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U.S. TO DONATE WHEAT AND RICE TO THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

WASHINGTON, March 12--Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy today announced the United States will donate 520,000 metric tons of wheat and 87,000 metric tons of rice to the Russian Federation under the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food for Progress Program.

"This agreement reaffirms the United States' support for the democratic reforms that are taking place in Russia today," said Espy. "It also illustrates our intent to maintain a presence for U.S. agriculture in this important market."

The \$102 million donation will be distributed or sold by the Russian government to help develop agricultural and economic reforms within the Russian Federation.

The United States will pay all transportation costs to deliver the commodities to Russian ports. Russia will pay for all inland transportation, handling, storage and distribution costs within the country.

Under the Food for Progress Program, USDA provides commodities to needy countries to encourage agricultural and economic reforms. Under the terms of this agreement, Russia has agreed to carry out a number of measures to expand the role of the private sector and improve food supplies.

The wheat and rice will be purchased on behalf of USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation on an open tender basis by USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service's Kansas City commodity office. The supply period is fiscal 1993.

For more information, contact James F. Keefer, USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service, at (202) 720-9263.

WHITE HOUSE PRESS GUIDANCE -- 11:00 AM
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1993

North Korea to Leave NPT

[Background: In his press availability yesterday (Monday) with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, President Clinton said the following about the situation in North Korea: "I can tell you that I, personally, and speaking for the government, the United States is very concerned and very disappointed that North Korea has at least for the time being chosen to eject the IAEA inspectors and to withdraw from the international regime, of which they are part. The board of directors of the IAEA is meeting on Wednesday. They will make a statement at that time and I will make a response. And I'm very disturbed by this turn of events. There are several weeks ahead when North Korea might reverse its decision. I hope they will do so, because we simply cannot back on up on the determination to have the IAEA inspections proceed there. And I'm hoping very, very much that they will reconsider their decision and permit the inspectors to come."]

Q: Does the Department have any comment on proposed Republic of Korea economic sanctions against North Korea?

A: -- We have not been informed of any new measures by the Republic of Korea. Over the years, the Republic of Korea has taken special care to balance its contact with the North against its security needs.

Q: Have there been any signs of unusual military activity in North Korea?

A: -- North Korea's military activity remains generally consistent with its normal response to Team Spirit and with its regularly scheduled winter training.

Q: Is the USG considering leaving behind any troops or equipment that were part of the Team Spirit exercise? Has South Korea requested this?

A: -- We have no plans to leave behind either troops or equipment that were part of Team Spirit.

-- We have received no request from the Government of South Korea in this regard.

Q: Can you give us an update on the situation surrounding North Korea's announced intention to withdraw from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty?

A: -- We are consulting with concerned countries, at the UN Security Council, and with International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) officials in Vienna.

-- Also, the U.S. will meet with representatives from the other two nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) depository countries this week.

-- Exercise Team Spirit continues as planned, concluding on March 19.

-- U.S. forces in Korea are not on heightened alert.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Paul Clarke

(CLARKE)

FROM:

Roseanne M. Hill
(HILLR)

SUBJECT:

Press Guidance

EL SALVADOR: TRUTH COMMISSION

Q: Any reaction to the Truth Commission Report on El Salvador?

A: -- We only received a copy of the Truth Commission report yesterday, and are studying it carefully.

-- We salute the Truth Commission for its important work, which seeks to report the truth in order to allow El Salvador to move forward toward national reconciliation and democratic development.

-- The U.S. government supported the Truth Commission's work with a contribution of \$1 million, access to thousands of government documents, and interviews with more than thirty active duty and retired U.S. government officials.

Q: Does the Report prove that the Reagan/Bush administrations were lying?

A: -- We do not want to put previous administrations on trial. However, I would like to offer praise to the many journalists, human rights experts, and Members of Congress and their staffs, whose courage and hard investigative work did accurately report on many crimes committed in El Salvador during those years.

CC: Nancy Soderberg

(SODERBERG)

CC: Richard E. Feinberg

(FEINBERG)

Haiti: Refugee Detained

[Background: In his remarks to journalists from southern Florida, President Clinton said, "I'm very upset about what happened in Haiti. He should be given status in this country, and this is a very serious thing. We are actually meeting on it today (March 13) to see what our options are. But we believe strongly that the Haitian government should release him so that he can be brought back here.]

Q: Saturday, the President spoke about the military deserter who was detained by Haitian authorities as he attempted to leave the country. What is he doing about this case?

A: -- We have protested this arrest in the strongest possible terms and at the highest possible levels in Haiti. We are following this matter very closely, will continue to do so until this man is released, and will hold Haitian authorities responsible for the treatment of this individual.

-- We are shocked at this action, which we hope and expect will be speedily rectified.

-- We see this matter as an important test of the willingness of the de facto regime and the Haitian High Command to work for a tangible improvement in the human rights situation in Haiti, and to cooperate with the basic purposes of the international effort this regard.

Q: Doesn't this incident point up the inadequacy of in-country processing?

