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SUBJ: SEPTEMBER 5 PRESS GUIDANCES FOR THE EAP REGION

ALL POSTS -- ALSO FOR USIS

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TEXT:

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USIA FOR EA; TOKYO FOR CYNKIN/YAMAU MOSCOW FOR FERGIN

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2. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY WAS RELEASED ON 9/5/95.

3. FRENCH NUCLEAR TEST

TODAY, FRANCE CONDUCTED AN UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TEST AT THE MURUROA TEST SITE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC. THE UNITED STATES REGRETS THIS ACTION.

ALL OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES AGREED AT THE NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION TREATY REVIEW AND EXTENSION CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK IN MAY 1995 TO EXERCISE "UTMOST RESTRAINT" IN NUCLEAR TESTING PENDING THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY (CTBT). WE CONTINUE TO URGE ALL OF THE NUCLEAR POWERS, INCLUDING FRANCE, TO REFRAIN FROM FURTHER NUCLEAR TESTS AND TO JOIN IN A GLOBAL MORATORIUM AS WE WORK TO COMPLETE AND SIGN A CTBT IN 1996. IN THIS REGARD, WE TAKE NOTE OF PRESIDENT CHIRAC'S STRONG COMMITMENT TO SIGN A CTBT BANNING ALL NUCLEAR TESTS REGARDLESS OF LEVEL NO LATER THAN THE FALL OF 1996.

4. THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE, PREPARED ON 9/5/95, WAS USED AT THAT DAY'S PRESS BRIEFING BY SPOKESMAN NICHOLAS BURNS.

5. CAMBODIA -- STATUS OF THIOUNN PRASITH

Q: WHERE DO WE STAND ON THE REVIEW OF FORMER KHMER ROUGE DIPLOMAT THIOUNN PRASITH'S STATUS IN THE U.S.? ARE WE TRYING TO FIND WAYS TO GET HIM OUT OF THE COUNTRY?

A: IN THE SPRING OF 1994, MR. PRASITH AND HIS WIFE SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS TO THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS TO LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENTS.

PENDING SUBMISSION OF ADDITIONAL FORMS BY MR. PRASITH AND HIS WIFE, WHICH WOULD PASS THOROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT, WE UNDERSTAND THAT PROCESSING OF THESE APPLICATIONS HAS BEEN SUSPENDED.

WE HAVE NO RECORD OF THOSE FORMS HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED.

WE ARE LOOKING INTO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A LEGAL BASIS FOR REMOVING MR. PRASITH FROM THE U.S.

6. THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF THE FIRST ANSWER FROM THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE, PREPARED ON 9/5/95, WAS USED AT THAT DAY'S PRESS BRIEFING BY SPOKESMAN NICHOLAS BURNS. POSTS

MAY DRAW FROM THE REMAINDER ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

7. UNITED NATIONS FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN
UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 04 STATE 210340

USIA FOR EA; TOKYO FOR CYNKIN/YAMAU MOSCOW FOR FERGIN

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CHINESE ADMINISTRATION OF CONFERENCE

Q: WHAT IS OUR REACTION TO CRITICISM OF CHINESE SECURITY
AND THE OVERALL ADMINISTRATION OF THE CONFERENCE?

A: THE UNITED STATES HAS COME TO THE UN FOURTH WORLD
CONFERENCE ON WOMEN TO DISCUSS WOMEN'S ISSUES AS THEY ARE
ADDRESSED IN THE CONFERENCES'S PLATFORM FOR ACTION. THE
GOAL OF THE UNITED STATES IS TO PROMOTE CONSENSUS ON THE
PLATFORM THROUGH INTERGOVERNMENTAL MULTILATERAL
NEGOTIATIONS AND THE FREE FLOW OF IDEAS. WE OPPOSE
ANYTHING THAT INTERFERES WITH THAT PROCESS.

AS AMBASSADOR MADELEINE ALBRIGHT SAID TODAY IN BEIJING,
WHEN CHINA AGREED TO HOST THIS CONFERENCE, IT ACCEPTED
CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDING TO ENSURE FULL FREEDOM
OF EXPRESSION AND ASSOCIATION FOR PARTICIPANTS. WE
EXPECT CHINA TO FULFILL THE COMMITMENTS IT MADE TO THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY REGARDING ITS PREPARATIONS FOR
THE CONFERENCE OR ITS HANDLING OF SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS
IN THIS REGARD.

MANY WOMEN IN NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WHO WISHED
TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CONFERENCE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO
ATTEND, OR HAVE BEEN PROHIBITED FROM FULLY TAKING PART.

SEVERAL U.S. CITIZENS IN HUAIROU HAVE REQUESTED THAT U.S.
EMBASSY OFFICIALS ACCOMPANY THEM TO THE BEIJING AIRPORT
UPON THEIR DEPARTURE. THOSE REQUESTS WILL BE MET.

CONFERENCE PLATFORM

Q: WHAT IS THE U.S. VIEW OF THE PLATFORM OF THE
CONFERENCE, INCLUDING ITS CONTROVERSIAL ASPECTS?

A: THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION IS THE PRODUCT OF
NEGOTIATIONS AMONG 187 NATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE
CONFERENCE PROCESS. THE BULK OF THE DOCUMENT THAT HAS
ALREADY BEEN AGREED CONTAINS EXCELLENT LANGUAGE IN
SEVERAL AREAS, SUCH AS IN DESCRIBING ACTIONS THAT
GOVERNMENTS CAN TAKE TO LIMIT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN,
INCLUDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

THERE REMAIN SIGNIFICANT ISSUES IN THE PLATFORM TO
RESOLVE. WE BELIEVE THAT CONSENSUS CAN BE REACHED ON ALL
OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN THE TIME REMAINING FOR THE
CONFERENCE.

8. THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCES, PREPARED ON 9/5/95, WERE NOT USED AT THAT DAY'S PRESS BRIEFING. POSTS MAY DRAW FROM THEM ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

9. VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE IN FIRST-ASYLUM CAMPS

Q: ARE YOU CONSIDERING A NEW PROPOSAL FOR ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE WHO REMAIN IN FIRST ASYLUM CAMPS?

A: WE HAVE DEVELOPED A PLAN TO OFFER AN ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR U.S. RESETTLEMENT FOR VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE STILL IN FIRST ASYLUM CAMPS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

WE ARE CONSULTING WITH A WIDE RANGE OF PARTIES INVOLVED -- THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM, THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM, OTHER RESETTLEMENT COUNTRIES, UNHCR, AND THE NGO COMMUNITY -- ON THE PROPOSED PLAN.

WE HOPE THIS PROPOSAL WILL ADDRESS THE CONCERNS RAISED ABOUT THOSE VIETNAMESE REMAINING IN FIRST ASYLUM CAMPS AND HELP BRING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES (CPA) TO A HUMANE CONCLUSION.

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UNDER THE PROPOSED PLAN ALL VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE CURRENTLY IN FIRST ASYLUM CAMPS WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN INTERVIEW WITH INS IN VIETNAM, PROVIDED THAT THEY REGISTER TO RETURN TO VIETNAM WITHIN A FIXED PERIOD AND THEN DO INDEED RETURN.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, USING THE AUTHORITIES OF THE LAUTENBERG AMENDMENT, WOULD ESTABLISH CATEGORIES OF PERSONS OF HUMANITARIAN CONCERN TO THE UNITED STATES -- FOR EXAMPLE, THOSE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE U.S. WARTIME EFFORT -- FOR RESETTLEMENT PROCESSING.

VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE WHO QUALIFY UNDER U.S. LAW AS REFUGEES, THAT IS THOSE WHO DEMONSTRATE A WELL-FOUNDED FEAR OF PERSECUTION WILL QUALIFY FOR RESETTLEMENT.

THIS PROPOSAL IS COMPLEMENTARY TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION ADOPTED IN 1989. THE UNITED STATES REMAINS COMMITTED TO THE CPA. WE BELIEVE THAT, BY AND LARGE, THE SCREENING OF THE BOAT PEOPLE HAS BEEN FAIR AND THAT A SAFE RETURN HOME IS THE SOLE REMAINING OPTION FOR THOSE FOUND NOT TO BE REFUGEES UNDER INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS.

SOME 72,000 VIETNAMESE HAVE RETURNED VOLUNTARILY TO VIETNAM FROM FIRST ASYLUM CAMPS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF

THE CPA IN 1989.

UNHCR MONITORS THE RETURNEES AND HAS FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF PERSECUTION OF THE RETURNEES.

NEVERTHELESS, DUE TO THE U.S.'S HISTORICAL COMMITMENT TO THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE, WE ARE PROPOSING OFFERING AN INTERVIEW TO THOSE STILL IN FIRST ASYLUM CAMPS WHO RETURN TO VIETNAM.

Q: HOW MANY BOAT PEOPLE REMAIN IN THE CAMPS AND WHERE ARE THEY?

A: SOME 40,000 VIETNAMESE REMAIN IN FIRST ASYLUM CAMPS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. MORE THAN HALF ARE IN HONG KONG. THE REMAINDER ARE IN THE PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, AND THAILAND.

Q: HOW MANY VIETNAMESE HAS THE U.S. RESETTLED?

A: THE U.S. HAS RESETTLED ALMOST A MILLION VIETNAMESE SINCE 1975 BOTH FROM FIRST ASYLUM CAMPS AND DIRECTLY FROM VIETNAM THROUGH THE ORDERLY DEPARTURE PROGRAM.

BACKGROUND FOR BRIEFER

THE LAUTENBERG AMENDMENT, PASSED IN NOVEMBER 1989, REDUCED THE EVIDENTIARY STANDARD FOR MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR REFUGEE ADMISSIONS UNDER U.S. LAW FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF PEOPLE, I.E. CERTAIN GROUPS OF INDOCHINESE, SOVIET JEWS, EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS AND UKRAINIAN RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES.

10. NORTH KOREA -- LIAISON OFFICE TALKS

Q: WILL THE U.S. AND THE DPRK BE HOLDING FURTHER TALKS ON THE LIAISON OFFICE ISSUE?

A: A U.S. TECHNICAL TEAM WILL VISIT PYONGYANG FROM SEPTEMBER 23 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1995, TO DISCUSS TECHNICAL ISSUES RELATED TO THE EXCHANGE OF LIAISON OFFICES AND TO SURVEY PROPERTY FOR THE LIAISON OFFICE.

THE ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED IN PYONGYANG INVOLVE PROPERTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.

Q: WHEN WILL WE OPEN AN OFFICE IN PYONGYANG?
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A: AS INDICATED IN THE US-DPRK AGREED FRAMEWORK, WE WILL OPEN LIAISON OFFICES WHEN THE NECESSARY CONSULAR AND

TECHNICAL ISSUES ARE RESOLVED

THESE TALKS WILL ADDRESS REMAINING TECHNICAL ISSUES
INVOLVING PROPERTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.

IF PRESSED

THE REMAINING ISSUES ARE TECHNICAL IN NATURE.
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SUBJ: USIS JAPAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT -- SEPTEMBER 6, 1995

TEXT:

UNCLAS TOKYO 010122

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SECDEF FOR OASD/PA; CP BUTLER OKINAWA FOR AREA FIELD OFFICE

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SUBJECT: USIS JAPAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT -- SEPTEMBER 6, 1995

1. THIS MEDIA REACTION COVERS COMMENT AND REPORTING ON:

-- MRS. CLINTON'S SPEECH IN BEIJING --
-- U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS --

LEAD STORIES: TELEVISION GAVE TOP COVERAGE WEDNESDAY MORNING TO THE
FRENCH NUCLEAR TEST AND MOST PAPERS FEATURED FRENCH PRESIDENT
CHIRAC'S

SUGGESTION THAT FRANCE MAY CUT SHORT THE NUMBER OF NUCLEAR
TESTS. ALL

TOKYO PAPERS ALSO FRONT-PAGED MRS. CLINTON'S SPEECH AT THE U.N.

WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE IN BEIJING.

-- MRS. CLINTON'S SPEECH IN BEIJING --

-- COMMENTARIES --

2. "SPEECH CALLS FOR PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS BUT DESIGNED NOT TO HURT U.S.-CHINA RECONCILIATION" THE TOP-CIRCULATION, MODERATE YOMIURI'S BEIJING CORRESPONDENTS HATANO AND SUGIYAMA OPINED (SEPTEMBER 6), "IN HER SPEECH ON TUESDAY AT THE U.N. FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN, FIRST LADY HILLARY CLINTON TOOK UP THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE BUT STOPPED SHORT OF CRITICIZING CHINA DIRECTLY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION.

"MRS. CLINTON'S SPEECH WAS, AS IT WERE, THE 'MAXIMUM OPTION AVAILABLE' IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF STRENGTHENING RECENTLY-RECONCILED SINO-U.S. RELATIONS AND IN RESPONDING TO GROWING CALLS FROM THE U.S. FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS."

3. "MRS. CLINTON SLAMS CHINA ON HUMAN RIGHTS BUT INDIRECTLY" THE BUSINESS-ORIENTED NIHON KEIZAI'S BEIJING CORRESPONDENT AKITA REMARKED (SEPTEMBER 6), "MRS. CLINTON CRITICIZED CHINA INDIRECTLY FOR ITS ABUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. SHE ALSO SLAMMED BEIJING'S 'ONE-CHILD' POLICY. PRE-CONFERENCE ATTENTION HAD FOCUSED PARTICULARLY ON HOW FAR THE U.S. FIRST LADY WOULD STEP INTO THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE IN CHINA.

"ALTHOUGH MRS. CLINTON STOPPED SHORT OF CRITICIZING BEIJING BY NAME, SHE USED WORDS AND PHRASES SUGGESTING CHINA VIOLATES HUMAN RIGHTS. HER SPEECH WAS APPARENTLY DESIGNED TO GIVE PROPER CARE AND CONSIDERATION TO BOTH THE U.S. CONGRESS AND THE BEIJING LEADERSHIP"

-- U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS --

-- EDITORIAL --

4. "UNSHAKABLE U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS NEEDED" THE TOP-CIRCULATION, MODERATE YOMIURI EDITORIALIZED (SEPTEMBER 6), "IN HIS V-J DAY SPEECHES IN HAWAII, PRESIDENT CLINTON DID NOT REFER DIRECTLY TO A FUTURE U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP. HOWEVER, AS BOTH COUNTRIES COMMEMORATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II THIS YEAR, THEIR GOVERNMENTS ARE STUDYING TO HOW TO REDEFINE THE BILATERAL ALLIANCE IN THE POST-COLD WAR ERA.

"THE U.S. AND JAPAN WILL ISSUE A STATEMENT ON STRENGTHENING BILATERAL SECURITY TIES IN NOVEMBER WHEN MR. CLINTON VISITS TOKYO FOR

TALKS WITH
PRIME MINISTER MURAYAMA. BUT U.S. AND JAPAN VIEWS ABOUT HOW TO
REDEFINE THE BILATERAL SECURITY SETUP DIFFER SUBTLY. BOTH NATIONS
SHOULD ENCOURAGE NATIONAL DEBATE ON THE FUTURE OF THE ALLIANCE.

"ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE NYE SUGGESTED IN A RECENT SPEECH IN
TOKYO THAT THE U.S., AS A PACIFIC NATION, WOULD MAINTAIN TROOPS
IN THE
ASIAN REGION AND SEEK TO TAKE THE LEAD IN ENSURING PEACE AND
STABILITY
THERE. HE ALSO URGED JAPAN TO BE MORE ACTIVE IN PERFORMING ITS OWN
ROLE IN THE REGION.

"THE U.S. AND JAPAN SHARE COMMON INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES IN
THE ASIA
AND PACIFIC REGION, AND RESTRUCTURING OF THE SECURITY PACT WILL HELP
ESTABLISH A CLOSER AND STRONGER OVERALL U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP."
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SEPTEMBER 6, 1995

SUBJECTS COVERED IN THIS REPORT

TEXT: UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 02 NEW DELHI 011525

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SUBJECT: INDIAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT NO. 367
SEPTEMBER 6, 1995

SUBJECTS COVERED IN THIS REPORT

1. BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

PAGE ONE STORIES

1. TWO SUSPECTS HELD IN PUNJAB CM ASSASSINATION CASE:

-- ALL NEWSPAPERS LED WITH REPORTS STATING THAT TWO
PERSONS WERE ARRESTED IN CHANDIGARH YESTERDAY AND

CHARGED WITH THE KILLING OF THE PUNJAB CHIEF MINISTER, MR. BEANT SINGH, AND 14 OTHERS IN A BOMB BLAST ON AUGUST 31. ONE OF THOSE ARRESTED IS A PUNJAB POLICE CONSTABLE AND THE OTHER IS AN ELECTRONICS ENGINEER. REPORTS SAID THAT MORE ARRESTS WERE IN THE OFFING.

2. INDIAN MINISTER REBUTS BENAZIR CHARGE AT BEIJING:

-- SEVERAL PAPERS FRONT-PAGED REPORTS FROM BEIJING WHICH SAID THAT INDIA YESTERDAY SHARPLY DECRIED PAKISTAN FOR RAISING THE KASHMIR ISSUE AT THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE. THE PTI WIRE SERVICE REPORT IN INDIAN EXPRESS QUOTED INDIAN EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT MINISTER MADHAVRAO SCINDIA AS SAYING IN HIS ADDRESS THAT INSTEAD OF EVOLVING MEASURES TO COMBAT TERRORISM IN KASHMIR, PAKISTAN HAD CHOSEN TO "POLITICIZE ISSUES." THE INDIAN MINISTER WAS REACTING TO THE PREVIOUS DAY'S REMARKS BY PAKISTAN PRIME MINISTER BENAZIR BHUTTO AT THE CONFERENCE, IN WHICH SHE REPORTEDLY ACCUSED INDIAN SECURITY FORCES OF WIDESPREAD ABUSES IN KASHMIR. MEANWHILE, THE TIMES OF INDIA REPORT FROM BEIJING HIGHLIGHTED THE REMARKS OF U.S. FIRST LADY HILLARY CLINTON WHERE SHE REPORTEDLY DENOUNCED RIGHTS ABUSES WORLDWIDE. THE INDIAN EXPRESS REPORT SAID MRS. CLINTON "STOLE THE LIMELIGHT" WHEN SHE "EQUATED THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN TO HUMAN RIGHTS." REPORTS ON MRS. CLINTON'S ADDRESS WERE ALSO CARRIED BY MOST OF THE LEADING VERNACULAR DAILIES, WITH HINDI DAILIES VEER ARJUN AND DAINIK TRIBUNE AND URDU DAILY QAUMI AWAZ ACCORDING THEM FRONT-PAGE PROMINENCE.

3. J&K GOVERNMENT, AL-FARAN RESUME TALKS:

-- THE HINDU AND INDIAN EXPRESS FRONT-PAGED BRIEF REPORTS FROM SRINAGAR WHICH STATED THAT THE AL-FARAN MILITANTS, WHO HAVE BEEN HOLDING FOUR FOREIGN TOURISTS CAPTIVE FOR OVER TWO MONTHS, RESUMED TALKS WITH THE GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY. THE ABDUCTORS HAD REPORTEDLY SNAPPED THE RADIO CONVERSATION WITH GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATORS ON SUNDAY MORNING.

1. BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

SUMMARY:

AN EDITORIAL IN THE ECONOMIC TIMES STRESSED THE NEED TO EVALUATE THE USEFULNESS OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES LIKE THE ONGOING ONE AT BEIJING, SUGGESTING THAT THE MONEY SPENT IN PARTICIPATING IN SUCH MEETS MIGHT BE MORE GAINFULLY USED AT HOME. AN ANALYSIS IN INDIAN EXPRESS SAYS THAT THE "REAL ISSUE" OF COMPENSATION FOR UNPAID WORK DONE BY WOMEN IS "BEING KEPT UNDER WRAPS" AT BEIJING.

AN ANALYSIS IN THE PIONEER TAKES A DIG AT "WESTERN JOURNALISTS" FOR HIGHLIGHTING CHINA'S POOR HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD, WHEN RIGHTS ABUSE "EXISTS ALL OVER THE WORLD,

INCLUDING THE WEST."

BLOCK QUOTES:

--"THE BEIJING AGENDA," EDITORIAL IN THE ECONOMIC TIMES:

"TWO QUESTIONS ARISE ABOUT PARTICIPATION IN
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INTERNATIONAL 'SUMMITS' ON THIS SCALE--ONE RELATING TO
AFFORDABILITY, AND THE OTHER TO THE REPRESENTATIVE
CHARACTER OF THE DELEGATES CHOSEN. THE OFFICIAL
DELEGATION...IS BEING PAID FOR BY THE TAXPAYER. HE IS
ENTITLED TO KNOW NOT ONLY HOW MUCH THE BILL COMES TO
ONCE THE PARTY IS OVER, BUT WHAT THE QUALITY OF
PREPARATION AND PARTICIPATION WAS, AND WITH WHAT
RESULTS.... SUMMITS MIGHT WELL SERVE A USEFUL PURPOSE
IN SENSITIZING PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENTS ON ISSUES OF
GLOBAL CONCERN...(BUT) A REAL QUESTION ARISES AS TO
WHETHER THE MONEY MIGHT NOT BE SPENT MORE USEFULLY AT
HOME."

--"WOMEN'S INVISIBLE WORK," ANALYSIS IN INDIAN EXPRESS
BY DEVELOPMENT EDITOR USHA RAI:

"THE...CONFERENCE...OFFERS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY
TO FORCE GOVERNMENTS TO RECOGNIZE THE UNPAID WORK DONE
BY WOMEN AND COMPENSATE FOR IT BY A MORE EQUITABLE
SHARING OF RIGHTS.... FIRST REPORTS COMING IN FROM
BEIJING INDICATE THAT A LOT OF NOISE AND HAIR-SPLITTING
OVER ISSUES...ARE RESURFACING AND THE REAL ISSUES...ARE
BEING PUSHED INTO THE BACKGROUND.... WHAT ENLIGHTENED
WOMEN AT BEIJING SHOULD DEMAND IS NOT REVERSAL OF THE
GENDER ROLE BUT A SHARE IN PROPERTY, INHERITANCE AND
JOINT HOLDING OF LAND DEEDS."

--"SOUTH CONCERNS AT BEIJING," ANALYSIS IN THE PIONEER
BY FEATURE WRITER C. JAYANTHI:

"THERE HAS...BEEN CRITICISM MOSTLY BY WESTERN
JOURNALISTS ABOUT CHINA'S LOW HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD, WHICH
IN THEIR ESTIMATION NEGATES A MAJOR CONCERN AT THE MEET,
THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN. HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE EXISTS
ALL OVER THE WORLD, INCLUDING THE WEST, AS DOES
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN, DESPITE LAWS STATING THE
CONTRARY.... IN THE AREA OF POWER-SHARING AND

DECISION-MAKING, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE A BETTER
RECORD OF WOMEN'S PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATION...THAN
THE DEVELOPED NATIONS." WILLS
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SUMMARY: MAJOR DAILIES FEATURED CHINESE GOVERNMENT
EVENTS TO OPEN THE U.N. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, AND
HIGHLIGHTED THE U.N.'S GOALS FOR THE EVENT. "PEOPLE'S
DAILY" REVIEWS WHAT THE UNITED STATES EXPECTS TO
ACCOMPLISH WITH A NATO AIR-STRIKES/MEDIATION APPROACH
TO THE BOSNIAN PROBLEM, AND SEES SOME "PROGRESS THROUGH
THESE DOUBLE-HANDED METHODS." END SUMMARY

COMMENT: NO MENTION TODAY IN OFFICIAL MEDIA OF U.S.
DELEGATION ACTIVITIES OR THE ARRIVAL OF MRS. CLINTON.

TOPICS:

--BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (OFFICIAL COMMENT AND
COMMENTARY)
--FORMER YUGOSLAVIA (COMMENTARY)

TEXTS:

1. BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (OFFICIAL COMMENTS)

A. (1) "CHINESE GOVERNMENT HOLDS GRAND GREETING CEREMONY" (FRONT PAGE, OFFICIAL COMMUNIST PARTY "PEOPLE'S DAILY" (RENMIN RIBAO) AND ALL OTHER CHINESE DAILIES, 9/5)

EXCERPTS: "ON SEPTEMBER 4, THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HELD A GRAND CEREMONY IN THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE TO WELCOME GUESTS AND FRIENDS FROM FIVE CONTINENTS WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE UN FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN. PRESIDENT JIANG ZEMIN GAVE A WARM WELCOME TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS . . . AS THE UN-SPONSORED CONFERENCE IS HELD DURING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED NATIONS, JIANG SAID, 'WE OUGHT TO REVIEW THE HISTORY BEHIND THE UN'S PROMOTION OF WOMEN'S ISSUES, ENCOURAGE REALIZATION OF THE GOAL OF 'EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE' FROM THE NAIROBI STRATEGY AND FURTHER RAISE THE POSITION OF WOMEN.'

"HE SAID THAT IT IS A BASIC PRINCIPLE OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO PROMOTE EQUALITY BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN AND SAFEGUARD AND IMPROVE THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF WOMEN. THEREFORE, CHINA PLACES SPECIAL IMPORTANCE ON THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE."

(2) "PREMIER LI PENG HELD A BANQUET TO HONOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS OF ALL COUNTRIES" (FRONT PAGE, OFFICIAL COMMUNIST PARTY "PEOPLE'S DAILY" (RENMIN RIBAO) AND ALL OTHER CHINESE DAILIES, 9/5)

EXCERPTS; "PREMIER LI PENG SAID AT A WELCOMING BANQUET THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE VIGOROUS EFFORTS TO ENSURE WOMEN HAVE EQUAL STATUS WITH MEN.

"LI SAID THAT WITH THE ADVANCEMENT IN ECONOMIC STATUS, CHINESE WOMEN WERE PLAYING AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE COUNTRY'S SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE AND HAD TAKEN PART IN MANY INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES."

(3) "WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN OPENS" (FRONT PAGE, OFFICIAL COMMUNIST PARTY "PEOPLE'S DAILY" (RENMIN RIBAO) AND ALL OTHER CHINESE DAILIES, 9/5)

EXCERPTS: "THE UNITED NATIONS FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN OPENED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WITH PARTICIPANTS SHOWING IMMENSE ZEAL. CHEN MUHUA, HEAD OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, ALL-CHINA WOMEN'S FEDERATION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED AS PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE. SHE REMARKED THAT RAISING THE STATUS OF WOMEN WAS THE ASPIRATION OF MANKIND AND SHE HOPED THAT THE DELEGATES TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE WOULD SEEK COMMON GROUND WHILE OVERLOOKING DIFFERENCES."

B. COMMENTARIES:

(1) "WORLD WOMEN'S HOPE" (PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL, (WORLD WOMEN'S CONFERENCE SPECIAL PAGE), OFFICIAL COMMUNIST PARTY "PEOPLE'S DAILY" (RENMIN RIBAO) AND ALL

OTHER MAIN CHINESE DAILIES, 9/5)

EXCERPTS: "THE WOMEN' CONFERENCE IS HELD . . . FOR GOVERNMENTS TO STUDY WOMEN'S ISSUES. SINCE THE UNITED NATIONS WAS FOUNDED FIFTY YEARS AGO, WOMEN'S ISSUES

HAVE BEEN A FOCUS OF UN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (EFFORTS). THE UNITED NATIONS HAS WORKED HARD TO RAISE THE STATUS OF WOMEN, SAFEGUARD WOMEN'S RIGHT AND INTERESTS AND PROMOTE EQUALITY AND HAS ACHIEVED POSITIVE RESULTS.

"THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY AND GOVERNMENT HAVE ALWAYS PAID ATTENTION TO WOMEN'S WORK. IN THE MODERN WORLD, THE (PROGRESS) OF CHINESE WOMEN HAS BEEN FAVORABLY EVALUATED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

"THE LIBERATION AND PROGRESS OF MANKIND CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM WOMEN'S LIBERATION AND PROGRESS.

"THIS CONFERENCE WILL BRING ABOUT NEW HOPE FOR BILLIONS OF SISTERS . . . "

(2) "A SALUTE TO EQUALITY" (CHINA DAILY COMMENTARY, OPINION PAGE, ENGLISH LANGUAGE "CHINA DAILY", 9/5)

EXCERPTS: "THE UNITED NATIONS FOURTH WORLD CONGRESS ON WOMEN (FWCW) IS AN IMPORTANT EVENT FOR THE WORLD.

"WITH GENDER EQUALITY, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND WORLD PEACE FIGURING HIGH ON THE AGENDA, DELEGATES ARE DISCUSSING HOW TO COORDINATE THEIR FUTURE ACTIONS. IN RECENT DECADES, PROGRESS HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIAL BUT NOT TOTALLY SATISFACTORY. WOMEN ARE STILL FAR FROM HAVING FULL POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EQUALITY WITH MEN. "THE CONFERENCE WILL BECOME ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE FIGHT FOR GENDER EQUALITY IN THE WORLD.

"CHINESE WOMEN ARE PLAYING AN EVER MORE IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE COUNTRY'S DECISION MAKING. HOWEVER, FORMER CHINESE LEADER MAO ZEDONG'S FAMOUS SAYING 'WOMEN HOLD UP HALF OF THE SKY' IS YET FAR FROM A REALITY.

"WE HOPE THAT THE FWCW AND THE NGO FORUM WILL HELP CREATE A BETTER SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT FOR WOMEN ALL OVER THE WORLD. WOMEN WILL HAVE STRONGER POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT, BETTER LEGAL PROTECTION FOR THEIR INTERESTS, AND FAIRER OPPORTUNITY FOR CAREERS."

