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US ELECTIONS

1. "Dole, Clinton lean to the American firsters"

The national, business-oriented Australian Financial Review (9/27) said, "Except for the reappearance of Saddam Hussein, foreign policy is playing a minor role in the contest between two internationalists for the leadership of the world's remaining superpower. The republican chairman of the senate Foreign Relations

Committee, Jesse Helms, says Washington should demand that either the United Nations reforms, quickly and dramatically, or the United States will end its participation'. The republican platform scorns the Clintonite view that soon nationhood as we know it will be obsolete; all States will recognize a single, global authority'. Smelling the political breeze at home, Clinton has isolated the US internationally by demanding that the UN dump Boutros-Ghali as its secretary-general. And, in the Taiwan Strait and then in Iraq, Clinton deflected Republican charges of weakness by unilaterally deploying US military muscle to protect America's commercial interests in East Asia and its supply of Middle East oil. In both cases, neither the UN nor an international coalition was to be found. The more-assertive American leadership had few active followers."

WTO/APEC

2. "Fischer endorses push for WTO free-trade goal"

The national, business-oriented Australian Financial Review (9/27) said, "Australia has backed calls for the World Trade Organization to take on the market-access goals of the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation forum, involving an ambitious global target of free and open trade and investment by 2020. The minister for trade, Mr Tim Fischer, told an APEC business forum in Sydney yesterday that ... this year's trade-liberalization process within APEC could suffer as a result of elections in both the US and Japan, the two biggest economies in the 18-member forum. (T)here are concerns that with elections in the US and Japan, there will be little leadership from those nations for substantial trade liberalization actions."

3. "All eyes on China's WTO bid"

A Washington correspondent for the national, business-oriented Australian Financial Review (9/27) said, "One of the most critical issues in world trade, the accession of China to the World Trade Organization, will be central in today's talks in Washington between China's Foreign Trade Minister, Ms Wu Yi, and the US Commerce Secretary, Mr Mickey Kantor. A key factor will be the degree of flexibility which the US is prepared to show. (T)he lead up to this week's meeting has centered on WTO issues. Perhaps the most informative, though, was the testimony of Ambassador Charlene Barshefsky, acting US Trade Representative, before the trade sub-committee of

the House Ways and Means Committee. Ms Barshefsky made it clear that China's present offers on the table for market access for goods and services were not acceptable in their current form'. On agriculture, China will need to sharply improve its offer'."AUSTRIAN

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 ECONOMIC AND TRADE COMMISSION VICE MINISTER

1. SUMMARY. DURING SEPTEMBER 16 MEETINGS, ASSISTANT U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE LEE SANDS SPOKE WITH ACTING VICE MINISTER YU LONGTU OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION (MOFTEC), YU XIAOSONG, VICE MINISTER OF CHINA'S STATE ECONOMIC AND TRADE COMMISSION (SETC), AND VICE CHAIRMAN CHEN YAOBANG OF THE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION (SPC) TO DETERMINE WHETHER CHINA IS READY TO BEGIN "SERIOUS AND INTENSIFIED" NEGOTIATIONS ON ACCESSION TO THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (WTO). WHILE NOTING HE WAS NOT SETTING ANY PRECONDITIONS, SANDS URGED CHINA TO TAKE

ACTIONS IN THE SHORT TERM -- SUCH AS REMOVING A LONGSTANDING BARRIER TO U.S. WHEAT EXPORTS TO CHINA AND RESOLVING PROBLEMS ARISING FROM XINHUA'S 1996 EFFORTS TO CONTROL FOREIGN FINANCIAL NEWSWIRE SERVICES -- TO BUILD MOMENTUM IN THE UNITED STATES FOR CHINA'S ACCESSION. THE CHINESE, LONG IN PARTICULAR, INDICATED THAT CHINA IS PREPARED TO WORK WITH THE UNITED STATES AND OTHERS TO ACCELERATE CHINA'S WTO ACCESSION. BILATERAL MEETINGS TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN USTR'S 1995 "ROADMAP" FOR CHINA'S WTO ACCESSION WILL BEGIN IN WASHINGTON IN EARLY OCTOBER. WITH REGARD TO A LONGSTANDING CHINESE APPLICATION OF A BAN ON PACIFIC NORTHWEST WHEAT INFECTED WITH TCK SMUT, CALLED FOR EXPERTS FROM THE TWO SIDES TO DISCUSS AND RESEARCH THIS PROBLEM. ENO SUMMARY.

