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CORRECTION OF PRESS RELEASE NUMBER 3, JANUARY 12, 1973, ON "VISIT TO OTTAWA OF SWEDEN'S FOREIGN MINISTER"; ON THE PAGE "CANADA'S RELATIONS WITH SWEDEN" PARAGRAPH TWO SHOULD READ:
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La Suede exporte au Canada surtout des machines, de l'acier inoxydable et des automobiles. Les exportations du Canada en Suede consistent principalement en produits miniers et denrées alimentaires. En 1971, les exportations du Canada en Suède se sont élevées à environ 45 millions de dollars tandis que celles de la Suede au Canada ont presque atteint les 112 millions.

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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today that Mr. Krister Wickman, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sweden will pay an official visit to Ottawa on February 9 and 10. The visit is in response to a long-standing invitation issued by Mr. Sharp at the time of his visit to Sweden in 1969.

Before proceeding to Ottawa, Mr. Wickman will spend two days on a private visit in Montreal. On his trip here he will be accompanied by Baron Carl de Geer, Deputy Secretary-General of the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Lennart Klackenberg, head of the Foreign Ministry's Aid and Development Department; Mr. Kaj Sundberg, Deputy Head of Sweden's Permanent Mission to the United Nations; Mr. Hakan Wilkens, First Secretary of the Foreign Ministry; and Mr. Rolf Ekéus, the Minister's secretary.

A brief note on Canada's relations with Sweden and a biographic note on Mr. Wickman are attached.

CANADA'S RELATIONS WITH SWEDEN

Sweden established diplomatic relations with Canada in 1943 and opened a mission in Ottawa the following year. Canada, for its part, opened a diplomatic mission in Stockholm in 1947 which since 1956 has had the status of an embassy.

Sweden exports to Canada principally machinery, stainless steel and automobiles. Canada's exports to Sweden are mainly minerals and food-stuffs. In 1971 Canada's exports to Sweden amounted to some \$112 million with Sweden sending to Canada goods valued at about \$45 million.

Canada's population of Swedish birth and descent approximates 130,000.

Mr. Wickman's visit is part of a continuing exchange of visits and views between Canada and Sweden. In 1969 the Canadian House of Commons' Standing Committee on External Affairs and Defence visited Sweden to study Swedish foreign and defence policies. In the same year a corresponding Committee of the Swedish Riksdag visited Ottawa. Also in 1969, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Hon. Mitchell Sharp, paid an official visit to Sweden. Last June the Hon. Jack Davis, Minister of the Environment, led the Canadian Delegation to the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm. In September of last year Team Canada played two games in Stockholm with Sweden's national hockey team.

MR. KRISTER WICKMAN, Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr. Wickman has been a member of the Swedish Cabinet since 1967. He was born in Stockholm in April, 1924. His father, the late Johannes Wickman, was one of Sweden's most prominent journalists, and for several years foreign policy columnist in the Liberal daily, Dagens Nyheter.

Krister Wickman studied law at the University of Stockholm and graduated in 1948. He did postgraduate work in economics and obtained his advanced economics degree in 1953. He then worked at the National Institute of Economic Research.

In 1959, Mr. Wickman was appointed Under Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, where he soon gained the reputation of a skilful negotiator and leader of budgetary work. He became a member of the then First Chamber of the Swedish Parliament in 1966.

Appointed Minister without Portfolio in 1967, Mr. Wickman assumed special responsibility for internal economic affairs. Among other things, he introduced the proposal on the State Investment Bank.

When the Ministry of Industry was established in 1969, Mr. Wickman naturally became its first head and the spokesman at home and abroad for the Swedish mixed economy that he has been so instrumental in shaping.

Mr. Wickman was appointed Foreign Minister July 1, 1971.

Mr. Wickman's wide variety of interests may be illustrated by the fact that he was Chairman of the Swedish Film Institute 1963-67.