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Gammlu Skovrídugárd,
Sikkeborg. Kvarnstaet, 16. sept '68.

Kari fors. ráðh. Bjarni
Benediktsson.

Jeg er hjóma á Kvarnstaet
fyrir heilbrigða, í námunda
við stór fljótið, "Gudena" og
sjálf "Himmelbjerg", aet
svo vingsvunlegt og smátt, þó
ötrufri sjau sum nokkuð stór, það
munkilegast, sem jeg hef rekist á
er smávatn, sem heitir "Brillevne"
ogna þess, að þar gleymdi Hsa.
Þó glefangun um sínum í
fornskjju, máske á leiðinni til
Útgarda, þó Snorra hafði látt að
geta þess. Jeg sakna hjer helst
sands og sjávar. - Var um dag-
inn sudur á talster á bæthótel
í nokkra daga; sjórvinn hlýtt ein-

þá og matgott eins og alstáðar,
 en „Sesongen“ íti, fásinni
 og Eyrstrasætið nær ósatt. Þarf
 vísað að fara eitthvát sunnas
 til að sækja sjó, sól og sæltu.
 En það er mjú barmsvani að
 taka sundið og stóinn fram yfir
 langa göngu „í gænum lundi“

Jeg fór til Kbb. mi eftir nokkra
 daga, en hefði einn engar fastar
 ávarðanir; bið eftir því að
 fá hljóð á Frásötu laust úr
 lettu, en hefði ekki einn heyrð
 orð frá leiðjand^{an}um, sem átti
 þó að vera búinn að svara
 um miðjan ágúst. Finnst jeg
 vera lands- og fótalaus heima,
 þar til jeg er búinn að koma
 því minn dæti og brúum

—
 Jeg þakka karlega þítt
 elskulega bréf, m.a. um

Noð
 jeg

Rafnseyvar nefnd. Jeg var
 búinn að steingleyma henni,
 þó hún væri sammin af minni
 sjálfum; um fulltrúa V. Fstj.
 systur og V. Bænd. strölu hefði
 ekki verið farið um langt
 skeið, en embættis mennvinnu
 tíðrífkaði sjóð um framkv. og
 tíðröflun. Jeg mundi svo
 sjá um að hafa náð samband
 við Vestfj. þingmenn,
 mi þegar stefnt er að mála-
 lögum. Þingi Vestfirðinga (þó,
 vísast að standamönnum frá-
 töldum, sem nærast eru Hin-
 ostríngar!) hefðu farið vax-
 andi með ári hvern, og við
 eigum ekki langt í land.

Jeg teldi óskillegt, ef þau
 telur þin fært, að þú sam-

þykktú tillígn sakar um
 7 manna nefndina, tíó úr
 samli og þrjú úr, þar
 til öðru vísu ytri ákvæði,
 og sendi bolet um það til
 Helga E., form. stj.

Með bestu óskum þíes og
 þínum til handa, lands
 og þjóð!

Frsg. Frsg. einvarn.



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1) Úttalegt á Bessast.

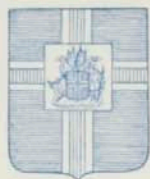
'54 var Jóhannes Eliasson
f. stj. ráð.

Fulltrúi: m. tali við forseta
og m. mestu helgi, tali v.
forseta h.h. síli.

2) Eftirlausn,
áhr. laun
áhr. og
áhr. til
bóla

2) Eftirlausn, áhr. kill., áhr.
þarf dulda tekjur: vísna, húsnæði,
nabben sjávarafnet (k.d. línum)

3) Samgja þarf við Geir:
Eskilhlít um greiðslu f.
áhr., fara eftir venjal.
töxtum. Leiga skiftið
m. forseta eftir Mannastaðjökli
7 máti: 5. Laubm. m. gausi
frá.



BESSASTÖÐUM

- 4) Ark. þarf velur, sem
ráðsam. skilki eftir,
þaki seldan eru.
- 5) Eftir að breinsa til
eftir Bessastata hús, en
allir menn fannu þáttan.
- 6) Lurki (stall. eld hús
og svefnherb.) koldrygð
lins og úr, bill. (annar
neytat t.a. kaupstrat).
- 7) Fleiri og bostnatu
stl. sama og eru seðib.



Fleet Supply Officer
United States Atlantic Fleet

26 August 1968

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

You were most kind to permit me the pleasure of attending the excellent dinner given in honor of Admiral and Mrs. Holmes last Wednesday evening. Not only was your hospitality most gracious, and the dinner itself superb, but the opportunity provided me to meet with more of your fine countrymen was most welcome. In every way the evening was made a special occasion of good will.

