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Wilhelm WACHTMEISTER  
(Phonetic: VAHKTmyster)

Ambassador to the  
United States

Addressed as:  
Mr. Ambassador



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Count Wilhelm  
Wachtmeister, 52, has  
held his current post  
since May 1974. [redacted]

[redacted] he had previously (1968-74) been director of political affairs, the second highest career post in the Foreign Ministry. In that capacity he met with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger in Washington in late 1973 to discuss the normalization of US-Swedish diplomatic relations.

During 1958-61 Wachtmeister served as assistant to the late UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld. The two were extremely close personally, and their relationship made Wachtmeister a key figure during the Congo crisis. After returning to Stockholm, he headed a bureau in the Foreign Ministry's UN and International Organizations Division (1962-65). Wachtmeister has served abroad in Vienna, Madrid, Lisbon and Moscow; his first ambassadorial post was in Algeria (1966-68).

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[redacted] Wachtmeister speaks fluent English and French. For relaxation he reads non-fiction, sails, skis, jogs and plays tennis. Countess Wachtmeister, a respected artist, [redacted] The couple has one son and two daughters.

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