2. FORMER YUGOSLAVIA (COMMENTARY)

"PAINT A PICTURE WITH TWO BRUSHES" (BY YAN ZHENG, OFFICIAL COMMUNIST PARTY "PEOPLE'S DAILY" (RENMIN RIBAO), 9/5)

EXCERPTS: "RECENTLY, WHILE THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO ENGAGE IN MEDIATION, AT THE SAME TIME, URGED ON BY THE UNITED STATES, NATO BOMBS BOSNIAN SERBIAN POSITIONS. THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO PUSH FORWARD

ITS PEACE PLAN WITH TWO METHODS.

"THE UNITED STATES INSTIGATED LARGE-SCALE BOMBING AS AN ATTEMPT TO KILL SEVERAL BIRDS WITH ONE STONE. FIRST, TO FORCE THE SERBS TO ACCEPT PEACE TALKS BY WEAKENING THEIR MILITARY. SECOND, TO LIFT THE SERBS' LONG-TERM SIEGE OF SARAJEVO AND ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE OTHER SAFE HAVENS, AND TO POSSIBLY END WESTERN EUROPE'S DISSATISFACTION WITH THE UNITED STATES. THIS SHOWS THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL SPARE NO MILITARY EFFORT TO FORCE THE PARTIES TO HAVE PEACE TALKS. CLINTON ALSO HAS HIS DOMESTIC REASON. HE INTEND TO SHAKE OFF HIS PASSIVITY BEFORE THE CONGRESS RECONVENES AND STRIVE FOR A FAVORABLE POSITION IN NEXT YEAR'S ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

"SIGNS INDICATE THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE SOME PROGRESS THROUGH ITS DOUBLE-HANDED METHODS. HOWEVER, IT IS STILL DIFFICULT TO PREDICT WHEN THE CONFLICT WILL END AS THE FORMER YUGOSLAV ISSUE IS COMPLICATED."

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OPENING CEREMONIES

1. THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN OPENED ITS OFFICIAL SESSION SEPTEMBER 4 AMIDST MUCH POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE. THE DAY BEGAN WITH A FORMAL WELCOMING CEREMONY FOR DELEGATES IN THE CAVERNOUS GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE. SEVERAL SPEAKERS ADDRESSED THE CAPACITY CROWD, NOTABLY THE PRESIDENT OF CHINA AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE. THE THEMES OF THE DAY WERE THOSE OF

THE CONFERENCE: EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE. IN ADDITION, THE SPEAKERS STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF EMPOWERMENT FOR WOMEN. THE SPEECHES WERE FOLLOWED BY AN IMPRESSIVE CULTURAL PRESENTATION INCLUDING MUSICIANS, DANCERS, ACROBATICS AND GYMNASTS.

2. THE FORMAL OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CONFERENCE ITSELF TOOK PLACE IN THE AFTERNOON AT BEIJING'S INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER. ESMAT AL-KITANI, UN ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL, DELIVERED THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS ON BEHALF OF BOUTROS-GHALI, WHO WAS FORCED BY ILLNESS TO CANCEL HIS TRAVEL TO CHINA. KITANI STRESSED THE NEED FOR EMPOWERMENT AND ENHANCING THE EQUALITY OF WOMEN. PAKISTANI PRIME MINISTER BENAZIR BHUTTO DELIVERED AN IMPRESSIVE ADDRESS MAKING THE POINT THAT ISLAM IS NOT ANTI-FEMALE. SHE ANNOUNCED A NEW MICRO-CREDIT PROGRAM AS PAKISTAN'S MAJOR NEW COMMITMENT AT THE CONFERENCE. OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES OF UGANDA, ICELAND, VIETNAM AND BANGLADESH (SEPTTEL).

NGO ACTIVITIES

3. THE NGO FORUM IN HUAIROU WAS UNUSUALLY QUIET SEPTEMBER 4 BECAUSE MANY OF THE PARTICIPANTS TRAVELED TO BEIJING FOR THE OPENING CEREMONIES. NEVERTHELESS, MANY NGO ACTIVITIES DID TAKE PLACE. THE US DEL WAS BUSY ATTEMPTING TO COPE WITH AN ENORMOUS NGO DEMAND FOR CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. US DELEGATES HELD A BRIEFING FOR NGOS IN HUAIROU IN THE MORNING AND A SEPARATE NGO BRIEFING AT THE BEIJING CONFERENCE CENTER IN THE AFTERNOON. NGO REPRESENTATIVES ARE KEENLY INTERESTED IN DETAILS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND ARE ANXIOUS TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION.

THE FIRST LADY'S VISIT

4. MUCH OF THE FOCUS OF THE US DELEGATION HAS BEEN ON THE UPCOMING VISIT OF THE FIRST LADY, WHO WILL ARRIVE IN BEIJING IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF SEPTEMBER 5. THE FIRST LADY IS SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE IN SEVERAL EVENTS AND WILL ADDRESS THE PLENARY TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

5. THE BUREAU OF THE CONFERENCE MET THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 3 TO TRY TO MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS ON ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS. THE BUREAU AGREED THAT GHANA AND AUSTRIA WOULD CHAIR THE TWO CONFERENCE WORKING GROUPS. MEXICO WAS DESIGNATED TO CHAIR A CONTACT GROUP THAT WILL WORK ON THE CONFERENCE DECLARATION. THERE IS STILL A DEADLOCK ON THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE CONTACT GROUP ON HEALTH; EGYPT AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO EACH WISH TO CHAIR

THE CONTACT GROUP.

6. THE ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FINAL DOCUMENT WILL
BEGIN SEPTEMBER 5 WHEN BOTH WORKING GRUOPS BEGIN THEIR
SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS. MANY PROBLEMS REMAIN TO BE
RESOLVED AND WE ANTICIPATE LENGTHY AND DIFFICULT
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"AFTER ULTIMATUM EXPIRES, NATO FLIES FRESH MISSIONS
AGAINST SERB POSITIONS" (FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE)

"NATO AGAIN BOMBS SERB POSITIONS - UN: ATTACKS WILL
END ONLY WHEN HEAVY WEAPONS ARE WITHDRAWN"
(SUEDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG)

"FRESH NATO STRIKES IN BOSNIA" (DIE WELT)

"NATO DEMONSTRATES TOUGHNESS TOWARDS SERBS"
(FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU)

"FRESH NATO ATTACKS IN BOSNIA" (GENERAL ANZEIGER)
MOST EDITORIALS CONCERN THE AIR STRIKES IN BOSNIA.

B. BOSNIA: NATO RESUMES AIR STRIKES

THE RESUMPTION OF THE BOMBING OF BOSNIAN SERBIAN
POSITIONS MAKES THE HEADLINES IN THE MAJORITY OF
TODAY'S PAPERS. EDITORIALS SUPPORT THE BOMBARDMENTS
, ALTHOUGH, AS NEUE OSNABRUECKER ZEITUNG PUT IT:
"NATO WAITED FOR TOO LONG" WITH THE RESUMPTION OF AIR
STRIKES. SEVERAL PAPERS ALSO SAID THAT GENERAL
MLADIC MISCALCULATED, SINCE HIS STRATEGY TO WIN TIME
PROVED WRONG THIS TIME. DRESDNER NEUESTE NACHRICHTEN
SAID THAT THE POLITICAL WEAKNESS OF THE CONTACT GROUP
WILL COME TO THE FORE AT THE LATEST AFTER THE
BOMBARDMENT, SINCE THE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA ARE
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SUPPOSED TO ACHIEVE THE THINGS WHICH ARE CURRENTLY
BEING PREVENTED IN BOSNIA: "THE DIVISION INTO THREE
PARTS AND THE DISSOLUTION OF BOSNIA."

1. GUENTER NONNENMACHER WRITES ON THE FRONT PAGE
OF RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE UNDER THE
HEADLINE:

"SIMPLE LOGIC."

"TODAY, ONLY ONE QUESTION COUNTS: WILL THE NEW
BOMBARDMENTS AGAINST FACILITIES OF THE BOSNIAN SERBS
BRING PEACE CLOSER TO TORMENTED BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA?
A PARTIAL ANSWER HAS GIVEN AFTER THE FIRST
BOMBARDMENT: THE PEACE PROCESS THAT HAS BLOCKED BY
THE PALE SERBS HAS SET IN MOTION AGAIN ONLY AFTER THE
WEST DEMONSTRATED WITH MILITARY POWER THAT, IN
FUTURE, MASSACRES WILL NOT BE CRITICIZED WITH WORDS
BUT PUNISHED WITH MILITARY ACTIONS....

"AS FAR AS POLITICS IS CONCERNED, IT IS DECISIVE
TO WEAKEN THE LEADERSHIP OF THE BOSNIAN SERBS. THIS
HAS THE CONSEQUENCE, WHICH IS HARDLY TOLERABLE, THAT
THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GREATER SERB MILOSEVIC FOR
THE WHOLE YUGOSLAV WAR OF SUCCESSION IS NOW EVEN
CLEARER THAN BEFORE AND THAT THE REAL WARMONGER CAN
NOW EVEN APPEAR AS PEACEMAKER. IT IS TO BE HOPED
THAT THE WEST WILL KEEP IN MIND THE LESSON OF THE
PAST FEW DAYS: DETERMINATION AND TOUGHNESS DO NOT
PREVENT NEGOTIATIONS, SINCE THEY ARE THE ONLY MEANS
TO PUSH FORWARD THESE TALKS."

2. CENTRIST SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH
CARRIES AN EDITORIAL BY JOSEF JOFFE UNDER THE
HEADLINE:

"CLAUSEWITZ IN THE COCKPIT."

"NATO HAS BEEN FLYING BOMBING RAIDS FOR A WEEK.
DAILY, THE ALLIANCE REPORTS WITH A CERTAIN DEGREE OF
PRIDE HOW OFTEN AND HOW ACCURATELY IT HIT (BOSNIAN

SERBIAN) TARGETS. ALL OF A SUDDEN, IT HAS FORGOTTEN ALL THE PRETEXTS IT PRESENTED BEFORE: THAT IT HAS IMPOSSIBLE TO TRACE SERBIA'S ARTILLERY, LET ALONE CARRY OUT STRIKES AGAINST THEM...AND THAT BOMBS WOULD DESTROY THE 'PEACE PROCESS' AS THE OFFICIALLY APPOINTED U.N. PACIFIST AKASHI REQUESTED TO BE UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 12 BONN GE 18153

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INCLUDED IN THE MINUTES A FEW HOURS BEFORE THE FIRST AIR STRIKES WERE FLOWN....

"WHAT HAS CHANGED IS ONLY ONE THING: U.S. POLICY. FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS, IT OBEYED A HANDS-OFF IMPULSE.... BUT IN THE LATEST STAGE OF THE WAR, A 180 DEGREE TURNABOUT HAS TAKEN PLACE: IN THE GUISE OF SPECIAL ENVOY RICHARD HOLBROOKE, WASHINGTON TOOK THE DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE, AND FORMED A KIND OF GULF WAR COALITION IN WHICH U.S. AIRCRAFT AGAIN SHOULDERS THE MAIN BURDEN....

"THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT IT HAS RIGHT THAT THE WEST FINALLY, ALTHOUGH MUCH TOO LATE, MERGED THE TWO SIDES OF CLAUSEWITZ'S MEDAL - POLITICS AND VIOLENCE - INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR KARADZIC AND MILOSEVIC TO SUDDENLY BE OVERCOME BY PEACEFUL INSPIRATIONS.... NEVERTHELESS, THOSE WHO GET INVOLVED IN A WAR MUST KNOW HOW TO GET OUT. THIS MEANS THAT BOMBS MUST DESTROY NOT ONLY GUNS, BUT OPEN THE WAY FOR A POLITICAL SOLUTION. AT THE END OF THIS PATH, THERE MUST BE A VISION OF JUSTICE - A SOLUTION WITH WHICH ALL SIDES CAN HALFWAY LIVE. THE DIVISION OF BOSNIA BETWEEN CROATS AND SERBS WILL HARDLY SERVE JUSTICE, NEITHER WILL THE MASSIVE ETHNIC CLEANSING. TO PUT IT BRIEFLY: THE OLD DILEMMAS CONTINUE TO EXIST. AND THIS IS WHY WE DO NOT WISH A SECOND SOMALIA: SUDDEN INVOLVEMENT AS A PRELUDE TO A DISGRACEFUL WITHDRAWAL."

3. ADRIAN ZIELCKE SAYS IN AN EDITORIAL IN CENTRIST STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"CONSISTENT WEST."

"THIS TIME, THE WEST REMAINED CONSISTENT.... IF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE WANTED TO TAKE ITSELF SERIOUSLY AGAIN AND DID NOT WANT TO DESTROY THE CHANCES FOR PEACE, THEN IT HAD TO TAKE ACTION AFTER THE ULTIMATUM RAN OUT, SINCE THE WEST HAD FOUND VIGOROUS WORDS WITHOUT ANY CONSEQUENCES OFTEN ENOUGH BEFORE. HOWEVER, THE SERBIAN LEADERSHIP CURRENTLY OFFERS A STRANGE PICTURE. NOBODY REALLY KNOWS WHETHER (THE SERBS) ARE TRYING TO FOOL THE WEST AGAIN. IN HIS TALKS WITH U.S. ENVOY RICHARD HOLBROOKE, SERBIA'S PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC IS DEMONSTRATIVELY SHOWING HIS WILLINGNESS FOR PEACE....

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"BUT IF MILOSEVIC WANTS PEACE, WHY IS HE ALLOWING GENERAL MLADIC TO OPPOSE THE REMOVAL OF HEAVY WEAPONS FROM AROUND SARAJEVO? WHY DOES THE ALLEGED PROTEGE OF MILOSEVIC AGAIN AND AGAIN CALL FOR RESISTANCE AND CONTINUED FIGHTING? MILOSEVIC IS EITHER PLAYING A DOUBLE GAME WITH DIFFERENT ROLES OR THE SERBS ARE REALLY AT LOGGERHEADS WITH EACH OTHER. THE LESS THE INFORMATION ON THE SERBIAN LEADERSHIP, THE MORE THE WESTERN ALLIANCE MUST STICK TO THE FACTS AND PROTECT SARAJEVO."

4. CENTRIST NEUE OSNABRUECKER ZEITUNG WRITES:

"WITH ITS LATEST AIR STRIKES NATO WAITED FOR TOO LONG. WHEN THE ULTIMATUM RAN OUT, THE SERBIAN HEAVY GUNS STILL STOOD AROUND SARAJEVO. THIS ALONE HAS DECISIVE AND NOT THE QUESTION OF WHETHER AND WHICH GUNS WERE WITHDRAWN. THOSE WHO DO NOT EXACTLY FULFILL AN ULTIMATUM ARE DELIBERATELY RUNNING A CERTAIN RISK. IN THE CASE OF SERBIA, THE REASON IS CLEAR: TO WIN TIME, AND IT IS AN ATTEMPT TO KEEP NATO FROM CARRYING OUT FURTHER ATTACKS BY APPARENTLY GIVING IN. AS FAR AS MILITARY ASPECTS ARE CONCERNED, IT HARDLY PLAYS A ROLE WHETHER THE AIR STRIKES TAKE PLACE 14 HOURS EARLIER OR LATER. BUT THEIR POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT HAS CLEARLY DIMINISHED

BECAUSE OF THIS DELAY. THIS IS FATAL, BECAUSE THE REAL PURPOSE OF THE BOMBING IS TO BRING THE SERBS BACK TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE."

5. RIGHT-OF-CENTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG OF MAINZ CONCLUDES:

"TO WIN TIME AND TO CREATE FACTS MILITARILY - THIS SERBIAN TACTICAL GAME WILL NOT COME TRUE THIS TIME.... IT IS TRUE THAT THE BESIEGERS OF SARAJEVO 'MOVED' HEAVY EQUIPMENT, BUT THEY DID NOT COMPLY WITH NATO'S DEMAND TO REMOVE ALL HEAVY WEAPONRY FROM THE 20-KILOMETER ZONE AROUND SARAJEVO. THE SUCCESS OF THE U.S. INITIATIVE DECISIVELY DEPENDS ON THE WEST REMAINING CONSISTENT. EVERY DELAY AND EVERY NEW CONCESSION WILL BE INTERPRETED BY THE SERBS AS WEAKNESS. THE SERB SIDE WILL DO EVERYTHING TO PROTRACT THE NEGOTIATIONS."

6. RIGHT-OF-CENTER BRAUNSCHWEIGER ZEITUNG JUDGES: UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 12 BONN GE 18153

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"THIS TIME, THE WAR CRIMINAL MLADIC MISCALCULATED. IN THE DIRECT CONFRONTATION WITH THE U.S. AND WITHOUT EFFECTIVE RUSSIAN SUPPORT, THE OLD GAME HAS COME TO AN END. WHAT NOW COUNTS IS MILITARY POWER, BUT THIS NEED NOT MEAN THE END OF BOSNIAN-SERBIAN ARROGANCE. THE FACT THAT NATO HAD TO SEND BOMBERS AGAIN IS DOWNGRADING THEIR USEFULNESS IN A WAR THAT IS WAGED AS A...MIXTURE OF 'REGULAR' WAR AND CIVIL WAR, AND SOON MAYBE AS A GUERRILLA WAR. AND THE DEMONSTRATION OF WESTERN DETERMINATION, WHICH CAME TOO LATE, CANNOT BE EQUATED WITH A FACTUAL SUCCESS."

7. RIGHT-OF-CENTER DRESDNER NEUESTE NACHRICHTEN IS CRITICAL OF THE RESUMPTION OF NATO'S AIR STRIKES:

"THE ARGUMENT THAT THE BOSNIAN SERBS DID NOT WITHDRAW THEIR GUNS WITH THE NECESSARY PACE DOES NOT SOUND VERY CREDIBLE FOR A MISSION OF THIS EXTENT. THE MILITARY STRIKES TO PROTECT SARAJEVO'S POPULATION

ACCEPT THE POSSIBLE DEATH OF DOZENS OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS ON THE SERBIAN SIDE. SINCE THE GULF WAR, IT HAS BEEN DOCUMENTED THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT SURGICAL MILITARY STRIKES. THOSE WHO WELCOME THE AIR STRIKES AS PUNITIVE MEASURES MUST ALSO EXPLAIN WHY THE CROATIAN WAR CRIMES IN THE KRAJINA WERE NOT PUNISHED WITH THE SAME MEASURES. THE DECISIVE QUESTION, HOWEVER, REMAINS: WHAT WILL FOLLOW THE BOMBARDMENT? AT THE LATEST AT THIS POINT, THE WHOLE POLITICAL WEAKNESS OF THE CONTACT GROUP COMES TO THE FORE, SINCE, IN GENEVA, THE THINGS THAT ARE BEING PREVENTED MILITARILY IN BOSNIA ARE SUPPOSED TO BE ACHIEVED WITH NEGOTIATIONS: THE DIVISION INTO THREE PARTS AND THUS THE DISSOLUTION OF BOSNIA."

C. UN: BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

THERE IS EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF HILLARY CLINTON'S ADDRESS TO THE CONFERENCE IN ALL MAJOR DAILIES (PLUS BILD). THE STORY IS FRONT-PAGED IN SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG, FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU AND GENERAL ANZEIGER. THE REPORTS SPEAK OF "THUNDEROUS APPLAUSE" FOLLOWING HER SPEECH. THE REACTION OF GERMAN EDITORIALISTS IS EXTREMELY POSITIVE, WITH FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU SAYING: "FOLLOWING THIS EXAMPLE, THE CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN BEIJING WILL NOT BE A HARMLESS COFFEE MORNING...EITHER." THE COMMENTARIES UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 12 BONN GE 18153

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PRAISE HILLARY CLINTON FOR HER "COURAGE" AND "PLUCKINESS" AND ONLY THE COMMENTATOR ON ZDF TV INTERPRETED THE SPEECH AS AN ATTEMPT TO "SIT ON THE FENCE" AND AVOID AGGRAVATING EITHER THE CHINESE OR THE HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS.

1. LEFT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU FEATURES THIS EDITORIAL UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"LIBERATING WORDS."

"IT HAS HIGH TIME TO TALK TURKEY IN BEIJING. HILLARY CLINTON DID NOT WASTE HER TIME WITH THE SORT

OF COURTESIES WHICH UN REPRESENTATIVES TIMIDLY PAID TO THE HOSTS AT THE OPENING OF THE WORLD WOMEN'S CONFERENCE. THE 'FIRST LADY' FROM WASHINGTON RESPONDED TO THE MASSIVE POLICE INTIMIDATION WHICH THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE NGO FORUM HAD BEEN EXPOSED TO BY USING SOMETHING WHICH CERTAINLY BOTHERS THE RULING CASTE IN BEIJING: THE LIBERATING POWER OF WORDS. SHE UNAMBIGUOUSLY DEMANDED HUMAN RIGHTS FOR WOMEN 'HERE AND ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD,' DESCRIBED FRANKLY HOW NEWBORN GIRLS IN CHINA ARE KILLED: BY DROWNING, SUFFOCATING OR HAVING THEIR SPINES BROKEN. CHINA'S 'WORD POLICE' WAS FORCED TO SIT AND LISTEN AS THE WOMEN IN THE CONFERENCE BROKE OUT IN THUNDEROUS APPLAUSE. AFTER THIS EXAMPLE, THE CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN BEIJING IS NOT GOING TO BE A HARMLESS COFFEE MORNING FOR THE GENTLEMEN SURROUNDING LI PENG, EITHER.

"IN ANY EVENT, THE HORDES OF POLICE AND INFORMERS DID NOT MANAGE TO ROB THE HUAIROU WOMEN OF THEIR POWER. AT THE SAME TIME, THEY DEMONSTRATED AGAINST 'ALL NUCLEAR TESTS.' OF COURSE, THE AVERAGE PEASANT WOMAN IN CHINA WILL HEAR HARDLY ANYTHING OF THIS. BUT IN SPITE OF CHINA'S EFFORTS TO RUIN THE CONFERENCE WHICH IT WANTED TO HOST AT ALL COSTS, THE WOMEN'S MESSAGE WILL GO AROUND THE WORLD. THE WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY IS NOT A GAME OF PING-PONG UNDER CHINESE RULES. HILLARY'S OPENING SERVE WILL HAVE MADE THIS CLEAR TO THE HOSTS."

2. RIGHT-OF-CENTER B.Z. OF BERLIN MAKES THESE REMARKS:

"AMERICA'S FIRST LADY HILLARY CLINTON HAS HAD A UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 12 BONN GE 18153

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HARD TIME AT HOME. HER HEALTH CARE REFORM HAS FOUNDERED, AND SINCE THEN HER HUSBAND HAS BANISHED HER TO STAY AT HOME IN THE WHITE HOUSE. HUSBAND BILL IS NOT LIKELY TO HAVE BEEN HAPPY ABOUT THIS EITHER, BUT AS A POLITICIAN WHO WANTS TO WIN THE NEXT ELECTION, HE BOWED TO THE ADVICE OF THE OPINION

RESEARCHERS. NEVERTHELESS, THE PRESIDENT HAS SENT HIS WIFE - WHO IS TOO PLUCKY FOR THE AMERICAN VOTERS - TO THE CHINESE. AND IN HER TRIED AND TESTED MANNER, SHE HAS READ THEM AND MEN ALL OVER THE WORLD THE RIOT ACT. THAT REALLY HAS VERY COURAGEOUS. MRS. CLINTON USED THE WORLD WOMEN'S CONFERENCE TO SAY A FEW CLEAR WORDS, AND THIS IS IMPRESSIVE. OTHER WOMEN PREFER TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE AND NOT RAIN ON THEIR HUSBAND'S PARADE."

3. S. ANHALT COMMENTED YESTERDAY ON ZDF'S (NATIONAL TV CHANNEL TWO) EARLY EVENING NEWSCAST HEUTE:

"OF NO OTHER SPEAKER WERE THERE SO MANY AND SO VARIED EXPECTATIONS AS THOSE OF HILLARY CLINTON. HILLARY CLINTON'S ADDRESS TO THE COLLOQUIUM ON HEALTH ISSUES WAS ALREADY A TIGHTROPE ACT. ON THE TOPIC OF FAMILY PLANNING, THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE HAD TO PLACATE THOSE WHO BELIEVED THAT FAMILY VALUES WERE BEING UNDERMINED, AS WELL AS SUPPORTERS OF THE RIGHT TO ABORTION. IN HER SECOND SPEECH, MRS. CLINTON ALSO HAD TO TRY AND SIT ON THE FENCE, SINCE HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS EXPECTED HER TO CRITICIZE CHINA, WHEREAS BEIJING HAS EXPECTING CONCILIATORY TONES FOLLOWING ITS MONTHS OF STRIFE WITH THE UNITED STATES. AMERICA'S FIRST LADY IS PLAYING A FOREIGN POLICY ROLE HERE, BECAUSE HER VISIT IS BEING INTERPRETED AS A SIGNAL OF RECONCILIATION AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND BEIJING."

4. RIGHT-OF-CENTER AACHENER VOLKSZEITUNG HAS THIS TO SAY ON THE SUBJECT:

"THE FREE WORLD IS MAKING FULL USE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONDEMN BEIJING'S ATTEMPTS AT REPRESSION. WITH UNUSUAL COURAGE, HILLARY CLINTON IGNORED THE SENSITIVITIES OF THE HOST COUNTRY AND SAID PERFECTLY CLEARLY WHAT IT HAS ALL ABOUT: THAT IN CHINA ITSELF, THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN ARE TRAMPLED UPON. THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT'S WIFE DELIVERED A UNCLAS SECTION 08 OF 12 BONN GE 18153

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MESSAGE WHOSE IMPORTANCE CANNOT BE UNDERESTIMATED:
NO UNJUST REGIME IN THE WORLD MUST BE ALLOWED TO
STIFLE FREE SPEECH."

D. NUCLEAR: FRENCH TESTS

1. BODO MORAWE COMMENTED ON REGIONAL RADIO
STATION NORDDEUTSCHER RUNDFUNK OF HAMBURG:

"THE MILITARY POWER SYMBOL OF THE FORCE DE FRAPPE
HAS BEEN THROWN ONTO THE SCALES BY GAULLIST JACQUES
CHIRAC AS A COUNTERWEIGHT TO THE MONETARY POWER
SYMBOL OF THE D-MARK. BUT IF FRANCE AND CHIRAC THINK
THAT THEY MUST COMPENSATE FOR THEIR POLITICAL AND
ECONOMIC WEAKNESS BY EMPHASIZING THEIR STATUS AS A
NUCLEAR POWER, THEN THIS WILL HAVE THREE UNPLEASANT
CONSEQUENCES. THE NEW FRENCH POWER ELITE IS NOT ONLY
DISREGARDING ECOLOGICAL INTERESTS, AT THE SAME TIME,
IT IS ALSO REVIVING THE MILITARIZATION OF FOREIGN
POLICY, AND PROMOTING THE RENATIONALIZATION OF
EUROPEAN POLICY. ALL THE SUPERFICIAL TALK ABOUT AN
ALLEGED EUROPEANIZATION OF FRENCH NUCLEAR WEAPONS
CANNOT OBSCURE THIS FACT, SINCE THIS RHETORIC ONLY
SERVES TO APPEASE."

2. REGIONAL RADIO STATION WESTDEUTSCHER RUNDFUNK
OF COLOGNE AIRED THE FOLLOWING COMMENTARY BY C.
SOEKELAND:

"THE GOVERNMENT IN PARIS IS ON EDGE. THE GLOBAL
PROTESTS AGAINST THE PLANNED NUCLEAR TESTS HAVE LEFT
TRACES..... WE HAVE LEARNED TO THINK GLOBALLY. AND
TODAY, WE CONSIDER INTERFERENCE A DEMOCRATIC VIRTUE
AS LONG AS IT TAKES PLACE WITH NON-VIOLENT MEANS. IN
ADDITION, IT IS ABSURD TO CONSIDER NUCLEAR TESTS ON
THE OTHER SIDE OF THE GLOBE AS A 'DOMESTIC AFFAIR.'
THOSE WHO REJECT 'INTERFERENCE IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS'
(DE CHARETTE) ARE RESORTING TO EMPTY PHRASES FROM THE
COLD WAR.... WHEN THE PROBLEM IS WAR, WEAPONS, ARMS
BUILD-UP, AND TESTS WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THERE CAN
NO LONGER BE 'DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.' AND THIS ALSO
APPLIES TO DEMOCRATIC NATIONS."

3. HERBERT KREMP NOTES IN AN EDITORIAL ON THE
FRONT PAGE OF RIGHT-OF-CENTER DIE WELT OF BERLIN
UNDER THE HEADLINE:

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"CHIRAC WITHSTANDS."

"FRANCE WILL BEGIN ITS NUCLEAR TESTS AND END THEM
IF THE FUNCTIONING OF THE FORCE DE FRAPPE IS CLEAR
AND A TRANSITION TO SIMULATED TESTS IS SAFEGUARDED.
THIS HAS PRESIDENT CHIRAC'S BRIEF RESPONSE TO THE
CRITICS OF THE (NUCLEAR) ARMS TEST. NEVERTHELESS,
THE CRITICS ALSO ACHIEVED ONE AIM. CHIRAC SAID THAT
IT COULD BE POSSIBLE THAT FEWER THAN EIGHT TESTS
WOULD BE ENOUGH TO ACHIEVE THE DESIRED OBJECTIVES....

