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Cable, US Embassy Copenhagen to the Secretary of State, 'Continued Press Attention to North Korean "Hash" Diplomats''

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Summary:

This cable discusses Danish press coverage of the North Korean diplomats who were expelled from the four Scandinavian countries for trafficking in cigarettes, liquor and drugs. It also reports on press coverage of the diplomats sent to Denmark to replace those who were expelled.

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TAGS: PFOR SNAR KN DA

SUBJECT: CONTINUED PRESS ATTENTION TO NORTH KOREAN "HASH" DIPLOMATS

REF: COPENHAGEN 3565

SUMMARY: CONTINUED BUT REDUCED DANISH MEDIA ATTENTION ON THE NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATIC EXPULSIONS INCLUDES THE REPORT THAT MFA NOW CONSIDERS RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA "NORMALIZED". A LING-UP WAS ALSO SUGGESTED IN THE PRESS BETWEEN KIM IL-SONG AND INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. END SUMMARY.

1. DANISH PRESS CONTINUES TO GIVE ATTENTION - ALBEIT REDUCED - TO THE EXPULSION OF NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATS FROM THE FOUR SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES. DANISH MEDIA ALSO NOTE THAT INVESTIGATIONS INTO NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN IN OTHER COUNTRIES INCLUDING SWITZERLAND.

2. SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSING THE CASE IN DENMARK, THE WEEKEND PRESS (E.G., THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC DAILY, AKTUEL) OBSERVES THAT THE DANISH AUTHORITIES NOW CONSIDER THAT RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA ARE FULLY "NORMALIZED" AFTER THREE "REPLACEMENT" DIPLOMATS PRESENTED THEMSELVES AT THE MINISTRY OCTOBER 21. THE NAMES OF THE THREE NEW DIPLOMATS ARE NOTED IN PARA 3, REFTEL. MFA CHIEF OF PROTOCOL STATED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS INVESTIGATED THE BACKGROUNDS OF THE THREE NEW DIPLOMATS AND HAS FOUND "NOTHING WHICH WOULD PREVENT THEM FROM WORKING IN DENMARK". THE PRESS SPECULATES WHETHER THE THREE WHO ARRIVED HERE FROM EAST BERLIN WOULD BE STATIONED IN COPENHAGEN ONLY TEMPORARILY AND WHETHER A NEW AMBASSADOR WOULD BE APPOINTED.

3. THE OCTOBER 23 BT (TABLOID) EDITORIALIZED THAT "IT WILL BE A LONG WAY BACK TO THE HAPPY DAYS OF 1973 WHEN WE RECOGNIZED THAT NORTH KOREA COULD NEGOTIATE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS...MEANWHILE THE NORTH KOREANS MAY HAVE LEARNED THE DIPLOMATIC SELF-DISCIPLINE THAT DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY DOES NOT SANCTION THE EXTENSIVE SALE OF CIGARETTES, LIQUOR AND DRUGS..." UNCLASSIFIED

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4. IN A LETTER WHICH APPEARED IN THE OCTOBER 23 EDITION OF BERLINGSKI TIDENDE (INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE), A READER RECALLED FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN'S "HINT TO THE US SOME YEARS AGO" THAT THE DANES WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A CAREER DIPLOMAT APPOINTED HERE. THE WRITER GOES ON TO ASK WHETHER THE THREE NEW NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATS HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED BY

THE DANISH AUTHORITIES AND CONCLUDES "AFTER ALL WE DO
NOT ASK FOR QUALITY ONLY FROM OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS,
I HOPE, MR. MINISTER..."

5. FINALLY IN ITS OCTOBER 26 EDITION A BY-LINE WRITER
FOR BERLINGSKI TIDENDE SUGGESTED A CONNCTION BETWEEN
THE NORTH KOREANS AND INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM BY
ASSERTING TQT ON AN UNSPECIFIED DATE IN WEST BERLIN
FRG AUTHORITIES DISCOVERED LETTERS TO KIM II-SONG
WRITTEN BY THE RECENTLY DECEASED ULRIKE MEINHOF ASKING
FOR ASYLUM AND MONEY TO ASSIST THE GANG IN ITS TERRORIST
ACTIVITIES.
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