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SUBJECT: THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH SWEDISH FOREIGN  
MINISTER ANNA LINDH, JUNE 12, 2003, 11 AM, STATE  
DEPARTMENT

CLASSIFIED BY EUR A/S BETH JONES FOR REASONS 1.5 (B) AND  
(D).

1. (U) PARTICIPANTS:

U.S.

THE SECRETARY

BETH JONES, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, EUR  
RICHARD BOUCHER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, PA  
CRAIG KELLY, EXECUTIVE ASST., S  
HENRY BISHARAT, SWEDEN DESK OFFICER (NOTETAKER)

SWEDEN

ANNA LINDH, FOREIGN MINISTER  
JAN ELIASSON, AMBASSADOR TO U.S.

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DAN SVANELL, PRESS SECRETARY  
MONICA ANDERSSON, POLITICAL ADVISOR  
HAKAN MALMQVIST, DIRECTOR OF AMERICAS DIVISION  
MIKAELA KUMLIN-GRANIT, EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER  
(NOTETAKER)

2. (C) SUMMARY: DURING THEIR JUNE 12, 2003 MEETING, LINDH PRAISED CURRENT U.S. EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ASSURED THE SECRETARY THAT THE EUROPEANS WILL DO WHAT THEY CAN TO HELP. ON IRAQ, THOUGH THE SECRETARY EXPLAINED THE U.S. JUSTIFICATION FOR GOING TO WAR, LINDH [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE SECRETARY THANKED LINDH FOR SWEDISH WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE A FORENSIC TEAM TO HELP IDENTIFY MASS GRAVES AND FOR ITS AID FUNDING IN IRAQ. SHE WAS GRATEFUL THAT THE U.S. SIGNED THE MNEPR AGREEMENT AND HIGHLIGHTED HER CONCENRS ABOUT NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUES. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] END SUMMARY.

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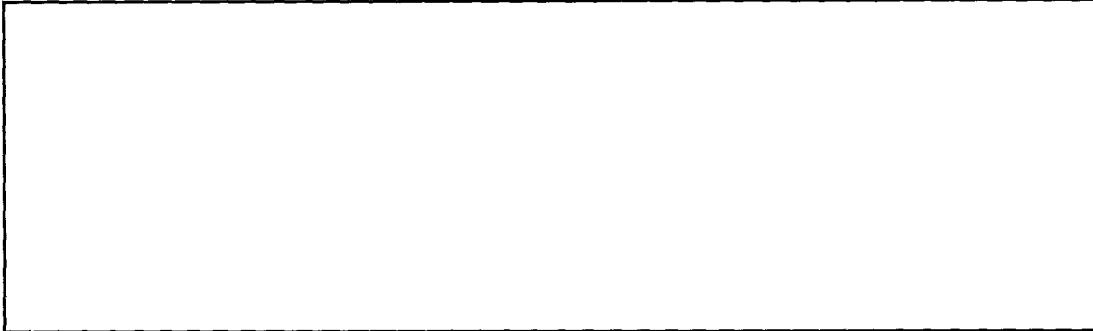
3. (C) ON THE MIDDLE EAST, THE SECRETARY SAID THE SITUATION WAS VERY BAD THAT DAY. BUT PRESIDENT BUSH IS VERY ENGAGED. [REDACTED]

4. (C) LINDH SAID THAT SWEDEN VERY MUCH APPRECIATED U.S. EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, [REDACTED]

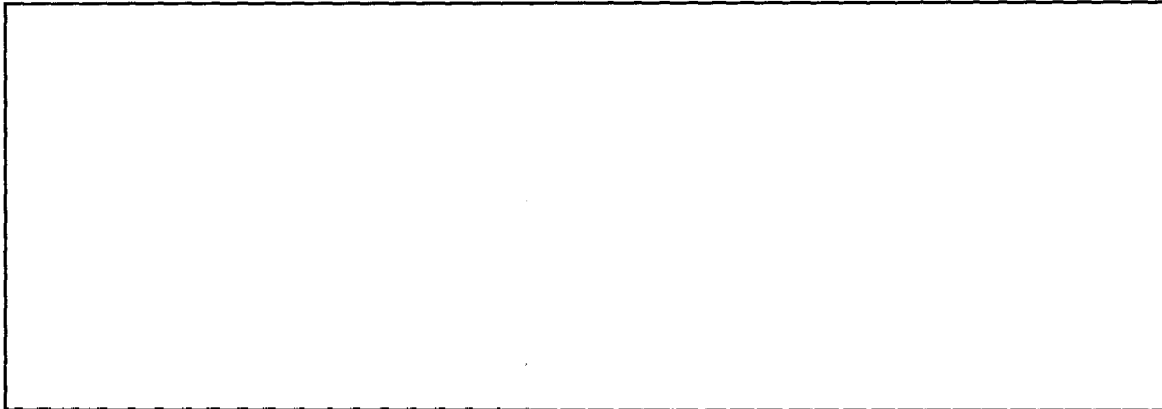
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5. (C) THE SECRETARY SAID THAT, WHILE STABILIZATION HAS TAKEN SOME TIME, AMB. BREMER IS FIRMLY IN CHARGE. THIS IS GOING TO TAKE TIME. THE U.S. IS PLEASED THAT UNSC RESOLUTION 1483 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY IN MAY AUTHORIZING THE USG ROLE. [REDACTED]

6. (C) LINDH PRAISED THE UN RESOLUTION AND NOTED THAT SWEDEN HAS AGREED TO SEND FORENSIC EXPERTS TO IRAQ TO HELP WITH IDENTIFICATION OF MASS GRAVES. THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED U.S. APPRECIATION FOR THE FORENSIC TEAM AS WELL AS FOR SWEDISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR IRAQ.



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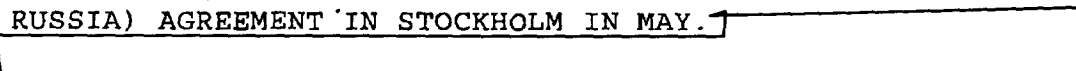


NON-PROLIFERATION  
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9. (C) LINDH ALSO HIGHLIGHTED HER EFFORTS IN THE EU TO ENHANCE NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUES BY ADVOCATING IMPROVED VERIFICATION AND EXPORT CONTROLS. THE SECRETARY LAUDED HER EFFORTS, AND BRIEFED HER ON HIS OWN WORK TO REDUCE THE DANGERS OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE SECRETARY ADVISED HER THAT NON-PROLIFERATION MIGHT BE A KEY TOPIC AT THE UPCOMING UNGA.

MNEPR  
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10. (C) LINDH EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE U.S. SIGNING THE MNEPR (MULTILATERAL NUCLEAR ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM IN RUSSIA) AGREEMENT IN STOCKHOLM IN MAY.



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AFGHANISTAN

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11. (C) THE SECRETARY UPDATED THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN.

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