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dear Mister Benediktsson,

I thank Madame Sigridur
and you for the sympathy
you showed me - Without Egget
I very thing is empty; he was
such an absorbing, genial,
thoroughly noble person and
the best of husband. - Italy
has honored him in papers
and television as her "icelandic
friend"; and I am very grate-
ful to the icelandic Government
to give me the possibility to
bury him in Florence, between

other intellectual poets and
artists; representative of Iceland
in this Italy he loved so much
after his adored Iceland -
I am sure all his friends
visiting Florence, will visit
Egbert too. -

Thank you for all you have
done for him; lately he spoke
very often about you, and he
was very glad when he received
your Xmas wishes -
I was thinking to come to Iceland
but doctors advised me to wait;
surely I want to see again this Iceland
I longed to love, and where I have
so many friends - Egbert's friends, who needs
my house is open to all Egbert's friends, who needs
a restful period - Remember me please to your wife and
children - Thank you Lohj Stefansson

V. Maraschini 29

(Venedo)

Lehis - 19. 2 - 1966

Dear Thyathi,

I enclose this note about the volumes, which must be consulted, if somebody is interested in the ancient Catholic Bishops of Iceland - as you know very interested was Eggert; who began the research in the Archives of the Vatican, and this notes are the result - I hope it can be of some utility.

Please, remember me to
your Wife; and if I can
do something for you
in Italy, let me know.

Anyway I grateful for what
you did for Egger and
for all kindness towards
us. I send my best
salutations

Yours
Stefan Eriksson

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June 28, 1967

My dear Mr Prime Minister and Mrs. Benediktsson,

It seems more than one week since our group of "FBI's" returned home, with such very warm memories of our all too brief visit to beautiful Iceland.

The weather may not have been so full of sunshine as the summers we recall, but the people of Iceland offered us sunshine from their hearts, and for this we shall always be grateful.

I have delayed sending you this thank-you so that I might enclose a picture taken in a friend's home on June 16. Mrs. Benediktsson was kind enough to say that she and I looked enough alike to be sisters, which I consider a great compliment! Unfortunately, I find I do not have a picture of her.

Thank you again for the lovely party on June 19, and please accept my best wishes to you both for the future.

Sincerely yours,
Edith J. Holgate

E. A. SCHMIDT

WESTERKADE 29c

ROTTERDAM-2, 3rd April, 1967.

Bjarni Benediktsson, Esq.,

Háuhlid 14,

Reykjavík.

Dear Bjarni,

It has now been decided that I pay a short visit to Iceland towards the end of this month.

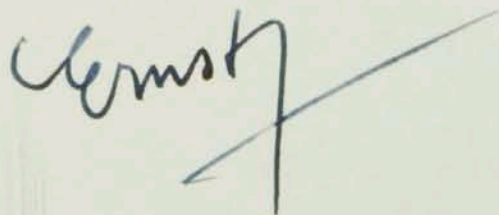
I will be arriving in Reykjavik very late on Wednesday night, 26th April and leaving very early on Sunday morning, 30th April which, therefore, means I will be in Iceland for about three days of which there will be two full evenings free.

I do hope that I will be allowed to visit Sigridur and yourself on one of those evenings and as Ottarr Möller is arranging my program, could you please contact him and find out which is the most suitable day.

I am sure, I will hear about this when I have arrived in the Saga Hotel in Reykjavik.

With kindest regards from Jeanette and myself to Sigridur and yourself

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'E. Schmidt', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Schmidt

Stone

Granberg

Myklebust

x from

Keina list 23. apríl

Hjónu glansir

Hverjg reitir?
Kvöld um burt?
Tala út skilant.

E. A. SCHMIDT

WESTERKADE 29C

ROTTERDAM-2, 6th September, 1967

Dear Bjarni,

I have just received this morning your kind letter of 30th August.

