses a paraphrase of a telegram from the American Minister in Stockholm and which inquires as to whether messages concerning Air Transport Command matters in Sweden need continue to be classified as top secret and if not, what classification from a security standpoint should be used.

It is the opinion of the War Department that for matters concerning the concession granted the Air Transport Command by the Swedish Government it would be advisable to assign classifications as follows:

Secret -- The terms of the concession granted by the Swedish Government and operational data, procedure, and schedules of flights.

Unclassified -- The existence of the concession granted by the Swedish Government.

The War Department interposes no objection to members of the Air Transport Command Unit in Stockholm advising their families and friends that they are in Sweden.

Sincerely yours,

**HENRY L. STIMSON**

Secretary of War

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## PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Stockholm  
TO: Secretary of State, Washington  
DATED: April 26, 1945 (Rec'd Apr. 27)  
NUMBER: 1553

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US URGENT.

Since I felt it important to secure from Mr. Boheman all information possible concerning the motivation of the Swedish Government's stand on the Norwegian demarche, I sought an interview with him this morning. Mr. Boheman was informed by me that I personally felt that it was in the interest of Sweden, as well as of interest to us, that my Government and appropriate military authorities have full information concerning Swedish thought on this important question, and that I hoped he would be as frank with me as possible. Reference was made by me to the conversation I had on the night of April 24 with the Foreign Minister himself (see my cable of April 25, No. 1528), and I stated that undoubtedly that extremely important communication was being carefully examined by my Government and our military authorities and, in my view, provided an additional reason why it would be expedient for me to learn as much as possible concerning the direction which may be taken by Swedish policy. Expressing purely a personal view on a matter to which I had given much thought, I stated that it seemed to me, while fully understanding the reasons for the Swedish reply to Norway as of the time it was made, the pattern of events is changing so rapidly that, in order to meet a new situation, I could conceive of the

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of the Swedish Government's changing its views on very short notice. Prompt reply was made by Mr. Boheman to the effect that there was nothing static in the Swedish stand, and that he would readily admit that reasons which were good and impelling for refusing the Norwegian request a week ago might at a moment's notice change; that, if facts should so warrant, his Government's policy was one which would permit of a change in any decision. Reference was made by me to persistent rumors in Stockholm that there has been contact between the Swedish general staff and German commanders in both Denmark and Norway. Also the General Staff is in touch with Terboven in Norway, according to rumor. Concerning these rumors, I requested Mr. Boheman to give me the facts as far as he could.

Willingness to comply with my request was expressed by Mr. Boheman. In order to bring about a capitulation of the German forces in Norway, Mr. Boheman stated that Von Uthmann, the German Military Attache, in Stockholm, as well as several other Germans in Stockholm have approached the Swedish Government offering their services as intermediaries. Whether these moves are a blind, whether they are honestly meant on the part of the individuals, or whether the individuals are actually acting under orders, is not as yet known to the Swedish Government. Therefore, they are cautiously proceeding. Major General Boehme, the Wehrmacht commander in Norway, has been contacted and, on approximately May 1, Major General Hoelter, Boehme's Chief of Staff, is expected to arrive here. Boheman again made the statement that they are not yet able to determine whether

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Boehme or Hoelter are acting in good faith and the extent of their powers. However, Boheman says that he and his Government are increasingly hopeful that a peaceful capitulation of the German forces in Norway may be effected. Obviously it will be of an immense advantage not only to Norway but to all the Allies as well as to Sweden, if this can be accomplished without fighting, without taking and shooting of hostages, industrial sabotage and widespread destruction carried out by Terboven and his Gestapo and SS cohorts. However, until the last vestige of overall military authority in Germany proper has disappeared, Boheman does not believe that such a capitulation could be effected. While there is still in existence in Germany a central military authority, which, regardless of how limited, is still an overall authority and in a position to issue orders, an order from that authority to the German military in Norway to resist will be followed in all probability. In Boheman's view, it is in this connection that the proposals of Himmler, as reported in my 1528, are of great significance. A situation would be presented calling for intervention of the Swedish military, if these Swedish efforts to bring about a peaceful capitulation in Norway finally fail and the German forces remaining there, cut off from connection with the German mainland and militarily isolated, decide to dig in and resist. This was suggested to Mr. Boheman as a hypothetical case and he admitted that this would be a situation calling for a grave decision, but he was not willing to make any hard and fast statements for reasons which I think are obvious. Categorically, he stated that neither his Government nor the general staff has any contact with Nazi quarters in Norway or with Terboven.