I am honored to have had this special privilege. Thank you very much.

Very sincerely yours,

Stuart H. Smith
STUART H. SMITH

His Excellency Dr. Bjarni Benediktsson
Prime Minister of Iceland
Stjornarradid Laekjartorg I
Reykjavik, Iceland



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August 9, 1968

The Honorable Bjarni Benediktsson, M.P.
Office of the Prime Minister
Reykjavik
Iceland

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I enclose for your information an exchange of letters with Martin Maddan, M.P. and a copy of a follow-up letter, with attachment, to another of our British Sponsors, Sir Geoffrey de Freitas, M.P.

Out of your rich and varied experience I would greatly value your opinion of this project, as well as any advice you may have regarding it.

We would also welcome from you any other suggestions as to how we might best spend the very critical months ahead.

My wife joins me in warmest greetings to you and Mrs. Benediktsson. We have many fond memories of Iceland and we always urge our friends to visit it.

With all best wishes, I am,

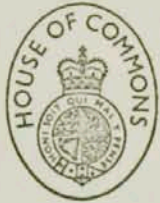
Faithfully yours,

Walden Moore
Director

Encs.

From Martin Maddan MP

Copies to
H. S. ...
L. H.



29th July 1968

Dear Gully

I must ask you solemnly to stop allowing your belief that Britain's policy to join the European Community (supported by all three political parties) is a dead duck, to lead you to suppose that we should give priority consideration to the idea of NAFTA.

In pursuit of this hare which you keep on chasing, you wrote in your letter to me of 11th July that The Economist agrees that the Common Market door will remain closed to the UK. I was so astonished to read this that I have been in direct touch with Alastair Burnet, the editor of The Economist, who can lend no support to what you averred. He writes that his paper's present view is that there are still greater prospective advantages for Britain with Europe than in what still seems to be the nebulous prospect of Nafta.

I do not think that anything which has been written in The Economist could be interpreted in any other way. It may be that there are journalists on the staff of the paper who personally take a different view, but its editorial attitude has been steadily in favour of Britain joining the European Community.

For the sake of the truth, and for the sake of informing your many correspondents of the state of responsible opinion in Britain, I hope you will make known the facts as far as Britain is concerned. This is important because the most useful British supporters of developing a true Atlantic Community are those who believe that the most desirable first step for Britain is to join the European Community.

With every good wish,

Yours -

Walden Moore Esq
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cc Mr David Barton



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August 2, 1968

Martin Maddan, Esq., M.P.
House of Commons
London S. W. 1.
England

Dear Martin:

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While I don't recall the exact words of "The Economist" they did seem to agree that the French elections had set up a formidable barrier - much as they would wish it otherwise.

We Americans have, of course, no influence with the Gaullists but we could do something about NAFTA should that alternative appeal to our British friends.

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August 5, 1968

The Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey de Freitas, K.C.M.G., M.P.
House of Commons
London S. W. 1.

Dear Geoffrey:

I have a copy of your note to Martin Maddan endorsing his letter of July 29th to me.

You now have a copy of my reply of August 2nd underlining C.L. Sulzberger's view that your chances of getting into the Common Market are very poor and that it is time that you considered alternatives. That does not necessarily mean giving up the Common Market as an ultimate goal.

Sulzberger is one of our very best-informed reporters and ablest analysts of European affairs and I always take his advice seriously. I enclose, herewith, his Column of July 21 on NATO which is also worthy of careful consideration.

As I wrote Martin on August 2nd, the next President of the United States is almost certain to be a signer of the Declaration of Atlantic Unity who is publicly committed in advance to far-reaching reforms of the Atlantic Community. This has never been true before.

In my opinion this presents the Declaration of Atlantic Unity with our best and perhaps our last great opportunity. We should bring on the next President and his advisors, as soon as he is nominated and elected, every influence we can to take wise and courageous leadership in this matter in 1969. We should also do our best to see that he will have the support of our incoming Congress and of our allies, especially those who are closest to us, like the British.

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Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey de Freitas

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August 5, 1968

Between now and January 20th I plan to write every one of our 326 signers in all 15 NATO countries asking their advice and support for this great project.

During the month of September the Declaration will publish and distribute 2,000 copies of a little brochure entitled: "The Testament of Will Clayton". The views of this very great and wise man on Atlantic economic and political relations should do much to further our cause.