I am pleased to inform you that my operation, which took place on the 18th August, was very successful, and I am now already a week at home slowly recovering my strength, and hope to leave at the end of this week for final recuperation in Lugano, where I expect to still find more sunshine than in Holland.

If everything goes well, I will be back in the office on the last day of this month.

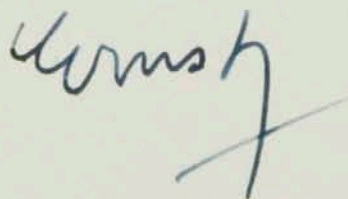
I was very much interested to read your information regarding the economic situation in Iceland, especially as I had similar information from Ottarr Möller.

I do hope that you and your government will be able to take measures so that soon the economic and financial situation in your country improves.

I wish you every success for your official visit to Germany, and hope that Sigridur will enjoy herself.

Jeanette and the children are well and she and I wish you and Sigridur and your family all the best till our next meeting.

Yours very sincerely,



Bonn, den 26. September 1967

Exzellenz,
Sehr verehrter Herr Ministerpräsident,

Sie waren so liebenswürdig, mir anlässlich Ihres Besuches in Deutschland vom 11. bis 15. September 1967 das Buch "Nordische Fahrten" von Alexander Baumgartner zu schenken. Damit haben Sie mir eine wirklich große Freude gemacht. Die Lektüre dieses Buches erinnert mich an meine Jugendzeit, als ich mit soviel Begeisterung die Edda-Sage gelesen habe.

Es war mir eine besondere Ehre und Freude, Ihnen und Ihrer verehrten Frau Gemahlin vorgestellt zu werden.

Wie mir berichtet wurde, ist auch der zweite Teil der Reise nach Berlin und Hamburg wunschgemäß abgelaufen, wobei mir weiter gesagt wurde, daß der Besuch in Friedrichsruh Ihnen auf Grund Ihrer eigenen Bismarckstudien besondere Freude gemacht haben soll.

Ich darf schließen mit der Bitte, mich Ihrer sehr verehrten Frau Gemahlin zu empfehlen.

Mit dem Ausdruck meiner ganz ausgezeichneten Hochachtung

Ihs Steinn selv gefeinnar
Hans Henningsen

Seiner Exzellenz
dem Ministerpräsidenten
der Republik Island
Herrn Benediktsson



10 July 1967

My dear Prime Minister:

I should like to express my appreciation to you for the hospitality extended to me during the recent visit of the Military Committee to Iceland. Each of the details of our visit was perfectly arranged and our schedule permitted us to obtain an excellent over-view of your fine country.

Thank you also for the dinner party and the luncheon. The menus on both occasions were perfect. I very much enjoyed the Icelandic specialties and it was a real pleasure to meet with you and the other leaders of the Icelandic Government.

Again my thanks to you.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

A. G. WARD

Admiral, U. S. Navy

His Excellency
Bjarni Benediktsson
The Prime Minister of Iceland

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Hauklioð 14,

Reykjavik,

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SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS — NOM ET ADRESSE DE L'ENVOYEUR

Mr & Mrs Jan R Johnson

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March 4th/67

Dear Bjarni,

Pat and I want to thank you and your wife so much for the book of Asgrimur Jonsson's paintings. I have been interested in Asgrimur Jonsson's painting for a long time because my father has one of his paintings in our home in Toronto. This painting was a wedding gift from the people at Háteig in 1933.

As you know, Pat and I were married on December 22 and we had a wonderful honeymoon in Antigua. We are now living in a flat near the University. Pat is teaching History and English in one of the Toronto Secondary Schools and I am in my second year of law. Law is a three year program in Ontario with an additional year's articling and six months' bar admission course to qualify for and be called to the Ontario bar.

My parents had an Icelandic man staying with them this past week. His name is Bjorgvin Vilmarsson and he is well acquainted with your brother, Petur. He was in Toronto on a NATO conference and study tour which encompassed Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Washington.

