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FOREIGN MINISTER LINDH

In response to press reports that the U.S. had killed six al-Qaeda suspects in Yemen, Swedish Foreign Minister Anna Lindh, who was quoted in the Washington Post, publicly criticized the U.S. She stated that "even if the U.S. has done this with the consent of the Yemen government it still is a summary execution, which violates human rights. Should the U.S. have done the attack without the permission of Yemen, the matter is even worse. Then it would be an unlawful use of force." U.S. Trade Representative Bob Zoellick, speaking in New York Nov 6, publicly commented on Lindh's statement, saying it rang "with little dissonance to American ears, especially those" in New York.

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