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STATEMENT BY CHRISTINE SHELLY, ACTING SPOKESMAN

\$30 MILLION FOR REFUGEES FROM RWANDA/BURUNDI

The President has authorized the use of up to \$30 million from the U.S. Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund to meet the urgent needs of refugees, returnees, and conflict victims resulting from the Rwanda/Burundi emergency.

Over 2 million refugees who fled the conflict in Rwanda remain in the neighboring countries of Tanzania, Zaire, Uganda, and Burundi. Intimidation by former Rwandan government troops in the refugee camps and concerns about security inside Rwanda have slowed repatriation to a trickle.

Inter-ethnic tension between Hutus and Tutsis continues to prevent the quarter of a million remaining Burundi refugees from returning home and has led recently to new outflows of Burundians fleeing to neighboring countries.

This new funding reaffirms our commitment to assist the ongoing humanitarian relief effort. It will be made available to international organizations providing critical relief in Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania, Zaire, and Uganda as follows:

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	\$16 million
The World Food Program	\$ 5 million
The International Federation of Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies	\$ 8 million
The International Organization for Migration	\$ 1 million

This will bring the U.S. assistance since April to approximately \$230 million. In addition to this funding, the Department of Defense made a significant contribution to the relief effort through the provision of service packages to UNHCR - the supply and delivery of potable water in Goma and the establishment of airport services and distribution facilities.

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HAITI: ELECTIONS

Q: Is it true that parliamentary and local elections will be postponed until February or March?

A. WE ARE SATISFIED THAT THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT IS WORKING TO MOUNT ELECTIONS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO MEET THE MID-JANUARY CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE, BUT WE UNDERSTAND IT TAKES TIME TO PREPARE ADEQUATELY TO ENSURE THE ELECTIONS ARE FREE AND FAIR.

BROAD-BASED CONSULTATIONS ON THE ELECTORAL PROCESS ARE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY, WITH CONSIDERABLE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE, AND WE ANTICIPATE ACTION SHORTLY IN PARLIAMENT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ELECTORAL COUNCIL.

WE SUGGEST THAT FURTHER QUESTIONS ON THE HAITIAN ELECTIONS BE REFERRED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI.

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HAITI: SECTION CHIEFS

Q: What is the U.S. doing to rid the Haitian countryside of section chiefs and thugs?

A. WHATEVER AUTHORITY THE SECTION CHIEFS CURRENTLY HOLD IS DERIVED FROM THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT, WHICH FOR TOO MANY YEARS WAS UNDER THE CONTROL OF REPRESSIVE FORCES. WE SUPPORT EFFORTS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT ARISTEIDE TO REMOVE THE CAPACITY OF THE SECTION CHIEFS TO ABUSE THAT AUTHORITY.

IT IS UP TO THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT TO DEFINE AN APPROPRIATE STRUCTURE FOR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT. WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THAT HAITIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE TRAINED TO PERFORM THEIR DUTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HIGHEST STANDARDS.

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**THE ROLE OF THE MULTINATIONAL FORCE
REMAINS THE CREATION OF A SECURE AND
STABLE ENVIRONMENT SO THAT LEGITIMATE
HAITIAN AUTHORITIES MAY FUNCTION
RESPONSIBLY.**

(IF PRESSED ON POWER OF ARREST):

**U.S. MILITARY FORCES ARE PRESENT IN HAITI AS
PART OF THE MULTINATIONAL FORCE (MNF)
COALITION ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO U.N.
SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 940. THAT
RESOLUTION CONSTITUTES THE PRIMARY LEGAL
AUTHORITY FOR OUR MILITARY ACTIONS IN HAITI.
OUR ROLE IN HAITI IS TO ESTABLISH AND
MAINTAIN A SECURE AND STABLE ENVIRONMENT
IN HAITI THAT WILL PERMIT IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE GOVERNOR'S ISLAND AGREEMENT. BUT WE
ARE NOT THERE TO ARREST ANY PARTICULAR
INDIVIDUALS UNLESS INCIDENT TO AN UNLAWFUL
ACT OR AN ACT OF VIOLENCE COMMITTED**

AGAINST US OR OTHER AMERICANS OR HAITIANS.

