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- D - Draft Response
- F - Furnish Fact Sheet to be used as Enclosure

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

84 SEP 8 6:19
S/S 8423787

Date September 8, 1984
WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Count Bertil David Niemi

Date: none Subject: For translation

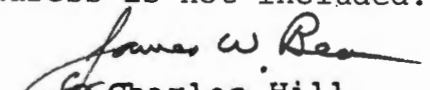
WH Referral Dated: 8/28/84 NSC ID# 253112
(if any)

 The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State.

Action Taken:

- A draft reply is attached.
- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- x We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.
- The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.
- Other.

Remarks: The attached letter was sent to the Department for translation
and reply. However, the writer appears to be a patient at
a mental hospital. A return address is not included.


Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES

LS No. 113790

WD

TRANSLATOR'S SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION

Language: Swedish
Date of Communication: not given
Addressed to: The President
Name and address of writer: Count Bertil David Niemi
no address

Substance of writer's statement:

This letter was apparently written in a hospital in Vaasa, Finland. "They" have tormented the writer since he was a child and they give him something to keep him groggy. His parents in Jakobstad may have been secret police. He is only one-quarter Jewish. He sends the President 10 Marks and closes with "many greetings from Jungle in the Woods," adding that he does not expect to go to the U.S.

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8423787

REFERRAL

AUGUST 28, 1984

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ATTN: TRANSLATION

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 253112

MEDIA: LETTER

TO:

FROM:

XX XXX

SUBJECT: FOR TRANSLATION

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

*Received in 5/5-1
8/28 at 12:11 pm (AK)*

USA President 8423787

Ronald Reagan

253112

Skriver några koder från
Finland. De har pinat mej ända
sen jag var barn. De har lagat mej
så dimmi så att jag ej har kanat
Tänkar riktigt klart från nu
jag vet ej vad de har ansett
får de har lagat mej dimmi
med osövd mek mej med. Men
nu är jag nog klar. Jag bor
på ett sjukhus här i USA
De sålde gården som jag bodde
i Jakobstad då fälldes
däg bant. Jag tror att de var
hemliga poliser o läkare sam
daga mej dimmi då i jak-
obstad. Jag tror att jag är
barn kvart jud. Jag har
ett vr i handen som nå
läkare har skedd in i blande.
Jag nastade kunka i 25 år
tid ända sen jag var 15 år
jag är 40 år nu.

en har jag fått knulla
Men ej någon som jag
~~har~~ älskade. Sånde de
Tio mark när du ga paiken
när i Tu. puppa Tiget
av mej också peng när
fyllede. Men han lever ej
här mera här

Många Hälsningar
av greve Bertel David Niemi
Bertil David Niemi

många Hälsningar
från Djungel i
Mr skogarna.

Jag tror nog ~~att~~ att
jag ej kom till
Amerika nå.

PPH

VIA LDX

C.F. 9535

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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December 13, 1985

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MEMORANDUM FOR NICHOLAS PLATT
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Agrément of Paavo Rantanen of Finland as
Ambassador to the United States

The President has reviewed and concurs in the recommendation of the Department of State that the appointment of Paavo Rantanen of Finland as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Finland to the United States would be agreeable to the Government of the United States. You are requested to so inform the Finnish Government.

William Martin

William F. Martin
Executive Secretary

NSC#8509535

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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ACTION

November 29, 1985

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

SIGNED

FROM: TYRUS W. COBB *PRS for*

SUBJECT: Appointment of Paavo Rantanen of Finland as
Ambassador to the United States

I have reviewed and concur with State's memorandum of November 27, 1985 (Tab II) recommending that, based on the information available, the President agree to the appointment of Paavo Rantanen of Finland as Ambassador to the United States.

At Tab I is a memorandum from Bill Martin to Nicholas Platt, indicating that the appointment of Paavo Rantanen as Finnish Ambassador is acceptable to the United States.

Recommendation

That you authorize Bill Martin to forward the memorandum at Tab I to the Department of State.