Do let me know what you think of this idea and whether you think that it will get the support of our British signers listed on the back of this letterhead.

With all best wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Walden Moore
Director

Enc.

cc. U.S. Sponsors, Declaration of Atlantic Unity
U.K. " " " " " "

N.Y. Times - July 21, 1968
Foreign Affairs: New Look at NATO

By C. L. SULZBERGER

JERUSALEM — NATO, the world's strongest alliance and still the keystone of American foreign policy, is gradually subsiding into a major crisis—a fact regarded in all quarters of the world with fascination and, here, with foreboding. NATO's position, so important to the Middle East, resembles that of some massive building whose foundations are slowly sinking into mud. Nor has any engineer yet devised a way to shore up the structure.

The alliance's military commander, General Lemnitzer, and its Secretary General, Ambassador Brosio, are now both septuagenarians. They have adeptly overseen transferral of NATO's various headquarters from French to Belgian soil and they have managed to hold together the partnership under a series of hammer blows from General de Gaulle. But their time at the helm is visibly over and no brilliant figures loom on the horizon to replace them.

Unanswered Question

Simultaneously, in terms of imminent history, uncertainty remains concerning the intentions of the principal allies. Having expelled NATO's physical facilities and extricated himself from its supranational organization, does de Gaulle in-

tend to withdraw from the alliance itself when he can legally announce such an intention next year? No one yet knows the answer. His decision will depend on whether there are any fundamental changes in East-West relationships, a probability about which he is more than skeptical.

The Glow Is Gone

But even if France stays bound to the North Atlantic treaty if not to its organization, the alliance has lost its glow. Each year there is increasing pressure among members to reduce their annual contributions in manpower and money. The United States has cut its forces in Europe and the trend will surely continue. Meanwhile, Soviet power in the Mediterranean spreads.

The mere fact that NATO's last ministerial meeting was held in Iceland—which contributes no armed forces—is unintentionally significant. As the cold war recedes and the chances of ending the hot war improve in Vietnam, the military pressures that originally brought NATO together no longer have the force to keep it cemented.

Some time ago I wrote Lester Pearson, until recently Canada's Prime Minister, asking

whether he thought he had decided wisely when he resolved to enter Canadian politics instead of becoming NATO's first Secretary General when the job was his for the asking. He replied:

"As Prime Minister I was able to help keep our policy on the right lines, so far as NATO was concerned—and at a time when interest in and support for NATO is diminishing as the fear of 'cold war' aggression from the East diminishes—rightly or wrongly. Moreover, I don't think I could have done more to make NATO into the organization it should become—but hasn't—than my successors have been able to do.

"The reception by most of the member Governments to our 'three wise men' report made it clear that the U.S.A., the U.K., to say nothing of France, were not going to allow NATO to become a supranational piece of political machinery . . .

"What I would do, if I were a free man—as I am now, but too old—and were offered the job, would be to lay down conditions that would make it worth while in terms of objectives for NATO. If they were met, I would accept. If they were not, I would stay home."

Pearson is indeed unfortu-

nately too old, even though his ideas remain valid. He wanted a supranational alliance with strong emphasis on social and economic affairs, but the chances of this concept are now dimmer than ever.

It is time for a NATO new look under younger leadership. General Norstad, a former commander, has wisely suggested an American might replace Brosio if a non-American succeeded Lemnitzer (although in that case he must have a U.S. deputy to handle the alliance's nuclear defenses in accordance with U.S. law).

In the Top Spot

The only European nation that could provide a commander at this time is Britain, since France is obviously out—as only a semi-partner—and nobody, including Bonn, yet wants a German. But if another European succeeds Brosio, Germany's Foreign Minister Willy Brandt might be an excellent choice.

One may hope these problems are being discreetly reviewed by the various allies. The problem of replacements cannot be indefinitely staved off. Right now NATO's only new look is that of desuetude. It is time to ponder whether the alliance doesn't merit a more dynamic appearance.

JOSEPH T. THORSON, P.C., Q.C.

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August 12, 1968

The Honourable Bjarni Benediktsson,
Prime Minister of Iceland,
Reykjavik, Iceland.

Dear Prime Minister,

I take the liberty of writing to you to tell you that my daughter, Mrs. E.T. Lahey, (Nee Margaret Ellen Thorson), and her husband intend to spend a few days in Iceland during this month. They expect to reach Reykjavik at 9:35 p.m. on August 22, 1968. They expect to be staying at the Hotel Saga.

My daughter has the honour of being the Honorary Consul for Iceland at Ottawa.