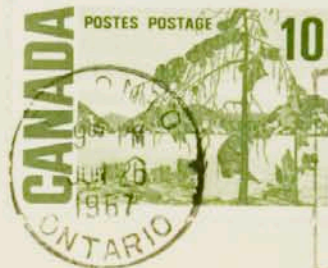
My wife and I hope to go to Europe for the summer of 1968 and at that time we intend to visit Iceland. I want very much for my wife to see Iceland as she has heard so much about

it from both my father and me.

Very best regards to everyone from us both and thank you again for your kindness.

Sincerely

Jon R. Johnson



Hon. Bjarni Benediktsson,
Prime Minister of Iceland,
Háskúli 14,

Reykjavík, ICELAND.



from - 584 BRIAR Hill Avenue, Toronto 12, Ontario,
Canada.



Jón Ragnar Jónsson

June 25th, 1967

Dear Bjarni -

Marion and Tón and Patricia join me in congratulating you most heartily on your great victory at the polls on June 11th.

I talked recently on the Telephone with the Ambassador in Washington and Pétur told me the result but had few details at that time. I would be interested in knowing some particulars, such as the number of seats won by your Party, etc. Perhaps your secretary could forward the same to me.

We are all very proud of you Bjarni and are always enthusiastic about your successes.

Kristín and Þórarinn Björnsson

were here briefly in early May and
it was good to see them again and
receive up to date news of Iceland
(og sérstaklega um fjölskylduna).

We are looking forward to renewing
our acquaintance with the President
and to see him in Ottawa as well
as at EXPO '67 in Montreal.

Vit biðjum öll kærlega að
heilna og vonum að allt sje í
lagi með ykkur öllum.

Með bestu kveðjum

- Ragnar J.



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February 17, 1967

The Honorable Bjarni Benediktsson
Office of the Prime Minister
Reykjavik
Iceland

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I enclose a copy of our "Statement on Interdependence" to which is attached the names of 216 leading citizens of the fifteen NATO countries. We know that you sympathize with its objectives.

I also enclose for your information a copy of a letter to Manlio Brosio, together with a copy of one to Willy Brandt.

In this connection we would be most grateful for any information you can give us on either or both of the following:

1. What instructions will the Icelandic Government give your Ambassador to NATO regarding the proposed Atlantic Parliamentary Assembly?
2. What kind of appointment will the Icelandic Government make to the Atlantic Study Commission?

With all best wishes, Mr. Prime Minister, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Walden Moore
Director

Encs.

Declaration of Atlantic Unity

STATEMENT ON INTERDEPENDENCE

(Endorsed by the Twelfth Annual Assembly of the
Atlantic Treaty Association, September 23, 1966*)

(Presented to the NATO Parliamentarians' Conference, November 17, 1966
and to the North Atlantic Ministerial Council, December 15, 1966)

The Second *Declaration of Atlantic Unity* was issued over three years ago; since then much has happened to affect the Atlantic Alliance. Hence, we believe it is time to appraise the application of that statement to the situation which exists today.

During the past 17 years NATO has successfully met an external challenge. Throughout this time the Soviet Union has persistently sought to disrupt NATO; to divide Western Europe from North America; and to bring about the withdrawal of U.S. and Canadian forces from Europe.

Throughout this period NATO has assured peace and security in the Atlantic area. This has made possible both the resurgence of Western Europe and the creation of the European Communities. NATO still provides the basis for the creation of a United Europe and further development of the Atlantic Community.

NATO has now been confronted with an internal challenge, which also seeks its disruption. Longer range objectives of this internal challenge appear to be similar to those of the external challenge—division between Western Europe and North America and withdrawal of U.S. and Canadian forces from Europe. This challenge must also be successfully met. If it is not, NATO could become merely a classic 19th Century alliance like those which often promoted war rather than peace.

