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The U.S. Ambassador’s Residence in Stockholm has been a part of the life of the U.S. diplomatic mission in Sweden for almost 90 years. Completed in 1930–32 for the Swedish publisher, industrialist, and sportsman, Erik Åkerlund, by the Swedish architect Knut Perno, this magnificent villa in the Diplomatic Quarter is inspired by Italian architecture and is a fine example of Nordic Classicism. The U.S. Minister Laurence Steinhardt rented it as a residence in 1933 as his residence. In February 1940 U.S. Minister Frederick Sterling rented it as a residence and for offices.

In December 1942, the U.S. government purchased the house. Since 1947, it has been the residence of the U.S. Ambassador to Sweden. This historical structure, however, is far more than an ambassadorial residence. It is the hub around which much of the work of the U.S. Embassy to Sweden revolves, regularly hosting Swedes from all walks of life as we seek to strengthen further the close ties between the United States and Sweden. It is also a place where the U.S. Embassy community comes to celebrate.

As you look over this brochure, I hope you will come to appreciate this beautiful house as much as we do.

Sincerely,
Pamela M. Tremont,
U.S. Chargé d’Affaires ad interim
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