A: -- We understand that in-country processing is not risk free, but we believe it is far less risky than the alternative: flight by boat. In fact, our strenuous efforts in this incident reflects our commitment to attempting to ensure the safety of those who use the in-country procedures.

-- The overwhelming majority of Haitians approved for refugee status under the in-country refugee program have been allowed to leave Haiti for the U.S. without incident.

-- All refugees departing Haiti are accompanied to the airport by officials from the refugee processing center.

-- This ensures that the Embassy is immediately aware of any problems arising during departure, allowing them to take appropriate action without delay.

Intelligence Budget

[Background: In an open session before the House Intelligence Committee, Woolsey endorsed the President's prescription of a total of \$7 billion in cuts through FY 97 against the Bush proposal for national and tactical intelligence. Woolsey has spoken in favor of being given some flexibility in the early years in terms of how to achieve this objective, and he stated "and we might be able to do better."]

Q: Sunday's New York Times said the Clinton Administration has begun a campaign to protect the intelligence budget. Why in an era of spending cuts is it necessary to preserve this level of spending on intelligence?

- A: -- The President believes that a strong intelligence community is essential to the preservation of our vital interests.
- At the same time, it is clear that the intelligence community must do more with limited resources. As the President has promised and the Director of Central Intelligence has publicly testified, this Administration will save a total of \$7 billion over the next four years from the previous Administration's request for national and tactical intelligence programs.
- The Director of Central Intelligence is reviewing ways to consolidate the operation of costly collection systems and to streamline the management of the intelligence community. In addition, under the auspices of the National Security Council, this Administration is engaged in an effort to refine both our national security priorities and the appropriate role for the intelligence community in meeting new challenges.
- In a very short period of time, we have made good progress. Obviously, much more needs to be done.
- If based on our review, more savings are appropriate, we will work with the DCI and our oversight Committees to ensure that additional reductions do not impair our nation's security.

Bosnia

Q: When will the three parties return to New York to resume the talks?

A: -- Izetbegovic may arrive today. Ambassador Bartholomew is also contacting Bosnian Croat leader Boban and Bosnian Serb leader Karadzic.

-- We have seen reports that Karadzic will not come to New York until next week after his "Parliament" meets. We encourage all three parties to return to New York as soon as possible.

Q: What is that status of the air drops?

A: -- Last night, March 15, marked the 16th air drop mission of Operation Provide Promise.

-- We continue to receive reports that air dropped supplies are reaching the intended recipients.

G-7: Hong Kong Meeting

Q: Is the G-7 going to take steps to provide additional assistance to Russia?

A: -- The meeting in Hong Kong provided an excellent opportunity to hear First Deputy Prime Minister Boris Fyodorov's analysis of the situation in Russia and the steps that Russia is taking to stabilize the economy.

-- The G-7 will now consider what steps might be taken to provide the kind of visible support that Fyodorov mentioned.

-- President Clinton last week suggested that a meeting of the finance ministers and the foreign ministers of the G-7 countries might be an appropriate next step.

-- Discussions with other G-7 leaders will follow.

India Bombings

Q: Can you be more specific about this threat?

A: -- No.

Q: Any relationship to the World Trade Center bombing?

A: -- No.

-- This is a continuation of our long-standing policy of providing Americans traveling or living overseas with threat information that is specific and credible.

Q: Have you told the Indian Government about this threat?

A: -- Yes.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Office of the Assistant Secretary/Spokesman

For Immediate Release

March 15, 1993

STATEMENT BY RICHARD BOUCHER/SPOKESMAN

ON MARCH 12 A SERIES OF MAJOR EXPLOSIONS OCCURRED IN BOMBAY, INDIA. MORE THAN 200 PEOPLE DIED.

NEW INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SUGGESTS THAT THERE MAY BE A HEIGHTENED THREAT AT THIS TIME OF ADDITIONAL ACTS OF TERRORISM CENTERED IN NEW DELHI.

AMERICANS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DEFER TEMPORARILY TRAVEL TO NEW DELHI. AMERICANS LIVING IN INDIA SHOULD REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE U.S. EMBASSY OR THE NEAREST U.S. CONSULATE REGARDING THIS THREAT SITUATION.

WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT TERRORIST EVENTS MAY OCCUR FOR WHICH WE HAVE NO FOREWARNING, SHOULD MORE SPECIFIC AND CREDIBLE INFORMATION ON A THREAT TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC BE RECEIVED, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR TRAVELERS AND OTHER CONCERNED PARTIES.

Angola: Peace Plan

Q: Does the U.S. have a peace plan for Angola?

A: -- The U.S., together with Portugal and Russia -- the other observers to the Bicesse (BEE-sess) Peace Accords, continue to work with the U.N. to get the parties back to the table and end the fighting.

-- Years of conflict have proven that this problem will not be resolved on the battlefield and that UNITA and the government have to negotiate a resolution.

Q: When is the U.S. going to recognize the Luanda (MPLA) government?

A: -- This issue remains under active review. Anything we do will be designed to improve the chances for peace.

Q: Has the slow pace of foreign policy appointments hampered the establishment of a clear policy on Angola?