We should know by now that the preservation of NATO and the unity of its active members are essential for these ends:

1. Maintenance of peace and security in the heart of our modern world;
2. Progress towards European Union and towards a true Atlantic Community;
3. Effectively concerted economic aid to underdeveloped peoples; and
4. The cohesion and collective strength necessary to make possible the achievement of arms control and a satisfactory European settlement with the Soviet Union.

We should not allow the current crisis to obscure some lessons we have learned since the close of World War II:

- A. In our rapidly shrinking nuclear world, North America and Western Europe have become increasingly interdependent politically, strategically and economically. Neither can insure its own survival alone. Upon their continuing interdependence hinges the future of freedom.
- B. Military integration within NATO has become increasingly necessary since the early 1950's. Then the defense of the Atlantic area could be assured by the existence of the American nuclear monopoly. Today integrated, organized conventional forces are essential to provide means other than nuclear war for halting military incursions from behind the Iron Curtain or against Berlin. Any future changes in the structure of NATO should be towards more rather than less integration.
- C. Excessive nationalism breeds extreme nationalism. Reversion to nationalism within the central area of the world would put the clock back to 1914, creating new and acute dangers of nuclear war.

In recent months voices have been heard in all NATO countries implying that NATO has lost its validity because it was formed as a defensive military alliance against Soviet aggression and is out-moded because Russia is now peacefully inclined; that the most important objective of the Atlantic Community should be a resolution of the issues which divide its members and the members of the Warsaw Pact; and that this is the more true because of the growing threat of a resurgent and hostile China possessed of nuclear arms.

A heavy burden of proof rests on those who claim that the Soviets have in fact modified their long-range aims. We have it on the best authority—their own—that they intend to continue to inspire and to support “wars of liberation.” Certainly a real detente with Russia should be vigorously sought. A stronger and better integrated NATO, far from being an obstacle in that search, is the best guarantee that it will one day be successful.

Fourteen members are standing firm against the internal challenge to NATO. But a firm stand is not enough; it risks deterioration. Freed from the internal obstruction which has recently blocked positive action, they can now go forward.

We, therefore, urge the Governments of the fourteen, while leaving the door open for French participation, to undertake positive action now towards these specific objectives:

1. Establish a satisfactory defense posture without France;*
2. Develop the NATO Parliamentarians' Conference into an Atlantic Assembly, in line with proposals now under study by the parliamentarians;
3. Seek through the McNamara Committee to provide the other members of NATO a larger share in nuclear defense strategy;
4. Provide the other members of NATO, through more adequate defense integration and sharing of burdens and responsibilities, a larger role in the common defense;
5. Improve political unity within NATO by more adequate consultation and joint formulation of policies on common problems in all parts of the world; and
6. Establish an official commission to study and propose means of improving the organization of the Atlantic Community.

We urge the American Government to avoid any reduction of U.S. forces in Europe, during this critical period, which would impair European confidence in Atlantic security.

The preservation and development of NATO now requires a vigorous collective effort by its fourteen active members. The responsibility for leadership in this effort falls upon its larger members, especially the United States. The one indispensable requirement is political will.

* The A.T.A. Assembly amended point 1 on the second page to read as follows: “Establish a satisfactory defense posture during the temporary absence of France.”

Names on the attached list of individual signers of the statement who subscribed to this amendment are indicated by an asterisk.

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We are now working hard on our friends in other countries - especially Britain, Germany and Canada. Our information is that the British Government will support the Atlantic Assembly proposal but is not inclined to take the lead because of concentration on the Common Market negotiations.

However one of our friends, a leading German statesman, writes as follows (Jan. 23):

"Christian Herter's death is the more tragic as never the chances for an Atlantic Community and close relationship between the European continent and the United States were as unfavorable as in this moment. I am very worried about this situation. I have the impression that the United States and Europe are drifting in opposite directions."

Another friend, who is an international civil servant of long experience, writes as follows:

"Governments, in my view, will prevaricate and procrastinate unless spurred on by a really vigorous demand in 'key' parliaments. Your Committee have clearly a great opportunity to keep the flames alight."

