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Bjarni Benediktsson – NATO

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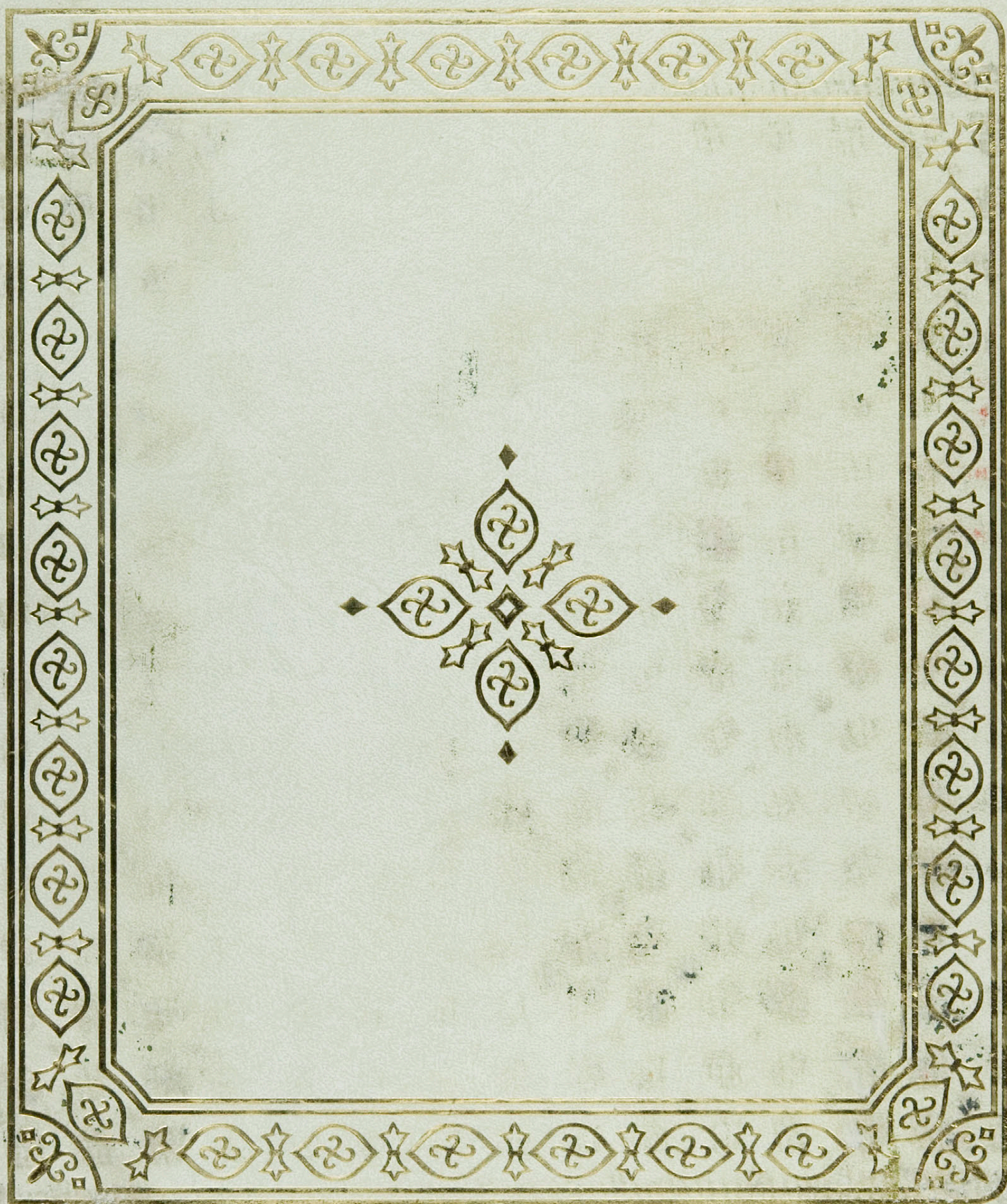
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*Commander Iceland Defense Force*

17 May 1969

His Excellency,  
The Prime Minister,  
Bjarni Benediktsson,  
Haahlid 14, Reykjavik,  
Island

Your Excellency:

Although I know that you have many memories and mementos commemorating your recent trip to Washington, D.C., and Norfolk, Virginia I have asked my friends both in the Department of State and at Headquarters Supreme Allied Command Atlantic to provide me with any additional material which they might consider of interest to you.

Accordingly, as I recently have received the enclosed pictures I would be most grateful if you would accept this small album as a further indication of my own personal esteem.

I purposefully have assembled the booklet in a looseleaf fashion so that you might remove and use any of the photographs as you might desire; and further, so that if I receive any other items at a later date, hopefully you might see fit to add them to this binder.

Again, Your Excellency, with my renewed expressions of friendship and respect, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Mayo A. Hadden, Jr.*

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Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy



The Chief of Protocol for the United States,  
the Honorable Emil Mosbacher, Jr., greets  
Prime Minister Bjarni Benediktsson of Iceland.

The U. S. Armed Forces Full Honor Guard has  
presented full honors. The picture is taken  
in front of the entrance to the Departmental  
Auditorium, Department of State, Washington,  
D.C. 10 April 1969





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In the Great Hall of the United States,  
Manlio Brosio, Secretary General of the North  
Atlantic Treaty Organization, calls the meeting  
to order and introduces the representatives of  
the member nations.

Prime Minister Benediktsson of Iceland  
is the second to the right of the Secretary  
General.