My daughter and her husband would like to call on you during their stay in Reykjavik and I would greatly appreciate it if you would be kind enough to give them an appointment.

I gratefully remember your kind remarks when I spoke to the Lawyers' Club at Reykjavik in 1958 and I recall with pleasure the opportunity that I had of meeting you again at Gimli and Winnipeg.

My daughter and her husband are looking forward with pleasure to meeting you.

My very best wishes to you and yours.

Yours sincerely,

J. C. Johnson

JTT/tstg

P.S.

I wish that I could have written this letter in Icelandic but my Icelandic is not good enough for that.

J. C. J.



DÉLÉGATION PERMANENTE DU ROYAUME DES PAYS-BAS AUPRÈS DU CONSEIL DE L'ATLANTIQUE NORD

L'AMBASSADEUR

Brussels, 1st. July 1968.-

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

After returning to our normal base in Brussels I would like to express the gratitude of those of my compatriots, who were fortunate enough to be included in the Netherlands Delegation to the Spring Ministerial Meeting, for the unique hospitality which the Icelandic Government have extended to all of us. The reprint of an old map of your country and the beautiful book on the oldest Icelandic Chronicle will be lasting souvenirs of our visit.

Both your opening address and your improvised speech at the dinner have created an atmosphere of cordiality, friendliness and real democracy, which I have not witnessed at the previous six Spring Meetings of NATO, which I have had the privilege to attend.

It was an inspiring thought for all of us that one of the original signers of the Treaty in 1949 was able to be our host in his capital on the eve of our twentieth anniversary. May all NATO countries on that imminent fatal date, when they are at liberty to leave the NATO organization, remember the example which Iceland has given, when it voluntarily decided to join NATO with nations big and small, who are striving to maintain intact the common Western civilization among the founding fathers of which were your forebears.

Dr. H.N. Boon,
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative
of the Netherlands to the
North Atlantic Council.-

His Excellency
Mr. Benedikt Benediktsson,
Prime Minister of Iceland,
REYKJAVIK.-



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COPENHAGEN · DENMARK

16 august
1968

Þære Bjarni,

Som tú net es jeg frekk og
skamlös.

I Köbenhavn lærer jeg at
Nordens Hus i Reykjavík skal
högtidelig åpnes snart. Den
nøyaktige dato vet jeg ikke.

Så til saka: Dersom det skulle
være så mange avbud blant
gjestene at det var en liten



Bombay April 68
How very nice to get
your sextiger cable -
I have started many
letters to you but now
I will really mail one.
We are still enjoying
our travelling life -
Later in the year we are
due to go to East Africa
Many thanks and
our affectionate greetings
to you both.
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*A curious bit of personal history -
This hotel where we stayed on CABLE
our way here from Bhubaneswar
used to be the Maharajah's
palace and Anne spent
several days there as a
guest (non-paying) when
she visited India
over 30 years ago!*

JAIPUR - INDIA
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May 27, 1968

Dear Bjarni:

I suppose I have started a half dozen letters to you over the past year but none of them have gotten out of the typewriter. Now your very good letter from Mont Tremblant has pushed me to take-off time. I am so glad that you are still in the Bilderberg world - I have always found that no matter how hard I try not to be obsessed by my problems of the moment, I always have a much better perspective on things if I have a chance to get off somewhere else and exchange views with stimulating people - and it helps if good food and drink go along with it!

We have been very lucky with the posts we have been given to inspect and we still find the life full of interest and enjoyment. Our only regret is that we won't be able to inspect Reykjavik this summer (they have a policy, and I suppose its a good one, of not sending a man back to inspect a post he has served at within the past three or four years). Here in India it is an enormous Embassy and I have a second two-man team to help me. The head of this second team, Dick Finn, is due to inspect Reykjavik. If you meet him you'll find him a bright and interesting fellow - his wife is also bright but Anne ^{finds her} a little trying as a travelling companion! I will be on my way home shortly and then, as Anne has already written, we do East Africa. By the end of the year I think we will have had enough, although they may talk me into doing a short trip early next year in order to fill out the two years the job is supposed to last. We have been promoting officers too fast in recent years and now have a whole lot of bright young men standing in line for Embassies, so the prospects for a 60 year old are not bright. I regret this a little because, as a colleague of mine said, "Ambassadorships are like eating peanuts, you always want one more." On the other hand, we are anxious to get going on building our retirement house on Puget Sound and I'm not entranced with the thought of a Washington job, so its likely we'll retire sometime next year.