Approve Disapprove

Attachments

Tab I Martin to Platt memorandum
Tab II Incoming memorandum from State

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ attachments

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 27, 1985



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
 THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Appointment of Paavo Rantanen of Finland as Ambassador
 to the United States

The Government of Finland has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of Mr. Paavo Rantanen as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Finland to the United States (Tab 2). A biography of Mr. Rantanen is attached (Tab 1).

The Department believes from the information available that Mr. Rantanen will make an excellent Ambassador to the United States and recommends that the President agree to the proposed appointment. If he concurs, the Department will inform the Government of Finland.

Nicholas Platt
 by Nicholas Platt
 Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Biography.
2. Embassy of Finland letter of November 18, 1985.

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EMBASSY OF FINLAND
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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November 18, 1985

Your Excellency,

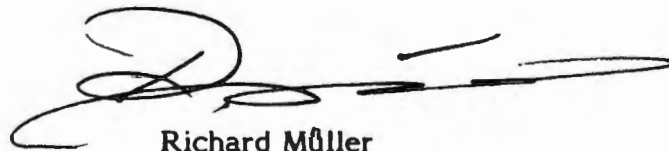
I have the honour to inform you that I am leaving Washington on December 31, 1985, having terminated my mission in the United States.

On my departure, Mr. Pertti Kaukonen, Minister Counselor of this Embassy, will act as Chargé d'Affaires ad interim, pending the arrival of my successor.

May I express my sincere thanks to you for the friendly and cooperative attitude which you have shown to me and to this Embassy during my term of office. I know that I can count on your being equally helpful to my successor.

If it is agreeable to the Government of the United States, the Government of the Republic of Finland desire to appoint Mr. Paavo Rantanen as my successor. Enclosed, please, find Mr. Rantanen's biographic sketch.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.



Richard Müller
Ambassador of Finland

His Excellency
George P. Shultz
The Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.

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TO MCFARLANE

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SUBJECT: APPT OF RANTANEN AS AMB TO US

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: COLIN POWELL
FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FJR*
SUBJECT: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

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MEETING: Meeting with Harri Holkeri, Prime Minister of Finland

DATE: May 2, 1988

TIME: 10:00 am

DURATION: 30 minutes

LOCATION: Oval Office

BACKUP LOCATION:

REMARKS REQUIRED: To be covered in briefing paper

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY
PARTICIPATION: No

NOTE: PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST

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May 2nd

10:00

(30 min)

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White House Guidelines, Sept. 11, 2008
BY NARA *ab*, DATE *3/12/10*

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January 12, 1988

SCHEDULING
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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., Director, Presidential
Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS *pm*

REQUEST: Unofficial visit by Harri Holkeri, Prime
Minister of Finland

PURPOSE: To underscore the importance of our relationship
with Finland, a key Nordic country, and
to lend support to Holkeri who is the first
Finnish Prime Minister from the Conservative
Party in several decades.

BACKGROUND: Holkeri will be in the United States to open
a Finnish exhibit in Philadelphia related to
the Congressional designation of 1988 as the
"Year of Friendship with Finland."

PREVIOUS PARTICIPAION: The President has not previously met Holkeri,
who became Prime Minister in April 1987.

DATE AND TIME: May 2 or 3, morning or afternoon
DURATION: 30 minutes.

LOCATION: Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS: The President, the Vice President, Secretary
Shultz, Senator Baker, Kenneth Duberstein,
Colin L. Powell, Rudolf Perina, Prime Minister
Harri Holkeri, Finnish Ambassador Paavo
Rantanen, and two aides.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Photo opportunity followed by discussion.

REMARKS REQUIRED: NSC will provide.

MEDIA COVERAGE: Full U.S. and Finnish press coverage.

