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SUGGESTED TOAST AT DINNER ABOARD THE REX SOLARIS
Hosted by Minister Sigurdsen
Monday evening, June 8, 1987

-- I WANT TO THANK MINISTER SIGURDSEN [SEE-GURD-SEN] FOR

INVITING ME TO JOIN YOU FOR SUCH A LOVELY DINNER. I'VE GENUINELY

ENJOYED THE BEAUTY OF THE SWEDISH COUNTRYSIDE.

-- I'VE ALSO ENJOYED MEETING SO MANY OF YOU WHO ARE INVOLVED IN

THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE HERE IN SWEDEN. MINISTER SIGURDSEN

[SEE-GURD-SEN], I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN PERSONALLY COMMITTED TO THIS

CAMPAIGN FOR MANY YEARS, AND THAT YOU VISITED THE UNITED STATES

LAST SEPTEMBER TO SEE WHAT WE'RE DOING TO FIGHT DRUGS. I WANT

YOU TO KNOW THAT AFTER ONLY A FEW HOURS HERE, I'M VERY IMPRESSED

BY THE INVOLVEMENT OF BOTH THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE

ORGANIZATIONS. I CAN SEE THAT THEY'RE WORKING HAND-IN-HAND AND

ARE TRULY DEDICATED TO FINDING A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM.

-- SWEDEN'S OWN SUCCESS IN REDUCING THE INCIDENCE OF DRUG ABUSE

AMONG THE YOUNG IS IMPRESSIVE, AND SENDS THE MESSAGE THAT IN

SPITE OF DIFFICULT OBSTACLES, WE CAN WIN THIS BATTLE.

-- I APPRECIATE YOUR GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY THIS EVENING, AND IN

KEEPING WITH THE SWEDISH TRADITION, I RAISE MY GLASS AND SAY

"SKOL."

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