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Questions from Mr Sven Hirdman

1. How is coordination assured between the various services? Are there formal bodies for this or is it assured informally?

2. What is the role of Government in directing and controlling the services and how does the Government keep itself informed of their activities? Does an Inter-Ministerial Senior Officials' Committee exist and, if so, where does it sit in the administration?

3. Does a Central National Assessment Staff exist, which evaluates the reports for the benefit of the Government?

4. Have the political changes in the world and particularly in Europe led to any changes in the national structure or are such changes planned, including in the use of the information at the political level?

5. Has the new world situation led to a new direction of the services into new areas such as economic affairs, scientific studies or sociological and cultural studies?

6. What is the role of international cooperation in the new world context? Is there an increase in multilateral cooperation, e.g. between NATO and EC members, and new patterns of bilateral cooperation?

7. Is there still a strict distinction between the civilian and non-civilian services, or is the distinction becoming blurred because of the emergence of new threats and problems?

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Inspector General of Military Equipment with the rank of Ambassador since October 1987.

1983-87 Swedish Ambassador to Israel and concurrently to the Republic of Cyprus.

1979-82 Under Secretary of State for Defence.

1978-79 Head of the First Division of the Political Department of the Foreign Ministry, responsible for Socialist and Nordic countries. 1972-76 Political Counsellor of the Swedish Embassy in Peking.

1969-72 Deputy Director of SIPRI, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

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