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Summary:

This cable reproduces a Norwegian Daily Aftenposten report on a meeting between the North Korean, Norwegian, Danish, and Finnish Ambassadors in Peking, China. It focuses especially on North Korean desires to maintain relationships with the Nordic countries.

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SUBJ: MEDIA REPORT-NORTH KOREAN EXPULSIONS

1. NORDIC NEWS AGENCIES' SHARED CORRESPONDENT IN PEKING FILED REPORT OCTOBER 27 ON RECENT CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR AND NORWEGIAN, DANISH AND FINNISH AMBASSADORS IN PEKING.

2. REPORT, AS CARRIED NORWEGIAN DAILY AFTENPOSTEN OCT BER 28, SAID INPART:

3. (BEGIN TEXT) THE NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR TO PEKING IN TALKS WITH THE NORDIC AMBASSADORS, HAS CLEARLY REJECTED CHARGES THAT THE NORTH KOREAN SMUGGLING IN NORDIC CAPITALS WAS DIRECTED FROM PYONGYANG. THE EMBASSADOR CLAIMS THE DIPLOMATS ACTED ON THEIR OWN. HE ALSO CONSIDERS THE MATTER OVER AND DONE WITH. HE UNDERSCORED THAT NORTH KOREA WISHES TO MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE NORDIC COUNTRIES.

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4. IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS AMBASSADOR HUYN JUN KEUK HAS BEEN

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IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH HIS NORDIC COLLEAGUES IN PEKING TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE OVER SMUGGLING BY NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATS.

5. IN HIS TALKS WITH THE AMBASSADORS FROM NORWAY, DENMARK, AND FINLAND, JUYN HAS MOVED DOWN THE ENTIRE SCALE FROM THREATS TO COUNTERMEASURES IN RESPONSE TO THE EXPULSIONS, TO HUMBLE EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE FOR THE NORDIC COUNTRIES' WILLINGNESS TO GRANT NORTH KOREA PERMISSION TO REPLACE THE EXPELLED DIPLOMATS, DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN PEKING SAY.

6. DIPLOMATS IN PEKING WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH NORTH KOREAN CONDITIONS ARE, HOWEVER, SKEPTICAL ABOUT HIS ASSURANCES THAT THE SMUGGLING WAS NOT DIRECTED FROM PYONGYANG. THE CONSIDER IT UNTHINKABLE THAT NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATS WOULD ENGAGE IN SUCH RISKY ACTIVITIES WITHOUT PRIOR INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIGH UP AT HOME.

7. DIPLOMATS IN PEKING ALSO SAY NORTH KOREA IS INTERNATIONALLY VERY ISOLATED AND THAT A DIPLOMATIC BREAK WITH THE NORDIC COUNTRIES WOULD REPRESENT A SERIOUS FOREIGN POLICY SETBACK FOR THE COUNTRY.

8. THE DECISION TO REPLACE THE EXPELLED DIPLOMATS REINFORCED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE NORTH KOREAN LEADERS WISH TO END THE DISPUTE AND AVOID FURTHER COMPLICATIONS, (END TEXT).
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