"IT WOULD BE WRONG TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBLE
LIMITATION A SIGN OF WEAKNESS. CHIRAC IS DETERMINED
TO WITHSTAND INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE. IN HIS
STATEMENT (ON TV), THE NUCLEAR TESTS WERE MENTIONED
AS THE LAST ITEM.... CHIRAC DID NOT COMPLAIN ABOUT
THE MASSIVE CRITICISM OF THE NUCLEAR TESTS, SINCE
THIS IS THE PRICE OF MAINTAINING A DETERRENT POWER
WHICH HAS NOT LOST SIGNIFICANCE IN VIEW OF
VAGABONDING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND FAR-
REACHING MISSILE CAPACITIES IN ZONES OF UNPREDICTABLE
POLICIES. FRANCE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FACT
THAT THIS ARGUMENT IS MEETING WITH IGNORANCE...."

4. HERIBERT PRANTL DEALS IN CENTRIST SUEDEDEUTSCHE
ZEITUNG OF MUNICH WITH THE EU'S REACTION TO THE
FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"CHIRAC'S NUCLEAR ACCOMPLICES ARE IN BRUSSELS."

"INDEED, PRESIDENT CHIRAC IS THE CULPRIT...BUT
THIS CULPRIT HAS ACCOMPLICES. THEY ARE IN THE
EUROPEAN CAPITALS - AND MAINLY IN BRUSSELS. THE
EUROPEAN COMMISSION DID NOTHING, NOTHING AT ALL, TO
INSIST ON ITS RIGHTS... IN PARIS. THE COMMISSION
DELIBERATELY DID NOT TAKE ACTION. IT ACTED AS IF THE
WHOLE DANGEROUS AFFAIR WERE NO BUSINESS FOR EUROPE.
COMMISSION PRESIDENT SANTER TWIDDLED HIS THUMBS AND
ACTED HELPLESSLY. BUT IF HE WANTED, HE COULD TAKE
ACTION. THE COMMISSION COULD HAVE GONE TO THE
EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT A
VIOLATION OF THE EURATOM TREATY, AND IT COULD HAVE
FILED A MOTION FOR AN INJUNCTION AGAINST PARIS, BUT
THE COMMISSION DID NOT EVEN EXAMINE THIS POSSIBILITY.
THIS IS AT LEAST A PHYSICAL SUPPORT OF CHIRAC....

"BUT THE ASSUMPTION IS APPROPRIATE THAT THE EU
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COMMISSION DID NOT WANT TO DISCUSS THE FRENCH NUCLEAR
TESTS, SINCE THE TESTS COULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT AS
EUROPEAN AFFAIR. THE SITUATION IS AS FOLLOWS:
FRANCE IS NOW TO CARRY OUT THE TESTS AT NATIONAL
LEVEL, AND LATER, THE FRENCH NUCLEAR MODEL WILL GET
THE EUROPEAN STARS....

"FRANCE HAS BLATANTLY VIOLATED THE EURATOM TREATY,
AN AFFAIR WHICH HAS OBVIOUSLY BEEN ACCEPTED WITHOUT
RAISING ANY PROTEST. MORE THAN 170 MEMBERS OF THE
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, HOWEVER, HAVE DEMANDED THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE, AND THE
COMING DAYS WILL SHOW WHETHER THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
HAS THE COURAGE TO ACCUSE THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION OF
INACTIVITY...."

5. CENTRIST WESTFALENPOST OF HAGEN ARGUES:

"THE FACTS MAKE CLEAR HOW UNREASONABLY CHIRAC IS
ARGUING: SINCE THE END OF WW II, MORE THAN 2,000
NUCLEAR TESTS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT, AND FRANCE
ITSELF CONDUCTED MORE THAN 200 OF THESE TESTS. AND
NOW THE 'NUCLEAR INSIGHT' IS DEPENDENT ON A HANDFUL
OF EXPLOSIONS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC? FRANCE CANNOT
EXAMINE SOMETHING THAT WAS EXAMINED LONG BEFORE. THE
NUMBER OF TESTS IS TOTALLY INSIGNIFICANT. THE PARIS
GOVERNMENT IS ONLY INTERESTED IN CELEBRATING ITS
NUCLEAR MILITARY INDEPENDENCE AND SIGNIFICANCE. THE
SABRE RATTLING IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC THUS HAS THE
EFFECT OF A RED HERRING.

"CHIRAC WANTS TO DRAW ATTENTION AWAY FROM DOMESTIC
POLICY PROBLEMS WHICH ESCALATED WITH THE RESIGNATION
OF ONE OF HIS MOST IMPORTANT MINISTERS. BY
DETONATING NUCLEAR WARHEADS ON MURUROA AND BY
ANNOUNCING NEW ATTACKS ON THE BOSNIAN SERBS ON TV, HE
IS POLISHING THE IMAGE OF A STRONG MAN. IT WOULD BE
GOOD IF OTHER STATE LEADERS - INCLUDING THE GERMAN
CHANCELLOR - SAID THIS VERY CLEARLY. FRANCO-GERMAN
RELATIONS COULD CERTAINLY PUT UP WITH SUCH A CLEAR
WORD."

E. ECONOMIC: WORLD BANK

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT CAROLA KAPS FILED THE
FOLLOWING PIECE FOR TODAY'S RIGHT-OF-CENTER
FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE:

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"THE WORLD BANK SEEKING FRIENDS."

"UNDER ITS NEW PRESIDENT JAMES WOLFENSOHN, THE
WORLD BANK REGARDS IT AS ONE OF ITS MOST IMPORTANT
TASKS TO FIND FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS IN THE
INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS AND TO ENSURE THAT THE
INSTITUTION AND THE VALUE OF ITS WORK ARE FIRMLY
FIXED IN THE MINDS OF THE POPULATION OF THESE
COUNTRIES. THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE EASY, SINCE OVER
THE PAST 15 YEARS, THE BANK HAS DONE TOO LITTLE TO
BOLSTER ITS IMAGE IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS. IT
HAS LEFT THE FIELD OF PUBLIC OPINION TO SMALL BUT
EXTREMELY VOCAL NGOS WHO ARE CRITICAL OF IT. THE
VAST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS
ARE INDIFFERENT TO THE WORLD BANK AND KNOW VIRTUALLY
NOTHING ABOUT ITS WORK. BUT THANKS TO WELL ORGANIZED
CRITICISM, THE IMAGE OF THE WORLD BANK AND
DEVELOPMENT AID IN GENERAL IS NEGATIVE. THE REASONS
FOR THE CRITICISM MAY VARY FROM COUNTRY TO COUNTRY,
BUT ALL ARE AGREED THAT THE WORLD BANK NEEDS A
FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN DIRECTION. SOME BELIEVE REFORM
IS SUFFICIENT, WHILE OTHERS - ESPECIALLY, BUT NOT
EXCLUSIVELY IN AMERICA - ARE DEMANDING ITS
ABOLITION....

"NEITHER IN GERMANY NOR IN THE UNITED STATES CAN
ANY POLITICAL CAPITAL BE MADE OUT OF DEFENDING THE
WORLD BANK. ITS CRITICS CAN DISSEMINATE THEIR
NEGATIVE VIEWS LARGELY UNCONTRADICTED. IN CONNECTION
WITH THE SIMILARLY POPULAR CLAIM THAT THE WORLD BANK
IS AN ARM OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM, THIS IS HOW
PREJUDICES ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN PEOPLE'S MINDS.
THE WORLD BANK CANNOT BE SHIELDED FROM CRITICISM, BUT
IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE CRITICAL COMMENTS ON THE
VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE CRITICS....

"THE WORLD BANK IS NOT BLIND. IT IS AWARE THAT IT MUST MAKE A GREATER CONTRIBUTION OF ITS OWN TO PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK IF THE DESIRED CHANGES ARE TO BE ACHIEVED. PRESIDENT WOLFENSOHN HIMSELF IS PARTICULARLY CALLED UPON TO DO SOMETHING. HE MUST CONTINUE THE TRADITION ESTABLISHED BY FORMER PRESIDENT ROBERT MCNAMARA AND CARRY HIS INSTITUTION'S DEVELOPMENT POLICY MESSAGE TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD. IN ADDITION TO THIS, STAFF MEMBERS COULD FUNCTION AS 'AMBASSADORS' IN THEIR RESPECTIVE HOME COUNTRIES AND EXPLAIN THE WORK OF THE BANK TO DIVERSE SOCIAL

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GROUPS.... AFTER YEARS OF INDIFFERENCE TO PUBLIC OPINION IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS, THE WORLD BANK IS WAKING UP."

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A. BROADCAST MEDIA

FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING

THE NEWS THAT FRANCE HAD EXPLODED A NUCLEAR BOMB IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC CAME TOO LATE FOR MOST OF THE PAPERS, BUT WAS THE LEAD ITEM IN ALL BROADCAST MEDIA MONITORED THIS MORNING. HOWEVER, THERE WAS LITTLE DETAIL TO REPORT BEYOND THE INTERNATIONAL CONDEMNATION IT PROVOKED.

ON BBC TV'S BREAKFAST NEWS AT 8.00, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT RICHARD WILSON SAID FROM TAHITI:

"FRANCE NOW STANDS ALONE. THE TEST HAS BEEN CONDEMNED BY ALL FRENCH POLYNESIA'S PACIFIC NEIGHBORS. ONLY THE GOVERNMENT HERE IN TAHITI IS REMAINING SILENT, AND THEY

ARE DEPENDENT ON THE FRENCH TREASURY FOR THEIR ECONOMIC SURVIVAL."

IT WAS REPORTED IN THE SAME BULLETIN THAT THE UNITED STATES, RUSSIA AND JAPAN HAD EXPRESSED THEIR DEEP REGRET AT THE EXPLOSION.

REPORTER JOE PALEY SAID:

"THERE HAVE BEEN DEMONSTRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD THIS MORNING. THE FRUSTRATION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC BOILED OVER WHEN THEY LEARNED FRANCE HAD GONE AHEAD."

UN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, BEIJING

BBC RADIO'S REPORTER IN BEIJING JUNE KELLY REPORTED MORE FRICTION BETWEEN THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES AND THE DELEGATES TO THE UN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE THERE THIS MORNING, ON THE OCCASION OF A FURTHER SPEECH BY THE FIRST LADY. SHE SAID ON THE TODAY PROGRAM AT 8.00:

"MRS CLINTON'S SPEECH HAD BEEN DUE TO BE DELIVERED IN THE OPEN AIR, BUT TORRENTIAL RAIN MEANT THAT THE VENUE HAD TO BE SWITCHED TO A CONFERENCE HALL. ONCE AGAIN THE CHINESE ADOPTED AN INFLEXIBLE APPROACH TOWARDS SECURITY, AND SEVERAL THOUSANDS WOMEN WERE KEPT OUTSIDE FOR MORE THAN TWO HOURS IN THE DELUGE AS DOORS TO THE HALL REMAINED SHUT.

"EVENTUALLY, JUST TWO DOORS WERE OPENED AND THERE WAS CHAOS AS EVERYONE TRIED TO GET THERE. THE WOMEN WERE INCENSED AT THE WAY THE CHINESE HAD TREATED THEM. ...

"HUNDREDS OF WOMEN WERE UNABLE TO GET INTO THE MEETING AT

ALL. AS THEY STOOD OUTSIDE IN THE RAIN, THE CHINESE BROADCAST MESSAGES BLAMING THE SITUATION ON THE CHANGE OF VENUE BY THE AMERICAN DELEGATION."

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B. TODAY'S MAJOR NEWS STORIES

1. UN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, BEIJING
2. NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PROCESS
3. BOSNIA

C. SUMMARY

1. UN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, BEIJING

THE FIRST LADY'S SPEECH IS WIDELY REPORTED AND COMMENTED ON THIS MORNING, AND IS ALMOST UNIVERSALLY RECEIVED WITH PRAISE. MANY PAPERS COMMENT ON ITS BRAVERY, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF ITS DIRECT LANGUAGE BUT FOR ITS DIFFICULT SUBJECT MATTER, SUCH AS FEMALE CIRCUMCISION. MANY PAPERS ALSO NOTE THAT NO WORD OF THE SPEECH WAS REPORTED BY THE CHINESE OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY.

THE CONSERVATIVE TIMES EDITORIALIZED:

"BY SPEAKING OUT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AT A VENUE NOT FAR FROM TIANENMEN SQUARE, MRS CLINTON HAS PERFORMED AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE. THERE IS SOME CRITICISM WHICH EVEN THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT CANNOT SILENCE."

THE LEFT-LEANING TABLOID TODAY EDITORIALIZED:

"BY SHAMING THE CHINESE, SHE PREVENTED THE CONFERENCE
DESCENDING INTO FARCE AND REMINDED THE AMERICANS THAT
MAYBE THEY HAVE GOT THE WRONG CLINTON IN THE OVAL OFFICE

AFTER ALL."

2. NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PROCESS

THE LAST-MINUTE CANCELLATION OF TODAY'S ANGLO-IRISH SUMMIT ON THE PEACE PROCESS HAS CAST MUCH GLOOM THROUGHOUT LONDON'S PAPERS THIS MORNING. MANY COMMENTATORS NOW FEAR THAT A RETURN TO VIOLENCE COULD BE A POSSIBLE RESULT. SOME, PREDICTABLY, BLAME DUBLIN -- AND OTHERS, LONDON -- FOR THE BREAKDOWN. THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES COMMENTS THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON WILL BE UNABLE TO MAKE HIS PLANNED VISIT TO THE PROVINCE "IF THE ATMOSPHERE THERE CONTINUES TO DETERIORATE", AND CONTINUES:

"PERHAPS CRUCIAL TO A RESOLUTION TO THE GROWING CRISIS WILL BE THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION. ... IF THE DUBLIN GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO HAVE FAILED IN ITS ATTEMPTS TO ACT AS INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND SINN FEIN, THE LAST REMAINING HOPES FOR PREVENTING A RETURN TO THE BLOODSHED THAT THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND HAD BELIEVED WAS BEHIND THEM MAY REST WITH WASHINGTON."

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ANOTHER PAPER, THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH, WARNS WASHINGTON NOT TO TRY TO PRESSURE "ITS OLDEST ALLY" TO ACCEPT SINN FEIN INTO THE POLITICAL PROCESS BEFORE IT GIVES UP ITS WEAPONS. SEE TEXT BELOW.

3. BOSNIA

THE RESUMPTION OF NATO AIR STRIKES IN BOSNIA YESTERDAY IS WIDELY, THOUGH BRIEFLY, REPORTED ON, WITH LITTLE COMMENT. HOWEVER A COMMENTARY IN THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES CASTS DOUBT ON U.S. COMMITMENT TO PURSUING A PEACE IN BOSNIA. SEE TEXT BELOW.

THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN REPORTED:

"NATO AND THE UN MAINTAINED THEIR NERVE AND UNITY IN BOSNIA YESTERDAY, LAUNCHING A NEW WAVE OF AIR STRIKES AGAINST SERB TARGETS AND WINNING CONFIRMATION FROM THE SARAJEVO GOVERNMENT THAT IT WOULD ATTEND FRIDAY'S THREE-WAY PEACE TALKS IN GENEVA.

"THE ALLIES' ACTION WAS ALSO BOLSTERED BY AN APPARENT SPLIT BETWEEN THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY WINGS OF THE BOSNIAN SERB LEADERSHIP.

"BUT SOME DIPLOMATS PRIVATELY EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT PROSPECTS FOR NEGOTIATION MIGHT HAVE BEEN HARMED BY THE NEED TO UNLEASH MORE ATTACKS -- OR LOSE CREDIBILITY -- AFTER THE SERBS FAILED TO WITHDRAW THEIR HEAVY ARTILLERY BY MONDAY NIGHT'S DEADLINE. 'PROSPECTS WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF WE'D HAD A PULL-BACK,' ADMITTED ONE WELL-PLACED AMERICAN SOURCE. "THIS MAY MAKE THINGS MORE DIFFICULT'. PUBLICLY, HOWEVER, DETERMINATION WAS AGAIN THE ORDER OF THE DAY."

D. TEXT

1. UN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, BEIJING

"HOME TRUTHS ABROAD"

THE CONSERVATIVE TIMES, WHICH CALLED IN AN EDITORIAL BEFORE THE CONFERENCE STARTED FOR MRS CLINTON TO BE A 'BAD GUEST' IF SHE ATTENDED IT, WAS DELIGHTED THIS MORNING THAT SHE HAD FOLLOWED ITS ADVICE. IT SAID IN AN EDITORIAL:

"THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAD WRESTLED SO HARD TO SECURE THE PRESENCE IN PEKING OF HILLARY CLINTON, FELT THE SOUR TASTE OF HER WORDS YESTERDAY AT THE UN WORLD CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN. IN A TRENCHANT SPEECH TO THE ASSEMBLED DELEGATES, THE AMERICAN FIRST LADY SHOWED PRECISELY WHY IT WAS CORRECT FOR HER TO ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE.

"THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT MUST NOW, SURELY, RUE THE LENGTHS
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TO WHICH IT WENT TO ENSURE MRS CLINTON'S ATTENDANCE. THE CHINESE-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGNER HARRY WU, WHOSE LAST-MINUTE RELEASE PAVED THE WAY FOR HER VISIT, IS BACK IN CALIFORNIA, TELLING THE WORLD AGAIN HOW DISAGREEABLE HIS FORMER CAPTORS ARE. AND MRS CLINTON, THE WOMAN WHOM PEKING GOT IN EXCHANGE, IS NOW THE BLUNT-SPEAKING CENTER OF ATTRACTION -- AND A 'BAD GUEST' TO BOOT. ...

"WHAT THE CONFERENCE HAS MOST CLEARLY TAUGHT US -- AND THE FIRST LESSONS WERE IMPARTED EVEN BEFORE THE EARLIEST NON-GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPANTS ARRIVED -- IS THE TRUE NATURE OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, ITS PARANOIAS AND ITS UNBLUSHING RECOURSE TO REPRESSION IN MOMENTS OF DIFFICULTY. FEW IN THE WEST, OF COURSE, CAN HAVE BEEN CAUGHT ENTIRELY BY SURPRISE. YET IT WAS THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT ITSELF WHICH HAD HOPED TO EXTRACT THE RICH JUICE OF INTERNATIONAL APPROVAL FROM THE FRUITS OF THIS CONFERENCE. PEKING LOBBIED FOR, AND SECURED, THE RIGHT

TO PLAY HOST, AND YESTERDAY MRS CLINTON TOLD HER HOSTS A FEW HOME TRUTHS. ...

"MRS CLINTON DID NOT CONFINE HER ATTENTION TO CHINA'S VARIOUS BREACHES OF ITS 'HOST NATION AGREEMENT' WITH THE UN. AS OUR CHINA CORRESPONDENT WRITES TODAY, SHE DELIVERED A CLEAR SLAP AT CHINESE METHODS BY DESCRIBING AS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS THE PRACTICES OF FORCED ABORTION AND STERILIZATION, AND THE DENIAL TO WOMEN OF 'THE RIGHT TO PLAN THEIR OWN FAMILIES'. NOT SURPRISINGLY, THE CHINESE STATE-CONTROLLED NEWS AGENCY, XINHUA, DID NOT SO MUCH AS MENTION MRS CLINTON IN ITS DAILY REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE.

"CHINA'S 'STAR GUEST' WOULD APPEAR NOW TO HAVE LAID TO REST THE CRITICISM LEVELED AGAINST HER BY THE REPUBLICAN RIGHT IN AMERICA, AND BY SOME HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS THERE, WHO HAD ARGUED THAT HER VISIT TO THE CONFERENCE WOULD BE INTERPRETED BY PEKING AS YET ANOTHER SIGN OF AMERICAN WEAKNESS. BY SPEAKING OUT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AT A VENUE NOT FAR FROM TIANENMEN SQUARE, MRS CLINTON HAS PERFORMED AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE. THERE IS SOME CRITICISM WHICH EVEN THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT CANNOT SILENCE."

"WHITE HOUSE TRIES TO SALVAGE PROGRESS WITH PEKING"

THE SAME PAPER'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT REPORTED:

"HER FORTHRIGHT COMMENTS MAY CURB SOME OF THE CRITICISM FROM THE (REPUBLICAN) RIGHT AND ARE CLEARLY DESIGNED TO PLAY BACK INTO AMERICAN DOMESTIC POLITICS. BUT THEY ARE LIKELY TO CAUSE SERIOUS EMBARRASSMENT TO HER HUSBAND AT A TIME WHEN HIS ADMINISTRATION IS ENGAGED IN BRIDGE-

BUILDING WITH THE CHINESE."

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"DIPLOMATIC SENSE"

THE CONSERVATIVE TABLOID DAILY MAIL EDITORIALIZED:

"WHO COULD QUARREL WITH HILARY CLINTON'S FEISTY REMARKS
AT THE PEKING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, ATTACKING FORCED
ABORTIONS, FEMALE INFANTICIDE AND COMPULSORY FAMILY
PLANNING?

"BUT NOW IMAGINE A SIMILAR CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON DC.
THE WIFE OF CHINA'S PRESIDENT JIANG ZEMIN (WHO JUST
HAPPENED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CHINESE DELEGATION)
DENOUNCES GOVERNMENT BENEFITS PAID TO UNMARRIED, TEENAGE
MOTHERS. SHE POURS VITRIOL ON PORNOGRAPHY AND DRUG
ABUSE, AND THE SEXUAL VIOLENCE WHICH, SHE ARGUES, IS THE
SAD LOT OF SO MANY OPPRESSED AMERICAN WOMEN.

"AMERICANS WOULD BE INCANDESCENT WITH RAGE. THEY WOULD
SENSE A DELIBERATE DIPLOMATIC SNUB. THEY SIMPLY WOULD
NOT BELIEVE THAT THE CHINESE PRESIDENT'S WIFE JUST
HAPPENED TO TURN UP AND SPEAK HER OWN MIND. CAN YOU
BLAME THE CHINESE IF THEY DRAW SIMILAR CONCLUSIONS ABOUT
MRS CLINTON'S ILL-ADVISED INTERVENTION?"

(REPRODUCED IN FULL)

"BARBIE DOLL BLASTS THE DYING ROOM CULTURE"

HOWEVER, THE PAPER'S REPORTER ANN LESLIE, WRITING FROM
THE BEIJING CONFERENCE, WAS DELIGHTED BY THE SPEECH:

"'IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, YOU'D THINK THAT PRETTY
LITTLE BARBIE-DOLL BLONDE IN SUGAR PINK AND PEARLS WAS
JUST ANOTHER RICH MAN'S 'TROPHY WIFE'", SAID ONE OF THE

LADIES WHO LUNCH ON LETTUCE.

"BUT THE WOMAN WHO APPROACHED THE PODIUM YESTERDAY AT THE UN'S FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN WAS NO TROPHY WIFE; AND WHATEVER SHE HAD BEEN EATING FOR LUNCH, IT WAS FAR MORE COMBUSTIBLE FUEL THAN LETTUCE.

"FOR THIS WAS HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, AND ALL THAT SUGAR-AND-PEARLS STUFF WAS A DISGUISE FOR A HEAT-SEEKING MISSILE WHICH FIRED STRAIGHT INTO THE CHAUVINIST BELLIES OF HER CHINESE HOSTS IN PEKING, BLASTING APART ALL THEIR OFT-EXPRESSED 'FEMINIST' PRETENSIONS. ...

"THE AUDIENCE ERUPTED IN APPLAUSE. AT LAST, A POWERFUL WOMAN -- PERHAPS, BECAUSE OF HER STRANGLEHOLD ON THE WAVERING MIND OF HER HUSBAND, CURRENTLY THE MOST POWERFUL WOMAN IN THE WORLD -- HAD STOOD IN FRONT OF THE CHINESE AND OPENLY ATTACKED ITS GOVERNMENT FOR A ONE-CHILD POLICY WHICH, HOWEVER INADVERTENTLY, HAS LED TO THE MASS ABORTION OF GIRL BABIES ... INFANTICIDE AND THE TRAGIC PHENOMENON OF ORPHANAGES WHERE ABANDONED GIRLS DIE IN THE 'DYING ROOMS'. ...

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"THE CHINESE OFFICIALS IN HER AUDIENCE STARED STRAIGHT AHEAD, IMPASSIVE BUT, DOUBTLESS, INWARDLY INFLUENCED BY THIS WOMAN'S SHEER CHEEK. FOR WHAT, TO US, SOUND LIKE NOBLE CLICHES ARE, HERE IN CHINA, REVOLUTIONARY AND DEEPLY SEDITIONARY NOTIONS.

"'IF THEY COULD HAVE THEIR WAY,' ONE OLD CHINA HAND

PRESENT MURMURED TO ME, 'THEY'D PROMPTLY ARREST HER AND GIVE HER 15 YEARS IN THE LAOGAI, THE REFORM-THROUGH-LABOR CAMPS'. ...

"SHE DID NOT ONCE MENTION THE WORD CHINA, ALTHOUGH THERE

WAS NO DOUBT ABOUT HER TARGET. MOREOVER, SHE DID NOT -- AS HAVE OTHER VISITING DIGNITARIES -- POUR UPON THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT OILY COMPLIMENTS ABOUT ITS SKILL AND GENEROSITY AS A HOST.

"THE REST OF HER SPEECH ... WAS EQUALLY STRONG AND MOVING. ...

"MY FRIEND MYRNA, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE OFFICIAL U.S. DELEGATION, IS AN ADORING FRIEND OF THE FIRST LADY AND SHE KEEPS ASKING ME PLAINATIVELY: 'ANN, WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS SO MEAN IN WHAT YOU WRITE ABOUT HILLARY?' OK, MYRNA, I THOUGHT, AFTER THAT MOVING AND GUTSY SPEECH, THIS TIME IT WILL BE DIFFERENT: HILLARY, THIS TIME I THINK YOU WERE WONDERFUL."

"HONEST HILLARY"

THE LEFT-LEANING TABLOID TODAY EDITORIALIZED:

"HILLARY CLINTON TAKES AN AWFUL LOT OF STICK, SOME OF WHICH IS DESERVED. BUT HER OUTSPOKEN ATTACK ON THE CHINESE HOSTS AT THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN NEEDED SAYING -- AND FEW COULD HAVE ARTICULATED IT BETTER.

"WESTERN DELEGATES, MRS CLINTON INCLUDED, HAD BEEN UNDERSTANDABLY CRITICIZED FOR ATTENDING AN EVENT HELD BY A NATION WHICH SAVAGELY PUTS DOWN ANY DISSENT AND

CONDONES THE STARVING TO DEATH OF BABY GIRLS BECAUSE THEY ARE REGARDED AS LESS VALUABLE ECONOMICALLY.

"MOST NATIONAL LEADERS IN A SIMILAR SITUATION WOULD HAVE FAVORED DISCRETION RATHER THAN VALOR, FOR FEAR OF OFFENDING THE COUNTRY STAGING THE CONFERENCE. ANY CRITICISM THEY HAD TO MAKE OF THE BRUTAL BEIJING REGIME WOULD HAVE BEEN BURIED IN DIPLOMATIC LANGUAGE.

"NOT THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE, HOWEVER. BY SHAMING THE CHINESE, SHE PREVENTED THE CONFERENCE DESCENDING INTO FARCE AND REMINDED THE AMERICANS THAT MAYBE THEY HAVE GOT UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 12 LONDON 012380

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THE WRONG CLINTON IN THE OVAL OFFICE AFTER ALL."

"HILLARY CLINTON ATTACKS CHINA OVER CONFERENCE CURBS"

THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES REPORTED:

"MRS HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON YESTERDAY VOICED BLUNT
CRITICISM OF CHINA OVER RESTRICTIONS ON PARTICIPANTS IN A
UN-SPONSORED WOMEN'S FORUM, DESCRIBING CHINESE ACTIONS AS
'INDEFENSIBLE'. THE U.S. FIRST LADY ALSO SPOKE OUT
STRONGLY AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES, INCLUDING FORCED
ABORTIONS AND STERILIZATION -- A COMMON PRACTICE
THROUGHOUT CHINA.

"CHINESE DELEGATES TO THE CONFERENCE DID NOT RESPOND
DIRECTLY TO MRS CLINTON'S REMARKS MADE ON THE SECOND DAY
OF THE TWO-WEEK EVENT, BUT BEIJING IS LIKELY TO HAVE BEEN
DISPLEASED BY THEIR BLUNT TONE. MORE THAN 12 HOURS AFTER
SHE HAD SPOKEN, CHINA'S OFFICIAL MEDIA HAD FAILED TO
REPORT HER REMARKS. ...

"MRS CLINTON'S SPEECH, WHICH WAS RECEIVED
ENTHUSIASTICALLY BY THOUSANDS OF DELEGATES AT THE UN
CONFERENCE CENTER, WAS CLEARLY AIMED AT BOTH AN
INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC AMERICAN AUDIENCE."

"FIRST LADY ATTACKS CHINA OVER ABUSES"

THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN REPORTED:

"HILLARY CLINTON STOLE THE SHOW AT THE UN WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE YESTERDAY, WITH A FORCEFUL SPEECH SAYING IT
WAS TIME TO BREAK THE SILENCE ON VIOLATIONS OF WOMEN'S
HUMAN RIGHTS, SUCH AS FEMALE INFANTICIDE, CIRCUMCISION,
DOWRY DEATHS, PROSTITUTION, SEXUAL ABUSE AND DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE. MRS CLINTON WAS REPEATEDLY INTERRUPTED BY
APPLAUSE.

"THE SPEECH, WHICH CRITICIZED CHINA FOR ITS HANDLING OF
THE GRASSROOTS MEETING HELD IN PARALLEL WITH THE UN
CONFERENCE, WAS ALSO INTERPRETED AS ATTACKING BEIJING FOR
ITS FORCED ABORTIONS AND STERILIZATIONS. ...