RECOMMENDED BY: Department of State and NSC

OPPOSED BY: None

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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ACTION

January 11, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS

FROM: RUDOLF V. PERINA *RP*

SUBJECT: Visit of Finnish Prime Minister Holkeri

The Finns have requested a meeting with the President for Prime Minister Harri Holkeri, who will visit the United States in connection with events related to the Congressional designation of 1988 as the "Year of Friendship with Finland." The President has not previously met Holkeri, and the State Department strongly supports the Finnish request (Tab II).

Holkeri will be in Washington on May 2 and 3, and we believe a thirty-minute meeting with the President would underscore the importance of our relationship with this key Nordic country and lend support to Holkeri, who is the first Finnish Prime Minister from the Conservative Party in several decades.

Fritz *F* Ermarth, Nelson *N* Ledsky, and Marybel *M.B.* Batjer concur.

Recommendation:

That you sign the schedule proposal to Fred Ryan at Tab I

APPROVE

PM

DISAPPROVE

Attachments

Tab I Schedule Proposal

Tab II Incoming memorandum from State Dept

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White House, Washington, Sept. 11, 2000
BY NARA *dh*, DATE 4/1/2012

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 23, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR COLIN L. POWELL
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Visit of Prime Minister Holkeri of Finland

The Department of State strongly supports the request of Finnish Ambassador Rantanen that the President agree to a short meeting with Harri Holkeri, Prime Minister of Finland, on either May 2 or May 3, 1988.

A warm friend of the United States, Holkeri is the first Prime Minister from Finland's Conservative Party in several decades. He is his party's presidential candidate for the January, 1988 election and is expected to finish a rather distant second to the incumbent President Koivisto.

Next year has been designated by Congress and the President as the "Year of Friendship with Finland" in recognition of Finnish participation in the founding 350 years ago of the "New Sweden" colony in Delaware. The year will be marked by visits by senior officials and an extensive program of cultural and educational activities designed to highlight the social and cultural ties between the two countries, as well as our shared democratic values.

A meeting between the President and Prime Minister would be the highlight of these activities and would balance a proposed unofficial visit with the President by the King and Queen of Sweden in April to commemorate the Swedish dimension of the 350th anniversary celebrations.

1988 is also the fortieth anniversary of the Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance between Finland and the Soviet Union. The Finnish-Soviet commemorative activities are likely to include a Gorbachev visit to Finland. A Presidential meeting with Holkeri would help to offset the likely propaganda gains from the Gorbachev visit.

Given Finland's important strategic position, and Gorbachev's efforts to woo the Finns with his Murmansk proposals, we believe it is important that the President agree to receive Holkeri.

Melvyn Levitsky

Melvyn Levitsky
Executive Secretary

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Dept. of State Policy, July 21, 1997
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Attachment: Bio Information on Prime Minister Holkeri

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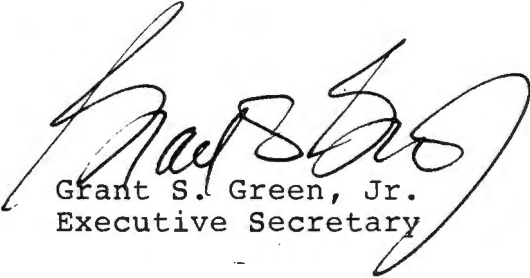
November 19, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MELVYN LEVITSKY
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Visit of Prime Minister Holkeri, Finland

The Finnish Ambassador in Washington, Paavo Rantanen, dropped off with Fred Ryan of the White House a brief memorandum, which requested that the President agree to meet with Mr. Harri Holkeri, the Prime Minister of Finland, during his visit to Washington on May 2 and 3, 1988.

Please give us your recommendation as to whether we should seek to arrange a short meeting with the President on one of these two days.



Grant S. Green, Jr.
Executive Secretary

Attachments

Tab A Embassy Speaking Points
Tab A Holkeri Bio

November 18, 1987

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MEMORANDUM FOR GRANT S. GREEN, JR.