SANDS ASKS THE CRITICAL QUESTION

2. AUSTIN SANDS BEGAN THE SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGES BY NOTING THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON HAD TOLD PRESIDENT JIANG AT THEIR OCTOBER 24, 1995 MEETING IN NEW YORK THAT THE UNITED STATES WANTS TO SUPPORT CHINA'S WTO ACCESSION. ACTING USTR BARSHEFSKY IN HER MEETING WITH PRESIDENT JIANG IN JUNE THIS YEAR AND NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER LAKE IN HIS JULY MEETINGS IN BEIJING HAD BOTH DELIVERED POSITIVE MESSAGES RELATING TO WTO. THE SANDS DELEGATION TRAVELED TO CHINA THIS WEEK TO DETERMINE WHETHER CHINA IS PREPARED TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS AT THE WORKING LEVEL TOWARDS CHINA'S ACCESSION TO THE WTO, BASED ON REACHING AGREEMENT ON A COMMERCIALLY ACCEPTABLE PROTOCOL. THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO RESUME WTO ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHINA ON AN INTENSIFIED BASIS, SEARCHING FOR A BALANCE OF INTERESTS, NOT JUST BILATERALLY, BUT TO ENCOMPASS ALL PARTIES TO THE ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS. IT IS IN U.S. INTERESTS AS WELL AS THAT OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM, TO SEE CHINA ACCEPT THE TEMPLATE OF THE RULES-BASED WTO SYSTEM.

3. SANDS NOTED THAT ANY DECISION BY CHINA TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS INVOLVES PAINFUL POLITICAL DECISIONS FOR CHINA. THE UNITED STATES WANTS TO WORK WITH CHINA TO UNDERSTAND CHINA'S CONCERNS. NOTING THAT HE WAS REPRESENTING THE VIEWS OF SENIOR U.S. LEADERS, SANDS ASKED WHETHER CHINA IS READY TO BEGIN SERIOUS AND INTENSIFIED NEGOTIATIONS. IF SO, THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS A FALL SCHEDULE OF NEGOTIATIONS THAT WOULD LEAD UP TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING IN MANILA OF PRESIDENTS CLINTON AND JIANG.

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NEEDED: POLITICAL MOMENTUM, DEMONSTRABLE PROGRESS

4. IF THERE IS TO BE A SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION ON CHINA'S WTO ACCESSION, CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES NEED TO CREATE POLITICAL MOMENTUM IN WASHINGTON AND BEIJING BY RESOLVING DIFFICULT BILATERAL PROBLEMS, SANDS

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OR THE TCK WHEAT ISSUE, FOR EXAMPLE. IF CHINA IS
INTERESTED IN MOVING FORWARD ON THE WTO DISCUSSIONS AT
THIS TIME, WE SHOULD START WITH SOME ESSENTIAL
ELEMENTS. SANDS OFFERED TWO SUGGESTIONS:

-- IMPLEMENTATION OF A PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED
STANDSTILL/ROLLBACK COMMITMENT: AT THE NOVEMBER 1995
APEC MEETINGS IN OSAKA, MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE AND
ECONOMIC COOPERATION WU YI TOLD THEN-USTR KANTOR THAT
CHINA WOULD TAKE A STANDSTILL/ROLLBACK COMMITMENT OF
WTO-INCONSISTENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES AT AN
APPROPRIATE TIME. THIS WOULD NOT BE UNLIKE WHAT THE
UNITED STATES AND OTHERS DID IN THE URUGUAY ROUND OF
MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. CHINA SHOULD TAKE
THIS STEP NOW, SANDS URGED, AND STOP IMMEDIATELY
INTRODUCTION OF ALL WTO-INCONSISTENT POLICIES.