The present efforts (through Count Bernadotte) which the Swedish  
Government is



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Government is making to repatriate Danish and Norwegian internees in Germany are a truer element in the situation bearing on the reply to the Norwegian demarche. These young students and police number several thousand, and progress toward their liberation is very favorable, but the possibility of successful evacuation of these valuable individuals might be gravely jeopardized and have tragic results if any Swedish action such as that suggested by Norway would put the German occupying authorities in Norway in a defensive trap, and would be an additional challenge to whatever military high command exists in Germany. (The foregoing paragraph is comment of my own.)

The Department's cables of April 25, Nos. 743 and 752, were received by me after I had conferred with Boheman. Therefore, I venture to suggest that the Department may wish to make this cable available to the Joint Chiefs of Staff at once.

Concerning statements the Norwegian Ambassador in Washington made to you (see first paragraph of your 752, April 25), the Ambassador has been erroneously informed; and for the Department's assurance to him that in my talks with Mr. Gunther I did not indicate in any way what would be the attitude of my Government concerning the Norwegian demarche, I am grateful. No expression of my personal opinion was given to Mr. Gunther by me. I made no reference to what the attitude of my Government would be, when later conferring with Mr. Boheman, and I remarked that I

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understood the Swedish point of view, but I could conceive of a situation arising where a different view might perhaps be taken by the Swedish Government. In reference to this matter, I have purposely not yet conferred with Minister Esmarch.

JOHNSON

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## PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Legation, Stockholm  
TO: Secretary of State, Washington  
DATED: April 26, 1945  
NUMBER: 1565

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Reference is made herein to my cable of April 26, No. 1553.

The following information was today obtained by another agency of our government from a Swedish intelligence officer.

A Swedish Government representative has completed the first meeting with Himmler's representative and to discuss the possibility of all Germans in Norway and Denmark giving up to the Swedes in Sweden, plans have been completed for a second meeting, probably with Himmler himself. There are plans developing in the direction that Sweden undertakes commitment not to turn German troops to Russia, but would hold them for the Inter Allied Commission in internment. Plans included probable offer that 20,000 Russian prisoners of war now held by Germans in Norway would be returned (via Sweden) to Russia.

It is requested that a copy of the foregoing cable be transmitted to OSS and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

JOHNSON

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Relief Shipments  
Sweden to Norway  
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11 April 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FRANCIS X. DOWNEY

CAPTAIN W. D. PULESTON, U.S.N. (Ret.)

Subject: Swedish Application for SKOGALAND to enter  
Baltic without compensatory ship leaving  
Baltic.

1. State Department advises that a negative  
reply was given to the request that the SKOGALAND  
be allowed to enter the Baltic without the  
compensation of shipping. An attempt will be made by  
American interest to charter this vessel.

ALVIN F. RICHARDSON,  
Senior Navy Member Secretariat



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March 26, 1945

The Honorable

The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing in regard to the Swedish request to send vehicles and supplies into Germany for the relief of Danish and Norwegian civilian internees. Prior to the receipt of Mr. Grew's letter of March 10, 1945, the matter had been placed before SHAEF, because of the operational questions involved. Pending the receipt of a reply from the theater, a final answer could not be given here.

Now that the Swedes, as advised in Mr. Grew's letter of March 14, 1945, have sent in the vehicles and supplies, the specific matter has, of course, become moot.

I am disturbed, however, that the Swedish Government, having put the question to this Government, as it was required to do by the existing agreements, should have sent in the vehicles and supplies on her own initiative, without obtaining the prior assent of this government. These agreements were made in large part in consideration of supplies made available by us to Sweden.

I think that this is more than a matter of mere form. It involves the whole principle of the maintenance of the blockade. I note, in fact, that a responsible official of the Swedish Government has stated that he could well see how the United States and British governments might look upon this action as high-handed tactics.

I find it difficult to agree with the statement made by Mr. Grew in his letter dated March 10, 1945, that civilian internees within Germany are assimilable to the status of prisoners of war.

Quite independent of the particular status accorded to prisoners of war by international custom and convention, I think that the practical consequences of such an assimilation may lead to far-reaching effects.