"ASKED HOW HER SPEECH MIGHT AFFECT STRAINED U.S.-CHINA
RELATIONS, MRS CLINTON SAID: 'WE'RE TRYING TO HAVE AN
HONEST RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA'. ... DIPLOMATS SAID THE
SPEECH WAS ALSO AIMED AT THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SCENE IN
THE UNITED STATES, WHERE REPUBLICANS HAVE LASHED OUT AT
THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION, ACCUSING IT OF BEING SOFT ON
CHINA. 'NEXT' YEAR'S ELECT
ION IS ALREADY DEFINING THE
AGENDA,' SAID ONE. ...

"MANY DELEGATES HAILED MRS CLINTON AS A HEROINE. 'SHE

SPOKE UP FOR EVERYTHING IN THE PLAN OF ACTION,' SAID ONE.

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'FOR ALL OF THOSE WHO DIDN'T WANT TO TAKE WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS SERIOUSLY, WE NOW HAVE THE FIRST LADY OF THE UNITED STATES TELLING THEM THEY ARE WRONG'. ...

"THE FIRST LADY WAS IN HER ELEMENT, AND EVEN CYNICS WHO DERIDED HER BLONDER-THAN-EVER HAIR, PINK SUIT AND PEARLS WERE IMPRESSED AS SHE WADED INTO THE DIFFICULT AREAS OF 'THE BRUTAL PRACTICE OF GENITAL MUTILATION' WHICH CLAIMS 5,000 VICTIMS A DAY, AND THE 20 MILLION WOMEN WHO SEEK UNSAFE ABORTIONS BECAUSE THEY ARE DENIED FAMILY PLANNING BY POVERTY OR LACK OF EDUCATION.

"MRS CLINTON WENT OUT OF HER WAY TO TARGET HER OWN COUNTRY. ...

"AT THE END OF THE CONFERENCE'S FIRST WORKING DAY, IT WAS CLEAR THAT HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THEIR UNIVERSALITY, WOULD DOMINATE THE NEXT TEN DAYS."

2. NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PROCESS

"A DAMAGING SETBACK"

THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES EDITORIALIZED:

"THE ELEVENTH-HOUR POSTPONEMENT OF THE ANGLO-IRISH SUMMIT REPRESENTS A SERIOUS SETBACK TO HOPES OF AN END TO THE PRESENT STALEMATE IN NORTHERN IRELAND. THERE HAVE BEEN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS BEFORE. BUT THIS LATEST IMPASSE, JUST A WEEK AFTER THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE IRA CEASEFIRE, COMES AT A CRITICAL MOMENT. THE RISK OF A RESUMPTION OF VIOLENCE BY THE IRA HAS NEVER LOOKED GREATER. FOR THAT REASON, MR JOHN MAJOR AND MR

JOHN BRUTON MUST MOVE QUICKLY TO RESOLVE THEIR

DIFFERENCES AND TO RESCHEDULE THE SUMMIT. ...

"THE STRENGTH OF THE DOWNING STREET DECLARATION AND THE JOINT FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT LAY IN THE OFFER OF A JOINT GUARANTEE TO THE PROVINCE'S TWO COMMUNITIES THAT ITS POLITICAL FUTURE WOULD BE DECIDED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF CONSENT. THAT GUARANTEE WILL ONLY BE CREDIBLE IF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE SEEN TO AGREE. THE PRESENT DISCORD WILL GIVE SUCCOR TO EXTREMISTS IN BOTH CAMPS WHO HAVE CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED THE SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. WHILE MR MAJOR MUST CONTINUE TO BE FLEXIBLE IN HIS RESPONSE TO THE IRA CEASEFIRE, IT IS VITAL FOR MR BRUTON TO RECOGNIZE THAT NO USEFUL PURPOSE WILL BE SERVED IF HIS GOVERNMENT IS SEEN AS THE VOICE OF SINN FEIN."

"LACK OF TRUST BOGS DOWN IRISH PEACE PROCESS"

THE SAME PAPER COMMENTED:

"IN RECENT MONTHS THE PEACE PROCESS HAS BEEN BOGGED DOWN BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S CONDITION THAT SINN FEIN CAN UNCLAS SECTION 09 OF 12 LONDON 012380

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JOIN THE OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL PARTIES IN FULL
NEGOTIATIONS ONLY ONCE THE IRA STARTS HANDING IN WEAPONS.

"THE GESTURE, UK MINISTERS ACKNOWLEDGE, HAD LESS TO DO WITH MILITARY CAPABILITY -- THE WEAPONRY REQUIRED TO SET OFF A BOMB COULD BE ACQUIRED WITHIN HOURS. IT WAS ALL TO DO WITH TRUST.

"TRUST, OR RATHER THE LACK OF IT, HAS BECOME THE FAULT LINE. THE IRISH, AND THE AMERICANS MORE DISCREETLY, HAVE

TOLD THE BRITISH THEY ARE BEING NAIVE AT BEST, DANGEROUS AT WORST, IN INSISTING ON WHAT WOULD BE SEEN BY REPUBLICANS AS A SURRENDER. ...

"THE DAMAGE LIMITATION EXERCISES WILL START TODAY, BUT BOTH SIDES WILL HAVE TO MOVE QUICKLY TO AVOID THE PROCESS ASSUMING A DESTRUCTIVE MOMENTUM OF ITS OWN. ... MUCH WILL DEPEND ON THE POSITIONS OF THE OTHER MAIN PLAYERS.
...

"PERHAPS CRUCIAL TO A RESOLUTION TO THE GROWING CRISIS WILL BE THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION. ITS PRESENCE IS SUBTLE BUT NEVER FAR AWAY. U.S. PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON CANNOT COUNTENANCE A VISIT TO THE PROVINCE, SCHEDULED FOR LATE NOVEMBER, IF THE ATMOSPHERE CONTINUES TO DETERIORATE.

"HE HAS INVESTED CONSIDERABLE EFFORTS ON NORTHERN IRELAND, INCURRING THE WRATH OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WITH HIS INVITATIONS AND OVERTURES TO MR ADAMS.

"IF THE DUBLIN GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO HAVE FAILED IN ITS ATTEMPTS TO ACT AS INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND SINN FEIN, THE LAST REMAINING HOPES FOR PREVENTING A RETURN TO THE BLOODSHED THAT THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND HAD BELIEVED WAS BEHIND THEM MAY REST WITH WASHINGTON."

"PEACE IN CRISIS"

THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH EDITORIALIZED:

"WHATEVER GLOSS LONDON AND DUBLIN MAY TRY TO PUT ON THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE SUMMIT, THERE CAN BE LITTLE DOUBT THAT IT HAS PLUNGED THE ULSTER PEACE PROCESS INTO CRISIS. ... IT APPEARS THAT THE IRISH, UNDER PRESSURE FROM SINN FEIN AND THE IRA, REFUSED, AT THE LAST MOMENT AND AFTER WEEKS OF TALKS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL, TO AGREE ON THE (INTERNATIONAL) COMMISSION'S TERMS OF REFERENCE. ...

"NO ONE WHO KNOWS IRISH HISTORY EVER EXPECTED THE IRA TO
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HAND OVER ITS ENTIRE ARSENAL, TO AN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OR ANY OTHER BODY. BUT IT IS ASTONISHING THAT THE IRISH SHOULD FAIL TO ENDORSE THE PRINCIPLE AT STAKE, THAT DEMOCRATIC POLITICS ARE RENDERED IMPOSSIBLE IF ANY PARTY COMES ILLEGALLY ARMED TO THE TABLE. ACCEPTANCE OF THIS POINT WAS CENTRAL TO THE DOWNING STREET DECLARATION OF DECEMBER 1993, WHICH, SOLEMNLY SIGNED BY LONDON AND DUBLIN, INAUGURATED THE PEACE PROCESS. FOR DUBLIN NOW TO TRY TO RESILE FROM THAT IS DEPLORABLE. GIVEN THE IRISH REPUBLIC'S OWN HISTORY, ITS GOVERNMENT SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN MOST THAT NO DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY SHOULD BE EXPECTED TO ADMIT TO ITS POLITICAL PROCESS A PARTY THAT WILL NOT ABANDON THE ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF WEAPONS. ...

"IF PAST ACTIONS ARE ANY GUIDE, THE IRISH WILL NOW SEEK TO ENLIST AMERICAN HELP TO FORCE BRITAIN TO BACK DOWN. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT MUST MAKE IT ABSOLUTELY CLEAR TO WASHINGTON THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO BROWBEAT IT INTO SUBMISSION ON SUCH A FUNDAMENTAL POINT OF PRINCIPLE WILL BE ENTIRELY COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. THE UNITED STATES, IN RECENT YEARS, HAS MADE MUCH OF ITS DETERMINATION TO FIGHT TERRORISM. IT CANNOT NOW TURN ROUND AND DEMAND THAT ITS OLDEST ALLY MUST ADMIT TO ITS POLITICAL PROCESS A PARTY THAT NOT ONLY REFUSES TO FORSWEAR VIOLENCE, BUT INSISTS ON MAINTAINING UNDIMINISHED THE CAPACITY TO THREATEN IT.

"ON THIS CRUCIAL POINT, THERE CAN BE NO COMPROMISE."

"SETBACK TO THE PEACE"

THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN EDITORIALIZED:

"THERE IS NO POINT IN DENYING THAT IT IS A PRETTY SHAMBOLIC MESS. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE ALWAYS MOVED FORWARD TOGETHER IN THE PAST. THE FAILURE TO CARRY THIS UNITY INTO THE STAGE OF THE PROCESS WHICH DEALS WITH NORTHERN IRELAND POLITICS IS A VERY IMPORTANT WARNING SIGN THAT THE OPTIMISM WHICH PRODUCED AN END TO THE VIOLENCE IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO PRODUCE AN END TO POLITICAL DISAGREEMENTS. THE OPTIMISTS WILL SAY THAT THIS WAS ALWAYS GOING TO BE THE MOST DIFFICULT CRUX IN A DELICATE PROCESS AND THAT IT IS BETTER TO GET IT RIGHT THAN TO RUSH IT. THE PESSIMIST WILL SIMPLY SAY 'I TOLD YOU SO'. IT IS A GOOD DAY FOR THE PESSIMISTS."

3. BOSNIA

"GOODBYE TO ALL THAT"

WRITING IN THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES, EUROPE COMMENTATOR IAN DAVIDSON VOICED FEARS OVER AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO BOSNIA:

"THERE IS NO QUESTION BUT THAT THE MOOD OF HOPE IN THE WEST IS LARGELY DUE TO THE ENERGY WITH WHICH THE U.S.

ADMINISTRATION HAS PURSUED ITS NEW COMMITMENT TO THE TWIN
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STRATEGY OF DIPLOMACY AND AIR STRIKES. BUT IT SEEMS TO
ME THAT THIS COMMITMENT WILL PROVE SHORT-TERM, PRECARIOUS
AND UNRELIABLE.

"THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION HAS TWO CENTRAL STRATEGIC
INTERESTS. THE FIRST IS THAT IT DOES NOT WANT TO GET ANY
FURTHER INVOLVED THAN IT IS ALREADY, AND PREFERABLY MUCH
LESS. THE SECOND IS THAT IT DOES NOT WANT NATO TO FALL
APART. BUT IT IS NOT OBVIOUS THAT THESE TWO INTERESTS
CAN BE RECONCILED UNLESS THERE IS A RAPID POLITICAL
SETTLEMENT ACCOMPANIED BY AN INSTANT PEACE.

"IF THE DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE FAILS AND THE WAR GRINDS
ON. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE EUROPEAN ALLIES WILL WITHDRAW
THEIR PEACEKEEPING FORCES FROM BOSNIA. THEY WILL THEN
CALL ON THE UNITED STATES TO FULFIL ITS UNDERTAKING TO
DEPLOY UP TO 25,000 TROOPS ON THE GROUND TO HELP THEM
ENSURE AN ORDERLY RETREAT. BUT IT IS NOT AT ALL CLEAR
THAT THE REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS WILL PERMIT THAT
COMMITMENT TO BE HONORED.

"ON THE CONTRARY, IT SEEMS MORE LIKELY THAT, IF THE
PRESENT INITIATIVE RUNS OUT OF STEAM, THE REPUB
LICANS
WILL COMPEL PRESIDENT CLINTON TO INTERVENE INDIRECTLY IN
THE WAR. THIS INTERVENTION WOULD BE BY SUPPLYING ARMS TO
THE MUSLIMS, THROWING THE UNITED STATES INTO DIRECT
CONFLICT WITH THE POLICY PRINCIPLES OF THE EUROPEAN
ALLIES. IN EITHER EVENT, WE CAN VIRTUALLY SAY GOODBYE TO
NATO. ...

"IN SHORT, THE UNITED STATES INITIATIVE LOOKS LESS LIKE
THE RESUMPTION OF AMERICA'S FORMER ROLE AS THE NATURAL
LEADER OF THE WEST THAN AN ATTEMPT TO AVERT A REAL
PARTING OF THE WAYS WITH ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES.

"IT IS INEVITABLE THAT THE END OF THE COLD WAR IS LEADING TO A SIGNIFICANT DEGREE OF DISENGAGEMENT BY THE UNITED STATES FROM ITS FORMER COMMITMENTS IN EUROPE, AND FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD AS WELL.

"AMERICA'S PREVIOUS RELUCTANCE TO GET INVOLVED IN BOSNIA SEEMS TO ME PREDICTABLE AND UNDERSTANDABLE. AMERICA'S ATTEMPT TO MOBILIZE NATO BEHIND ITS LATEST DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE SEEMS EQUALLY UNDERSTANDABLE. BUT ON HISTORICAL GROUNDS, IT IS LIKELY THAT DISENGAGEMENT WILL WIN OVER ALLIANCE SOLIDARITY."

"A HIGH PRICE FOR DEFIANCE"

THE CONSERVATIVE TABLOID DAILY EXPRESS EDITORIALIZED:

"NATO'S RESPONSE IS EXACTLY WHAT IS REQUIRED. NOW THE ALLIES HAVE UNSHEATHED THE SWORD, THEY MUST BE IMPLACABLE IN USING IT WHENEVER NECESSARY.

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"THE BOSNIAN SERB FORCES NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT NOT ONLY AGGRESSION BUT ALSO FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH NATO/UN DEMANDS WILL COST THEM DEAR FROM NOW ON. EVERY NATO RAID RESULTS IN THE DESTRUCTION OF ANOTHER PIECE OF THE SERB WAR MACHINE, THE BASIS OF THEIR POWER IN THE AREA.

"THE KNOWLEDGE THAT SWIFT, CERTAIN PUNISHMENT WILL FOLLOW ANY MISBEHAVIOR WILL CONCENTRATE THE AGGRESSOR'S MIND WONDERFULLY." O'BRIEN

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SUBJECTS COVERED IN THIS REPORT:

1. THE U.S. AND JERUSALEM 3000 FESTIVITIES
2. BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

KEY STORIES IN THE MEDIA:

THE FATAL STABBING OF A JEWISH SETTLER AND THE WOUNDING OF HIS WIFE, A NEW IMMIGRANT FROM THE U.S., NEAR RAMALLAH MONDAY NIGHT. THE PERPETRATOR HAS NOT BEEN APPREHENDED. THE POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE IS SAID TO HAVE TAKEN RESPONSIBILITY.

TODAY IN TABA BEGIN ANOTHER MARATHON PERES-ARAFAT "DIFFICULT TALKS" ON OSLO 2. THE HARDEST NUT: SECURITY FOR HEBRON'S JEWS. YEDIOT REPORTED THAT AMERICAN RABBIS WHO MET WITH PRESIDENT WEIZMAN LAST MONTH SAID THAT WEIZMAN CRITICIZED THE GOI FOR SURRENDERING TOO MUCH TERRITORY TO THE PALESTINIANS TOO QUICKLY.

HA'ARETZ REPORTED THAT JERUSALEM HAS LEARNED THAT SYRIA HAS PROPOSED TO HAVE INTELLIGENCE GATHERING BALLOONS OVER ITS TERRITORY, INSTEAD OF EARLY WARNING ISRAELI-MANNED GROUND STATIONS, UNDER A BILATERAL PEACE ACCORD. A SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL TOLD THE PAPER'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, AKIVA ELДАР, THAT "IT IS TOO SOON TO MOURN THE SYRIAN TRACK DAMASCUS DOES NOT WANT THE TALKS TO DIE."

COMMENTS BY AMBASSADOR INDYK AND SPOKESMAN BURNS THAT THE U.S. HAS NOT BOYCOTTED THE JERUSALEM 3000 ANNIVERSARY, BUT THAT SINCE MONDAY'S EVENT WAS CULTURAL AND BECAUSE THE AMBASSADOR HAD OTHER ENGAGEMENTS, A SENIOR EMBASSY CULTURAL OFFICIAL WAS APPOINTED TO ATTEND.

- 1. THE U.S. AND JERUSALEM 3000 FESTIVITIES:

SUMMARY:

HATZOFE EDITORIALIZED, "THE U.S. AMBASSADOR'S ABSENCE CAME AS A SURPRISE. IT ALSO AMOUNTS TO A DIPLOMATIC GESTURE OF DEFIANCE."

JERUSALEM POST EDITORIALIZED, "IF THERE IS ONE THING ISRAELIS NEITHER NEED NOR WANT FROM AN AMERICAN UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 03 TEL AVIV 014340

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AMBASSADOR IT IS TO HAVE THEIR INTELLIGENCE INSULTED."

BLOCK QUOTES:

I. "CONSPICUOUS ABSENCE"

HATZOFE (RELIGIOUS, OPPOSITION) EDITORIALIZED, "U.S. AMBASSADOR INDYK'S ABSENCE FROM THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE JERUSALEM 3,000 CELEBRATIONS, LIKE THE ABSENCE OF MOST OF OTHER FOREIGN DIPLOMATS, CARRIES AN OBVIOUS POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE. IT WAS EXPECTED THAT VARIOUS AMBASSADORS, NOTABLY FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION, WOULD BOYCOTT THE EVENT, BUT THE U.S. AMBASSADOR'S ABSENCE CAME AS A SURPRISE. IT ALSO AMOUNTS TO A DIPLOMATIC GESTURE OF DEFIANCE. THE AMERICAN EXPLANATION -- THAT THE AMBASSADOR'S

PRESENCE WAS NOT NECESSARY BECAUSE THE EVENT WAS 'CULTURAL' -- MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN FOR A JOKE, WERE IT NOT FOR THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ISSUE. THE U.S. EMBASSY HAS BEEN APPROACHED SEVERAL TIMES CONCERNING THE AMBASSADOR'S PARTICIPATION. HIS CONSPICUOUS ABSENCE HAD NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH THE 'CULTURAL' NATURE OF THE EVENT. IT STANDS TO REASON THAT THE AMBASSADOR'S HANDLING OF SO SENSITIVE AN ISSUE HAD NOT BEEN DECIDED SOLELY BY HIMSELF, BUT WAS COORDINATED WITH SENIOR U.S. ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS, PERHAPS EVEN WITH SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER HIMSELF."

II. "INDYK'S ABSENCE"

THE JERUSALEM POST (RIGHT-WING) EDITORIALIZED, "IF THERE IS ONE THING ISRAELIS NEITHER NEED NOR WANT FROM AN AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IT IS TO HAVE THEIR INTELLIGENCE INSULTED. FOR AMBASSADOR MARTIN INDYK TO SAY, AS HE DID YESTERDAY, THAT HE HAD SNUBBED THE OPENING CELEBRATIONS OF JERUSALEM'S 3,000TH BIRTHDAY BECAUSE OF A PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT IS TO GIVE THE WHITE LIES OF DIPLOMACY A BAD NAME. TO USE THIS EXCUSE AFTER INITIALLY CLAIMING THAT HE EVENT WAS 'CULTURAL' AND THEREFORE WARRANTED ONLY THE PRESENCE OF THE CULTURAL ATTACHE IS TO ADD INSULT TO INJURY. THE REASON INDYK DID NOT ATTEND THE CELEBRATION IS AS PLAIN AS IT IS OBVIOUS: THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION DECIDED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE IN THE U.S. INTEREST TO DO SO. WASHINGTON HAS A PERFECT RIGHT TO ASSUME THAT ITS AMBASSADOR'S APPEARANCE AT THE ISRAELI CELEBRATIONS IN JERUSALEM WOULD COMPROMISE ITS POSITION AS AN 'HONEST BROKER' IN THE ISRAEL-ARAB NEGOTIATIONS, AND IT IS ITS PREROGATIVE TO DRAW THE APPROPRIATE CONCLUSIONS FROM THIS ASSUMPTION. BUT IF THE U.S. REALLY CONSIDERS ISRAEL A FRIEND AND AN ALLY, IT SHOULD SPARE IT THE UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 03 TEL AVIV 014340

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PATRONIZING EXCUSES."

2. BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:

SUMMARY:

YEDIOT EDITORIALIZED, "THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN WAS TREATED YESTERDAY TO A SPIRITED AND MOVING SPEECH BY HILLARY CLINTON, WHO UPHELD THE CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY AND EQUALITY."

HA'ARETZ EDITORIALIZED, "LIKE ALL U.N. CONFERENCES,
THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IS A MIXTURE OF
GOOD INTENTIONS AND HYPOCRISY."

BLOCK QUOTES:

I. "THE BEIJING CONFERENCE"

YEDIOT (PLURALIST, INDEPENDENT) EDITORIALIZED, "THE
FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN WAS TREATED
YESTERDAY TO A SPIRITED AND MOVING SPEECH BY HILLARY
CLINTON, WHO UPHELD THE CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY AND
EQUALITY. 'HUMAN RIGHTS ARE WOMEN'S RIGHTS, AND
WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS,' MRS. CLINTON
ANNOUNCED IN THE CAPITALIST WEST, THE CONDITION
OF WOMEN IS BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE. HOWEVER, THIS
IS NOT TRUE FOR THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES NOR FOR
COUNTRIES THAT PRACTICE RELIGIOUS OPPRESSION THAT
DEGRADES AND DESTROYS WOMEN."

II. "WAS BEIJING REALLY AN APPROPRIATE VENUE?"

HA'ARETZ (LIBERAL, INDEPENDENT) EDITORIALIZED, "LIKE
ALL U.N. CONFERENCES, THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON
WOMEN IS A MIXTURE OF GOOD INTENTIONS AND HYPOCRISY.
THE HIGH-FALUTIN' RHETORIC ABOUT WOMEN'S RIGHTS IS
LARGELY A COVER-UP FOR ATROCIOUS CONDITIONS FOR
WOMEN IN MOST OF THE PARTICIPANT COUNTRIES. THE
THOUSANDS OF WOMEN ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE DO NOT
REPRESENT 'HALF HUMANITY,' BUT THE MEN WHO RUN THEIR
COUNTRIES. A FORUM PRESIDED BY A COMBINATION OF
AYATOLLAHS, VATICAN REPRESENTATIVES AND STALINISTS
PRECLUDES ANY GENUINE DISCUSSION OF ISSUES SUCH AS
ABORTION. BUT WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM A CONFERENCE
HELD IN A COUNTRY WHERE DOCTORS ARE FORCED TO KILL
'NINE-MONTH FOETUSES' THE MINUTE THEY ARE OUT OF THE
WOMB?"

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1. THE FOLLOWING ARE MAIN POINTS CONTAINED IN THE
REMARKS DELIVERED BY DELEGATES AT THE MORNING PLENARY
OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN (4WCW) IN
BEIJING ON SEPTEMBER 5.

PHILIPPINES: MRS. LETICIA RAMOS-SHAHANI,
SENATOR AND DELEGATION LEADER

-- ACCORDING TO A RECENT UNDP REPORT, WOMEN
CONTRIBUTE AN ESTIMATED USD 11 TRILLION TO THE WORLD
ECONOMY IN TERMS OF UNREPORTED PRODUCTION OF GOODS

AND SERVICES. DESPITE THIS, THEY CONTINUE TO LACK ACCESS TO CREDIT AND ARE SUBJECT TO DISCRIMINATION AND VIOLENCE.

-- THE PHILIPPINES LAW ON WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT AND NATIONAL BUILDING, A LANDMARK LEGISLATION, MANDATES THAT THE GOVERNMENT ENSURE THAT WOMEN BENEFIT AND PARTICIPATE, ON AN EQUAL BASIS WITH MEN, IN ALL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS AND ALLOCATE A PORTION OF OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FOR WOMEN'S PROJECTS. THE WOMEN'S BUDGET STATEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE 1995 BUDGET INSTRUCTS ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICES TO ALLOCATE A PORTION OF THEIR ANNUAL BUDGET TO WOMEN-SPECIFIC AND GENDER-ORIENTED PROGRAMS.

-- FOR THE FUTURE, A 30-YEAR PERSPECTIVE PLAN FOR GENDER RESPONSIVE DEVELOPMENT IDENTIFIES GENDER CONCERNS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT MUST ADDRESS IN THE LONG TERM.

-- THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO INCREASE ITS ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO UNIFEM AND URGES OTHERS TO DO SO AS WELL IN ORDER TO DOUBLE UNIFEM'S CURRENT BUDGET OF USD 16 MILLION BY 1996.

-- CURRENTLY, THREE PHILIPPINE CONCERNS OF HIGHEST PRIORITY ARE: 1) THE PLIGHT OF RURAL WOMEN, 2) PHILIPPINE MIGRANT WORKERS OVERSEAS, AND 3) TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

-- FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE G-77 COUNTRIES, POVERTY IS A CRITICAL PROBLEM IMPOSING THE SINGLE HEAVIEST BURDEN ON WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD. THE G-77 CALL ON INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES TO INCREASE ASSISTANCE AT LEAST TO THE LEVEL OF 0.7 PERCENT OF GNP, WITH 0.1 PERCENT GOING TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE BUDGET FOR WOMEN'S PROGRAMS SHOULD BE EXPANDED. THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD ALSO PLACE MORE WOMEN IN EXECUTIVE POSITIONS.

SPAIN: MS. CRISTINA ALBERDI,
MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS

-- SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, THE ESSENTIAL TASK IS TO GET NATIONS TO IMPLEMENT INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ARRIVED AT IN VIENNA, CAIRO AND COPENHAGEN, AMONG OTHERS, WITH RESPECT TO WOMEN'S RIGHTS. ALL STATES WHICH HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO SHOULD ACCEDE TO, RATIFY AND IMPLEMENT THE INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS FOR THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, IN PARTICULAR, THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN.

-- THE KEY ISSUES FOR WOMEN TODAY ARE: EDUCATION, SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, SEXUAL ABUSE AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN ALL FORMS BUT ESPECIALLY

WHEN USED AS AN INSTRUMENT OF ARMED CONFLICT,
POVERTY, AND ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT OF
WOMEN.

-- THE EUROPEAN UNION REAFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO
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"EQUALITY" AND HAS RECENTLY LAUNCHED AN INITIATIVE TO
INCLUDE A GENDER PERSPECTIVE IN ALL DEVELOPMENT
POLICIES AND PROGRAMS.

-- THE EU, AS THE LARGEST DONOR OF DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE IN THE WORLD, IS COMMITTED TO DEVOTE
FINANCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL RESOURCES TO ACHIEVE
GENDER EQUALITY.

TURKEY: MS. AYSEL BAYKAL
MINISTER OF STATE

-- THE PROGRESS OF WOMEN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD CAN
ONLY BE ACHIEVED THROUGH HUMAN DEVELOPMENT,
NOTWITHSTANDING NATIONALITY. FULL REALIZATION OF
WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS SHOULD NOT BE HINDERED BY FORCES
STEMMING FROM CULTURAL, RELIGIOUS AND/OR TRADITIONAL
DIFFERENCES.

-- WAR, ETHNIC CLEANSING AND INHUMAN ACTS THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD FROM BOSNIA TO AFRICA HAVE CREATED UNTOLD
SUFFERING FOR MILLIONS, INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

-- TURKEY HAS MADE MUCH PROGRESS IN PROMOTING
WOMEN'S RIGHTS SINCE 1923 AND ESPECIALLY IN THE
1980'S. IN 1990, THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE ON THE
STATUS AND PROBLEMS OF WOMEN WAS ESTABLISHED TO CARRY
OUT RESEARCH AND DEVELOP POLICIES CONCERNING WOMEN.

-- TURKEY IS MAKING COMMITMENTS IN THREE AREAS: 1)
TO CHANGE PROVISIONS IN THE TURKISH LEGISLATION WHICH
ARE AGAINST GENDER EQUALITY AND TO REMOVE
RESERVATIONS FROM THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION
OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN; 2)
EXTEND COMPULSORY EDUCATION FROM FIVE TO EIGHT YEARS;
AND 3) REDUCE INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE BY
HALF.

INDONESIA: MRS. MIEN SUGANDHI,
STATE MINISTER FOR WOMEN'S AFFAIRS

-- THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN IS NECESSARY AT ALL
LEVELS AND THE PRINCIPLE OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS TRANSCENDS
CULTURAL, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL TRADITIONS.

-- INDONESIA HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN REDUCING POVERTY OVER THE YEARS AND, BY 1994, HAS EXTENDED UNIVERSAL EDUCATION TO THE NINTH GRADE. IN FACT, FEMALE ENROLLMENT NOW EXCEEDS THAT OF MALE ENROLLMENT IN SCHOOLS.

