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**Cable No. 17944, US Embassy Bonn to the Secretary
of State, 'Expulsions of North Korean Diplomats
from Scandinavian Countries'**

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Summary:

An official at the American Embassy in Bonn discusses the North Korean smuggling scandals in Scandinavia, suggests possible connections between the scandals and North Korean Embassies elsewhere in Europe, and confirms the absence of North Korean smuggling in the Federal Republic of Germany.

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