-- A COMPLETE RESPONSE TO THE "ROAD MAP": IN NOVEMBER
1995, AMBASSADOR BARSHEFSKY HAD PRESENTED TO CHINESE
TRADE OFFICIALS A ROAD MAP OF CRITICAL COMMITMENTS AND
DECISIONS WITH WHICH CHINA MUST DEAL IN ITS WTO
ACCESSION AND CONFORMING PRACTICES. THE UNITED STATES
WOULD LIKE A COMPLETE RESPONSE FROM CHINA TO THE
NOVEMBER 1995 ROAD MAP, SO THAT SUCH SERIOUS
NEGOTIATIONS COULD BEGIN IN MID-OCTOBER IN WASHINGTON
ON ELEMENTS SUCH AS NATIONAL TREATMENT OR ACCESSION
PROTOCOL SCHEDULES. IF CHINA IS INTERESTED IN
ACCELERATING THE ACCESSION PROCESS NOW THE WORKING
LEVEL COULD DISCUSS ALL THE KEY ISSUES INVOLVED
BEGINNING WITH BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS THE WEEK OF
OCTOBER 7. IN ADDITION, WE COULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE
ALREADY SCHEDULED SERIES OF HIGH LEVEL VISITS,
INCLUDING THE MEETINGS BETWEEN MINISTER WU AND
AMBASSADOR BARSHEFSKY AND SECRETARY KANTOR SCHEDULED
FOR LATE-SEPTEMBER.

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5. NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL DEPUTY FOR ASIA AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS SUETTINGER FOLLOWED UP SANDS' REMARKS BY NOTING HE (SUETTINGER) SERVED ON THE PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN POLICY STAFF AT THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL. HIS PRESENCE ON THE DELEGATION REINFORCED THE MESSAGE THAT THE UNITED STATES WANTS TO PROMOTE CHINA'S WTO ACCESSION IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME. SUETTINGER CAUTIONED THAT THE ACCESSION PROCESS WILL NOT BE EASY THAT EVEN AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF NEGOTIATIONS, MANY HURDLES AND OBSTACLES TO ACCESSION REMAIN TO BE CLEARED. USTR'S LEE SANDS IS AN ACCOMPLISHED NEGOTIATOR, HE SAID, AND THE ADMINISTRATION PLACES CONFIDENCE IN HIM. THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE WHATEVER IS NEEDED TO RESOLVE ANY BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEMS IN THE UNITED STATES REGARDING CHINA'S WTO ACCESSION. BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT POINT, SUETTINGER EMPHASIZED, IS TO ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES AND GET DOWN TO WORK.

6. USDA DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY SCHROEDER NOTED THAT CHINA IS AN IMPORTANT MARKET OF VITAL CONCERN TO U.S. AGRICULTURE. HOWEVER, AFTER 20 YEARS, THERE REMAIN SERIOUS PROBLEMS ON WHEAT EXPORTS TO CHINA, ESPECIALLY FOR PACIFIC NORTHWEST WHEAT WITH TCK, A MATTER RAISED AT HIGHER LEVELS BY U.S. SECRETARIES OF AGRICULTURE. OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE RENEWED EFFORTS TO SOLVE THE TCK PROBLEM. THE 1992 BILATERAL MARKET ACCESS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING INCLUDED POINTS ON RESOLVING OF UNSCIENTIFIC APPLICATION OF SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY (SPS) MEASURES. DESPITE THE AGREEMENT AND SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS, THE SITUATION HAS GROWN WORSE, SCHROEDER STATED. TODAY, U.S. WHEAT TRADERS ARE ESSENTIALLY UNABLE TO SELL TO CHINA DUE TO AN EFFECTIVE ZERO TOLERANCE FOR TCK. IT IS IN BOTH OUR INTERESTS TO MAINTAIN THE UNITED STATES AS A RELIABLE SUPPLIER OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TO THE CHINESE MARKET AND FOR UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 07 BEIJING 038010

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U.S. TRADERS TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE CHINESE MARKET, THUS CREATING MOMENTUM FOR SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS AND FOR OBTAINING CONGRESSIONAL AND BUSINESS SUPPORT FOR

CHINA'S ACCESSION TO THE WTO.

