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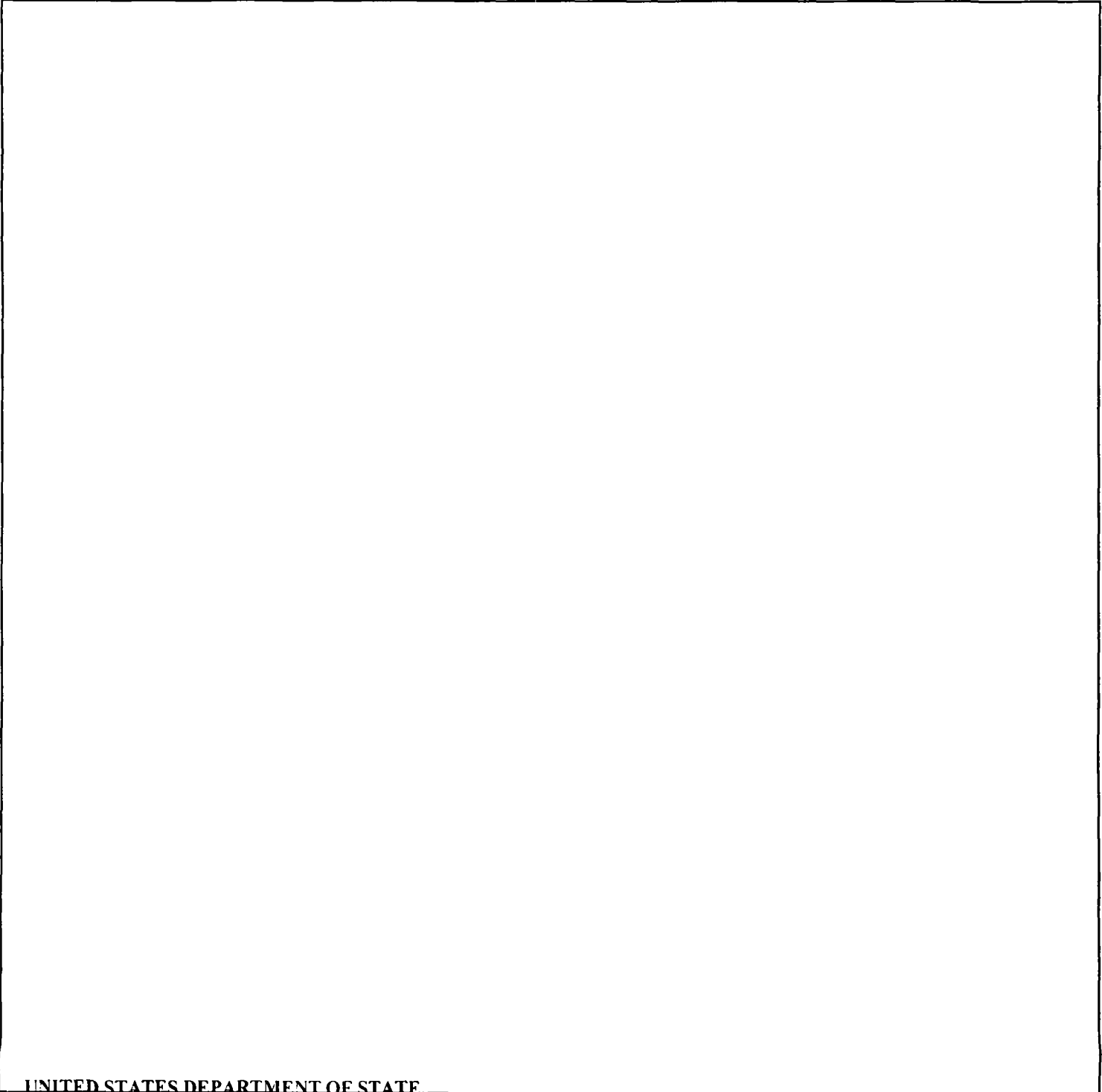
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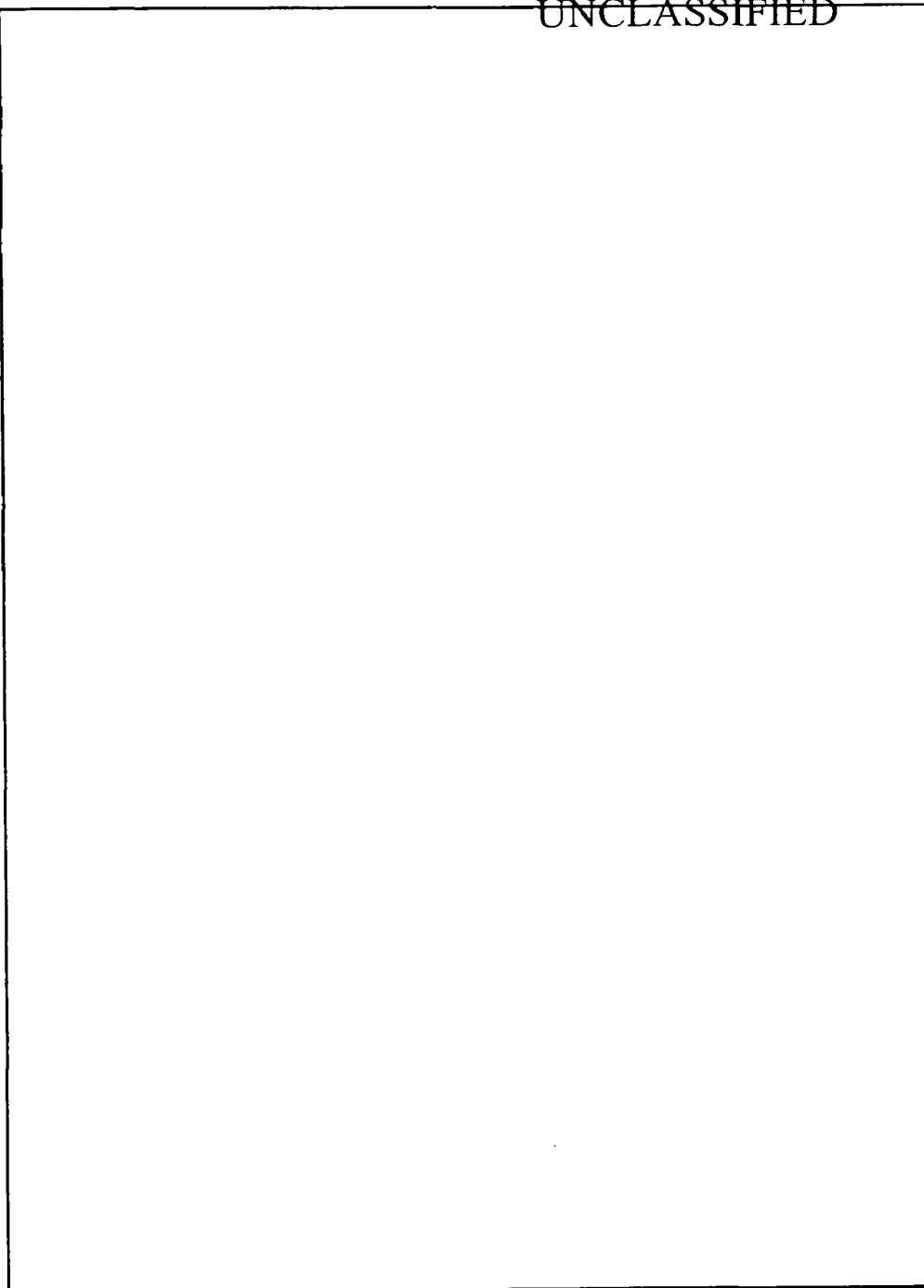
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Thank you, Henry, for passing this along. I will circulate it to others following the issue.

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Bisharat, Henry
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> Swedish DCM phoned me this afternoon to say he will be giving an
interview
> on Swedish TV at 1 am Washington time on the issue of the Swedish
> detainee. The head of the Swedish legal department Anders Kruse and the
> father of the detainee will also be interviewed live on the program. DCM
> indicated that the decision yesterday against detainee trials in the US
> has intensified Swedish media interest in this issue. US is not being
> portrayed positively in these reports. Here is full FBIS translation of
a
> Swedish press report on the Swedish detainee.
> Sweden Makes Renewed Appeals to US on Swedish Taliban
> EUP20020731000218 Stockholm Svenska Dagbladet in Swedish 31 Jul 02 p 9
> [Article by Peter Carlberg: "New Appeals on Swede in Cuba Met with
> Silence"]
> [FBIS Translated Text]
> Sweden has made new appeals to the American foreign policy administration
> about the "Swedish Taliban" who is imprisoned without trial at an
American
> base on Cuba. But Washington does not even want to say whether letters to
> him have been delivered.
> Yesterday at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba it was calm; 33 degrees celsius in
the
> shade. Under the corrugated roofs where the 564 "illegal combatants" are
> being held in cages, it was probably more. The humidity was 81 percent.
> How the 22 year old Swede, who was captured by American forces in
Pakistan
> six months ago, is actually doing is unclear. "We have not even found out
> if the letters from his lawyer and his father at home in Orebro have been
> delivered," said Mattias Sundholm at the Foreign Ministry press office in