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As you know, we have for a long time been sending in supplies to the prisoners of war in Germany. The American and British prisoners of war have received in that regard preferential treatment over that accorded to the prisoners of war of other nationalities. Due to the co-mingling that is at present taking place in German camps, I understand that such preferential treatment will probably be difficult if not impossible in the future, so that, if the supplies are available, we may have to send in increased supplies to prisoners of war. Otherwise we may not be able to make available to the British and American prisoners of war the quantities they have heretofore received.

Another important departure has now been made. We have taken on the furnishing of internal means of transport, within Germany, for the carrying of these supplies to the prisoners of war.

If now the treatment accorded to prisoners of war is extended to the general foreign population within Germany, it would be difficult to forecast the extent of the demands and the attendant relief to German supply.

Perhaps Mr. Grew had in mind, by the use of the term "civilian internees", only certain classes of the civilians held by the Germans. It is not clear to me, however, from a practical standpoint, how any clear line can be drawn. Would the principle, for example, extend to the great number of Frenchmen who have been forced into work in Germany? I can well understand that the French Government may maintain that its civilians in Germany are entitled to the same treatment as the Danes and Norwegians.

I feel that, from a military standpoint, a strong protest should be directed to Sweden for its action in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Robert P. Patterson

Actg Secretary of War

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29 MAR 1945  
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The Honorable

The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have received the letter of 22 March 1945 from the Department of State, advising that the Swedish Red Cross proposes to make six flights from Malmö to Hamburg to carry Red Cross personnel, medicines and supplies for the exclusive use of Danish and Norwegian internees in Germany. For the reasons set forth in the letter of 26 March 1945 from the Acting Secretary of War to you, regarding the action taken by the Swedish authorities in sending vehicles and supplies into Germany for the relief of apparently the same internees, I am of the opinion that the United States Government should oppose the proposal to send supplies into Germany by air.

The War Department has no objection, however, to Red Cross personnel going into Germany to give aid to the Norwegian and Danish internees.

In view of the possibility that the flights, scheduled to begin on 28 March, may be undertaken without awaiting the reaction of the United States Government, the information contained in telegram No 1081 from the American Legation in Stockholm has been communicated to General Eisenhower and General Spaatz. However, in view of the fact that the planes to be used on the flights are of German make, and in view of the military situation in Germany at the present time, the War Department believes that the Swedish Red Cross should be advised that safe conduct can not be given should the proposed flights be made.

Sincerely,

(Signed) ROBERT P. PATTERSON

MAR 30 1945

Acting Secretary of War



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Address Official Communications to  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
Washington, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

March 22, 1945

In reply refer to  
SWP 800.142/3-2045

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The Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Honorable the Secretary of War and encloses a copy in paraphrase of telegram 1081 dated March 20, 1945, from the American Legation at Stockholm, concerning the proposed forwarding to Germany by Swedish aircraft, under German safe conduct, of medical supplies and Red Cross personnel to assist Danish and Norwegian internees in Germany.

Reference is made in this connection to the Department's letters of March 10 and March 14 in regard to a Swedish Red Cross proposal to send to Germany Swedish motorized equipment and other supplies for use in relocating and otherwise assisting Norwegian and Danish nationals interned in Germany.

It is assumed that the project outlined in the telegram under reference is directly related to the Swedish Red Cross proposal referred to in the two above-mentioned letters. The Department would appreciate receiving the War Department's suggestions as to the nature of the reply to be made to the Legation's telegram of March 20.

The urgency of this matter is indicated by the fact that the first flight of the Swedish planes is scheduled for March 28.

Enclosures:

1. No. 1081 from Stockholm, March 20, 1945.
2. No. 484 to Stockholm, March 12, 1945

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## PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

To: Secretary of State, Washington  
 From: American Legation, Stockholm  
 Dated: March 20, 1945  
 Number: 1081

SECRET

We have been informed by Grafstrom that the Swedish Red Cross has been authorized by the Germans to make six flights under German safe conduct from Malmo to Hamburg in order to transport Red Cross personnel, medicines, and supplies for the exclusive use of interned Danish and Norwegian nationals. The planes to be used are the JU-52 type, painted orange and carrying Red Cross insignia within white circles. Flights are scheduled to begin Wednesday, March 28, the first plane leaving Malmo at 0900 hours Swedish time, arriving Hamburg about 1030 hours, departing Hamburg about 1100 hours, arriving Malmo about 1230 hours. The proposed route is Malmo via Fehmarn, southwest between Bad Brchnstedt (?) and Bad Segeberg to Hamburg. Planes will be flown at a height of approximately 600 feet (200 meters). It is requested by the Swedes that this information be conveyed to the Allied Air Forces. The Swedes have indicated their willingness to make such time changes as the Allied authorities may desire.