7. SCHROEDER EXPRESSED HOPE THAT DURING THIS PERIOD, WITH THE TWO SIDES HAVING MADE PROGRESS IN OTHER AREAS, CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES CAN NOW MAKE PROGRESS ON WHEAT PROBLEMS AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS. SCHROEDER ACKNOWLEDGED THE IMPORTANCE OF DISCUSSING THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF SPS MEASURES, AND NOTEO THAT HE WAS PLEASED THAT THE CHINA ANIMAL AND PLANT QUARANTINE AGENCY WAS SENDING A TEAM TO THE UNITED STATES LATER IN SEPTEMBER TO WORK ON SPS ISSUES. THAT SAID, THERE REMAINS AN OVERRIDING POLICY AND POLITICAL ELEMENT TO CHINA'S FAILURE TO BASE SPS MEASURES ON SOUND SCIENCE.

8. AMERICAN FARMERS AND AGRIBUSINESS SUPPORT FREE TRADE AND FAIR TRADE, AND ARE CHINA'S BEST ALLIES IN THE UNITED STATES. U.S. CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF U.S. FARM INTERESTS ARE ALLIES OF CHINA IF THE CHINESE MARKET IS OPEN TO U.S. AGRICULTURE, AND SCHROEDER ENCOURAGED VICE MINISTER YU TO KEEP THAT RELATIONSHIP IN MIND AS ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS MOVE FORWARD. SCHROEDER CLOSED BY EXPRESSING HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA COULD WORK TOGETHER TO FINALLY RESOLVE SOME OF THESE AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS.

SEPTEMBER 17 MEETING WITH LONG YONGTU

9. LONG WARMLY WELCOMED SANOS AND DELEGATION MEMBERS, AND EXPRESSED PARTICULAR PLEASURE AT SANOS' ASSUMING THE ROLE OF CHIEF NEGOTIATOR ON CHINA'S WTO ACCESSION. MANY PAST PROBLEMS IN CHINA'S ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN DUE TO MISUNDERSTANDINGS, LONG ASSERTED. THE U.S. DELEGATION, LONG STRESSED, SHOULD MEET WITH ALL CONCERNED CHINESE AGENCIES. HE CALLED THIS NEED TO WORK WITH ADDITIONAL AGENCIES "TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHINESE CHARACTERISTICS." LONG INVITED THE U.S. TO SEND DELEGATIONS AS FREQUENTLY AS NECESSARY TO MEET WITH THESE MINISTRIES TO EXPLAIN U.S. POSITIONS AND BETTER UNDERSTAND CHINA'S CONCERNS. LONG EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE FOR AUSTR FOR MULTILATERAL AND WTO AFFAIRS DOROTHY DWOSKIN'S PAST STEWARDSHIP OF THE U.S. NEGOTIATING EFFORT, NOTING THAT WHATEVER PROGRESS CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES CAN NOW MAKE WILL HAVE HER PAST WORK AS ITS BASIS. LONG ASKED THAT HIS REGARDS BE PASSED TO AUSTR DWOSKIN.

10. LONG SAID THAT THE TWO SIDES' WORK ON CHINA'S WTO ACCESSION WAS IMPORTANT NOT ONLY BILATERALLY BUT ALSO FOR THE MULTILATERAL TRADE SYSTEM "WHICH WE BOTH TREASURE." TRADE LIBERALIZATION IS MOVING RAPIDLY IN APEC AND CHINA'S WTO MEMBERSHIP IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT. LONG HOPED THAT THE TWO SIDES' JOINT EFFORTS CAN YIELD PROGRESS, AND THAT THESE EFFORTS CAN HELP BUILD PERMANENT GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IN TURN, THIS WOULD PROMOTE PREDICTABLE BUSINESS RELATIONS FOR BUSINESSMEN ON BOTH SIDES. LONG SAID THAT CHINA HAS BEEN EXAMINING THE

ROAD MAP FOR CHINA'S WTO ACCESSION (PRESENTED BY AMBASSADOR BARSHEFSKY DURING HER NOVEMBER 1995 VISIT TO BEIJING), AND HAD FOUND MUCH IN COMMON BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES' VIEWS. HOWEVER, HE ACKNOWLEDGED THERE WERE SOME DIFFERENCES.