We hope that you will assist us to do so.

With all best wishes, Mr. Secretary General, I am,

Faithfully yours,

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January 26, 1967

His Excellency Willy Brandt
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Bonn
Federal Republic of Germany

Dear Mr. Vice-Chancellor:

As a member of the Council on Foreign Relations I am looking forward to your address to that body at dinner on February 9th on the subject "Germany, Europe and the Atlantic Community".

On this general subject, you may recall my letter to you of December 7, 1966 enclosing our "Statement on Interdependence" signed by 216 leading citizens of all fifteen NATO countries.

I have just returned from Washington where I attended meetings of the United States Sponsors of the Declaration of Atlantic Unity and of the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Council of the United States. I also conferred with some of our friends in the State Department and in Congress.

We think that the following three subjects, mentioned on page 2 of our "Statement", are both urgent and ripe (or almost ripe) for governmental action:

1. The proposed Atlantic Parliamentary Assembly.
2. The Atlantic Study Commission set up by the enclosed Resolution of the North Atlantic Ministerial Council.
3. Maintenance of troop levels in Germany.

His Excellency Willy Brandt

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Atlantic Assembly. Our talks in the State Department fully confirmed our impression that the U.S. government is genuinely for this proposal and will do what it usefully can to get it implemented. It has now made its position clear by Secretary Rusk's speech to the North Atlantic Ministerial Council. However, our friends in the State Department think (and we agree) that in present circumstances it would not be useful for the U.S. government to press its allies through diplomatic channels. This leaves it up to the Declaration of Atlantic Unity and the Atlantic Treaty Association to persuade our friends in the various parliaments to carry the ball.

Secretary General Manlio Brosio has brought this matter up at a recent meeting of the Permanent Council where again only the U.S. and Dutch representatives spoke to the subject - both in strong support. As you know, the other Ambassadors are now in process of ascertaining the attitudes of their respective governments and then the matter will be brought up again in 30 to 60 days.

We are urging our friends in all NATO countries to support this proposal with their governments and we feel that the attitude taken by the Government of the Federal Republic will be of critical importance.

Atlantic Study Commission. This is a form of the Special Study Commission which the Declaration of Atlantic Unity as well as the Atlantic Council of the United States and the Atlantic Treaty Association have supported ever since the Atlantic Convention of 1962.

The State Department is also exceedingly interested in this study, which is to be of future tasks which face the Alliance and procedures for fulfilling them to strengthen the Alliance as a factor for a durable peace. As you know, a preliminary report is due in May and conclusions next December.

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We feel that it is important that this study be really high level as well as comprehensive. We understand that the American representative will probably be at the level of Under Secretary of State and our government has in mind the best possible man from our point of view. We hope that the German Government's representative may be of a comparable calibre and capacity appointed in such a way as to underline the importance of this study.

Maintenance of Troop Levels in Germany. As you know, this is now being studied by a Tripartite Committee (U.S., U.K. and Germany), which is due to meet again in late February. The existing troop levels will be maintained until June 30th. The Honorable John J. McCloy is the U.S. representative on the Committee.

On this subject you will note the penultimate paragraph of our "Statement" as follows:

"We urge the American Government to avoid any reduction of U.S. forces in Europe, during this critical period, which would impair European confidence in Atlantic security."

We think this applies also to other governments - especially the German and British. We appreciate the balance of payments problems faced by all three governments but we hope that a satisfactory agreement can be worked out without weakening the NATO defense posture.

We hope that you will be able to give us your government's view on these three urgent matters when you address us at the Council on Foreign Relations on February 9th.

I am sure that you share our sorrow at the loss of our friend and Sponsor, Chris Herter, who worked for Atlantic Unity up to the end of his life.

With all best wishes, Mr. Vice-Chancellor, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Walden Moore
Director

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