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### Report

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*Visiting Åström Sverkers bust with Disa*

My research began four years ago when I was studying economics and decided to study more concrete the reasons of the economic crisis in Sweden in the 90s. After graduating from the Presidential Academy with my Masters degree I wanted to dig deeper into the changes in Swedish Riksdag due to the rising of the “third power” known as the Swedish Democrats and becoming the eighth party. I travelled to Sweden a few times looking for materials for my research and I was very lucky to encounter the Foundation that I applied in and received the scholarship.



*The splendid view from my study in Uppsala*

I arrived to Sweden in January 2015 and I have spent half a year in Uppsala working mostly in Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies (UCRS). During this period I have written 4

articles about Swedish inner politics, three of which are already published in Russian books and scientific journals. I have finished writing almost my entire thesis which is about Swedish political parties and the problem of immigration. I used the opportunity to study the Swedish press, libraries, articles, archives and laws during my stay. I also took part in the studying process of the Political Department of University of Uppsala and attended lectures, seminars and roundtables at the UCRS, the UI and many other events concerning my research. My stay also resulted in conducting fruitful interviews with politicians, scientists and professors. Finally I was very lucky to travel around Sweden and get more acquainted with its culture, people and nature.



*Ex-Prime Minister of Sweden (and Ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs) Carl Bildt*