Legation desires immediate instructions. Similar telegram has been sent to London by the British Legation.

Reference is made in this general connection to the Department's telegram no. 484, March 14, to the Legation.

JOHNSON

Note: In the true reading of the above telegram, in that portion giving the route to be followed by the Swedish planes, the words (BULL TO FTA appeared after Malmo and the word PULSBUETTEL appeared after the word Hamburg.

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## PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM SENT

To: American Legation, Stockholm  
From: Secretary of State  
Dated: March 14, 1945  
Number: 484

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Reference Legation's 930, March 9 and 956, March 11. Department is taking up Swedish Red Cross proposal with War Department urgently. It is hoped that Department will soon be able to communicate further with the Legation in this regard. No comment concerning Swedish action in sending ambulances and busses forward need be made by the Legation in the meantime.

American Government has been placed in extremely embarrassing position vis-a-vis the Swedish Government and other interested Governments due to unilateral action taken by the British Legation. The practice heretofore followed of presenting a united front in matters involving blockade considerations is directly violated by such action. There is direct relation in that practice to an express agreement reached between the American and British Governments that until the other Government had been consulted and a joint position agreed upon, neither Government would express to an applicant Government an opinion on relief proposals involving blockade considerations. This Government's expectation that in the future unilateral action will not be taken in matters of this nature should be communicated to the British Minister.

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FEB 21 1945

The Honorable

The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Referring to your letter of 12 February 1945, the Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area, was queried by radio 15 February 1945 concerning the health and living conditions of the Swedish citizens residing in Manila. A priority reply was requested.

The contents of the reply will be forwarded you as soon as received.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) HENRY L. STIMSON

Secretary of War

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January 3, 1946

Dear Ed:

I have your letter of December 29 in regard to Sweden.

I am disappointed that trade between Sweden and the two other Scandinavian countries is to continue, even though only on an ad hoc basis. It will be very hard in my opinion so to organize this trade that Germany will not at least indirectly benefit.

I note that Sweden will be permitted to export to German Europe certain goods originating outside the blockade area. I suppose there will be even greater exports to German Europe of goods similar to those imported through the blockade, although not the identical articles imported. I hope that every effort will be made to keep these classes of shipments at a minimum since they are in effect direct breaches of the blockade.

For my future guidance, I would much appreciate it if you could inform me what will be the total volume of exports to German Europe, including the processing, bartering, and relief transactions, which are to be permitted Sweden under the present plans.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Robert P. Patterson

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In reply refer to  
NOE 740.00112 E.W./12-2044

December 29, 1944.

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Dear Bob:

Reference is made to your letter of December 20 regarding Swedish trade with Germany and German-controlled territories.

Since the Germans have informed the Swedes that the Goteborg safe-conduct traffic would be stopped should Sweden terminate exports to Germany, representatives of the Swedish Government recently suggested that it might be to our advantage, from the standpoint of stock-piling relief supplies in Sweden for subsequent use in liberated countries, if "token" shipments to Germany were continued. Immediately upon the receipt of this information, our Minister at Stockholm was instructed to inform the Swedish Foreign Office that, irrespective of a possible adverse affect on relief activities, we desire that all Swedish exports to Germany and German-controlled territories cease immediately upon the arrival of the Saturnus.

Mr. Johnson has furthermore been directed to tell the Swedish authorities that it has always been our understanding that the assurance given by Sweden regarding the termination of exports to Germany includes those to all German occupied territories. As a concession to our Allies, however, we are prepared to consider on an ad hoc basis certain exports to Denmark and Norway, and relief shipments to Poland and the Netherlands. In each instance the application for export, after having been approved by the governmental authorities abroad of the country of destination, would be submitted to the appropriate American and British authorities for decision. Naturally, no goods would be permitted to leave Sweden for an occupied country which would have any military value whatsoever to the Germans. As an additional safeguard, a constant check would be maintained by the "underground" in the country of destination to see to it that the goods were not diverted to a use other than that approved by our authorities. Finally, except in the case of a few relief supplies, no merchandise originating outside the blockade area would be permitted to be re-exported from Sweden.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) E. R. Stettinius, Jr.

The Honorable  
Robert P. Patterson,  
Under Secretary of War.

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