The catalogue of your troubles is horrendous and you certainly must have been doing a marvelous job to keep the ship afloat and the Government in power through it all. I do hope that the pendulum of fate soon starts to swing back

MEMBER OF - ASTA, PATA, IHA & FHRAI.

Rambagh Palace

JAIPUR - INDIA

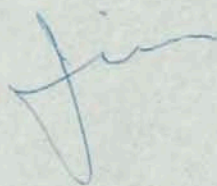
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and gives you a little good fortune to compensate for the recent blows. Although good times don't eliminate political problems its always easier to be able to give something away than to take something away.

Its nice of you to repeat that you miss me - believe me, I certainly miss you and Iceland. I haven't heard much about the Embassy except that my successor is well thought of. whatever may be the advantages and disadvantages of political Ambassadors I think that there should always be some - there has been none in Iceland since McVeagh so I suppose its a good thing to have one for a change. One piece of news you didn't say anything about is the Presidential campaign. When I get back to Washington I'll check in to the Scandanavian section to see whether Gunnar is front-runner.

The world seems to be getting more and more undisciplined (which makes the job you apparently have done over the past year even more remarkable) with students all over the world raising hell. I must say it gives me a little smile to see that great paternal figure DeGaulle getting it worse than anybody else! You remember that I used to express to you very privately my doubts about what we were doing in Vietnam and you, equally privately, told me I should do a better job of selling my Government's policy! My doubts were never about our aims but about the way we were going about it, and of course they're much greater now. I still think its possible to make an effort and accept world responsibilities without trying to accept the responsibility of living other people's lives for them. God willing, either the Paris talks will miraculously come to something or we will radically change our tactics. There was a good article on this in the April Foreign Affairs by Sir Robert Thompson.

Well, this is a very long letter for me so I'd better stop - but it brings you and Sigridur all affectionate greetings,





JESSE JAMES
TREASURER

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
STATE OF TEXAS
AUSTIN
78711

May 8, 1968

Mr. Val Bjornson
State Treasurer
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Val:

Please pardon the delay in replying to your letter of April 15.
The delay was caused by my absence from the city.

In reference to the people in Houston, that is a pretty large
place having about one and one-half million people in the area
and I do not know them all personally....only about 250,000
could I claim to be personally acquainted with!

We have, however, found two names with addresses and telephone
numbers which we list below that might be of interest to you.
I do not recall having met either of these two gentlemen but
since one is a doctor and one is a lawyer, it is quite possible
that these people are your kinfolks.

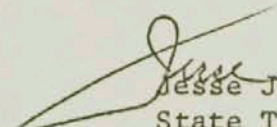
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Zana joins me in extending very best wishes to you and Mrs. Bjornson.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,


Jesse James
State Treasurer

JJ:msc

New Delhi.

May 18th, 1968

Dear Sigridur.

It was so nice getting that good long letter from Bjarni the other day and getting news of our beloved Iceland. We were very sorry to hear however, that you had had to have an operation on your legs. I do hope all is well now and that you are your usual vigorous self. Having anything wrong with ones under pinnings is very hard to take.

We were appalled to learn that our Christmas letters to Iceland had all arrived in March. Really, Leif Eriksson would have done a much better job than our post office. You must have thought us all very rude to have forgotten our friends so quickly. Lets hope they work better next year.

This year's tour is proving just as fascinating as the one we did at first, which is saying something. We set forth the first of February and stopped off to see Kedzie in Berkeley where we admired her hippie whiskery friends. I have never seen such an odd bunch but I was pleased to note that her best beau was a well shaved and barbered young man. He is deep in dramatic art and was in a modern version of Orestes, with the chorus in mini skirts and Pyliades coming in in a motor byke. Never a dull moment with the young. Hongkong was our first stop and we loved it for we had a delightful apartment, lent us by the Consulate, with a gorgeous view over the harbor and complete with a beguiling little Chinese servant, who did everything from the heavy laundry, to cooking, to mending my clothes and all for fifty dollars a month. Would that I could have tucked her under my arm and brought her back to America with me. Hongkong itself was fascinating, probably the last outpost of unrestricted laissez faire capitalism in the world. It is booming along happily, with the Commies, who own many of the banks and big stores, making loads of money in a strictly capitalistic manner. They say the night mare of any Communist leader is that he will be sent back to the mainland. Though the English handled the riots of last summer very well, the psychological effect was bad and many a rich Chinese bundled up his millions and quietly stole away.