-- INFANT MORTALITY RATE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED FROM 118 PER 1,000 TO 52 PER 1,000 IN 1993,. WHILE WOMEN'S LIFE EXPECTANCY HAS RISEN FROM 54 YEARS IN 1980 TO 64 YEARS TODAY.

-- INDONESIA INTENDS TO REMAIN ACTIVE IN INTERNATIONAL FORA TO PROMOTE WOMEN'S RIGHTS.

JAPAN: MR. KOKEN NOSAKA,
CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN'S AFFAIRS

-- THE COURSE FOR ACTION TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS SHOULD COMPRISE THREE PRINCIPAL PILLARS: EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN, RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN, AND PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN.

-- WITH REGARD TO EMPOWERMENT, THE GOVERNMENT IS WORKING TO IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN. IT WILL SOON ANNOUNCE THE UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 05 BEIJING 039553

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"INITIATIVE ON WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT" AIMED AT IMPROVING EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS, WOMEN'S HEALTH AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PARTICIPATION FOR WOMEN.

-- WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS FOR WOMEN, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, IN COOPERATION WITH THE "ASIAN WOMEN'S FUND," WILL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AIMED AT RAISING AWARENESS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CARING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED VIOLENCE. THIS FUND IS ALSO MEANT TO EXPRESS THE JAPANESE PEOPLE'S ATONEMENT TO FORMER WARTIME "COMFORT WOMEN," REFLECTING JAPAN'S SINCERE REMORSE FOR ITS PAST HISTORY.

-- THIRDLY, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO SET UP THE "HEADQUARTERS FOR GENDER EQUALITY" WHOSE PRESIDENT IS THE PRIME MINISTER TO PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY IN THE 21ST CENTURY.

-- FINALLY, JAPAN REGRETS RECENT NUCLEAR TESTS BY CERTAIN COUNTRIES AND URGES ALL NUCLEAR WEAPON COUNTRIES TO EXERCISE SELF-RESTRAINT AND STRIVE FOR

THE ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

ITALY: SUZANNA AGNELLI
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

-- ITALY HOPES THAT IN ADDITION TO THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION, THE CONFERENCE IN BEIJING WILL ALSO ADOPT A STRONG AND MEANINGFUL DECLARATION PROMOTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

-- THE FIRST OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE TO ENCOURAGE THE INCORPORATION OF GENDER POLICIES INTO CORPORATION ACTIVITIES PROMOTED WITH PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT AID. THE GOAL IS TO PROVIDE EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK, IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND IMPROVE SOCIAL SERVICES FOR WOMEN.

-- THE SECOND OBJECTIVE, INsofar AS WOMEN IN PARTICULAR SUFFER FROM THE RAVAGES OF WAR, IS TO MAKE A SPECIFIC CONTRIBUTION TO THE ISSUE OF WOMEN IN CONFLICT SITUATIONS AND IN THE RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF CIVILIAN LIFE IN THEIR COUNTRIES.

PANAMA: MRS. DORA BOYD DE PEREZ BALADARES,
FIRST LADY OF PANAMA

-- A COUNCIL AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO MOBILIZE GOVERNMENT AND CIVILIAN INSTITUTIONS TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS OF WOMEN.
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-- THE WORK TO ERADICATE POVERTY IS ALSO INTENDED TO PROMOTE WOMEN'S RIGHTS. PANAMA IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED, IN THIS CONTEXT, ABOUT THE STATUS OF INDIGENOUS WOMEN IN PANAMA WHO HAVE RAISED THEIR VOICES IN CALLING FOR GREATER EQUALITY.

-- THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING TO TRANSFORM PANAMA INTO A "CITY OF KNOWLEDGE" AND TO CONVERT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS INTO CIVILIAN INSTITUTIONS, AND WOULD THUS BE AN IDEAL SITE TO STUDY WOMEN'S PROBLEMS.

NEW ZEALAND: MRS. JENNY SHIPLEY,
MINISTER FOR WOMEN'S AFFAIRS

-- THE CONFERENCE MUST ESTABLISH MECHANISMS TO ENSURE THAT GENDER ISSUES ARE CONSIDERED IN ALL POLICY-MAKING AND THAT MEANINGFUL AND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS ARE DELIVERED.

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-- THE CESSATION OF NUCLEAR TESTING IS THE ISSUE OF THE MOMENT. FRANCE'S DECISION TO PROCEED WITH PLANNED NUCLEAR TESTS HAS CREATED A SENSE OF OUTRAGE AND NEW ZEALAND URGES THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION. THERE IS VIRTUALLY UNANIMOUS OPPOSITION TO NUCLEAR TESTING, GIVEN CONCERNS ABOUT EFFECTS ON THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC.

-- NEW ZEALAND IS A STRONG FRIEND OF FRANCE, HAVING SACRIFICED MANY OF ITS OWN DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR, BUT FINDS ITSELF COMPELLED TO SPEAK OUT BECAUSE IT FEELS SO STRONGLY ABOUT THIS ISSUE.

-- IT HAS TAKEN ITS CASE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE AND IS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE OUTCOME.

-- NEW ZEALAND IS ALSO SADDENED BY THE RECENT CHINESE NUCLEAR TEST AND URGES THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION TO CONTINUE NUCLEAR TESTING AS WELL.

-- THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD LEAD BY EXAMPLE AND INCREASE THE REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN IN THE U.N. SECRETARIAT. THE CURRENT STRUCTURE MARGINALIZES WOMEN AND THE CREDIBILITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS IS AT STAKE.

BELGIUM: MADAME MIET SMET
MINISTER OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAVEL

-- WOMEN'S ISSUES ARE LINKED ACROSS THE BOARD WITH HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES, AS WOMEN ARE EXPLOITED, RAPED, UNDERPAID AND UNDERREPRESENTED THROUGHOUT SOCIETY, INCLUDING IN RELIGIOUS GROUPS.

-- THE ROLE OF THE MEDIA IN RAISING AWARENESS IS VERY IMPORTANT AND THE LACK OF GOOD STATISTICAL INFORMATION RELATING TO THESE PROBLEMS MAKES IT EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES.

-- THE COMMITMENT OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION IS CRUCIAL. THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS SOUGHT TO ACHIEVE WAGE EQUALITY BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN AND DEVELOP GENDER NEUTRAL JOB CLASSIFICATION.

-- IT HAS ALSO SOUGHT TO HELP RECONCILE THE DEMANDS OF WORK AND FAMILY AND THE SHARING OF DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN FAMILIES. LAWS AGAINST RAPE HAVE BEEN AMENDED AND STRENGTHENED.

BRAZIL: MRS. RUTH CARDOSO,
FIRST LADY OF BRAZIL

THE FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY AND THE STRUGGLE FOR
DEMOCRACY ARE ALL LINKED TO IMPROVING THE STATUS OF
WOMEN IN SOCIETY.

-- BRAZILIAN CONSTITUTION BANS SEXUAL
DISCRIMINATION; LAWS PROVIDE FOR A FOUR MONTH
MATERNITY LEAVE FOR WOMEN AND ONE WEEK FOR MEN.
WOMEN EXERCISE FREE CHOICE IN FAMILY PLANNING.

-- THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT HAS UNDERTAKEN A WOMEN'S
COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM TO ADDRESS ISSUES
OF REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND SEXUALLY-TRANSMITTED
DISEASES, AMONG OTHER HEALTH PROBLEMS WOMEN FACE.
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-- VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN MUST BE RECOGNIZED AS A
CRIME AND BE SEVERELY PUNISHED, ALTHOUGH IT HAS OFTEN
BEEN TRADITIONALLY ACCEPTED.

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MEXICO: MRS. SILVIA HERNANDEZ
MINISTER FOR TOURISM

-- A LOT HAS CHANGED FOR WOMEN IN MEXICO OVER THE
YEARS. THERE ARE NOW 30 MINISTER-LEVEL WOMEN
OFFICIALS IN MEXICO AS OPPOSED TO ONLY TWO YEARS
AGO, LAWS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED TO IMPROVE SOCIAL AND
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND TO DETER VIOLENCE AGAINST
WOMEN. PROBLEMS CONTINUE, HOWEVER.

-- MEXICO IS COMMITTED TO THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION
AND WILL ENACT ITS OWN EXPLICIT NATIONAL PROGRAM TO
PROMOTE WOMEN'S RIGHTS. RESOURCES AND POLITICAL WILL
HAS BEEN PLEDGED TO CLOSE THE GAP BETWEEN LAW AND
REALITY.

-- THE BASIS FOR WOMEN'S LIBERATION LIES IN
EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

-- AWARENESS OF AND CLEAR SANCTIONS IS NECESSARY TO
ELIMINATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN SOCIETY. THE
ROLE OF MEDIA IS CRUCIAL IN THIS REGARD.

SRI LANKA: MRS. SRIMANI ATHULATHMUDALI
MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND WOMEN'S AFFAIRS

-- THE PLACE ENJOYED BY WOMEN IN SOCIETY IS
DIFFERENT IN VARIED CULTURES. THE ROLE IN THEIR
CAPACITY AS MOTHER, WIFE AND SISTER MUST BE RESPECTED
AND NOT FORGOTTEN.

-- THE 1978 CONSTITUTION RECOGNIZED GENDER EQUALITY AND FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION. THE GOVERNMENT RATIFIED THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN IN 1981 AND CREATED THE WOMEN'S AFFAIRS MINISTRY IN 1983. FORTY THREE PERCENT OF UNIVERSITY GRADUATES ARE WOMEN IN SRI LANKA.

-- SRI LANKA HAS STRONG TRADITION OF WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS, BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST WOMAN PRIME MINISTER IN 1960.

-- SRI LANKA'S MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE LAWS ARE OUTDATED AND WOMEN'S GROUPS SHOULD TARGET INCREASED EMPLOYMENT FOR WOMEN, ESPECIALLY IN RURAL AREAS.

-- THE KEY ISSUES FACING WOMEN TODAY ARE: POVERTY, MALNUTRITION, LOW INCOME, VIOLENCE AND LACK OF CAREER CHOICE.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MOST OF THE REMARKS DELIVERED TODAY WERE CLEARLY WELL RECEIVED, THE NEW ZEALAND DELEGATE'S STRONG CRITICISM OF FRANCE'S AND CHINA'S DECISIONS ON NUCLEAR TESTING GENERATED THE MOST VOCAL SUPPORT AMONG THE AUDIENCE AT THE MORNING'S PLENARY.
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1. SUMMARY: The resumption of NATO air attacks on Bosnian Serb positions is the leading international story in the Saudi press this morning, September 6, 1995. The Beijing Women's Conference and Mrs. Clinton's speech are ignored entirely by most Saudi papers with the exception of the conservative Arabic daily "Al Madina," which ran wire service coverage of Mrs. Clinton on the front page and its fourth editorial attacking the Conference in as many days; the conservative Arabic daily "Al Riyadh," which carried a wire service story on page 26; the London-based, internationally circulated Saudi-owned

paper "Al Hayat," ran an inside page story and "Arab News," which front-paged the Conference and Mrs. Clinton's speech. The Saudi TV Evening News on September 5 ignored the Beijing Women's Conference.

2. Block Quotes:

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"If those activists gave themselves some time to re-think their high gap between the West's technological prowess and its lack of human ethical values. . . then it would be easy for them to find cures for their moral and physical diseases."

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MR. BURNS: WELCOME TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT

BRIEFING. GOOD AFTERNOON, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I DON'T HAVE A PREPARED STATEMENT, SO I'D BE GLAD TO GO TO WHICHEVER OF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE FIRST QUESTION.

Q JERUSALEM HAD ITS 3,000TH BIRTHDAY YESTERDAY
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NOT AN INSIGNIFICANT EVENT, PROBABLY HAVE ONE 3,000 YEARS FROM NOW AGAIN BUT THE U.S. AMBASSADOR SOMEHOW

COULDN'T SQUEEZE IT INTO HIS SCHEDULE. COULD YOU TELL US WHAT KEPT HIM AWAY FROM THAT?

MR. BURNS: BARRY, IN ANTICIPATION OF YOUR INTEREST, I HAVE ACTUALLY GOT SOMETHING TO SAY ON THIS.

Q YOU HAVE SOMETHING.

MR. BURNS: BARRY, AS YOU KNOW, JERUSALEM 3000 IS A YEAR-LONG SERIES OF CULTURAL EVENTS COMMEMORATING JERUSALEM'S CULTURE AND HISTORY, AND THE UNITED STATES WAS INDEED REPRESENTED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY BY OUR SENIOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICER, BEFITTING THE FACT THIS IS A CULTURAL EVENT.

AMBASSADOR INDYK, I THINK, HAS EXPLAINED -- AS RECENTLY AS A COUPLE OF HOURS AGO -- THAT HE HAD PRIOR COMMITMENTS AND COULD NOT ATTEND. GIVEN THE CULTURAL NATURE OF THE EVENT, WE THOUGHT IT WAS APPROPRIATE TO SEND OUR CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICER, AND THE UNITED STATES WILL BE REPRESENTED IN THE COURSE OF SOME OF THE EVENTS THAT ARE COMING UP TO SIGNIFY JERUSALEM 3000 IN AN APPROPRIATE WAY.

AT TIMES THIS COULD INVOLVE THE AMBASSADOR. AT TIMES IT WILL NOT INVOLVE THE AMBASSADOR.

Q IT SOUNDS LIKE A CONTRADICTION, THOUGH. HE HAD OTHER COMMITMENTS SO HE COULDN'T ATTEND, AND YET YOU SEEM TO BE SAYING SINCE IT WAS A CULTURAL EVENT, THE PROPER REPRESENTATION WOULD BE THE CULTURAL OFFICER. I CAN'T -- YOU'VE SORT OF GOT TOO MANY EXCUSES THERE.

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MR. BURNS: SORRY (LAUGHTER) YOU KNOW, I

Q THEY COLLIDE.

MR. BURNS: I JUST TRY TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

Q WELL, I MEAN

MR. BURNS: BUT LET ME

-- IF IT'S A CULTURAL EVENT, THEN HIS OTHER COMMITMENTS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT AT ALL.

MR. BURNS: IF IT'S CONFUSING LET ME GO OVER IT AGAIN.

Q ALL RIGHT.

MR. BURNS: IT IS INDEED A CULTURAL EVENT, AND THE SERIES OF EVENTS THAT ENSUE WILL BE CULTURAL EVENTS. THEREFORE, I'M SURE WE'LL CONTINUE TO SEND OUR CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICER. BUT IT'S NOT INCONSISTENT TO ALSO SAY THAT FROM TIME TO TIME, IF IT'S APPROPRIATE THE AMBASSADOR MAY OR MAY NOT ATTEND SOME OF THESE EVENTS.

I GAVE YOU THE REASON WHY WE THOUGHT IT WAS APPROPRIATE TO SEND OUR CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICER, BUT SINCE SO MUCH OF THE PRESS IS FOCUSED ON THE ACTIVITIES OF OUR AMBASSADOR AND WHY HE WAS OR WASN'T THERE, I THOUGHT IT WAS ALSO APPROPRIATE TO GIVE YOU A SENSE OF WHY HE COULDN'T GO LAST NIGHT.

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Q YOU WOULDN'T LET US IN ON WHAT HIS OTHER COMMITMENTS -- WAS IT A BARBECUE, I THINK?

MR. BURNS: NO, I THINK --

Q I MEAN, A U.S. LABOR DAY BARBECUE.

MR. BURNS: I THINK HE'S ACTUALLY EVEN SPOKEN TO THAT. YESTERDAY WAS AN AMERICAN NATIONAL HOLIDAY, LABOR DAY, AND THERE WAS AN AMERICAN BARBECUE FOR THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN ISRAEL, AND HE ATTENDED THAT. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT HE ALSO HAD ANOTHER COMMITMENT ABOUT A WOMEN'S SHELTER IN HERZLIYA, WHICH IS A SUBURB OF TEL AVIV, AS YOU KNOW -- IN FACT, WHERE THE AMBASSADOR RESIDES IN HERZLIYA.

SO HE HAD VERY GOOD AND APPROPRIATE THINGS TO DO YESTERDAY, ONE EVENT THAT IS OF IMPORTANCE TO ISRAELIS, ANOTHER EVENT OF IMPORTANCE TO AMERICANS. HE IS THE

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR, SO HE WAS BUSY YESTERDAY, AND THAT'S THE STORY ON JERUSALEM 3000.

Q NOTHING POLITICAL ABOUT IT, IS THERE?

MR. BURNS: THERE IS VERY RARELY ANYTHING POLITICAL HAVING TO DO WITH OUR POLICY OR SITUATION IN THAT REGION.

Q MOST COUNTRIES DIDNRT SEND THEIR AMBASSADORS. I THINK MAYBE 16 OR 17 DID, AND I WONDERED IF THERE WAS SOMETHING POLITICAL ABOUT ALL THIS FROM THE U.S., AS FAR AS THE U.S. DECISION IS CONCERNED.

MR. BURNS: NO. IN FACT, I THINK THAT --

Q U.S. SHUNNING THEM --

MR. BURNS: I THINK THE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS REPRESENTED AT ALL WAS DULY NOTED BECAUSE MOST COUNTRIES IN FACT WERE NOT REPRESENTED.

Q I THOUGHT THEY SENT A WHOLE LOT OF OFFICIALS --

MR. BURNS: NO, I DON'T BELIEVE SO. SO I THINK THE UNITED STATES ACTUALLY STOOD OUT YESTERDAY IN THE FACT THAT AN ACTUALLY VERY SENIOR MEMBER OF OUR EMBASSY STAFF REPRESENTED THE UNITED STATES. THATFS THE STORY ON JERUSALEM 3000 AS WE KNOW IT HERE AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

AND WITH THAT, I'M SURE WE'RE GOING TO GO QUICKLY ON TO ---

Q COULD WE TRY ON BOSNIA?

MR. BURNS: BOSNIA, YES. JIM.

Q IS THE FOREIGN MINISTER --

MR. BURNS: EXCUSE ME. DO YOU HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION ON --

Q I HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION ON THAT.

MR. BURNS: -- ON JERUSALEM?

Q ON JERUSALEM.

MR. BURNS: WE'LL EXHAUST THIS SUBJECT, JIM, AND THEN WERLL GO TO BOSNIA.

Q WE'VE HEARD THAT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT IS UPSET OVER THE FACT THAT SINCE ISRAEL SUPPORTS THE UNITED STATES DOWN TO THE LINE IN EVEN ITS MOST SOLITARY

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COMMITMENTS IN THE UNITED NATIONS, THAT THE UNITED STATES DID NOT SUPPORT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT ON THIS, THAT THEY FELT ISOLATED, AND THAT THIS COULD PLAY INTO THE HANDS OF THE RIGHTIST ELEMENTS WHO ARE OPPOSED TO THE PEACE PROCESS. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THAT? HAVE YOU HAD ANY EXPRESSION OF DISPLEASURE FROM THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE FAILURE OF MR. INDYK TO ATTEND THE CELEBRATION?

MR. BURNS: IFM NOT AWARE OF ANY. WE HAVE A VERY CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT. I THINK IT'S CLEAR TO ANYBODY, BEN, THAT THE UNITED STATES IS A GREAT SUPPORTER OF ISRAEL. WE'VE WORKED VERY WELL WITH A SUCCESSION OF ADMINISTRATIONS IN ISRAEL. I DON'T THINK ANYBODY CAN QUESTION THE LEVEL OF THE UNITED STATES' SUPPORT TO ISRAEL, SO I DON'T REALLY ACCEPT THE PREMISE OF THE QUESTION.

Q AND IS THERE ANY SUGGESTION THAT THE ISRAELIS DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO CELEBRATE A JEWISH ANNIVERSARY IN JERUSALEM BECAUSE OF PRESSURE BY OTHER COUNTRIES?

MR. BURNS: WE HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR THE ORGANIZERS OF JERUSALEM 3000. IT IS A CULTURAL FESTIVAL COMMEMORATING JERUSALEM'S CULTURE AND HISTORY. IF WE HAD ANY PROBLEM, WE WOULDN'T HAVE SENT A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF OUR EMBASSY TO THIS EVENT AND WOULDN'T HAVE SAID TODAY, AS I HAVE, THAT IN THE COURSE OF THE COMING DAYS AND WEEKS, OTHER AMERICAN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING POSSIBLY EVEN THE AMBASSADOR, WILL BE AT SOME OF THESE EVENTS. IF WE HAD A PROBLEM, WE WOULDN'T SEND PEOPLE TO THESE EVENTS. WE HAVE DONE SO.

AS I TOLD BARRY, I THINK WE ARE AMONG THE MAJOR COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES -- WE ARE, I THINK, ALONE IN HAVING SENT SOMEONE. SO I THINK WE'VE MADE OUR VIEWS WELL KNOWN BY WHAT WE DID YESTERDAY IN SENDING A SENIOR PERSON FROM THE EMBASSY TO THIS PARTICULAR EVENT.

Q CAN I ASK A MIDDLE EAST QUESTION BEFORE YOU GO ON TO THE BALKANS?

MR. BURNS: SURE.

Q ONE OF THOSE AMERICAN OFFICIALS, DENNIS ROSS, IS REPORTED TO HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE ISRAELI-PLO TALKS BE MOVED HERE FOR A QUICKER WINDUP. THEY KEEP GETTING THEIR END DATE PUSHED BACK BY A COUPLE OF WEEKS. SEPTEMBER 18TH NOW SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE. IS THAT SOMETHING THE U.S. IS CONSIDERING OR SUGGESTING OR HAS SUGGESTED?

MR. BURNS: I UNDERSTAND THAT THE PARTIES CONTINUE TO WORK HARD TOWARDS A CONCLUSION OF THEIR TALKS, AND

THAT THEY ARE FAIRLY CLOSE TO AN AGREEMENT. AS WE'VE SAID MANY, MANY TIMES, IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A SIGNING CEREMONY TO SIGNIFY THAT AGREEMENT HERE IN WASHINGTON, WE'D

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BE QUITE EAGER AND WILLING TO HOST ONE FOR THEM, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THAT WEFRE AT THAT POINT YET, BARRY.

Q I MEAN, NOT THE CEREMONY BUT CONCLUDING THE NEGOTIATIONS HERE UNDER AMERICARS BENEVOLENT STEWARDSHIP?

MR. BURNS: I HAVE NOTHING FOR YOU ON THAT. I DONRT UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 25 STATE 211228

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BELIEVE THATRS THE CASE RIGHT NOW. I THINK THEYFRE GOING TO COMPLETE THEIR NEGOTIATIONS THERE; AND THEN, PERHAPS, IF THEY ARE SUCCESSFUL, HAVE SOME KIND OF SIGNING CEREMONY HERE.

ANY MORE ON THE MIDDLE EAST?

Q ON BOSNIA --

MR. BURNS: ON BOSNIA.

Q IN LIGHT OF THE MILITARY EVENTS, IS THE FOREIGN MINISTERSF SESSION FOR THIS WEEK IN GENEVA STILL ON TRACK?

MR. BURNS: IT'S VERY MUCH ON TRACK. IN FACT, JIM, TO BEST ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONR MAYBE I SHOULD GO OVER OUR APPRECIATION OF THE EVENTS AS WE UNDERSTAND THEM RIGHT NOW, AND I WILL DEFINITELY GET TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, BECAUSE I WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT AND TELL YOU A FEW THINGS ABOUT IT.

Q FIRST, THOUGH ON THE RESUMPTION OF NATO AIRSTRIKES THIS MORNING. THESE AIRSTRIKES WERE RESUMED, AS NATO AND THE U.N. HAVE REPORTED TO YOU, AGAINST BOSNIAN SERB POSITIONS, BECAUSE THE BOSNIAN SERBS FAILED

TO IMPLEMENT THE CONDITIONS SET OUT BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND NATO BY THE DEADLINE OF LAST EVENING.

THOSE CONDITIONS WERE MADE VERY CLEAR THIS PAST WEEKEND IN A LETTER FROM THE U.N. COMMANDER, GENERAL JANVIER, TO RATKO MLADIC, THE BOSNIAN SERB MILITARY LEADER. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

THERE WILL BE NO BOSNIAN SERB ATTACKS ON SARAJEVO OR OTHER SAFE AREAS.

THAT THE BOSNIAN SERB WITHDRAWAL OF HEAVY WEAPONS FROM THE 20-KILOMETER TOTAL EXCLUSION ZONE AROUND SARAJEVO WOULD BE EFFECTED WITHOUT DELAY.

AND THAT THERE BE COMPLETE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT FOR U.N. FORCES AND PERSONNEL AND FOR NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND UNRESTRICTED USE OF SARAJEVO AIRPORT.

AS YOU KNOW, THE BOSNIAN SERBS BY ANYBODY'S ACCOUNT DID NOT COMPLY WITH THE THREE CONDITIONS LAID OUT IN THE

JANVIER LETTER. IN FACT, GENERAL MLADIC REJECTED THEM LAST

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NIGHT AND REPUDIATED AN EARLIER MESSAGE OFFERING COMPLIANCE, WHICH WAS MADE BY SOME OF THE POLITICAL MEMBERS OF THE BOSNIAN SERB LEADERSHIP.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE BOSNIAN SERBS MADE NO CLEAR EFFORT ON THE GROUND TO ABIDE BY THE CONDITIONS BY THEIR DEEDS AS WELL AS BY WHAT THEY WOULD SAY, INCLUDING, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE HEAVY WEAPONS THAT WE BELIEVE HAVE BEEN MOVED -- AT LEAST SOME OF THEM -- WITHIN THE EXCLUSION ZONE, BUT NONE HAVE YET BEEN SEEN TO MOVE OUT OF THE EXCLUSION ZONE.

AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THERE ARE SOME ROUTES NOW OPEN INTO SARAJEVO, FORTUNATELY, AND UP TO 70 COMMERCIAL TRUCKS ENTERED SARAJEVO YESTERDAY WITH PROVISIONS NEEDED BY THE CITIZENS OF SARAJEVO FOR THE WINTER. THAT IS POSITIVE.

BUT RIGHT NOW WE'VE GOT THE BACK OF THE HAND. NATO AND THE U.N. HAVE SEEN THE BACK OF THE HAND BY THE UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 25 STATE 211228

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BOSNIAN SERBS, ZERO COMPLIANCE, AND THAT'S WHY THE UNITED NATIONS AND NATO ACTED AS THEY DID THIS MORNING.

I'M APPROACHING YOUR QUESTION, BUT I JUST WANTED TO GET THOSE SENTIMENTS OUT.

I ALSO WANTED TO REVIEW FOR YOU, AS WE APPROACH THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, THE VERY INTENSIVE, VERY ACTIVE

DIPLOMATIC SCHEDULE THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE DICK HOLBROOKE LED THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND.

AS YOU KNOW, HE AND HIS DELEGATION ON SATURDAY BRIEFED THE CONTACT GROUP POLITICAL DIRECTORS IN BONN ON THE STATUS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE REGION AND ON PROSPECTS FOR THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

HE THEN TRAVELED TO BRUSSELS TO PARTICIPATE IN A NATO MEETING, DURING WHICH NATO AND THE U.N.'S ULTIMATUM TO THE BOSNIAN SERBS WAS DISCUSSED. ON SUNDAY, HE MET WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE COUNTRIES IN GENEVA TO DISCUSS THE UPCOMING MEETINGS THAT WE HOPE WILL RESTORE SOME MOMENTUM TO THE PEACE

PROCESS. THEN HE WENT ON SUNDAY TO BELGRADE AND MET WITH PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC.

YESTERDAY, ON MONDAY, HE BEGAN A SERIES OF MEETINGS AIMED AT REDUCING THE PROSPECTS FOR A WIDER WAR IN THE BALKANS; AND, AS YOU KNOW, HE MET WITH GREEK PRIME MINISTER PAPANDREOU AND FOREIGN MINISTER PAPOULIAS IN ATHENS. THEN HE WENT TO SKOPJE AND MET WITH PRESIDENT GLIGOROV OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA.

AS WE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY -- AS THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY -- AS A RESULT OF AMBASSADOR HOLBROOKE'S MEETINGS WITH SKOPJE AND ATHENS, OFFICIALS FROM GREECE AND THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA WILL SOON MEET IN NEW YORK IN

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A RENEWED ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THEIR DISPUTE -- ALL THIS IN AN ATTEMPT BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE UNITED STATES TO PREVENT A WIDENING OF THE CONFLICT IN THE BALKANS.

TODAY, AMBASSADOR HOLBROOKE MET WITH TURKISH PRESIDENT DEMIREL AND WITH BOSNIAN PRESIDENT IZETBEGOVIC IN ANKARA. DICK HOLBROOKE HAS JUST NOW IN THE LAST TWO HOURS RETURNED TO BELGRADE WHERE HE IS NOW MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC. SO HE HAS BEEN EXTREMELY ACTIVE ON

BEHALF OF THE EFFORTS OF THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE CHRISTOPHER TO TRY TO SEE IF WE CAN GIVE A SENSE OF MOMENTUM TO THE DIPLOMATIC OPENING WHICH WE BELIEVE IS AT HAND.

LEADING US TO, JIM, FINALLY YOUR QUESTION -- AFTER ALL THAT -- WHICH IS THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. AS WE ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAYR WE EXPECT THAT ON THIS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, AT THE UNITED STATES MISSION IN GENEVA, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF BOSNIA, OF CROATIA AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA SERBIA-MONTENEGRO WILL MEET UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE CONTACT GROUP.