FROM:

NELSON C. LEDSKY *NCL*

SUBJECT:

Visit of Prime Minister Holkeri, Finland

Before taking action on the Finnish Ambassador's request to Fred Ryan, we need to get the State Department's view on the utility and advisability of a meeting between the President and the Finnish Prime Minister.

M.B. Maybe *B.* concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you send the attached memorandum at Tab I to Levitsky, asking for State Department views.

Approve *S*

Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I Green to Levitsky Memo
 Tab A Embassy Speaking Points
 Tab B Holkeri Bio
Tab II Ryan Memo to Powell

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 3, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR COLIN POWELL

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FJR*

SUBJECT: Proposed Visit of Prime Minister of Finland

Ambassador Rantanen of Finland gave me the attached memo requesting a Presidential meeting with the Finnish Prime Minister in May, 1988.

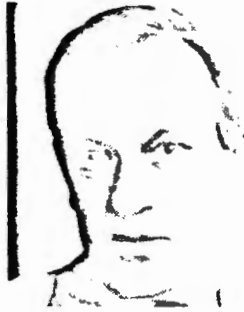
I was noncommittal and informed him that I would pass it on to your people.

30 October 1987

Speaking Points

- The year 1988 marks the 350th Anniversary of the first arrival of Finns in North America. Together with Swedish pioneers, they settled along the Delaware River and established the New Sweden colony. This community was among the earliest founders of the American nation.
- The Delaware colony also began a profound relationship that later became modern-day Finland and the United States of America. This relationship - in all its many cultural, ethnic and economic dimensions will be the focus of a full year of commemorative events both in the U.S. and Finland
- A joint resolution of the Congress of the United States has designated 1988 as the "National Year of Friendship with Finland". President Reagan has issued, on September 17, 1987, a special Proclamation where he pays generous tribute to the tough virtues Finns have contributed to the American national character. He calls upon all Americans to observe the year with appropriate ceremonies and activities.
- Dr. Mauno Koivisto, the President of Finland, has nominated a special Honorary Committee whose purpose is to give authority and guidance to the 1988 celebrations. The Chairman is the Speaker of the Finnish Parliament, and the members are drawn from the highest ranks of the Finnish Government, Industry, Academia and the Church.
- Throughout the year, there will be many celebrations and events in both countries, ranging from exhibitions, lectures, symposia and conferences to performing arts and a variety of other projects like the common stamp issued jointly by the United States, Sweden and Finland.
- Many dignitaries from Finland will visit the U.S. during the Year of Friendship.

- The overall purpose of the Year is to emphasize the tradition of excellent relations between the two nations. Despite the smallness of the Finnish population and notwithstanding the country's distance from American shores, Finland is a modern, industrial Scandinavian democracy which has a multifaceted importance to the United States out of proportion to its size.
- In order to take part in these celebrations, the Prime Minister of Finland, Mr. Harri Holkeri, will arrive in the U.S. in May 1988. It is planned that he will officially open the biggest Finnish exhibition during 1988, called "Sea Finland", in Philadelphia on May 6, 1988.
- In view of the above, the Finnish Government would very much appreciate it if the Prime Minister, while in the United States, would have the opportunity to meet with President Reagan.
- It is envisaged that Mr. Holkeri will arrive in Washington, D.C. on May 1st, 1988, and will stay here the following two days, Monday the 2nd and Tuesday the 3rd of May.
- The Department of State has been informed about this and other planned visits during 1988.
- The curriculum of Mr. Harri Holkeri is enclosed.



**Prime Minister
HOLKERI,
Harri Hermann**

- Member of the Board of Management of the Bank of Finland, Master of Political Science
- National Coalition Party (conservative)
- B. 6 Jan. 1937 at Oripää; married to Marja-Liisa Lepistö, B.A., since 1960
- Secretary of the National Coalition Party Youth League 1959-60; Information Secretary 1960-62
- Information Secretary of the National Coalition Party 1962-64, Research Secretary 1964-65, Party Secretary 1965-71, Chairman 1971-79
- Member of the Board of Management of the Bank of Finland since 1978
- Member of the Helsinki City Council since 1969, Chairman since 1981
- Member of Parliament 1970-78

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MEMORANDUM FOR GRANT S. GREEN, JR.

