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Per Lind (1916 -), U.N. secretary

— to Eric C. Bellquist (Dept. of Political
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Dear Eric,

Thank you for your letter in regard to the plans for the meeting of the local chapter of the American Scandinavian Foundation to be held during the time of the United Nations Tenth Anniversary

observance at San Francisco. From the enclosed press release, you will get some general information as to our plans for the anniversary meetings.

I must confess that it is not very easy to give you any advice as to speakers for your affair. First of all, your assumption that Mr. Hammarskjold will be too busy to accept an invitation is, unfortunately, all-too-correct. He has made one speaking engagement outside the anniversary meeting, namely at Stamford for the Commencement on 19 June, the day preceding the opening of the anniversary meeting. I am sure that Berkeley will not feel hurt by this since he was with you last year. Besides, I feel that the two subjects on your programme ought to be dealt with by official representatives or other qualified persons from one of the Scandinavian countries but not by international officials regardless of their Scandinavian nationality. I have tried to think of persons that I would like to

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suggest that you approach. As regards the representation of the Scandinavian States at the United Nations anniversary meeting, I, so far, only know that Mr. Uden will represent Sweden and that he will be accompanied to San Francisco by Mr. Thorsing, who is Sweden's Permanent Representative to the United Nations. I am informed that it is unlikely that Mr. Lange of Norway will be able to come and, unfortunately, it seems that the Norwegian Permanent Representative, Mr. Hans Engen, who would have been an excellent choice for either of the two speeches, will be prevented from coming. From Denmark, I think that the foreign minister, Mr. H. C. Hansen, might come. As soon as we have received answers from the Scandinavian countries as to their representation, I will let you know.

I guess this is all I am able to report at the present time. Please don't hesitate to ask me any further questions in which I might be of assistance to you.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Per Lind