WE EXPECT THIS TO BE A ONE-DAY MEETING. IN ADDITION

TO THE UNITED STATES, THE OTHER CONTACT GROUP COUNTRIES
AND SOME OTHERS -- FOR INSTANCE, SOME OF THE U.N.
NEGOTIATORS -- ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE DICK HOLBROOKE WILL
REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES IN THIS MEETING, AND I
BELIEVE HE WILL BE CHAIRING THE MEETING.

AS YOU KNOW, WHEN WE HAVE CONTACT GROUP MEETINGS --
AND THIS MEETING IS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE CONTACT
GROUP -- THE CHAIR REVOLVES DEPENDING ON WHERE THE
MEETING IS OR WHO IS TAKING THE LEAD ON A PARTICULAR
ASPECT OF AN ISSUE. SINCE THE UNITED STATES, THROUGH
AMBASSADOR HOLBROOKE, DID MOVE THE SITUATION TO THIS
POINT, IT'S CERTAINLY APPROPRIATE THAT HE WOULD CHAIR.

THE PURPOSE IS TO LAUNCH THE NEXT STAGE OF THE
PROCESS, TO DISCUSS THE PRINCIPLES THAT WOULD BE THE
FOUNDATION OF A PEACE CONFERENCE, AND TO ACHIEVE A
FRAMEWORK FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS. AS AMBASSADOR
HOLBROOKE SAID A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO, IT IS ALSO TO MOVE
THE MOMENTUM OF THE SITUATION FROM ONE OF WAR TO ONE OF
PEACE.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE HOLBROOKE MISSION HAS ACHIEVED
SIGNIFICANT RESULTS DURING THE LAST WEEK, AND WE
CERTAINLY WANT TO BUILD ON THAT FOR THIS WEEK. SO
THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF ACTIVITY OVER THE WEEKEND.

THE FRIDAY MEETING IN GENEVA WILL BE AN IMPORTANT
MEETING TO LAUNCH A DIPLOMATIC PROCESS AND TO SEE IF
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POSSIBLE TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR SUBSEQUENT,
COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS ON ALL THE ISSUES AMONG THE
PARTIES.

Q IF I COULD JUST FOLLOW. THE SERBS HAVE GIVEN
NO EVIDENCE THAT THEY'RE HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THE
MEETING IN LIGHT OF THE ATTACKS ON THEIR BOSNIAN ALLIES.

MR. BURNS: THE SERBS? THE SERBS IN BELGRADE -- OF
THE SERBIAN GOVERNMENT? NO, WE'VE RECEIVED NO
INDICATION WHATSOEVER FROM THE GOVERNMENT IN BELGRADE
THAT IT IS RETHINKING AT ALL ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE
MEETING ON FRIDAY.

I WOULD JUST REMIND YOU THAT IN THE MIDST OF THE

BOMBING LAST WEEK, DICK HOLBROOKE WAS RECEIVED IN A VERY CIVIL, PROFESSIONAL WAY BY THE SERBIAN AUTHORITIES IN BELGRADE. HE WAS THERE ON SUNDAY. THE BOMBING WAS RESUMED THIS MORNING, AND DICK HOLBROOKE HAS BEEN RECEIVED AGAIN IN BELGRADE. IN FACT, HE IS IN A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC RIGHT NOW. SO I THINK THAT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION.

WE STILL BELIEVE THAT ALL THREE OF THESE FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL BE IN GENEVA ON FRIDAY TO DISCUSS WHAT WE HOPE WILL BE AN OPENING TOWARDS PEACE.

Q YOU JUST SPOKE OF ZERO COMPLIANCE, AND YET, REASONABLY ENOUGH, YOU'RE TRYING AS HARD AS YOU CAN TO GET NEGOTIATIONS GOING. WHAT PROSPECT DO YOU HAVE IF YOU GET AN AGREEMENT THAT IT WOULD BE FULFILLED? HOW COULD YOU DEPEND ON A PARTY THAT YOU YOURSELF SCORE AS ZERO -- SCORE AS GIVING ZERO COMPLIANCE TO THE U.N., THE WORLD COMMUNITY'S RULES AND ORDERS?

MR. BURNS: BARRY, GIVEN THE ZERO COMPLIANCE OVER THE WEEKEND IT WAS APPROPRIATE AND LOGICAL AND NATURAL, AND IT FULFILLS THE ULTIMATUM MADE, THAT NATO AND THE U.N. WOULD HAVE RESUMED THE AIR ACTION THIS MORNING.

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LAST WEEK WE SAID ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS THAT THERE ARE TIMES WHEN DIPLOMACY, TO BE SUCCESSFUL, MUST BE BACKED UP OR BUTTRESSED BY THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE. THIS IS CLEARLY ONE OF THOSE TIMES. IT WAS CERTAINLY TRUE LAST WEEK, AND IT NOW IS CERTAINLY TRUE TODAY THAT THE BOSNIAN SERBS, FOR SOME REASON, HAVE FAILED TO CONVINCE THEMSELVES IT SHOULD BE IN THEIR OWN SELF-INTEREST NOW TO MOVE THE SITUATION FROM FIGHTING TO

ONE OF PEACE TALKS. THAT IS WHERE THE UNITED STATES IS TRYING TO MOVE THE SITUATION, AND THAT'S WHY WE HOLD OPEN THE PROSPECT OF A GENEVA MEETING.

ALSO LAST WEEK, I THINK IT'S PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY TO REMEMBER THAT PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC ANNOUNCED THAT, IN FACT, THERE WOULD BE A JOINT NEGOTIATING TEAM OF SERBS AND BOSNIAN SERBS; THAT HE WOULD HEAD THAT TEAM, HIS

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REPRESENTATIVE, THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF HIS COUNTRY, WILL BE IN GENEVA TO MEET.

IT COULD VERY WELL BE THE CASE, BARRY, THAT WE HAVE PEACE TALKS GOING ON IN GENEVA AND WE HAVE A CONTINUATION OF THE MILITARY ACTION ON THE GROUND. ANYTHING THAT IT TAKES TO CONVINCE THE BOSNIAN SERBS THAT IT'S IN THEIR INTEREST TO STOP THE FIGHTING AND TO START TALKING ABOUT PEACE. AS LONG AS THEY DO NOT FULFILL THE CONDITIONS LAID DOWN BY GENERAL JANVIER, I THINK THEY CAN EXPECT A VERY VIGOROUS, VERY CONSISTENT RESPONSE FROM THE WEST; IN THIS CASE, FROM THE UNITED NATIONS AND NATO, AND THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE SEEING THIS MORNING.

MARK.

Q NICK, WHAT DOES IT SAY ABOUT PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC'S INFLUENCE OVER THE BOSNIAN SERBS AND HIS ABILITY TO NEGOTIATE ON THEIR BEHALF IF THE BOSNIAN SERBS ARE TOTALLY OBSTRUCTING THE U.N. IN REFUSING TO COMPLY WITH U.N. DEMANDS -- AND HE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO MAKE ANY HEADWAY WITH THEM?

MR. BURNS: MARK, WELCOME BACK, FIRST. GOOD TO SEE YOU. I WOULD JUST NOTE FOR THE RECORD THAT WE HAVE SEEN OVER THE LAST WEEK SOME RATHER CONCILIATORY STATEMENTS FROM CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOSNIAN SERB LEADERSHIP ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY OF PEACE TALKS, ABOUT THE INCLINATION OF THE BOSNIAN SERB LEADERSHIP TO PARTICIPATE IN THOSE TALKS EVEN IF, IN SOME CASES, THEY ARE REPRESENTED BY SERBS FROM THE GOVERNMENT IN BELGRADE.

WE HAVE ALSO SEEN, ON THE OTHER HAND, SOME TENDENTIOUS STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY LEADERSHIP OF THE BOSNIAN SERBS. WE'VE CERTAINLY SEEN BY DEED, OVER THE LAST FOUR DAYS, A DISINCLINATION TO

MEET THE ULTIMATUM THAT WAS LAID DOWN ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND NATO.

THE BOSNIAN SERBS, BY THEIR DEEDS AND BY THEIR ACTIONS, SIMPLY GAVE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY NO RECOURSE BUT TO RETURN TO A COURSE OF ACTION THAT WOULD NOW TRY TO CONVINCE THEM, BY THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE, THAT THERE IS NO LONGER A PROSPECT FOR THEM TO SEEK A MILITARY SOLUTION TO THE WAR. THAT IS OER. THAT IS FINISHED. IT WAS FINISHED BY THE ACTION LAST WEEK BY NATO AND THE U.N. AND ALSO BY A SERIES OF EVENTS OVER THE LAST TWO MONTHS.

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THE COURSE OF WAR HAVING TURNED AGAINST THEM, WE

THINK THEY NOW HAVE TO OPT FOR PEACE TALKS. WE ARE ALSO OFFERING THAT THIS WEEK. THE MEETING WILL GO AHEAD IN GENEVA ON FRIDAY, AND WE EXPECT VERY MUCH THAT THE FOREIGN

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MINISTER OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA SERBIA-MONTENEGRO WILL BE THERE.

Q I'M SORRY, I JUST HAVE TO REPEAT BARRY'S QUESTION. WHAT MAKES YOU THINK IF MILOSEVIC REACHES AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OTHER PARTIES THAT HE CAN IMPOSE IT ON THE BOSNIAN SERBS AND MAKE IT STICK?

MR. BURNS: ANY AGREEMENT WORTH ITS SALT HAS TO BE VERIFIABLE. THEREFORE, YOU'LL KNOW BY THE ACTIONS OF THE OTHER PARTY WHETHER OR NOT THE OTHER PARTY IS ADHERING TO ANY AGREEMENTS THAT DO RESULT FROM ANY DIPLOMATIC MEETINGS. THAT'S ALWAYS THE CASE.

LET ME JUST GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE OF THAT. YESTERDAY, WE HEARD SOME VERY FINE WORDS FROM PALE ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE BOSNIAN SERBS WERE, IN FACT, GOING TO COMPLY WITH THE ULTIMATUM LAID DOWN BY GENERAL JANVIER. WE HEARD THE WORDS. WE WERE TOLD ON VARIOUS TELEVISION NETWORKS THAT, IN FACT, THE CONDITIONS WERE BEING MET AND IT DIDN'T HAPPEN. IT DIDN'T HAPPEN BECAUSE WE WERE MISLED YESTERDAY.

SO WE'RE ALWAYS GOING TO BE IN A POSITION -- I THINK IN ANSWER BOTH TO YOUR QUESTION, MARK, AND TO BARRY'S OF HAVING TO TRUST THE ACTIONS, HAVING TO SEE THE ACTIONS OF THE OTHER SIDE AND SEE WHETHER OR NOT THE

ACTIONS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE WORDS.

YESTERDAY, THE WORDS AND THE ACTIONS WERE INCONSISTENT. SO WE'RE ALWAYS GOING TO WATCH VERY CAREFULLY. I THINK THAT'S THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION.

Q DO YOU SEE A SPLIT BETWEEN THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERSHIP IN PALE? AND WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS OF THAT SPLIT, IF SO?

MR. BURNS: I'M NOT AN EXPERT ON THE BOSNIAN SERB LEADERSHIP. WE CERTAINLY SEE A DIVISION IN SOME OF THE WORDS COMING OUT OF VARIOUS POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERS AMONG THE BOSNIAN SERBS. I'M NOT QUITE SURE WHAT THAT MEANS, BUT WE CERTAINLY HAVE SEEN THAT OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST WEEK.

IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, DAVID, I THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FALL BACK ON ACTIONS AND INTERPRETING PEOPLE'S ACTIONS. THE ACTIONS OVER THE WEEKEND CERTAINLY LEAD US TO BELIEVE THAT THE BOSNIAN SERBS ARE NOT INTERESTED IN ENDING THE SIEGE OF SARAJEVO; NOT INTERESTED IN ENDING

THE STATE OF WAR THAT EXISTS.

WE ARE TRYING NOW, THROUGH A COMBINATION OF FORCE AND DIPLOMACY, TO CONVINCE THEM THAT THEY OUGHT TO DRAW THAT CONCLUSION VERY QUICKLY.

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Q STILL ON BOSNIA?

MR. BURNS: STILL ON BOSNIA. BILL.
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Q STILL ON BOSNIA. TO FOLLOW UP ON THE QUESTION ON MILOSEVIC AND SERBIA, IT APPEARS THAT THE BOSNIAN SERBS ARE DIPLOMATICALLY/POLITICALLY ISOLATED ONE. TWO, WOULD YOU AGREE WITH THIS, NICK?

THEY CANNOT DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST THE NATO AIR ACTIONS, SO MILITARILY THEY ARE BASICALLY INDEFENSIBLE. I WOULD ASK, WHAT COULD THEIR OBJECTIVE BE AT THIS POINT? HOW COULD THEY POSSIBLY SEE A VICTORY OR BEING ABLE TO EVEN HOLD THEIR GROUND?

MR. BURNS: BILL, LET ME JUST SAY IN ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION, IT IS CERTAINLY TRUE THAT THE BOSNIAN SERBS

ARE ISOLATED DIPLOMATICALLY; THAT THEY ARE ISOLATED MILITARILY; THAT THEY ARE NOT GOING TO WIN MILITARILY; AND THAT THEY OUGHT TO LISTEN TO THE LESSON OF FORCE THAT IS BEING TAUGHT THEM THIS MORNING. THAT'S ALL TRUE, ALL TRUE.

Q NICK, THERE'S ALSO BEEN AN INVITATION EXTENDED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF INDONESIA TO THE THREE BALKAN HEADS OF STATE INVITATIONS, I BELIEVE, WHICH HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO COME TO INDONESIA UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP. IS THAT BEING COORDINATED WITH THE U.S. OR IS IT IN TANDEM WITH U.S. STRATEGY? OR IS THIS AN INDEPENDENT INITIATIVE WHICH IS BEING TAKEN?

MR. BURNS: AS I SAID, AMBASSADOR HOLBROOKE DID HAVE A MEETING IN GENEVA OVER THE WEEKEND WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE, SO WE ARE IN VERY CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE INDONESIANS AND THE MALAYSIANS AND OTHERS IN THAT ORGANIZATION. I'M NOT AWARE THAT THERE IS SUCH A MEETING THAT IS PLANNED THAT HAS THE PROMISED PARTICIPATION OF THE THREE FOREIGN MINISTERS, SO I DON'T HAVE, REALLY, A COMMENT ON IT AT THIS POINT.

Q NICK, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS -- IT WAS ACTUALLY TUDJMAN, MILOSEVIC --

MR. BURNS: THE HEADS OF STATE? I'M SORRY. I'M NOT AWARE THAT THERE WAS A COMMITMENT TO DO THAT.

Q IN YOUR PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, WHICH COVERED A LOT OF GROUND, YOU MADE REFERENCE TO GREECE --

MR. BURNS: YES. LET'S GO INTO THAT A LITTLE BIT.

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Q -- AND (INAUDIBLE) MACEDONIA. DO YOU MEAN THEIR OWN DISAGREEMENT, OR DO YOU MEAN THEIR INDIVIDUAL APPROACHES TO THE BALKANS? BECAUSE THE GREEKS HAVE PLAYED A KIND OF MAJOR ROLE IN HELPING SERBIA, FOR INSTANCE. BUT, GO AHEAD.

MR. BURNS: NO. I'M TALKING ABOUT THE LONG-STANDING DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN ATHENS AND SKOPJE, ABOUT THE STATE OF THEIR RELATIONS AND ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA IN THE WORLD COMMUNITY.

SO LET ME JUST GIVE YOU WHAT I HAVE ON THAT, BARRY.

WE BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT STEP TAKEN TOWARDS PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE BALKANS OVER THE WEEKEND. YESTERDAY, PRIME MINISTER PAPANDREOU OF GREECE AND PRESIDENT GLIGOROV OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA AGREED TO SEND THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS TO NEW YORK NEXT WEEK TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT, WHICH TAKES UNCLAS SECTION 11 OF 25 STATE 211228

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THE FIRST IMPORTANT STEPS TOWARDS ESTABLISHING FRIENDLY, STABLE RELATIONS BETWEEN THOSE TWO COUNTRIES.

WE WOULD LIKE TO APPLAUD THE LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION OF PRIME MINISTER PAPANDREOU AND PRESIDENT GLIGOROV. IT HAS TAKEN GREAT COURAGE AND DEDICATION ON THE PART OF THESE TWO LEADERS TO BEGIN TO BRIDGE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEM. THIS DEVELOPMENT IS THE CULMINATION OF MONTHS OF EXTRAORDINARY EFFORT BY THE U.N. NEGOTIATOR, FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE, AND BY THE U.N. PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY, MATTHEW NIMITZ.

THE EFFORT WAS BROUGHT TOGETHER OVER THE WEEKEND BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE HOLBROOKE, WHO VISITED BOTH

CAPITALS, ATHENS AND SKOPJE, AS PART OF HIS MISSION TO SEEK A STABLE PEACE IN THE BALKANS.

AS I SAID, THERE IS A MEETING SCHEDULED IN NEW YORK FOR NEXT WEEK. I DONRT BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE SETTLED ON A SPECIFIC DATE, BUT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES AT THAT MEETING, WHEN IT IS SCHEDULED, WILL BE THE PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY, MR. NIMITZ.

Q DO YOU HAVE ANY WORD ON THE FATE OF THE TWO FRENCH PILOTS WHO WERE DOWNED?

MR. BURNS: I DO NOT HAVE ANY INDEPENDENT WORD, JIM, ON THE FATE OF THE PILOTS; NO. I'D HAVE TO REFER YOU TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT ON THAT PARTICULAR QUESTION.

YES, DAVID.

Q CAN I JUST ASK WHETHER THERE'S A NAME FOR THIS ENTITY YET, AS PART OF THE AGREEMENT THAT IS OUT TO BE SIGNED NEXT WEEK?

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MR. BURNS: YOURRE REFERRING NOW TO THE AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED IN ATHENS AND SKOPJE?

Q YES. WHAT'S THE COUNTRY GOING TO BE CALLED?

MR. BURNS: I THINK I'D BE GETTING WAY AHEAD OF THEM IF I UTTERED ANY KIND OF THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION SHOULD BE. THAT, IN FACT, IS ONE OF THE CORE ISSUES, AND THAT IS THE ISSUE THAT WILL BE ADDRESSED BY BOTH SIDES WHEN THEY DO GET TOGETHER, AND WE HOPE SUCCESSFULLY. WE HOPE THEY WILL WORK THIS OUT.

Q BUT YOU USED THE CUMBERSOME APPELLATION ADVISEDLY?

MR. BURNS: YES, I DID, VERY ADVISEDLY.

Q SO AS FAR AS THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED, THERE IS NO -- IT'S THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA -- F-R- CAPITAL -- RIGHT?

MR. BURNS: AS FAR AS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT ARE CONCERNED, WE THINK THERE'S BEEN A STEP FORWARD. WE THINK THERE'S SOME REASON TO HOPE THAT THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION AND DAVID'S QUESTION IS NEAR AT HAND. WE TRUST THAT CAN BE COMPLETED IN NEW YORK.

Q THE GREEKS HAVE JUST SAID THAT THEY'RE GOING TO KEEP THE EMBARGO IN PLACE WHILE THESE TALKS ARE GOING ON. DOES THE UNITED STATES CONSIDER THAT EMBARGO TO BE ILLEGAL?

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MR. BURNS: SINCE WERVE JUST HAD A GOOD STEP FORWARD BY BOTH PARTIES OVER THE WEEKEND, I DON'T WANT TO PICK A FIGHT WITH ANY OF THE PARTIES. I THINK WE'RE JUST GOING TO LET THE TWO GO TO NEW YORK. WE'LL BE THERE WITH THE TWO AND OTHERS, AND WE'LL WORK VERY HARD TOWARDS A CULMINATION OF THIS PROCESS.

Q NICK, THE RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS PUT OUT ANOTHER STATEMENT THIS MORNING CRITICIZING THE RESUMPTION OF NATO AIRSTRIKES. IS THIS JUST A DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION IN RUSSIA, OR ARE YOU CONCERNED THAT THERE COULD BE A GENUINE SPLIT IN THE CONTACT GROUP IF THE BOMBING CONTINUES OVER TIME?

MR. BURNS: I DONRT THINK THERE WILL BE A SPLIT IN THE CONTACT GROUP. THE CONTACT GROUP HAS HELD TOGETHER VERY WELL ON STRATEGY OVER THE LAST YEAR AND AHALF. THERE HAVE BEEN QUITE OFTEN SOME TACTICAL DIFFERENCES

AMONG THE MEMBERS. WE'RE CERTAINLY SEEING THAT DUE TO THE STATEMENT MADE FROM MOSCOW THIS MORNING.

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BUT I WOULD JUST REMIND YOU, CHRIS, THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE TALKED REPEATEDLY ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF NEGOTIATIONS. THAT IS, IN FACT, WHAT THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN ABLE NOW TO BRING ABOUT -- THE PROSPECT OF NEGOTIATIONS ON FRIDAY IN GENEVA AND THE HOPE THAT THERE MAY BE SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS; AND SO WE'RE SURE WE'LL HAVE THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT IN THAT ACTION.

BUT AS FOR MILITARY ACTION, AS YOU KNOW, PRESIDENT CLINTON REITERATED AGAIN THIS MORNING THAT HE STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE ACTION BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND NATO. THAT IS BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT THE CONDITIONS THAT HAVE BEEN LAID DOWN BY GENERAL JANVIER SHOULD BE TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY. THEY ARE THE CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE MET BEFORE THE SITUATION CAN RETURN TO NORMAL AND BEFORE THE WEST WILL GIVE UP ITS COMMITMENT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE CITIZENS OF SARAJEVO ARE SAFE. THAT IS THE COMMITMENT THAT WE UNDERTOOK IN JULY AT THE LONDON CONFERENCE.

WE HAVE TAKEN THAT COMMITMENT VERY SERIOUSLY, AND WE'VE EXERCISED IT VERY SERIOUSLY OVER THE LAST WEEK. THE BOSNIAN SERBS MUST UNDERSTAND THAT.

Q WERE THE RUSSIANS INFORMED THAT THE BOMBING WAS GOING TO RESUME?

MR. BURNS: EXCUSE ME?

Q WERE THE RUSSIANS INFORMED THAT THE BOMBING WAS GOING TO RESUME?

MR. BURNS: I ASSUME THAT THE RUSSIANS WERE BY THE RELEVANT MILITARY AUTHORITIES ON THE GROUND -- THAT IS TO SAY, THE UNITED NATIONS AND BY NATO. THEY ARE THE CHANNEL FOR THAT KIND OF COMMUNICATION, AND I'M QUITE SURE THAT THAT DID TAKE PLACE.

Q WHATEVER EFFECT THIS BOMBING MIGHT HAVE ON FACILITATING NEGOTIATIONS, THAT IS THE REASON FOR THE BOMBING THE VIOLATIONS OF SARAJEVO?

MR. BURNS: THE REASON FOR THE BOMBING IS THE FACT THAT THE BOSNIAN SERBS WERE GIVEN YET ANOTHER ULTIMATUM ON SATURDAY. IT WAS VERY CLEAR TO THE BOSNIAN SERB UNCLAS SECTION 13 OF 25 STATE 211228

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MILITARY AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP WHAT HAD TO TAKE PLACE FOR THE BOMBING NOT TO OCCUR. WE HAD ZERO COMPLIANCE, BARRY, OVER THE WEEKEND AND THEREFORE THERE WAS NO QUESTION AS TO WHAT DECISION HAD TO BE TAKEN.

IT IS ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO TAKE THIS ACTION TO DEFEND THE CITIZENS OF SARAJEVO.

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SID, WELCOME BACK.

Q (INAUDIBLE) BOMBING AND THE PEACE TALKS TO GO ON AT THE SAME TIME?

MR. BURNS: QUITE POSSIBLE. BECAUSE IT IS SOMETIMES NECESSARY TO USE DIFFERENT LEVERS TO ACHIEVE POLITICAL OBJECTIVES.

IN THIS CASE, GIVEN THE ABJECT VIOLATION OF THE U.N. CONDITIONS BY THE BOSNIAN SERBS -- I THINK WE'VE ALREADY ESTABLISHED THIS AFTERNOON THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE AVAILABLE TO THE WEST.

ON THE OTHER HAND, WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT MILITARY ACTION ALONE BY ITSELF CAN BRING THIS SITUATION FROM A STATE OF WAR TO A STATE OF PEACE WHICH IS WHERE EVERYBODY IN THE WORLD WANTS IT TO BE. THEREFORE, THE UNITED STATES UNDERTOOK SEVERAL WEEKS AGO A DIPLOMATIC MISSION -- THE PRESIDENT CALLED FOR THIS -- WHEREBY THE UNITED STATES WOULD LEAD EFFORTS TO TRY TO GET PEOPLE TOGETHER TO TALK, AND WE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN DOING THAT.

WE'VE MADE SOME GOOD FIRST STEPS. WE NEED TO BUILD ON THAT PROGRESS. SO IT IS ABSOLUTELY POSSIBLE FOR DIPLOMACY AND MILITARY ACTION TO CO-EXIST, AND, IN THIS CASE I THINK, CO-EXIST QUITE EFFECTIVELY.

Q BUT IF SOMEBODY IS BEING BOMBED, THEY CLEARLY DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT PEACE. SO I DON'T SEE HOW THE TWO CAN -- I UNDERSTAND FORCE WITH DIPLOMACY. BUT IF THE BOSNIAN SERBS DON'T WANT TO TALK PEACE AND YOU KEEP

BOMBING, THEN WHAT'S THE POINT?

MR. BURNS: THE RESUMPTION OF MILITARY ACTION WAS BROUGHT ABOUT BECAUSE OF THE FAILURE OF THE BOSNIAN SERBS -- THE ONUS MUST BE PUT SQUARELY ON THEM -- TO FULFILL THE CLEARLY HELD WISHES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS EXPRESSED BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND NATO. THERE WAS EVERY REASON TO UNDERTAKE THAT.

BUT AS I'VE JUST SAID, WE DONFT BELIEVE THERE IS A LONG-TERM SOLUTION AVAILABLE SIMPLY THROUGH AIRSTRIKES. AIRSTRIKES MUST BE SUPPORTED BY -- AND AIRSTRIKES MUST ALSO SUPPORT -- DIPLOMATIC ACTION. THAT IS WHY THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE SENT AMBASSADOR HOLBROOKE, AND ORIGINALLY BOB FRASURE AND JOE KRUZEL AND NELSON DREW, ON A DIPLOMATIC MISSION. THAT MISSION WAS INTERRUPTED TRAGICALLY, BUT IT HAS BEEN RESUMED AND RESUMED QUITE SUCCESSFULLY AND WITH A LOT OF DETERMINATION BY BOTH THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

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THE BOSNIAN SERBS HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS GOING TO MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS TO THE PEOPLE OF SARAJEVO AND THE OTHER SAFE AREAS. THERE IS NO WAY AROUND THAT. THEY'VE GOT TO CONCLUDE

IT'S IN THEIR INTEREST NOW TO TURN TOWARDS PEACE AND
TURN AWAY FROM WAR.

MARK, AND THEN TO YOU, STEVE.

Q YOU SPOKE THAT ONE PURPOSE OF THE GENEVA
MEETING IS TO LAUNCH THE NEXT STAGE OF THE PROCESS. CAN
YOU DESCRIBE WHAT THAT WILL BE?

MR. BURNS: MARK, THAT WOULD BE GETTING A LITTLE BIT
AHEAD OF THE PROCESS. BUT, IN GENERAL, OUR STRATEGIC
OBJECTIVE IS FOR A GENUINE PEACE PROCESS TO BE LAUNCHED
WHERE THERE WOULD BE COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT
A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. THAT IS THE ONLY WAY THAT WE
SEE THAT THIS TRAGIC WAR WILL BE BROUGHT TO AN END.

BEFORE WE GET TO THAT TYPE OF COMPREHENSIVE PEACE
PROCESS, THERE HAS TO BE SOME AGREEMENT AMONG THE MAJOR
PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT ON WHAT THE FIRST ORDER OF
PRINCIPLES ARE THAT WOULD BE THE FOUNDATION FOR SUCH A

CONFERENCE. THERE HAS TO BE SOME AGREEMENT ON WHAT THE
PARAMETERS OF SUCH A CONFERENCE WOULD BE. SO THAT IS
THE REASON FOR THE MEETING ON FRIDAY -- TO HAVE THOSE
FIRST ORDER PRINCIPLES BE DISCUSSED AND, HOPEFULLY, TO
ACHIEVE SOME AGREEMENT ABOUT NEXT STEPS IN THE
DIPLOMATIC PROCESS.

THE FIRST ORDER OF PRINCIPLES, OF COURSE, ARE WHAT
WE HAVE SAID ALL ALONG: THAT THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY
OF BOSNIA MUST BE PRESERVED; THAT THERE SHOULD BE A
BREAKDOWN IN THE TERRITORIAL DIVISION OF BOSNIA. WE
HOPE THAT WE WILL START WITH A 51/49 BREAKDOWN,
CONSISTENT WITH THE CONTACT GROUP MAP AND PLAN. THAT,
IN FACT, IS WHAT THE SERBIAN LEADERSHIP AND ALSO MR.
KAP,ADZIC HAS SAID WILL BE THE BASIS OF THEIR
PARTICIPATION IN THESE TALKS. THAT IS VERY GOOD NEWS,
INDEED.

STEVE.

Q YOU'VE RULED OUT ALL OF THE CHARACTERS BUT
MLADIC AS SOMEONE ON BOARD. IS IT CORRECT TO ASSUME
THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FEELS HE IS THE PARTY
BLOCKING FURTHER PROGRESS AT THIS POINT?