11. ACTING VICE MINISTER LONG BEGAN HIS RESPONSE BY NOTING THAT SUETTINGER'S PRESENCE ADDED A POLITICAL DIMENSION TO THE PROCESS. GIVEN THE U.S. SIDE'S UNDERSTANDING OF CHINA'S DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TRANSITION, THE MANY PROBLEMS ALLUDED TO, AND CHINA'S LARGE AND GROWING INVESTMENT AND TRADE RELATIONS, IT IS IN UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 07 BEIJING 038010

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NOBODY'S INTEREST TO KEEP CHINA OUT OF THE WTO. WERE THE WORLD TO WAIT FIVE TO 10 YEARS, IT MIGHT BE TOO LATE TO GET A GIANT CHINA BACK INTO THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM, LONG CLAIMED. IF THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP OF CHINA'S TRADING PARTNERS WANT TO DELAY CHINA'S WTO MEMBERSHIP, CHINA CAN WAIT. CHINA WELCOMES THE INITIATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, JAPAN, AND THE EUROPEAN UNION TO ACCELERATE CHINA'S WTO ACCESSION PROCESS.

12. CHINA IS PREPARED TO WORK WITH YOU, LONG TOLD THE SANDS DELEGATION. CHINA WILL TRY ITS BEST TO MAKE SURE THE UPCOMING MEETING OF OUR RESPECTIVE PRESIDENTS (AT THE APEC MEETING IN MANILA IN NOVEMBER) IS THE BEST IT CAN BE FOR BUSINESS RELATIONS. CHINA WANTS TO WORK OUT A CONCRETE PLAN FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON CHINA'S ACCESSION AT THE WORKING LEVEL TO PREPARE FOR THE MEETING OF THE TWO PRESIDENTS.

13. LONG SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE NEED TO ADDRESS CERTAIN ISSUES IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER TO BUILD MOMENTUM FOR CHINA'S ACCESSION. HOWEVER, HE CAUTIONED, THE TCK ISSUE COULD NOT BE RESOLVED WITHIN THE WTO NEGOTIATIONS CONTEXT ALONE. STILL, LONG SAID, AMERICAN FARMERS ARE NATURAL ALLIES OF MOFTEC'S TRADE POLICIES. LONG ADDED THAT HE THOUGHT SOLUTIONS COULD BE FOUND IN CHINA'S WTO ACCESSION NEGOTIATION PROBLEMS, AND HE AGAIN WELCOMED THE PRESENCE OF A WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL (SUETTINGER) TO

SHOW THE SERIOUS U.S. POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO CHINA'S WTO ACCESSION.

14. AT SANDS' REQUEST, CATHERINE FIELD OF USTR'S OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL OUTLINED EXAMPLES OF THE TECHNICAL-LEVEL WORK THAT AWAITS BOTH DELEGATIONS' CAREFUL ATTENTION AND HARO WORK. FOR INSTANCE, IN ORDER FOR THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER WORKING PARTY MEMBERS TO UNDERSTAND CHINA'S TARIFF OFFERS AND OFFER PHASE-OUTS OF WTO-INCONSISTENT NON-TARIFF MEASURES, CHINA NEEDS TO PROVIDE A CONCORDANCE SHOWING ITS SHIFT (AS A MEMBER OF THE WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION) FROM 1992 HARMONIZED SYSTEM TARIFF NOMENCLATURE TO 1996 HARMONIZED SYSTEM TARIFF NOMENCLATURE. THE NEED FOR THIS CONCORDANCE DOCUMENT (BASICALLY A CHART IDENTIFYING TARIFF-LINE CHANGES) WAS DISCUSSED WITH CHINA CUSTOMS TARIFF DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR-GENERAL WU JIAHUANG AT THE MARCH 1996 WORKING PARTY MEETING IN GENEVA. WU HAD SAID THAT THE CONCORDANCE SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS.

