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Per Lind (Sec. Gen's secretary)

— to Mr. Luud (Swedish Consulate)
Minneapolis

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Dear Mr. Lund,

As you certainly know, Mr. Hellstrom and I have discussed the forthcoming visit of the Secretary-General, Mr. Hammarskjold, to Minneapolis with a view to trying to find some appropriate form for Mr. Hammarskjold to meet a representative group of Swedish-Americans. Although the travel plans have not been definitely fixed, I would like to give you some general indication of the schedule as it now stands.

We are working on a plan according to which Mr. Hammarskjold will be likely to arrive in Minneapolis by air from Los Angeles or San Francisco either late at night Sunday, May 16th, or in the forenoon or very early afternoon Monday, May 17th. The plane service that we tentatively have in mind is an American Airlines flight leaving Los Angeles at 12.10 p.m. Sunday, arriving in Minneapolis at 9.20 p.m. It would by the way be most helpful if you could find out and let me know whether there is any other flight from Los Angeles arriving Sunday night in Minneapolis either by direct route or via Chicago or some other city.

The Star and Tribune banquet begins at 6 p.m. Monday. We have to bear in mind that this occasion is the main purpose of Mr. Hammarskjold's visit to Minneapolis this time. As you certainly know, the sponsors have made arrangements to invite as many prominent Swedish-Americans as possible to the event. I understood from Mr. Hellstrom that you were considering the possibility of a visit by Mr. Hammarskjold to the Swedish Institute. This seems to me to be a very good idea and I think that we should make our plans on this basis provided, of course, that this from your point of view still is considered to be the best solution. The visit at the Institute could take place at lunch time or in the early afternoon, depending on the time of arrival. For reasons that I have already

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indicated it is important that any meeting, whether at the Institute or elsewhere, will have an entirely informal character, that is to say not the form of a reception in the usual sense involving formal speeches, etc.

I should appreciate if you would be good enough to inform me at your early convenience how you generally look upon this matter so that we on the basis of tentative suggestions from your side could together work out some suitable arrangements. I have been asked by Mr. Hammarskjold to assist in making the necessary preparations for his Minneapolis visit and am planning for this purpose to go from here to meet him there. I will advise you later of the time that I can be in Minneapolis.

Sincerely yours,

Per Lind