MR. BURNS: I DON'T SIMPLY WANT TO ISOLATE HIM.
IT'S VERY CLEAR BY THE ACTIONS OF THE BOSNIAN SERB
MILITARY LEADERSHIP THAT THE MILITARY LEADERSHIP HAS NOT
GRASPED EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED LAST WEEK AND WHAT'S GOING
TO HAPPEN FOR THE REST OF THIS WEEK SHOULD THEY NOT
COMPLY WITH THE U.N.-NATO CONDITIONS.

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WE HAVE SEEN SOME VERY NICE WORDS, STEVE, FROM THE

POLITICAL LEADERSHIP IN PALE BUT ONE MUST ASSUME, OF COURSE, THAT THEY BEAR SOME DEGREE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACTIONS OF THE MILITARY AS WELL. SO I DON'T MEAN TO SINGLE OUT A SOLE INDIVIDUAL. BUT THERE ARE CLEARLY SOME DIVISIONS IN THE BOSNIAN SERB LEADERSHIP CLEARLY, SOME DIVISIONS.

Q IS THERE ANY WAY FOR A GENEVA AGREEMENT TO WORK WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE MILITARY LEADERSHIP IN PALE?

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MR. BURNS: ULTIMATELY, FOR PEACE NEGOTIATIONS TO SUCCEED, THE FIGHTING HAS TO STOP. THE GUNS HAVE TO

FALL SILENT. THAT IS WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO RIGHT NOW. WE'RE TRYING TO IMPRESS UPON THE MILITARY PEOPLE, WHO CONTROL THE BOSNIAN SERB MILITARY, THAT THEIR DREAM OF A GREATER SERBIA IS OVER.

THEY ONCE HAD AN OPEN FIELD, AS RECENTLY AS A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO IN SREBRENICA AND ZEPA. THEY HAD A RELATIVELY UNFETTERED PATH. THEY CLEARLY DON'T NOW. THE TABLES HAVE BEEN TURNED THROUGH THE CROATIAN OFFENSIVE, THROUGH THE RENEWED WESTERN WILL, FROM THE LONDON CONFERENCE LED BY THE UNITED STATES, AND NOW THE EXPRESSION OF THAT WILL LAST WEEK AND AGAIN TODAY BY NATO AND THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE MESSAGE OUGHT TO BE LOUD AND CLEAR TO THE BOSNIAN SERBS: THE MILITARY SOLUTION IS PAST. YOU'VE ONLY GOT A POLITICAL SOLUTION.

Q WAS THIS DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT DEMIREL AND PRESIDENT IZETBEGOVIC IN ANKARA? WHAT WAS THE OUTCOME OF THIS MEETING?

AND, SECONDLY, THERE WAS A WIRE REPORT CONCERNING EIGHT TURKISH JETS THAT WERE ON THEIR WAY TO GHEDI AIR BASE IN ITALY. GREECE DID NOT GIVE PERMISSION FOR THE JETS TO FLY THROUGH ITS AIR SPACE ALTHOUGH THEY WERE PARTICIPATING IN A NATO OPERATION. WOULD YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON THAT?

MR. BURNS: ON THE SECOND QUESTION, I DON'T HAVE A COMMENT. I THINK THAT NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES WOULD BE THE PEOPLE BEST PLACED TO ANSWER THAT TYPE OF QUESTION. I SIMPLY CAN'T FROM MY OWN PERSPECTIVE.

ON THE FIRST QUESTION, AS YOU KNOW, TURKEY IS A VERY IMPORTANT ALLY OF THE UNITED STATES; VERY IMPORTANT

COUNTRY IN THE BALKAN CONFLICT. ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE FELT IT WAS PRUDENT AND WISE TO STOP AND TO BOTH BRIEF PRESIDENT DEMIREL BUT ALSO TO HEAR FROM HIM ABOUT TURKEY'S THOUGHTS ON THE BALKAN CONFLICT. HE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THAT STOP TO SEE PRESIDENT IZETBEGOVIC WHO WAS IN ANKARA AT THE TIME.

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I DON'T HAVE A DETAILED BRIEFING ON THE MEETING. WHEN DICK ENDED HIS MEETINGS, HE WENT TO THE AIRPORT AND FLEW TO BELGRADE AND THAT'S WHERE HE IS NOW.

Q NEW SUBJECT?

MR. BURNS: NEW SUBJECT?

Q ON MORE ON BOSNIA. IS THERE ANY INDICATION YET WHETHER ANY BOSNIAN SERBS WILL COME TO GENEVA, OR WILL IT JUST BE THE BELGRADE SERBIANS?

MR. BURNS: RIGHT NOW, PATRICK, THERE'S NO INDICATION THAT I HAVE THAT THEY WILL BE IN GENEVA. I WOULD JUST REFER YOU TO THE STATEMENT MADE BY PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC, THAT THERE'S A JOINT NEGOTIATING TEAM. IN MANY CASES, THE GOVERNMENT IN BELGRADE WILL SPEAK FOR THE BOSNIAN SERBS.

IF A BOSNIAN SERB TURNS UP IN GENEVA, HE OR SHE WILL NOT BE TURNED AWAY. HE OR SHE WOULD BE, OF COURSE, UNCLAS SECTION 16 OF 25 STATE 211228

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WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSIONS. BUT IF THE SERBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS THAT HE'S GOING TO SPEAK FOR THE BOSNIAN SERBS AT THE GENEVA MEETING, WE ALSO HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THAT.

JUDD.

Q BUT THE BOSNIAN SERBS WILL BE PART OF THE YUGOSLAV DELEGATION; IS THAT CORRECT?

MR. BURNS: IF THE BOSNIAN SERB TURNED UP, WE ASSUME HE OR SHE WILL BE PART OF THE SERB DELEGATION -- THE JOINT SERB DELEGATION THAT WAS ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK IN BELGRADE.

Q DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING NEW, NICK, ON THE TWO

FRENCH AIRMEN WHO WERE SHOT DOWN?

MR. BURNS: I DO NOT. I'D HAVE TO REFER YOU TO THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE ON THAT.

Q IT TURNS OUT THAT A SENIOR MEMBER OF THE KHMER ROUGE HAS TURNED UP ALIVE AND WELL AND LIVING IN NEW YORK. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT?

MR. BURNS: I THINK YOU'RE REFERRING TO A FORMER KHMER ROUGE DIPLOMAT, MR. PRASITH. HE IS, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, HAS BEEN IN THE UNITED STATES FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. HE WAS IN THE UNITED STATES, I BELIEVE, BETWEEN 1979 AND 1992 AS A DIPLOMAT ASSIGNED TO THE UNITED NATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT.

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APPARENTLY, AFTER THE PEACE AGREEMENT AND THE FORMATION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN CAMBODIA, HIS DIPLOMATIC STATUS WAS TERMINATED.

IN THE SPRING OF 1994, MR. PRASITH AND HIS WIFE SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS TO THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF THEIR STATUS TO BECOME LEGAL, PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

PENDING THE SUBMISSION OF ADDITIONAL FORMS BY MR. PRASITH AND HIS WIFE, WHICH WOULD PASS THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT, WE UNDERSTAND THAT PROCESSING OF THESE APPLICATIONS HAS NOW BEEN SUSPENDED. WE HAVE NO RECORD OF THOSE FORMS HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED.

WE ARE LOOKING -- "WE" AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE -- ARE LOOKING INTO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A LEGAL BASIS FROM REMOVING MR. PRASITH ENTIRELY FROM THE UNITED STATES.

ITRS REALLY AS MUCH AS I CAN SAY RIGHT NOW. IT HAS NOW BECOME A LEGAL MATTER, AND THEREFORE THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS THAT I CAN AND CANNOT SAY ABOUT THE STATUS OF MR. PRASITH. I THINK HAVING GIVEN WHAT I HAVE SAID, I THINK YOU KNOW OUR GENERAL VIEW ON THIS SUBJECT, GEORGE.

Q ARE YOU LOOKING FOR JUSTIFICATION FOR EXPELLING HIM; IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?

MR. BURNS: WE ARE LOOKING INTO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THERE CAN BE A LEGAL BASIS TO REMOVE HIM. THIS IS A COUNTRY OF LAWS. WE CAN'T SIMPLY JUST EXPEL PEOPLE WITHOUT RECOURSE TO A LAW. WE ARE LOOKING

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AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS NOW A LEGAL BASIS FOR A SUBSEQUENT REMOVAL OF MR. PR-ASITH FROM THE UNITED STATES.

Q WHAT YOU WANT TO DO IS LEGALLY REMOVE HIM FROM THE UNITED

MR. BURNS: THAT'S BASICALLY WHAT WE'RE LOOKING INTO RIGHT NOW. SO I THINK IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS WHAT WE WANT

TO DO IN THIS SITUATION. BUT IT'S A LEGAL MATTER AND I MUST BE VERY CAREFUL IN LEGAL MATTERS NOT TO SAY THINGS THAT LAWYERS DON'T WANT ME TO SAY, SO I'VE GOT TO BE A LITTLE BIT CAREFUL.

Q DO YOU KNOW AT WHAT POINT IN THIS PROCESS AN ALARM BELL OR ALERT SHOULD HAVE GONE OFF AT SOME POINT TO SUGGEST THAT HE NOT BE GIVEN THE VISA STATUS HE CURRENTLY HOLDS? WHERE WAS THE BREAKDOWN? WAS THERE A BREAKDOWN IN THE SYSTEM THAT SHOULD HAVE IDENTIFIED HIM AS SOMEONE WHO WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN THE U.S.?

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MR. BURNS: BETWEEN '79 AND '92, HE WAS IN THE UNITED STATES BUT AS A DIPLOMAT RECOGNIZED AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF ANOTHER COUNTRY. SO THEREFORE HE WAS IN A QUITE DIFFERENT STATUS THAN HE HAS BEEN IN THE SUBSEQUENT THREE YEARS. DURING THAT TIME, HE SUBMITTED SOME INITIAL FORMS TO BECOME A LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENT. DURING THAT PROCESS, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE DECIDED THAT WE WEREN'T QUITE SURE WE WANTED TO GO AHEAD WITH THAT.

THIS IS NOT A SCIENCE. I CAN'T GIVE YOU A TIMETABLE OF WHAT WE KNEW AND WHEN WE KNEW IT, BUT I THINK WE ACTED APPROPRIATELY AND UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES RATHER DECISIVELY IN THIS CASE.

Q DOES THE U.S. CONSIDER HIM A POSSIBLE WAR CRIMINAL?

MR. BURNS: I JUST DON'T HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THAT, SID.

Q NICK, DO WE HAVE REPORTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA THAT A LOT OF THE FIRST KHMERS TO REACH THAILAND IN '79 AND APPLY FOR ASYLUM IN THE UNITED STATES WERE, IN FACT, KHMER ROUGE CADRE WHO SIMPLY FLED BEFORE THE

VIETNAMESE? THERE ARE MANY CAMBODIANS IN THE UNITED STATES WHO PARTICIPATED IN KHMER ROUGE ATROCITIES BUT WERE NEVER PROSECUTED. IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN ANY SORT OF INVESTIGATION OR ANY SORT OF PROCESS TO ROOT THESE PEOPLE OUT OR TO FOLLOW UP ANY OF THESE CHARGES.

MR. BURNS: I DON'T KNOW, BEN, IF THERE IS A SPECIFIC PROGRAM THAT IS NOW UNDERWAY. I CAN CHECK ON THAT. BUT CERTAINLY GETTING TO THE GENERAL THRUST OF YOUR QUESTION, WE ABHOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE KHMER ROUGE WHILE IT WAS IN POWER IN CAMBODIA. WE SUPPORT THE REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY AND THE FACT THAT A NEW GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN FORMED UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF KING SIHANOUK, AND THAT IS A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT.

THE SECRETARY WAS IN PHNOM PENH IN EARLY AUGUST, IN ORDER TO EXPRESS OUR VERY STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOW IN CHARGE AND FOR THE NASCENT DEMOCRACY THAT IS UNDERWAY THERE, AND OUR VERY STRONG OPPOSITION TO SOME OF THE KHMER ROUGE ELEMENTS THAT ARE STILL UNCLAS SECTION 18 OF 25 STATE 211228

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OPERATING IN PARTS OF CAMBODIA.

SO I WOULD NOT SAY ANYTHING THAT WOULD LINK US IN ANY WAY TO ANY KIND OF SUPPORT OR EVEN TOLERANCE FOR THE PAST ACTIONS OR THE CURRENT ACTIONS OF THE KHMER ROUGE LEADERSHIP. IT'S A DESPICABLE GROUP OF PEOPLE. THEY DESERVE TO BE PROSECUTED WHEN THEY CAN UNDER APPROPRIATE LAW FOR CRIMES THAT THEY COMMITTED.

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WHAT I JUST DON'T KNOW IS IF THERE'S ANY ONGOING INTENSIVE PROCESS UNDERWAY TO LOOK AT EVERYBODY WHO'S CURRENTLY IN THE UNITED STATES WHO MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THAT GROUP, BUT I CAN CERTAINLY LOOK INTO THAT QUESTION.

Q WELL, IF THEY'RE SO DESPICABLE AND HIS DIPLOMATIC STATUS WAS TERMINATED IN R92, WHY WAS HE NOT SIMPLY ASKED TO LEAVE?

MR. BURNS: GEORGE, I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION IN 1992 KNEW OR DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS INDIVIDUAL. I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE TO THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION, BUT I CAN TELL YOU WHAT THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION -- I WAS NOT WORKING ON

CAMBODIA.

THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THIS BUILDING WHO WERE THERE. BUT I CAN TELL YOU WHAT THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION HAS DONE, AND THAT IS THAT WE HAVE TAKEN SOME STEPS TO INTERFERE WITH THE PAPER PROCESS THAT WOULD HAVE LED THIS PERSON -- GIVEN HIM THE RIGHT TO STAY IN THE UNITED STATES, AND WE'VE PUT THAT PROCESS INTO SOME QUESTION.

Q HAVE YOU MOVED WITH ALACRITY?

MR. BURNS: I THINK WE'VE MOVED WITH A SENSE OF DECISIVENESS, GEORGE, AND I THINK I CAN SAY THAT.

Q AN ANGLO-IRISH SUMMIT WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE TOMORROW ANNOUNCING UNLIKELY APPARENTLY TO TAKE PLACE. OVER THE PAST YEAR THE U.S. HAS GIVEN GLOWING TRIBUTES TO THE PEACE PROCESS. ARE YOU NOW WORRIED ABOUT ITS STATE OF HEALTH?

MR. BURNS: THE BRITISH AND IRISH GOVERNMENTS ARE WORKING VERY HARD TO MOVE THE PEACE PROCESS FORWARD. WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THOSE EFFORTS, AND WE REMAIN OPTIMISTIC THAT THEY ARE INDEED MAKING PROGRESS. IN ANY OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, IT IS NOT UNUSUAL TO MEET ROADBLOCKS. IT'S NOT UNUSUAL TO HAVE IMPEDIMENTS ARISE ALONG THE WAY, BUT WE HOPE THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL SOON FIND A WAY TO BREATHE NEW LIFE INTO THE POLITICAL DIALOGUE BETWEEN ALL THE PARTIES.

I WOULD JUST SAY ON THE ISSUE OF DECOMMISSIONING, WHICH I KNOW IS VERY PROMINENT, IT'S UP TO THE PARTIES TO RESOLVE THE REMAINING OBSTACLES. WE URGE ALL PARTIES TO ADDRESS OUTSTANDING ISSUES SERIOUSLY AND MOVE TO TALKS THAT MIGHT PRODUCE A LASTING SETTLEMENT.

Q SO IN THE RUN-UP TO PRESIDENT CLINTON'S VISIT, THE U.S. IS NOT LIKELY TO DO ANYTHING TO TRY AND MOVE FORWARD THE PROCESSES -- THE DISPUTE ABOUT DECOMMISSIONING?

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MR. BURNS: ON DECOMMISSIONING, AS YOU KNOW, IT REMAINS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE PEACE PROCESS, AND-

PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS URGED THE IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY AND THE LOYALIST PARAMILITARY FORCES TO BEGIN TO DISCUSS DECOMMISSIONING SERIOUSLY. THAT WAS THE PROMISE OF THIS PROCESS, AND THE OBLIGATION THAT A NUMBER OF PARTIES UNDERTOOK IN THIS PROCESS, AND THE UNITED STATES FEELS STRONGLY THAT THAT HAS TO BE DISCUSSED, AND HOPEFULLY THAT PROGRESS WILL BE MADE ON IT.

Q IT FEELS STRONGLY THEY'RE NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT TO INTERVENE. IT'S UP TO THE PARTIES. IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?

MR. BURNS: I THINK I'D JUST LIKE TO LIMIT, MYSELF, CHRIS, TO THE STATEMENT IRVE MADE TODAY. I MEAN, WE ARE, OF COURSE, ACTIVE AS A FRIEND OF BOTH IRELAND AND THE U.K. IN THIS PROCESS. WE HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN MANY POINTS ALONG THE WAY, BUT IT'S PRIMARILY A QUESTION FOR THESE TWO GOVERNMENTS. IT'S NOT A QUESTION PRIMARILY FOR THE UNITED STATES BUT FOR THE TWO OF THEM.

Q COULD I GO BACK TO BOSNIA JUST FOR A SECOND -- OR GENEVA? WILL ANY REPRESENTATIVES OF OIC COUNTRIES BE PARTICIPATING IN THE FRIDAY'S MEETING? YOU MENTIONED SOME OTHERS BESIDES THE FOREIGN MINISTERS. WHO THEY ARE EXACTLY?

MR. BURNS: I KNOW THAT THE U.N. NEGOTIATORS -- MR. BILDT AND MR. STOLTENBERG -- WILL BE THERE. AS FOR OIC PARTICIPATION I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE FRIDAY CONFERENCE. BUT TO BE ABSOLUTELY SURE, LET ME LOOK INTO THAT ONE FOR YOU, AND I THINK WE CAN PROBABLY PRODUCE A FAIRLY QUICK ANSWER.

Q ABOUT NORTHERN IRAQ. BETWEEN THE PKK AND BARZANI'S FORCES, KDP, THEIR FIGHTING HAS INCREASED AND GETTING MORE FIERCE, AND WE HEARD THAT THE TALABANI FORCES, WHICH ARE PUK, ARE HELPING THE PKK (INAUDIBLE).

DO YOU HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH THE NORTHERN IRAQ KURDISH GROUPS, AND DO YOU HAVE ANY PLAN TO SETTLE DOWN THIS CONFLICT?

MR. BURNS: WE HAVE CONTACTS FROM TIME TO TIME WITH BOTH THE MAJOR KURDISH FACTIONS IN NORTHERN IRAQ. WE DO NOT HAVE CONTACT DIPLOMATICALLY WITH THE PKK BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT IT'S A VICIOUS TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, AS WE HAVE SAID MANY, MANY TIMES. BUT WE DO HAVE CONTACT WITH THE MAINLINE KURDISH ORGANIZATIONS.

WE DO KNOW THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME FIGHTING IN NORTHERN IRAQ. WE HOPE IT WILL STOP. WE HOPE THAT THEY

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WILL UNITE IN THIS SENSE. THEY'LL UNITE FOR STABILITY AND ON BEHALF OF ALL THE PEOPLE IN NORTHERN IRAQ WHO SUFFER BECAUSE OF THIS VIOLENCE.

Q AND ALSO THEY ATTACKED THE PROVIDE COMFORT FORCES -- THE PKK FORCES. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT?

MR. BURNS: THE PKK ATTACKED "PROVIDE COMFORT"?

Q YES.

MR. BURNS: I DON'T HAVE ANY SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE OF UNCLAS SECTION 20 OF 25 STATE 211228

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THAT, BUT THE PKK HAS BEEN DOING ALL SORTS OF VIOLENT AND NEGATIVE THINGS RECENTLY, AND WE'VE CONDEMNED EVERY ACT OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE.

TERRY.

Q GIVEN THAT CONGRESS IS COMING BACK TO TOWN TODAY AND TOMORROW, COULD YOU GIVE US A SENSE OF HOW THE SECRETARY'S EFFORTS TO PERSUADE JESSE HELMS TO LET THINGS -- TREATIES AND OTHER THINGS ADVANCE IS GOING?

MR. BURNS: I CAN TELL YOU THAT ONE OF THE FIRST ORDERS OF BUSINESS FOR SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER WHEN HE RETURNS TO WASHINGTON LATER ON TODAY WILL BE TO WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH CONGRESS ON A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT ISSUES.

FIRST AND FOREMOST WILL BE THE BUDGET. THE STATE DEPARTMENT NOT ONLY NEEDS A BUDGET THAT WILL ALLOW THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO PERFORM ITS DIPLOMATIC MISSION, BUT THE UNITED STATES NEEDS AN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE BUDGET, HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE BUDGET TO ALLOW THE UNITED STATES TO MEET ITS OWN INTERESTS AROUND THE WORLD.

THE SECRETARY HAS SAID QUITE FREQUENTLY FOR THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS THAT THIS IS A FIRST-ORDER PRIORITY FOR HIM AS WELL AS FOR THE PRESIDENT.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OTHER ISSUES THAT ARE OF INTEREST HERE. I WOULD JUST SINGLE OUT ONE. THE ADMINISTRATION HAS EXPRESSED ITS SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT THE BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE PROVISIONS IN BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE VERSIONS OF THE DOD FY-96 AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION BILLS.

SOME OF THESE PROVISIONS, AS THEY NOW STAND, WOULD USURP THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT TO NEGOTIATE, INTERPRET AND IMPLEMENT TREATIES FOR THE UNITED STATES. OTHER PROVISIONS COULD BE SEEN AS MANDATING DE FACTO ABROGATION OF THE ABM TREATY AND WOULD JEOPARDIZE

FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS UNDER
BOTH START I AND START II.

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THE ABM TREATY IS A CORNERSTONE OF STRATEGIC
STABILITY NOT ONLY HAS IT BEEN CRITICAL TO PREVENTING
A COSTLY AND FUTILE ARMS RACE, BUT IT HAS ALSO BEEN
IMPORTANT TO MAKE POSSIBLE FAR-REACHING REDUCTIONS IN
THE LEVEL OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS AND A VERY
IMPORTANT PART OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE RUSSIAN
FEDERATION.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS AN AMENDMENT TO THIS
BILL, A BIPARTISAN MISSILE DEFENSE AMENDMENT, WHICH DOES
REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT UPON THE CURRENT
SENATE VERSION OF THE DOD AUTHORIZATION BILL.
NEVERTHELESS, THE ADMINISTRATION CONTINUES TO HAVE
CONCERNS ABOUT CERTAIN PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE
AMENDMENT, PRINCIPALLY THE NON-BINDING SENSE OF THE
SENATE STATEMENTS THAT PURPORT TO REFLECT THE POLICY OF
THE UNITED STATES.

SO I WANTED TO SINGLE OUT THAT, BECAUSE IT HAS
RELEVANCE TODAY TO AN AMENDMENT THAT IS GOING TO BE
DEBATED IN THE CONGRESS TODAY, AND ONE IN WHICH BOTH THE
STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE PENTAGON AS WELL AS THE WHITE
HOUSE HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE ON THIS MORNING.

Q THANKS FOR CORRECTING MY QUESTION TO --
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MR. BURNS: YOU'RE WELCOME.

Q -- TO HAVE IT BE THE ABM. THAT WASN'T EXACTLY
WHAT I WAS ASKING ABOUT.

MR. BURNS: I THOUGHT I'D JUST TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE
OPPORTUNITY THERE TO INDICATE OUR VERY STRONG INTEREST
IN THE ABM TREATY.

Q WHAT ABOUT

MR. BURNS: AS I INTERPRETED THE QUESTION.

Q DO I TAKE IT THAT THE SECRETARY HAS NOT YET
MADE A BREAKTHROUGH WITH HIS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE
SENATOR ABOUT FREEING UP MOVEMENT ON THE PENDING
TREATIES AND OTHER MATTERS THAT HE HAS APPARENTLY

INDICATED HE'S PLANNING ON HOLDING UP?

MR. BURNS: THE SECRETARY HAS BEEN WORKING VERY HARD ON THAT FOR A LONG TIME, AND THAT PROCESS WILL CONTINUE TODAY WHEN BOTH THE SECRETARY AND THE CONGRESS ARRIVE BACK IN WASHINGTON.

Q WILL THE SECRETARY HAVE A CHANCE TO TALK TO SENATOR HELMS IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS? IS THAT --

MR. BURNS: I DON'T WANT TO SAY -- I DON'T KNOW IF HIS SPECIFIC PLANS DO THAT, BUT I KNOW THAT THE SECRETARY IS

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GOING TO BE ENGAGING WITH THE SENATE LEADERSHIP, SO IT WOULDN'T BE SURPRISING TO ME.

Q HOW LONG CAN A HOLD-UP LIKE THAT PERSIST WITHOUT SERIOUS RAMIFICATIONS?

MR. BURNS: WE CERTAINLY HOPE IT DOESN'T HOLD VERY LONG, BECAUSE THERE ARE VERY SERIOUS ISSUES AT STAKE HERE FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. HOW ARE WE GOING TO REPRESENT OURSELVES ABROAD? HOW IS THE UNITED STATES GOING TO MEET ITS NATIONAL INTERESTS ABROAD AND WITH WHICH LEVEL OF RESOURCES? THOSE ARE THE VERY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS.

Q IS THE ADMINISTRATION AT THIS POINT PLANNING ON MAKING ANY REORGANIZATION PROPOSAL, COUNTER TO -- COMPROMISE WITH SENATOR HELMS?

MR. BURNS: I'M NOT AWARE OF ANYTHING. I JUST HAVE NOTHING TO SAY ON THAT TODAY.

Q ON THE ABM, THERE IS NO FORUM. THE PODIUM IS A FORUM, BUT, I MEAN, THERE'S NO HEARING FOR THE SECRETARY.

MR. BURNS: YES.

Q YOU SAID STATE AND DEFENSE HAD BEEN BUSY.

MR. BURNS: YES. IN CONSULTATIONS WITH STAFF.

Q WITH STAFF PEOPLE, TALKING TO STAFF PEOPLE?

MR. BURNS: THAT'S RIGHT. BECAUSE WE UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME IMMINENT ACTION -- AT LEAST IMMINENT DEBATE ON THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE, SO THERE HAS BEEN QUITE A LOT OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE UNCLAS SECTION 22 OF 25 STATE 211228

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ADMINISTRATION AND THE CONGRESS ON THIS ISSUE, WHICH IS WHY I BEG THE INDULGENCE OF TERRY. I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF HIS QUESTION TO TALK ABOUT IT.

Q IT'S AN IMPORTANT ISSUE, AND, IF I CAN PART THE CURTAIN A LITTLE BIT, THIS -- YOUR POSITION -- STATE'S POSITION ON MONKEYING WITH THE -- WITH THE CONGRESS MONKEYING WITH THE ABM TREATY HAS LONG BEEN KNOWN. THEY DID THAT WEEKS AND WEEKS AGO. DIDN'T THIS BIPARTISAN MEASURE HAVE SOME STATE INPUT INTO IT -- THE ONE YOU'RE NOW UNHAPPY WITH? MAYBE YOU'VE BEEN UNHAPPY WITH IT ALL ALONG.

MR. BURNS: OH, I CAN'T SPEAK FOR HOW LEGISLATION IS PUT TOGETHER. I'D JUST REFER YOU TO THE HILL ON THAT. IT'S SOMETIMES TRUE THAT LEGISLATION IS PUT TOGETHER WITH THE VIEWS OF AN ADMINISTRATION IN MIND, AND WE HAVE SEEN SOME VERY POSITIVE ELEMENTS IN THIS PARTICULAR AMENDMENT. BUT THERE ARE STILL PROVISIONS IN THE AMENDMENT WITH WHICH WE

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CANNOT AGREE, AND THEREFORE FURTHER WORK, WE HOPE, WILL BE DONE TO SATISFY BOTH THE ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS.

Q THE SECRETARY CAN'T -- THERE'S NO PLACE FOR HIM TO GO UP AND MAKE THIS POINT.

MR. BURNS: NOT IN THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THERE WILL BE TESTIMONY FORESEEN.

Q MEXICO, PLEASE. IT HAS BEEN ONE YEAR NOW SINCE PRESIDENT -- MEXICAN PRESIDENT ZEDILLO TOOK POWER. CAN YOU GIVE AN ASSESSMENT ABOUT THE ISSUES IN THE BILATERAL AGENDA WHICH REMAIN THE MOST SENSITIVE? AND ACCORDING TO THE UNITED STATES' PERSPECTIVE, HAVE YOU DETECTED SOME ADVANCES, IF THAT'S THE CASE, (INAUDIBLE) AND WHICH WILL REMAIN AT LAST THE BIGGEST PROBLEMS THAT MAY THREATEN OR ENDANGER THE BILATERAL RELATION?

MR. BURNS: PRESIDENT ZEDILLO WILL BE MAKING A VERY IMPORTANT VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, I THINK, IN ABOUT 30 DAYS OR A LITTLE BIT MORE THAN THAT IN OCTOBER. THE ADMINISTRATION IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT VISIT.

IT'S NO SECRET, I THINK -- AND I'LL JUST TRY TO BE BRIEF IN MY ANSWER, BECAUSE YOU'VE ASKED A VERY LARGE QUESTION -- THAT MEXICO IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT COUNTRIES TO THE UNITED STATES THAT WE BORDER, THAT WE SHARE OUR OVER 2,000-MILE BORDER.