15. CHINA'S CUSTOMS' WANG DONGHONG INTERRUPTED TO SAY THAT THE CONCORDANCE WAS NOW AVAILABLE AND HE WOULD PROVIDE IT LATER IN THE WEEK. (NOTE: ECONOFF SPOKE WITH WANG BY TELEPHONE TWO MORNINGS AFTER USDEL'S MEETING WITH LONG. WANG SAID THAT THE CUSTOMS EXPERT STILL HAD A FEW ADJUSTMENTS TO MAKE TO THE CONCORDANCE, AND THAT HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE IT TO THE EMBASSY ON SEPTEMBER 24 OR 25. END NOTE)

16. FIELD IDENTIFIED OTHER EXAMPLES OF ISSUES REQUIRING DISCUSSIONS AND MEETINGS OF EXPERTS. THESE OTHER EXAMPLES INCLUDED:

- ADMINISTRATION OF AGRICULTURAL TARIFF-RATE QUOTAS (TRQ);
- CUSTOMS VALUATION;
- SUBSIDIES;
- TRADE-RELATED INVESTMENT MEASURES;
- NON-TARIFF MEASURES AT THE SUB-CENTRAL LEVEL;
- STANDARDS (TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE); AND
- IMPORT LICENSING

17. FIELD CONCLUDED HER REMARKS BY NOTING THERE ARE 29 ISSUE AREAS LISTED ON THE NOVEMBER 1995 USTR ROAD MAP UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 07 BEIJING 038010

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FOR CHINA'S ACCESSION. ON SOME ISSUES THE TWO SIDES ARE CLOSE AND CHINA HAS MADE MUCH PROGRESS. ON OTHER ISSUES THE UNITED STATES WOULD BENEFIT HEARING FROM CHINA ABOUT WHERE IT IS TODAY, WHERE IT IS GOING, AND ITS PERCEIVED NEEDS FOR TRANSITIONS. FIELD ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE STANDSTILL AND ROLLBACK COMMITMENT HAD BEEN A STARTING POINT FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE URUGUAY ROUND, GOING ALL THE WAY BACK TO THE SESSION IN PUNTA DEL ESTE IN URUGUAY. FIELD SAID SHE WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE STANDSTILL AND ROLLBACK COMMITMENT TO ASSIST MINISTER LONG FOLLOWING HER RETURN TO WASHINGTON PER HIS REQUEST.

SANDS AND LONG: LET'S TALK, FIND BALANCE POINTS

18. IN WRAPPING UP THIS MEETING, SANDS NOTED THAT THERE WOULD BE ISSUES ON WHICH THE TWO SIDES WOULD DISAGREE, AND ON THOSE ISSUES BOTH SIDES SHOULD STRIVE TO FIND BALANCE POINTS. SANDS NOTED THAT MANY DISAGREEMENTS REFLECT LACK OF UNDERSTANDING, AND URGED LONG TO HAVE CHINA CLARIFY AS MANY ISSUES AS POSSIBLE UP-FRONT. LONG REITERATED HIS AGREEMENT FOR NEGOTIATING TEAMS TO MEET IN WASHINGTON IN EARLY OCTOBER. LONG NOTED THAT OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET MAY OCCUR AT THE TIME OF THE NEXT WORKING PARTY MEETING IN GENEVA, WHICH HE SAID IS LIKELY TO BE HELD FOR THREE DAYS BEGINNING ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 30.

VICE MINISTER YU: CHINA'S ATTITUDE SERIOUS, POSITIVE

19. IN A MEETING AT THE STATE ECONOMIC AND TRADE COMMISSION, SETC VICE MINISTER YU REPLIED BY NOTING THAT THE VISIT OF AUSTR SANDS' DELEGATION WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF U.S.-CHINA TRADE AND TO CHINA'S WTO ACCESSION. HE REAFFIRMED CHINA HAD TAKEN SERIOUS AND POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD "RESUMPTION OF GATT STATUS" AND WTO ACCESSION. (NOTE: PRECEDING SENTENCE IS RENDERED AS THE EMBASSY NOTETAKER HEARD YU'S COMMENTS IN MANDARIN; THE SETC TRANSLATOR OMITTED THE ISSUE OF "RESUMPTION OF GATT STATUS" AND INSTEAD MENTIONED CHINA'S FOUNDING MEMBER STATUS. END NOTE.) THOUGH NOT A GATT MEMBER, CHINA PARTICIPATED IN THE URUGUAY ROUND AND SIGNED THE FINAL ACT IN MARRAKESH.