A: -- No. Our policy is quite clear and our pursuit of it has not been affected by the pace of appointments.

Iraq

Q: Do you have any reaction to press reports that Iran attacked a Kurdish village in northern Iraq this weekend?

- A: -- We are aware of the reports of an Iranian airstrike against facilities of the Iranian Democratic Party of Kurdistan in northern Iraq.
- This is the same group whose leaders were killed in Berlin in September 1992, which Iran is believed responsible for.
- We have condemned Iran for those killings on several occasions.
- We are seeking to determine the exact location of the attack. We note that no flights of any kind, other than by coalition aircraft, are permitted north of the 36 parallel or south of the 32 parallel in Iraq. Iran is well aware of our policy on the no-fly zones.

Q: Do you have any reaction to reports of a massacre of Kurdish civilians in northern Iraq on Friday (reported in The New York Times Sunday)?

- A: -- We have seen reports of a raid by Iraqi forces against a Kurdish village. We are seeking further information on this report which we take very seriously.
- We continue to condemn the Iraqi government's repression of the people of Iraq and its acts of violence and terrorism against them.
- These acts violate United Nations Security Council resolution 687 and 688.
- We will continue to press for full Iraqi compliance with all UN resolutions.



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President Clinton Flaunts Symbol of Anti-Catholic Discrimination

Breaks Irish Boycott

Washington, DC, March 12, 1993-- President Bill Clinton flaunts the very symbol of anti-Catholic discrimination in Northern Ireland.

He wears a Timex Watch (Ironman Triathlon) on his left wrist according to the Style section of The Washington Post (March 7, 1993).

The President of the Capitol Hill based Irish National Caucus, Father Seán McManus, is deeply disturbed by this because his group launched a Boycott against Timex in 1992. The reason: Because the owner of Timex, Mr. Fred Olsen of Norway, is, also, the owner of Harland & Wolff, the ship-building company in Belfast. "Harland & Wolff," said Father Seán McManus, "is the very personification of anti-Catholic discrimination in Northern Ireland. It is hard to think of a company with a more bigoted record."

The following chart says it all:

<i>Anti-Catholic Discrimination at Harland & Wolff</i>			
	Catholic % of Workforce	Protestant % of Workforce	Ratio: Protes- tants to Catholics
1866	7.5%	92.5%	12 to 1
1935	5.0%	95.0%	19 to 1
1971	4.8%	95.2%	20 to 1
1984	≈ 4.5%	≈ 95.5%	≈ 21 to 1
1991	4.8%	95.2%	20 to 1
1992	5.7%	94.3%	16.5 to 1

McManus went on to say, "It is a great insult to Irish-Americans for President Clinton to flaunt such an anti-Catholic symbol. Now that it has been brought to his attention, we sincerely hope the President will do the decent thing and dump his watch and honor the Timex Boycott. I certainly hope he won't be wearing his

his watch and honor the Timex Boycott. I certainly hope he won't be wearing his Timex on Saint Patrick's Day. The Irish National Caucus will be monitoring the President's left wrist from now on".

-- END --

President
Father Scán McManus



Irish National Caucus, Inc.

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President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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March-12, 1993

Dear President Clinton,

Just as Irish-Americans are waiting to see you keep your promises on Irish justice and peace, it was deeply disturbing to see that you are, according to The Washington Post, wearing a Timex Watch.

You might not have realized it of course, but Timex is the very symbol of anti-Catholic discrimination in Northern Ireland.

The Irish National Caucus declared a Timex Boycott in 1991 because the owner of Timex, Mr. Fred Olsen of Norway, is also the owner of Harland & Wolff, the ship-building company in Belfast. Harland & Wolff has a historic record of anti-Catholic discrimination and bigotry.

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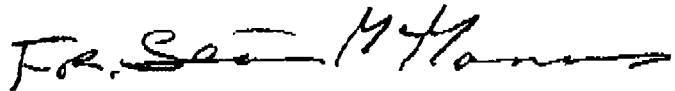
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will do the decent thing: dump your watch and honor the Timex Boycott.

It would be a double scandal if you were wearing a Timex watch on Saint Patrick's Day.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Fr. Seán McManus". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Father Seán McManus
President

So that Ireland too may be one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.



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MEYERS, REGINA MONTOYA, STEPHEN NEUWIRTH, HOWARD
PASTER, JOHN PODESTA, AND GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS

FROM: STEPHEN B. SILVERMAN

SUBJECT: FEMA EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS UPDATE

This morning, the President declared Emergencies for snow removal in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Kentucky, Connecticut and Maryland. Emergencies had been declared in four other states for snow removal on Sunday and Monday: Tennessee, Alabama, Maine and Georgia. Internal: It is likely that Pennsylvania's request for emergency relief for snow removal will be received at the White House this evening. It is likely to be granted.

On Saturday, the President declared a major disaster in Florida. Three other states have requested major disaster declarations by the President as a result of the winter storm: North Carolina, Tennessee and New Jersey. These requests are not at the White House yet. FEMA is reviewing these requests. It is likely that FEMA's analysis will not be completed until next week.