IT IS EXCEEDINGLY IMPORTANT TO ALL AMERICANS,

PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST, THAT OVER THE PAST YEAR, MEXICO HAS WEATHERED A VERY SERIOUS ECONOMIC CRISIS -- WEATHERED IT QUITE WELL, WE THINK, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT ZEDILLO. WE VERY MUCH SUPPORT A NUMBER OF THE MEASURES THAT HE HAS UNDERTAKEN TO RESTORE A SENSE OF STABILITY TO THE ECONOMY.

WERVE ALSO WORKED CLOSELY WITH PRESIDENT ZEDILLO IN OUR MUTUAL FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTICS AND NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING, WHICH IS AN ISSUE THAT BOTH OUR COUNTRIES SHARE. WE SHARE A CONCERN FOR IT, BECAUSE BOTH OF OUR PEOPLES ARE VICTIMIZED BY IT, AND WE ARE WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH THE ZEDILLO ADMINISTRATION ON THIS QUESTION OF NARCOTICS.

WE'RE VERY SATISFIED THAT WE HAVE A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH MEXICO UNDER ITS CURRENT LEADERSHIP; THAT MEXICO'S LEADERSHIP IS IN GOOD HANDS. WE HAVE A UNCLAS SECTION 23 OF 25 STATE 211228

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LOT OF RESPECT FOR PRESIDENT ZEDILLO. HE FACES ENORMOUS CHALLENGES. WE WISH HIM WELL, AND WE'RE READY TO SUPPORT HIM WHEN WE CAN AND WORK WITH HIM VERY CLOSELY.

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Q SENATOR PELL ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT TODAY. HE'S NOT GOING TO RUN FOR RE-ELECTION. AND HE'S BEEN A VERY IMPORTANT SUPPORTER OF MANY ADMINISTRATION POSITIONS ON THE UNITED NATIONS AND NATIONAL TREATIES. CAN YOU GIVE US SORT OF A VIEW OF HOW IT AFFECTS THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THIS COUNTRY?

MR. BURNS: I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE JUST A VERY BRIEF COMMENT ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SENATOR CLAIBORNE PELL MADE THIS MORNING THAT HE WILL RETIRE WHEN HIS TERM EXPIRES NEXT YEAR. FOR EIGHT YEARS, SENATOR PELL SERVED WITH DISTINCTION AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, WHERE HE IS NOW THE RANKING MEMBER.

HIS DEDICATION TO ISSUES SUCH AS ARMS CONTROL, NON-PROLIFERATION, HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT HAVE INDEED MADE THE POLICIES OF THE UNITED STATES MORE SUCCESSFUL AND THE WORLD A SAFER PLACE.

HIS LONGSTANDING EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED NATIONS WERE ACKNOWLEDGED BY PRESIDENT CLINTON THIS JUNE

IN SAN FRANCISCO DURING THE CEREMONIES TO COMMEMORATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE SIGNING OF THE U.N. CHARTER.

THE SECRETARY, SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER, LOOKS FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR IMPORTANT WORK WITH SENATOR PELL IN THIS CONGRESS AND WISHES HIM WELL IN HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

LET ME JUST SAY AS A FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, SENATOR PELL WAS ALSO A FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER AT THE BEGINNING OF HIS CAREER, AND HE ALWAYS SHOWED THE GREATEST RESPECT FOR THE FOREIGN SERVICE AND THE GREATEST SUPPORT FOR THE FOREIGN SERVICE IN HIS YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE, AND THAT IS APPRECIATED BY GENERATIONS OF FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS WHO RESPECT HIM VERY MUCH.

Q NICK, BY ANY CHANCE HAS THE STATE DEPARTMENT YOU MAY NOT HAVE EXPECTED THIS QUESTION, BUT I THINK THERE ARE INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS -- ABOUT ENGLISH THE NEED FOR THE UNITED STATES HAVING AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE, IT BEING ENGLISH? (LAUGHTER) I THINK THAT SENDS A (INAUDIBLE) MESSAGE, AND I WONDER IF STATE HAS THOUGHT ABOUT IT AT ALL?

MR. BURNS: I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS YET TAKEN A POSITION ON THAT ISSUE, BARRY. I THINK THAT'S AN ISSUE THAT IS REALLY IN THE POLITICAL DOMAIN IN OUR COUNTRY.

Q (INAUDIBLE)

MR. BURNS: I THINK THE ISSUE IS IN THE POLITICAL ARENA IN OUR COUNTRY TO BE DEBATED BY POLITICAL LEADERS IN

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OUR COUNTRY. I THINK THE STATE DEPARTMENT WILL STAND ASIDE FROM THAT PARTICULAR DEBATE.

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INFORM CONSULS ALSO FOR USEC/USOEC

E.O. 12356: N/A

TAGS: OPRC

SUBJECT: REGULAR PRESS BRIEFING -- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1995

NICK, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON MRS. CLINTON'S SPEECH AND ACTIVITIES IN BEIJING, AND THE WAY THAT THE BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IS CONDUCTED?

MR BURNS: MRS. CLINTON'S SPEECH THIS MORNING TO THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE STANDS ON ITS OWN. IT'S A SPEECH

THAT I THINK WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED, A SPEECH THAT CLEARLY SUPPORTS AND CLEARLY IS CONSISTENT WITH EVERY ASPECT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY ON THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE AS WELL AS ON OTHER ISSUES.

SO I THINK I'LL JUST LEAVE IT THERE UNLESS YOU HAVE A MORE SPECIFIC QUESTION.

Q WELL, JUST TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT A LITTLE BIT. THERE IS CONTROVERSY IN TAIWAN ABOUT WHETHER PRESIDENT LEE TENG-HUI IS WILLING OR IS NOT WILLING TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT JIANG ZEMIN FROM BEIJING IN EITHER A DOMESTIC SETTING OR INTERNATIONAL SETTING. DOES THE UNITED STATES TAKE A POSITION ON WHETHER OR NOT THE TWO LEADERS SHOULD MEET, EITHER IN A CHINESE SETTING OR AN INTERNATIONAL SETTING?

MR. BURNS: NO. THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT TAKE A POSITION ON THAT QUESTION. THAT'S CERTAINLY UP TO CHINA AND TAIWAN TO DECIDE THAT QUESTION.

ANY MORE ON CHINA?

Q YES. HAS THERE BEEN ANY REACTION FROM THE PRC OFFICIALLY OR UNOFFICIALLY REGARDING MRS. CLINTON'S SPEECH? HAVE THEY MADE ANY CHANGES BASED ON HER CRITICISM -- CRITICISM WE HEARD IN HERE LAST WEEK, I BELIEVE.

MR. BURNS: I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING, BILL, ON THE WIRES OR ON THE NETWORKS, IN ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION. I WOULD JUST NOTE, THOUGH, WHAT AMBASSADOR MADELEINE ALBRIGHT SAID EARLIER TODAY IN BEIJING, AND SHE SAID IN EFFECT THAT WHEN CHINA AGREED TO HOST THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, IT ACCEPTED CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES, INCLUDING THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE FULL FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND ASSOCIATION FOR PARTICIPANTS, AND WE EXPECT CHINA TO FULFILL THE COMMITMENTS IT MADE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY REGARDING ITS PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE AND ITS HANDLING OF SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, BOTH AT THE CONFERENCE AND AT THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION FORUM OUTSIDE OF BEIJING.

THAT'S A VERY IMPORTANT STATEMENT MADE THIS MORNING BY AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT, AND I RECOMMEND IT TO YOU.

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Q NICK, JUST ONE QUICK ONE. TASS ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING THAT RUSSIA WILL BE COOPERATING ON THE THIRD NUCLEAR REACTOR WITH IRAN. IS THAT SOMETHING YOU ALL ARE FAMILIAR WITH AND CAN COMMENT ON?

MR. BURNS: SID, LAST WEEK WE DEBATED THIS ISSUE AT SOME LENGTH. THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF CONTRADICTIONARY

STATEMENTS OUT OF THE MINATOM -- THE MINISTRY OF ATOMIC ENERGY IN MOSCOW -- ABOUT A THIRD REACTOR, ABOUT A FOURTH REACTOR. MINISTER MIKHAILOV GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE SAID THAT NONE OF THESE REPORTS WERE TRUE.

SO IT APPEARS TO US, AT LEAST, THAT THE MATTER UNCLAS SECTION 25 OF 25 STATE 211228

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STANDS WHERE WE LEFT IT, AND THAT IS THAT THERE'S A POSSIBILITY OF TWO NUCLEAR REACTOR SALES OR RENOVATION OF TWO WITH IRAN. OF COURSE, THE UNITED STATES IS ABSOLUTELY AND ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO THIS SALE, AND WE CONTINUE TO MAKE THAT CLEAR IN ALL OF OUR MEETINGS WITH THE RUSSIANS.

Q BUT TASS DID ISSUE A STATEMENT A COUPLE OF HOURS AGO SAYING -- CONTRADICTING WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, THAT THERE IS IN FACT A THIRD AND A FOURTH.

MR. BURNS: IFLL BE GLAD TO LOOK AT THE TASS STATEMENT. I THINK WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN STATEMENTS FROM TASS WILL BE STATEMENTS FROM THE SPECIFIC MINISTERS IN THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT WHO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY, BECAUSE LAST WEEK THERE WERE OFFICIAL LOOKING STATEMENTS OUT OF MOSCOW FROM NEWS AGENCIES, AND THEN OFFICIAL DENUNCIATIONS OF THOSE STATEMENTS.

SO I THINK WE'LL LOOK INTO IT, SID. IT'S AFAIR QUESTION, BECAUSE IT GETS TO A QUESTION THAT IS AT THE HEART OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH RUSSIA RIGHT NOW, AND THAT IS OUR CONTINUING BELIEF THAT ANY RUSSIAN, OR CHINESE FOR THAT MATTER, ACTIVITIES TO BUTTRESS THE NUCLEAR POWER INDUSTRY IN IRAN MIGHT VERY WELL LEAD IRAN TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVANTAGE IN DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND WE STAND OPPOSED TO THAT, AND WE THINK THAT IT SHOULD BE IN THE INTERESTS OF RUSSIA AS WELL AS CHINA TO ALSO CEASE AND DESIST FROM THESE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES.

THANK YOU.

MR. BURNS: THANK YOU.

CHRISTOPHER

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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION--BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

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E.O. 12356: N/A

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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION--BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

1. ON SEPTEMBER 5, LEADING DAILY "EL TIEMPO" (LIBERAL PARTY ORIENTED, CIRC. 245,000) CARRIED A LEAD EDITORIAL ON THE U.N.'S WOMEN'S CONFERENCE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IN BEIJING.

2. HEADLINE AND QUOTES FOLLOW:

HEADLINE--"THE WOMEN'S SUMMIT"

QUOTES--"ALTHOUGH THE AGENDA IS LONG AND AMBITIOUS, THE CONFERENCE IS PRECEDED BY LONG DELIBERATIONS.... THEY HAVE SERVED TO STRENGTHEN SOME BASIC AGREEMENTS, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THEY HAVE HIGHLIGHTED RADICAL CONFRONTATIONS ABOUT CRITICAL ISSUES SUCH AS ABORTION AND THE USE OF CONTRACEPTIVE DEVICES. THIS HAS BEEN CONSIDERED THE EXTENSION OF THE DEBATES THAT AROSE DURING THE WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE IN CAIRO."

"THE VATICAN, IN AN UNPRECEDENTED ACT, AND FOLLOWING THE

POSITION THAT HAS BEEN ASSUMED BY POPE JOHN PAUL II,
SIGNED UP A DELEGATION OF 22 PEOPLE. IT IS HEADED BY A
WOMAN WITH A WELL KNOWN AND DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC
TRAJECTORY. THEY HAVE THE DELICATE ENDEAVOR OF PUTTING
FORWARD THE PONTIFF'S POSITIONS." KNEEBONE

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USCINCPAC FOR FPA SALMON

TEXT:

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USIA FOR EA; TOKYO FOR KANEDA YAMAUCHI; MOSCOW FOR FERGIN

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2. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS WERE ISSUED BY THE WHITE
HOUSE ON 9/5/95.

3.

THE WHITE HOUSE
OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY
SEPTEMBER 5, 1995

TO THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES:

WITH A VIEW TO RECEIVING THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF
THE SENATE TO RATIFICATION, I TRANSMIT HERewith THE
EXTRADITION TREATY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
THE PHILIPPINES, SIGNED AT MANILA ON NOVEMBER 13, 1994.

IN ADDITION, I TRANSMIT FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE
SENATE, THE REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WITH
RESPECT TO THE TREATY. AS THE REPORT EXPLAINS, THE
TREATY WILL NOT REQUIRE IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION.

TOGETHER WITH THE TREATY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES ON MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN
CRIMINAL MATTERS, ALSO SIGNED NOVEMBER 13, 1994, THIS
TREATY WILL, UPON ENTRY INTO FORCE, ENHANCE COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITIES OF BOTH
COUNTRIES. IT WILL THEREBY MAKE A SIGNIFICANT
CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS.

THE PROVISIONS IN THIS TREATY FOLLOW GENERALLY THE
FORM AND CONTENT OF EXTRADITION TREATIES RECENTLY
CONCLUDED BY THE UNITED STATES.

I RECOMMEND THAT THE SENATE GIVE EARLY AND
FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO THE TREATY AND GIVE ITS ADVICE
UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 07 STATE 211475

USIA FOR EA; TOKYO FOR KANEDA YAMAUCHI; MOSCOW FOR FERGIN

E.O. 12356: N/A

TAGS: PREL OPRC XE US

SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 6 PRESS GUIDANCE FOR THE EAP REGION

AND CONSENT TO RATIFICATION.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

THE WHITE HOUSE

SEPTEMBER 5, 1995

4.

THE WHITE HOUSE
OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY
SEPTEMBER 5, 1995

TO THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES:

WITH A VIEW TO RECEIVING THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF
THE SENATE TO RATIFICATION, I TRANSMIT HERewith THE
TREATY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE
PHILIPPINES ON MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL
MATTERS, SIGNED AT MANILA ON NOVEMBER 13, 1994. I
TRANSMIT ALSO, FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE SENATE, THE
REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WITH RESPECT TO THE
TREATY.

THE TREATY IS ONE OF A SERIES OF MODERN MUTUAL
LEGAL ASSISTANCE TREATIES BEING NEGOTIATED BY THE UNITED
STATES IN ORDER TO COUNTER CRIMINAL ACTIVITY MORE
EFFECTIVELY. THE TREATY WILL ENHANCE OUR ABILITY TO
INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE A WIDE VARIETY OF CRIMES,
INCLUDING DRUG TRAFFICKING AND TERRORISM OFFENSES. THE
TREATY IS SELF-EXECUTING.

THE TREATY PROVIDES FOR A BROAD RANGE OF
COOPERATION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS. MUTUAL ASSISTANCE
AVAILABLE UNDER THE TREATY INCLUDES: TAKING OF TESTIMONY
OR STATEMENTS OF PERSONS; PROVIDING DOCUMENTS, RECORDS,
AND ITEMS OF EVIDENCE; SERVING DOCUMENTS; LOCATING OR
IDENTIFYING PERSONS OR ITEMS; TRANSFERRING PERSONS IN
CUSTODY FOR TESTIMONY OR OTHER PURPOSES; EXECUTING
REQUESTS FOR SEARCHES AND SEIZURES; ASSISTING IN
PROCEEDINGS RELATED TO FORFEITURE OF ASSETS, RESTITUTION,
AND COLLECTION OF FINES; AND ANY OTHER FORM OF ASSISTANCE
NOT PROHIBITED BY THE LAWS OF THE REQUESTED STATE.

I RECOMMEND THAT THE SEATE GIVE EARLY AND
FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO THE TREATY AND GIVE ITS ADVICE
AND CONSENT TO RATIFICATION.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

THE WHITE HOUSE
SEPTEMBER 5, 1995

5.

THE WHITE HOUSE
OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY
SEPTEMBER 5, 1995

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USIA FOR EA; TOKYO FOR KANEDA YAMAUCHI; MOSCOW FOR FERGIN

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TAGS: PREL OPRC XE US
SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 6 PRESS GUIDANCE FOR THE EAP REGION

PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION
NO. 95-40

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBJECT: USE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND
PROGRAMS ACCOUNT FUNDS FOR AN INITIAL U.S.
CONTRIBUTION TO THE KOREAN PENINSULA ENERGY
DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (KEDO)

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY SECTION 614
(A) (1) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961, AS AMENDED,
22 U.S.C. 2364 (A) (1) (THE "ACT"), I HEREBY DETERMINE
THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO THE THE SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE
UNITED STATES TO FURNISH UP TO USD 4 MILLION IN FUNDS
MADE AVAILABLE UNDER CHAPTER 3 OF PART I OF THE ACT FOR
FISCAL YEAR 1995 TO PROVIDE THE INITIAL U.S. CONTRIBUTION
TO THE KOREAN PENINSULA ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION
(KEDO) WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY PROVISION OF LAW WITHIN THE
SCOPE OF SECTION 614 (A) (1). I HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE
FURNISHING OF SUCH ASSISTANCE.

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO TRANSMIT THIS
DETERMINATION TO THE CONGRESS AND TO ARRANGE FOR ITS
PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

6. THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO A QUESTION TAKEN AT THE
9/5/95 BRIEFING WAS POSTED IN THE DEPARTMENT ON 9/6/95.

7. CAMBODIA: KHMER ROUGE CRIMINALS

Q. IS THERE A MECHANISM FOR FINDING KHMER ROUGE
CRIMINALS RESIDING IN THE U.S.?

A. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY EFFORT CURRENTLY UNDERWAY
TO IDENTIFY POSSIBLE PERPETRATORS OF KHMER ROUGE

ATROCITIES THAT IS FOCUSED SOLELY ON PEOPLE WHO MAY BE IN THE UNITED STATES.

-- IT IS ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE OF CAMBODIA GENOCIDE INVESTIGATIONS OF THE BUREAU OF EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS TO SPONSOR WORK TO CREATE A COMPUTERIZED INDEX OF PERPETRATORS AND VICTIMS FOR THE PERIOD OF KHMER ROUGE RULE IN CAMBODIA, 1975-79, WHEN THE HORRENDOUS ACTS OF GENOCIDE AND OTHER CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY OCCURRED.

-- THIS INDEX IS BEING COMPILED BY YALE UNIVERSITY'S CAMBODIAN GENOCIDE PROGRAM, HEADQUARTERED IN PHNOM PENH. THE INDEX, BASED ON DOCUMENTS AND OTHER EVIDENCE, IS NOT YET SUFFICIENTLY COMPLETE TO PROVIDE A MEANINGFUL NAME CHECK OF INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH A KHMER ROUGE ATROCITY OR OTHER CRIMINAL ACT.

-- IT IS HOPED THAT, OVER TIME, AS COMPLETE AN INDEX UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 07 STATE 211475

USIA FOR EA; TOKYO FOR KANEDA YAMAUCHI; MOSCOW FOR FERGIN

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AS POSSIBLE WILL BE COMPILED. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE HISTORICAL NATURE OF THE GENOCIDE AND THE TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF RESEARCH ON THE KHMER ROUGE THAT IS YET TO BE DONE, IT MAY BE THAT NO INDEX CAN BE TRULY COMPREHENSIVE.

8. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED ON 9/6/95. AT THE BRIEFING THAT DAY, SPOKESMAN NICHOLAS BURNS USED THE FIRST TWO TICKS OF THE FIRST ANSWER IN PARA 9. THE REMAINDER MAY BE USED ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

9. FRANCE: NUCLEAR TESTS

Q. WHAT IS THE U.S. REACTION TO THE FRENCH UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TEST?

A. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS ALREADY ISSUED A STATEMENT, WHICH NOTED THAT THE UNITED STATES REGRETS THIS ACTION.

-- WE CONTINUE TO URGE ALL OF THE NUCLEAR POWERS, INCLUDING FRANCE, TO REFRAIN FROM FURTHER NUCLEAR TESTS AND TO JOIN IN A GLOBAL MORATORIUM AS WE WORK TO COMPLETE AND SIGN A CTB TREATY IN 1996.

-- IN THIS REGARD, WE TAKE NOTE OF PRESIDENT CHIRAC'S STRONG COMMITMENT TO SIGN A CTBT TREATY NO LATER THAN THE FALL OF 1996, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH FRANCE AND ALL OTHER STATES

PARTICIPATING IN THE CTB NEGOTIATIONS TO ENSURE
THAT A CTB TREATY IS READY FOR SIGNATURE NEXT YEAR.

Q. WHAT IS THE U.S. REACTION TO PRESIDENT CHIRAC'S
STATEMENT THAT FRANCE MIGHT NOT NEED TO CONDUCT ALL EIGHT
PLANNED TESTS?

A. AS WE HAVE NOTED BEFORE, WE CONTINUE TO URGE ALL
OF THE NUCLEAR POWERS, INCLUDING FRANCE, TO
REFRAIN FROM FURTHER NUCLEAR TESTS.

-- IF FRANCE DOES FIND THAT IT CAN DEVELOP AN
ALTERNATIVE MEANS FOR ASSURING A SAFE AND RELIABLE
NUCLEAR STOCKPILE WITHOUT CARRYING OUT UNNECESSARY
EXTRA TESTS, THE EARLY CESSATION OF TESTING WOULD
MAKE AN EVEN MORE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE
ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH WE ARE WORKING TO COMPLETE
AND SIGN A CTB TREATY IN 1996.

Q. IS THE FRENCH DECISION TO RESUME TESTING A SET-BACK
FOR THE CTB NEGOTIATIONS?

A. ALTHOUGH WE REGRET CONTINUED TESTING, WE CONTINUE
TO BELIEVE THAT WE CAN CONCLUDE AND SIGN A CTB
TREATY NEXT YEAR.

Q. HAS PRESIDENT CLINTON DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE WITH
PRESIDENT CHIRAC? HAS CHIRAC RESPONDED?

A. YES.
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USIA FOR EA; TOKYO FOR KANEDA YAMAUCHI; MOSCOW FOR FERGIN

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-- PRESIDENT CHIRAC HAS DESCRIBED HIS DECISION TO
CONDUCT A FINAL SERIES OF TESTS AS "IRREVOCABLE."

-- BUT, PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS MADE CLEAR TO PRESIDENT
CHIRAC U.S. SUPPORT FOR A GLOBAL MORATORIUM ON
TESTING AS WE WORK TO COMPLETE THE CTB.

Q. HAS THE UNITED STATES OFFERED TO ASSIST FRANCE IN
SIMULATING NUCLEAR TESTS SO THAT FRANCE MIGHT FORGO
FURTHER TESTING?

A. WE HAVE HAD A COOPERATION PROGRAM WITH FRANCE IN
THE NUCLEAR AREA AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH
FRANCE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND RELIABILITY OF
EXISTING NUCLEAR WEAPONS UNDER A TRUE ZERO YIELD
CTB TREATY.

Q. DO YOU THINK RUSSIA WILL NOW RESUME NUCLEAR TESTING?

A. RUSSIA WILL HAVE TO SPEAK FOR ITSELF ON THIS ISSUE.

-- WE WOULD, HOWEVER, URGE ALL NUCLEAR POWERS,
INCLUDING RUSSIA, TO RESPOND WITH RESTRAINT TO THE
FRENCH TEST.

Q. WILL THE U.S. RESUME TESTING IN RESPONSE TO FRENCH
TESTS?

A. NO.

10. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCES, ALSO PREPARED ON
9/6/95, WERE NOT USED AT THE BRIEFING. POSTS MAY DRAW
FROM THEM ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

11.

FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN:
POLICY POINTS EMPHASIZED BY AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT

WE ARE HERE TO:

- PROMOTE AND PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS AND STRESS
THAT WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS;
- STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN;
- EMPOWER WOMEN BY INCREASING THEIR ROLE IN
ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DECISION-MAKING;
- STRENGTHEN FAMILIES;
- ASSURE EQUAL ACCESS BY WOMEN TO EDUCATION AND
HEALTH CARE.

WE HAVE COME TO MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARDS EACH OF
THESE GOALS.

BUT REAL PROGRESS WILL DEPEND ON WHAT WE DO AFTER WE
LEAVE BEIJING. THE 4WCW IS NOT ABOUT CONVERSATIONS BUT
UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 07 STATE 211475

USIA FOR EA; TOKYO FOR KANEDA YAMAUCHI; MOSCOW FOR FERGIN

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ABOUT COMMITMENTS.

WE ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING NEW COMMITMENTS THE U.S
GOVERNMENT WILL UNDERTAKE:

- THE PRESIDENT WILL ESTABLISH A WHITE HOUSE
COUNCIL ON WOMEN TO PLAN FOR THE EFFECTIVE
IMPLEMENTATION WITHIN THE U.S. OF THE PLATFORM
FOR ACTION;
- THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WILL LAUNCH A

SIX-YEAR, USD 1.6 MILLION INITIATIVE TO FIGHT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND OTHER CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN. THESE FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR SPECIALIZED POLICE AND PROSECUTION UNITS TO TRAIN POLICE, PROSECUTORS, AND JUDICIAL PERSONNEL;

- THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES WILL LEAD A COMPREHENSIVE ASSAULT ON THREATS TO THE HEALTH AND SECURITY OF WOMEN -- PROMOTING HEALTHY BEHAVIOR, INCREASING AWARENESS ABOUT AIDS, DISCOURAGING THE USE OF CIGARETTES, AND STRIVING TO WIN THE BATTLE AGAINST BREAST CANCER;
- THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WILL CONDUCT A GRASSROOTS CAMPAIGN TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS FOR WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE;
- THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY WILL TAKE NEW STEPS TO PROMOTE ACCESS TO FINANCIAL CREDIT FOR WOMEN;
- USAID WILL UNDERTAKE IMPORTANT INITIATIVES TO INCREASE WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL PROCESSES AND TO PROMOTE THE ENFORCEMENT OF WOMEN'S LEGAL RIGHTS;

THE U.S. WILL CONTINUE TO SPEAK OUT OPENLY AND WITHOUT HESITATION ON BEHALF OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

WE RECONFIRM, AS THE FIRST LADY SAID YESTERDAY, THAT THE U.S. REMAINS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS GAINS MADE IN CAIRO.

PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS MADE FAVORABLE ACTION ON THE CONVENTION TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN A TOP PRIORITY. THE U.S. SHOULD BE A PARTY TO THAT CONVENTION.

12. KOREA: NORTH-SOUTH RICE TALKS

Q. WHAT IS THE U.S. REACTION TO THE NORTH-SOUTH AGREEMENT TO HOLD TALKS IN BEIJING?

A. WE WELCOME THESE TALKS AS A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE CONTINUATION OF THE TALKS NORTH AND SOUTH HELD EARLIER THIS SUMMER. A PRODUCTIVE DIALOGUE
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BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA IS NECESSARY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED FRAMEWORK, AND FOR

ESTABLISHMENT OF A DURABLE PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. THE U.S. FULLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORTS THIS DIALOGUE.

13. MALAYSIA: AMCIT UNDER ARREST

Q. CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT AN AMERICAN CITIZEN WAS ARRESTED?

A. YES. AN AMERICAN CITIZEN WAS ARRESTED FOR SUSPECTED NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING AT KUALA LUMPUR SUBANG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON SEPTEMBER 4. MALAYSIAN AUTHORITIES REPORT THAT THEY FOUND APPROXIMATELY 2.4 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN HIDDEN IN SUBJECT'S SUITCASE. UPON CONFIRMATION OF THE SUBSTANCE, MALAYSIAN AUTHORITIES MAY CHARGE THE AMERICAN CITIZEN UNDER THE MALAYSIAN DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT, SECTION 39(B): TRAFFICKING IN DANGEROUS DRUG.

Q. WHAT IS THE PENALTY FOR NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING?

A. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE DEATH PENALTY IS MANDATORY FOR ALL CONVICTIONS UNDER SECTION 39(B) OF MALAYSIA'S DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT.

Q. WHAT IS THE EMBASSY DOING IN THIS CASE?

A. AN EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICER HAS HAD ACCESS TO THE CITIZEN.

Q. WHAT CAN THE CONSULAR OFFICER DO ON THE CITIZEN'S BEHALF?

A. THE U.S. EMBASSY'S ROLE IN ASSISTING AMERICANS ARRESTED AND INCARCERATED OVERSEAS IS TO VISIT THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER ARREST, PROVIDE A LIST OF ATTORNEYS AND INFORMATION REGARDING THE FOREIGN LEGAL SYSTEM, MONITOR THEIR HEALTH AND WELFARE, ENSURE THAT AMERICAN PRISONERS ARE NOT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE THEY ARE AMERICANS, AND TO ACT AS A LIAISON BETWEEN THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS IN THE UNITED STATES.

-- THE OFFICER'S ROLE IS ONE OF OBSERVATION AND SUPPORT. OFFICERS ARE PROHIBITED FROM SERVING AS A PRISONER'S LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE AND FROM INTERVENING IN THE FOREIGN JUDICIAL PROCESS. U.S. CONSULAR OFFICERS WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE AMERICAN ARRESTED IN KUALA LUMPUR CONSISTENT WITH U.S. LAW AND REGULATION, FOR AS LONG AS THE AMERICAN WISHES SUCH ASSISTANCE TO CONTINUE.

Q. WHAT IS OUR POSITION ON THE POSSIBLE EXECUTION OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN?

A. THIS MATTER IS BEFORE THE MALAYSIAN COURTS, AND WE HAVE NO FURTHER COMMENT AT THIS TIME.

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