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20. CHINA ACKNOWLEDGES IT IS NOT NOW IN COMPLETE CONFORMITY WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE URUGUAY ROUND, YU CONTINUED. CHINA'S CONGRESS (THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS) HAS NOT YET PASSED THE URUGUAY ROUND FINAL AGREEMENT SO CHINA DOES NOT NEED NOW TO COMPLY WITH THE URUGUAY ROUND; IT WILL BE BOUND ONLY AFTER IT BECOMES A WTO MEMBER. FRANKLY, YU SAID, IF SOMEONE IN CHINA

PROPOSES FOR CHINA TO ADOPT A WTO-CONSISTENT POLICY, SOMEONE ELSE WILL SAY WE ARE NOT IN THE WTO, SO WHY SHOULDO CHINA DO THAT? THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER FOUNDOERS SAY IT IS BETTER FOR CHINA TO IMPLEMENT ALL WTO PRINCIPLES BEFORE IT PARTICIPATES IN THE WTO AS A MEMBER, YU CONTENOE. IN THE LAST TWO YEARS OF NEGOTIATIONS ON CHINA'S WTO PARTICIPATION, WE HAVE NOT ACHIEVED GREAT PROGRESS.

21. YU RECALLED THAT AT THE G-7 MEETINGS, THE JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER HAO PROPOSEO TO PROMOTE CHINA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE WTO. JAPAN IS ONE OF CHINA'S PRINCIPAL TRAOING PARTNERS, AND THE JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER'S PROPOSAL WAS CONSISTENT WITH JAPANESE INTERESTS, YU STATEO.

...BUT NO IMMEOIATE SIGNS OF HOPE ON TCK WHEAT

22. REGAROING NEGOTIATING PROBLEMS TO BE RESOLVED, YU UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 07 BEIJING 038010

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CONTINUED, CHINA HAS SHOWN ITS SINCERITY. CHINA AGREES THAT ALL SHOULO FINO BALANCE POINTS. WE SHOULO REGARD THE INTERESTS OF ALL SIOES.

23. YU RECOGNIZEO THAT TRAOE IN AGRICULTURAL PROOUCTS IS A MAJOR U.S. CONCERN. CHINA IMPORTS WHEAT FROM THE UNITEO STATES EVERY YEAR. THE TCK ISSUE NEEOS DISCUSSION BY EXPERTS ANO REQUIRES AOOITIONAL RESEARCH. IN THE PAST, TCK WAS AN OCCASIONAL PROBLEM; THIS YEAR, YU CLAIMEO, IT IS A PROBLEM EVERY TIME THERE IS A WHEAT SHIPMENT. WE NEED TO FIND A RATIONAL SOLUTION OTHERWISE THIS WILL BECOME A BARRIER TO TRADE. SPECIALISTS WILL DISCUSS THIS ISSUE NEXT WEEK.

24. SINO-U.S. RELATIONS ARE IMPORTANT ON BOTH THE TRADE AND POLITICAL SIDES, AND ALSO TO THE PEACE OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION AND THE WORLO. YU HOPEO THE SANOS DELEGATION WOULD DISCUSS TRAOE ANO ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND WTO ACCESSION WITH VARIOUS CHINESE GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES ANO AGENCIES AND MAKE GREAT PROGRESS.

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STATE PLANNING COMMISSION VICE CHAIRMAN CHEN YAOBANG,
SEPTEMBER 17

25. IN A MEETING AT THE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION, VICE CHAIRMAN CHEN CALLED BILATERAL TRADE VITALLY IMPORTANT TO BOTH COUNTRIES AND SAID THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON'S POLICY ON WTO ACCESSION FOR CHINA SHOULD NOT BE LINKED TO SPECIFIC ISSUES. CHINA HAD ALREADY DONE A GREAT DEAL TO CONFORM WITH THE RULES AND PRINCIPLES REQUIRED OF WTO MEMBERS, HE AVERRED. IN THE END, THE WTO NEEDS CHINA AS MUCH AS CHINA NEEDS THE WTO. IF ANY COUNTRY WANTS TO BLOCK CHINA'S ACCESSION, CHINA -- WITH ITS HUGE DOMESTIC MARKET AND EXPANDING TRADE WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES -- CAN WAIT UNTIL THE TIME IS RIPE FOR PARTICIPATION.