FROM: NELSON C. LEDSKY *NCL*

SUBJECT: Proclamation: National Year of Friendship with Finland

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum for Anne Higgins noting NSC review and concurrence with the attached proclamation designating 1988 as National Year of Friendship with Finland.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I.

Approve *WTC*

Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I Green/Higgins Memo
Tab A Proclamation

Prepared by:
Mary M. Wengrzynek

NSC # 8706488

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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September 11, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR ANNE HIGGINS

FROM: GRANT S. GREEN, JR. *WJK*

SUBJECT: Proclamation: National Year of Friendship
with Finland

The National Security Council has reviewed and concurs with the attached draft proclamation which -- in accordance with House Joint Resolution 645 approved on November 6, 1986 -- designates 1988 as National Year of Friendship with Finland.

Attachment

Tab A Proclamation

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Document No. 512-741

September 3, 1987



MEMORANDUM FOR:

- A. B. CULVAHOUSE
- NANCY RISQUE
- WILL BALL
- GARY BAUER
- FRANK DONATELLI
- AGNES WALDRON
- REBECCA RANGE
- FRED RYAN (FYI)
- ✓ GRANT S. GREEN, JR., NSC

FROM:

- (for) Dan Engler
- ANNE HIGGINS
- 94 OEOB

SUBJECT:

(DRAFT PROCLAMATION)
National Year of Friendship
with Finland, 1988

Attached for your review is the above mentioned proclamation designating 1988 as "National Year of Friendship with Finland, 1988."

It was submitted by the Department of State and edited/revised by this office.

(IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED.) Written response required by no later than C.O.B. Friday, September 11, 1987. For routine clearance, call Amy Miller, extension 7610. For questions or discussion, call Dan Engler, extension 7610.

Thank you.

cc: Ron Geisler



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

AUG 14 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

James M. Frey *JM Frey*
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

SUBJECT:

National Year of Friendship with Finland

Attached is a proclamation which, in accordance with House Joint Resolution 645 (P.L. 99-602, approved November 5, 1986), would designate 1988 as "National Year of Friendship with Finland."

The proposed proclamation was submitted by the Department of State and has been edited in this office.

The proposed proclamation has the approval of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Attachment

NATIONAL YEAR OF FRIENDSHIP WITH FINLAND, 1988

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Finnish settlers first arrived in this country in 1638, when Nordics, many of them natives of Finland or Swedes who spoke Finnish, established the colony of New Sweden in present-day Delaware. They introduced European civilization to the Delaware River Valley and began the transformation of a vast wilderness. Theirs were the pioneer spirit and virtues that are the foundation of our national character. The 350th anniversary of their landing is a most fitting time to celebrate the legacy of America's Finnish pioneers and their descendants and to recall that the friendship of the United States and Finland has deep historical roots.

To commemorate the relationship between the peoples of Finland and the United States on the 350th anniversary of New Sweden, the Congress, by Public Law 99-602, has designated 1988 as "National Year of Friendship with Finland," and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in its observance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim 1988 as National Year of Friendship with Finland. I call upon all Americans to observe the year with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
day of _____, in the year of our Lord
nineteen hundred and eighty-seven, and of the Independence of
the United States of America the two hundred and twelfth.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

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A PROCLAMATION

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NATIONAL YEAR OF FRIENDSHIP WITH FINLAND

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Hardy Finnish settlers first arrived in this country in 1638 and established the colony of New Sweden in what is now the State of Delaware. They brought with them the pioneer spirit and stalwart virtues that are the foundation for our national character. They also introduced European civilization to the Delaware River Valley, and helped transform a vast wilderness into this great country of ours. The 350th anniversary of their landing is an occasion to remember that America's friendship with Finland has deep historical roots, and an occasion to celebrate America's pioneer origins.

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