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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREA'S EMBASSY IN OSLO

I met with North Korean Ambassador Keuk [Hyeon Jun-geuk (Hyon Jun Guk)] at noon today and informed him of the Norwegian governments reply to yesterday's inquiry in accordance with 10027 U.

Ambassador Keuk expressed his regrets that the appeal to reverse the decision to expel had not been heeded. He was nonetheless grateful that the visas had been granted, and he would immediately notify Pyongyang. He blamed 'individuals at the embassy in Oslo' for the scandal, and expressed hopes that it would not negatively affect the relationship between our two countries. "The matter is now settled and over."

I submitted a pro memoria expressing my views.

[Torleiv] Anda