We then went on to Ceylon, a delightful country, deteriorating slowly under its slow moving fans. The people are charming, lazy and very hospitable, the countryside superb and the beaches dreams of south sea loveliness. The economic problems are great and government is trying hard to improve matters, putting on stiff import and foreign exchange controls, for which courageous action they will undoubtedly lose the next election. We visited tea
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plantations, schnorkel swam over coral beds and had a fine time.

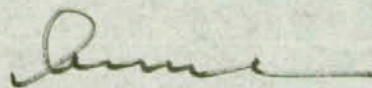
Our next stop was India and I must confess I find this country hard to take, The poverty is so awful, the heat and dust so disturbing, the starving cows wandering all over the place which no one will kill because its against their religion, all of this gets one down. However one must say, despite very bad political in-fighting, corruption and inefficiency, the government is trying and they have made great strides in the past twenty years. I was here on a visit thirty years ago and find it much improved in many ways. The trouble is, there are just too darned many of them, over 500 million and though they are working away like mad on family planning, its goin g to take a long time. There are all kinds of funny stories on this subject, such as the man who wanted to be sterilised three times for he had heard he could get a transistor radio for each sterilisation. Actually this transistor radio idea didn't get very far, it cost too much and gave radios a bad name!

We will be here until the end of the month then Jim goes back to Washington for some consultation and then some leave but I till keep on traveling for I find if I do a round the world trip, rather than go back to the States and out again to East Africa, our next port of call, I can save loads of money. As the government does not pay for me, that is quite a consideration. I shall stop off in Teheran, Istanbul and Beirut and meet Jim in Uganda in July. We then do Uganda, Raundi, Barundi, Malagsy, Kenya and Ethiopia, ending up in Nausseaux, of all places. That will be the end of this job and I think after that, we will settle down in our little place in Puget Sound and never move again.

As you see, Bjarni's letter arrived nice and quickly so don't be discouraged by the Christmas record and do let us hear more from you.

all the best to our friends and much love to you both from us both,

Affectionately,





REYKJAVÍK
ICELAND

June 24th 1968

With our warmest thanks to you, and all the ladies of Iceland for your wonderful hospitality, which has made our stay here an unforgettable experience -

Madame Manlio Brosio -

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HØRSHOLM ROTARY KLUB

INTERCITY-MØDE PÅ HOTEL MARINA I VEDBÆK
TORSDAG DEN 15. FEBRUAR 1968



Program:

- 18.30 Modetid.
- ca. 18.55 Præsidenten, arkitekt Leif Hartmann, byder velkommen.
- ca. 18.57 Idé- og foredragsudvalgets formand, købmand Bent Jensen, introducerer Islands statsminister, H.E. Dr. Bjarni Benediktsson, Reykjavik.
- ca. 19.00 Foredrag af Islands statsminister, Dr. Bjarni Benediktsson, under titlen »ISLANDS STILLING FØR OG NU«. Foredraget indledes med lidt historie. Landets klima, naturforhold og erhvervsgrøene beskrives. Den islandske levestandard. Isolationen og dens betydning. Landets militære betydning, den 2. verdenskrig og den ændrede vurdering af landets militære neutralitet. Nato, forsvarstroppernes tilstedeværelse, det nuværende regeringssamarbejde og de politiske partier omtales. Der redegøres for udenrigshandelen og Islands forhold til de europæiske markedssammenslutninger. Foredraget slutter med omtale af Islands deltagelse i FN og det nordiske samarbejde.
- ca. 19.50 serveres på 1. sal en drink »ASNA« (Æseløre).
- ca. 20.10 serveres en ægte islandsk middag, Kjötsúpa med lammekød fra Island og derefter islandsk Skýr med fløde. Derefter kaffe.
- Drikkevarer: 1 Islandsk »exportøl« »Polar Beer«
1 Islandsk brændevin »Den sorte død«.
- ca. 22.30 slutter det officielle Rotary-møde.

Ved kaffen foretages lodtrækningen om en flyverejse for to personer til Reykjavik med ICELANDAIR af den herværende islandske ambassadør, hs. excellence Gunnar Thoroddsen's frue. Direktør V. Gudmundsson, ICELANDAIR, overrækker gevinsten.

Efter mødet står det vore gæster frit for at forblive i selskabslokalerne eller i restauranten, ligesom gæsterne hos tjenerne frit kan bestille yderligere drikkevarer. Dette er dog ikke inkluderet i prisen.

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H.E. Ambassadør Gunnar Thoroddsen
Fru ambassadør Thoroddsen
Direktør V. Gudmundsson
Fru direktør Gudmundsson

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Politiken

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