26. ON THE ISSUE OF U.S. WHEAT AND TCK, THE VICE CHAIRMAN RATTLED OFF THE USUAL LAUNDRY LIST OF CHINESE POINTS:

- AGRICULTURE IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE BILATERAL TRADE RELATIONSHIP;
- THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA SUBSCRIBES TO THE INTERNATIONAL QUARANTINE CONVENTION;
- CHINA APPRECIATES THE EFFORT THAT THE UNITED STATES MAKES TO KEEP CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PESTS OUT BY BANNING IMPORTS OF CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS;
- CHINA HAS SUFFERED IN THE PAST FROM ALLOWING FOR UNREGULATED IMPORT OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS;
- CHINA BELIEVES THAT TCK COULD BE HARMFUL TO ITS OWN WHEAT PRODUCTION, INCLUDING THE BI-PRODUCTS OF MILLED WHEAT TAINTED WITH TCK (I.E., BRAN), WHICH MIGHT ENTER THE FOOD CHAIN THROUGH ANIMAL FEED USE;
- CHINA UNDERSTANDS THE POLITICAL PRESSURE IN THE UNITED STATES GENERATED BY THIS ISSUE, PARTICULARLY IN AN ELECTION YEAR;
- CHINA CALLS FOR FURTHER TECHNICAL BILATERAL RESEARCH AND DISCUSSION TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM.

27. DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY SCHROEDER EMPHASIZED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD NEVER ENDORSE THE EXPORT OF COMMODITIES THAT MIGHT ENDANGER THE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECTOR OF ANOTHER COUNTRY. AUSTIN SANDS ENQUIRED WHETHER THE VICE CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS SIGNALLED A READINESS TO BEGIN WTO ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS ON THE TERMS HE DESCRIBED. SANDS ALSO STRESSED THAT THE RULES CHINA WOULD BE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW AS A WTO MEMBER WOULD NOT BE THOSE OF THE UNITED STATES, BUT RATHER THOSE OF A MULTILATERAL INSTITUTION APPLIED EQUALLY TO ALL MEMBERS. IN RESPONSE, CHEN ADDED, WITH A GRIN, THAT HE WOULD NOT BE SPENDING SUCH A LONG TIME DISCUSSING THESE
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ISSUES WITH AUSTR SANDS IF CHINA WERE NOT READY TO
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COVERAGE TO THE DISCOVERY OF A CONTAINER OF POISON VX
GAS LEFT BY THE AUM RELIGIOUS CULT IN TOKYO.
1. "U.S. KEEPS A HIGH PROFILE WHILE JAPAN REMAINS
VIRTUALLY INVISIBLE AT THE WTO MINISTERIAL" THE LIBERAL
TOKYO SHIMBUN'S CORRESPONDENTS KUCHIKI AND YAJIMA
REPORTED FROM SINGAPORE (DECEMBER 13), "THE U.S. STOLE
THE SHOW AT THE WTO MINISTERIAL IN SINGAPORE, STICKING
TO ITS GUNS IN DRAFTING THE DECLARATION, AND HOLDING
ALOFT A 'NATIONAL INTEREST FIRST' POLICY. WHILE THE
PROMINENCE OF THE U.S. POSITION CREATED IRRITATION AMONG

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, JAPAN REMAINED VIRTUALLY INVISIBLE FROM THE BEGINNING. REGRETTABLY, THERE WAS A CLEAR CONTRAST BETWEEN THE U.S., WITH ITS STRATEGY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE WTO, AND JAPAN, WITH ITS BEHIND THE SCENES SUPPORTING ROLE.

"A SENIOR OFFICIAL FROM A MAJOR COUNTRY SAID DISGUSTEDLY AT THE FINAL STAGE OF THE MEETING, 'THE U.S. ONLY CARES ABOUT GETTING THE MOST OUT OF ITS ACTIONS.' IT WAS PARTLY THIS HARD-NOSED U.S. ATTITUDE THAT MADE NEGOTIATIONS SO DIFFICULT ON THE INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT, CHINA'S ADMISSION TO WTO, LABOR STANDARDS AND OTHER ISSUES. ACTING USTR BARSHEFSKY, WHO HAD DISPLAYED HER EXTRAORDINARY SKILL IN TRADE TALKS WITH JAPAN AND CHINA, ENERGETICALLY LED THE U.S. DELEGATION THROUGHOUT THE MEETING." CRANE

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