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Einkaskjallasafn Brarna Benediktssonar © Borgarskjallasafn Reykjavíkur



The 20th Anniversary Meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), held in Washington, D.C., 9-11 April, 1969. William P. Rogers, U.S. Secretary of State, and Mrs., Rogers gave a dinner for the NATO Foreign Ministers and their wives in the John Quincy Adams room at the Department of State on 10 April. From the left are:  
Manlio Brosio, Secretary General of NATO,  
Bjarni Benediktsson, Prime Minister of Iceland,  
Secretary Rogers, of the United States.

To Prime Minister Benediktsson went the honor of cutting the 20th Anniversary cake!





To His Excellency, The Prime Minister -  
from -  
REAR ADMIRAL MAYO ADDISON HADDEN, JR.

UNITED STATES NAVY



President Richard M. Nixon of the United States addresses the meeting and pays special tribute to the far-sighted men who organized the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; those who have foreseen that that it is an active and alive power for for peace, and that it must live so that our children can live.





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Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States of America, pays special tribute to His Excellency Bjarni Benediktsson, the Prime Minister of Iceland. President Nixon recognizes that of the five original signers of the NATO Treaty, Prime Minister Benediktsson is the only one still active in political affairs and after twenty years still is leading his nation in a search for a better world and a lasting peace.





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Manlio Brosio, Secretary General of NATO,  
and Admiral Ephraim P. Holmes, Supreme Allied  
Commander Atlantic, take the military honors at  
the Headquarters of SACLANT in Norfolk, Virginia.

Prime Minister Benediktsson of Iceland was  
one of the national leaders honored during the  
ceremonies.





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National Leaders of NATO, both political  
and military, participating in the Honors  
Ceremony at the Headquarters of the Supreme  
Allied Commander Atlantic, Norfolk, Virginia.

Prime Minister Benediktsson of Iceland  
stands in the front row, center.





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Honor Guard of United States Marines  
passing in review before the assembled NATO  
Representatives at the Headquarters of the  
Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic, Norfolk,  
Virginia.

Prime Minister Benediktsson of Iceland  
stands in the front row center of the group  
of dignitaries nearest the camera.





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Listening to a special briefing in the  
SACIANT Mess are:

Admiral Sir Nigel Henderson, Royal Navy,  
Chairman, NATO Military Committee; extreme left;

Secretary General Manlio Brosio, left center  
front;

Admiral Sir John Bush, Royal Navy, Commander  
in Chief Channel Command; right center front;

Prime Minister Benediktsson of Iceland, at  
the extreme right.





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Prime Minister Bjarni Benediktsson of  
Iceland and Vice Admiral B. J. Semmes, Commander  
Strike Force Atlantic, watch U.S. Naval operations  
at sea.

This picture was taken aboard the U.S. Navy  
aircraft carrier, USS SARATOGA, at sea off of the  
Virginia Capes in the Atlantic Ocean.





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U.S. Navy ships of the line pass in review during ordnance exercises off of the Virginia Capes.

Prime Minister Bjarni Benediktsson of Iceland is aboard U.S.S. SARATOGA as a guest of Vice Admiral B. J. Semmes, Commander, U.S. Second Fleet, and is observing the exercises.





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With His Excellency, Bjarni Benediktsson,  
Prime Minister of Iceland, and other NATO leaders  
and dignitaries observing, a U.S. Navy F4 prepares  
for a catapult launch from the deck of the USS  
SARATOGA somewhere at sea.

12 April 1969







Inserted in the following are a few  
newspaper clippings which might be of some  
interest to yourself or the most gracious  
and charming Mrs. Benediktsson.



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THE EVENING S  
Washington, D. C., Friday, A



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s. William Rogers  
of Foreign Affairs  
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Foreign Ministers.

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# NATO'S 20TH BIRTHDAY

WPost APR 11 1969

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization celebrated its own 20th birthday with a blue and white birthday cake last night.

The first day of the two-day meeting ended with a round of social functions that included a reception by Secretary of State and Mrs. William Rogers in the John Quincy Adams Room of the State Department.

More than 700 attended the reception including foreign ministers and their wives, defense ministers and their wives, the NATO staff,

permanent representatives of NATO and many of the organization's old friends.

Former Secretary of State Dean Rusk and his wife were there seeing old friends. As they came through the receiving line Clem Conger, of the Office of Protocol, who was doing the introductions, introduced Mrs. Rusk as "Virginia Major."

He later explained that Mrs. Rusk's personal secretary was named Virginia Wallace and to differentiate between the two when they telephoned they called them

Virginia Major and Virginia Minor.

Eugene Rostow, former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, said hello to his replacement, U. Alexis Johnson. Johnson asked him, "Don't you want to come down and see your old diggings?"

The anniversary cake was cut with all due ceremony by the present Secretary General of NATO, Manlio Brosio of Italy, and a signer of the original treaty, the

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ner given by United States NATO Ambassador Harlan Cleveland for permanent representatives and their wives at the Statler Hilton Hotel, and a dinner given by Secretary of State Rogers for foreign ministers and their wives at the De-  
catur House.

Earlier in the day Jor-

Some of the ladies said they thought so too, so I'm going to report it (to the President)," Mrs. Nixon said.

As some of the hatted ladies went through the receiving line in the Green Room, Mrs. Nixon noticed their chapeaux and commented "I like the hat."

She seemed to know most of the guests personally, al-

Among the guests was Mrs. Christian Herter, widow of the former Secretary of State who was active in NATO for many years.

Guests got a view of some past Republican Presidents as a result of a recent shift of portraits on the walls in the hall outside the East Room.