> Stockholm.
> Right now it is the height of summer and vacation time. Sweden's Foreign
> Minister Anna Lindh will not return to duty for two weeks and only then,
> at the earliest, can things begin to move again. During July, Ambassador
> Jan Eliasson has taken up the issue of the Swede on two occasions with
the
> State Department in Washington anyway. On 8 July he declared that it was
> unacceptable that there had been no answer on what will happen to the
> Swede. The answer was only that an investigation is ongoing. On 11 July
> Eliasson met with the head of the legal section, Taft, to find out if the
> two letters from the Swede's lawyer and his father in Orebro had arrived.
> But the arrogance on the American side is complete. Two weeks later there

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- > is still no answer to the question.
- > During April Anna Lindh made an appeal to Colin Powell, and in May Defense
- > Minister Bjorn von Sydow took up the issue with Deputy Secretary of Defense Wolfowitz. Everything indicates that the issue will again be taken
- > at the ministerial level when Anna Lindh returns in the middle of August.
- > Sweden's position is that the Swede should either be told what he is
- > accused of or be freed. Today the Swede is not formally accused of
- > anything. At the same time, there is a threat of the death penalty against
- > him. The US does not recognize the "illegal combatants" as prisoners of
- > war according to the Geneva Convention.
- > Criticism of the US' way of handling the Cuban prisoners is increasing
- > both inside and outside the country. Amnesty is criticizing the situation
- > in no uncertain terms and in Los Angeles there is a trial to get American
- > courts recognized as legal forums for prisoners who are not Americans.
- > The fact that the US chose Guantanamo to place the prisoners is because
- it
- > can be considered a lawless country. The American Taliban John Walker has
- > been treated differently and was granted a legal hearing.
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