**PM Press Guidance
October 31, 1994**

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US-CHINA ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS

Q. Are the U.S. and China engaged in arms control negotiations?

**A. -- THE DIRECTOR OF THE U.S. ARMS CONTROL AND
DISARMAMENT AGENCY (ACDA), JOHN HOLUM, AND A
DELEGATION FROM ACDA VISITED CHINA FROM OCTOBER
26 - 31.**

**-- (IF ASKED: THE DELEGATION DID NOT INCLUDE OTHER
USG AGENCIES)**

**-- DURING HIS STAY, DIRECTOR HOLUM DISCUSSED GENERAL
ARMS CONTROL ISSUES, INCLUDING POSSIBLE
RESUMPTION OF BILATERAL ARMS CONTROL TALKS,
BEGUN IN THE 1980'S BETWEEN ACDA AND RELEVANT
CHINESE OFFICIALS**

**-- THE U.S. AND CHINA HAVE REGULARLY ENGAGED IN
CONSULTATIONS ON ARMS CONTROL AND
NONPROLIFERATION ISSUES DURING THE CLINTON
ADMINISTRATION.**

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- ON OCTOBER 4, CHINESE VICE PREMIERE AND FOREIGN MINISTER QIAN QICHEN MET WITH SECRETARY OF STATE CHRISTOPHER IN WASHINGTON, AND THE TWO SIGNED JOINT STATEMENTS ON MISSILE NONPROLIFERATION AND TO PROMOTE A BAN ON THE PRODUCTION OF FISSILE MATERIALS FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR OTHER NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES.

- FURTHER QUESTIONS CONCERNING DIRECTOR HOLUM'S TRIP SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO ACDA.

**IO PRESS GUIDANCE
MONDAY OCTOBER 31, 1994**

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ARMS LIFT EMBARGO: STATUS OF DISCUSSIONS

- Q. What is the status of discussions in the Security Council of the U.S. draft of a resolution lifting the arms embargo on Bosnia?**
- A. ON FRIDAY, AMBASSADOR ALEKHITI CIRCULATED IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL A DRAFT RESOLUTION THAT WOULD LIFT THE ARMS EMBARGO ON BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA SIX MONTHS AFTER THE RESOLUTION'S ADOPTION.**

DISCUSSION OF THE RESOLUTION WILL CONTINUE THIS WEEK.

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POSSIBLE NATO AIRSTRIKES

Q: Will the U.S. participate if NATO mounts airstrikes against Bosnian Government forces for their attack on UNPROFOR?

A: -- THE U.S. FULLY SUPPORTS THE VERY DIFFICULT AND OFTEN DANGEROUS MISSION BEING CARRIED OUT BY UNPROFOR IN BOSNIA, AND THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN NATO AND THE UN TO ENFORCE UN RESOLUTIONS. WE HAVE REPEATEDLY CONDEMNED ATTACKS ON UNPROFOR TROOPS, THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF WHICH HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT BY BOSNIAN SERB FORCES.

(IF PRESSED)

-- WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT USEFUL TO DEAL WITH HYPOTHETICAL SITUATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF FORCE.

[UNSC resolutions raise possibility of retaliation for attacks on UNPROFOR from any quarter.]

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ETHNIC CLEANSING

Q: What do we know about the Bosnian Government's Ethnic cleansing in the territory they've regained? What is the U.S. position on this?

A: -- WE HAVE SEEN PRESS REPORTS INDICATING THAT BOSNIAN GOVERNMENT TROOPS HAVE MOVED TO ETHNICALLY CLEANSE AREAS REGAINED IN RECENT FIGHTING. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO GAIN INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION OF THESE REPORTS, WHICH WE FIND EXTREMELY DISTURBING.

-- THE UNITED STATES HAS CONDEMNED ETHNIC CLEANSING IN THE STRONGEST TERMS. ALTHOUGH BOSNIAN SERBS HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF THIS ACTIVITY, WE CONDEMN IT NO MATTER WHICH SIDE IS CARRYING IT OUT.

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Message

This is today's unclassified and very selective portion of our press guidance for your noon conference call.

ARA Press Guidance
November 1, 1994

HAITI: Lawsuit on Migrant Repatriation

Q: What is the US view of the suit brought by Haitian Refugee Center concerning treatment and status of Haitians being offered safehaven in Guantanamo?

A: THE HAITIAN REFUGEE CENTER AND OTHERS HAVE FILED A MOTION TO INTERVENE IN THE CURRENTLY PENDING LAWSUIT INVOLVING CUBAN NATIONALS AT GUANTANAMO. THEY HAVE FILED A COMPLAINT AND A REQUEST FOR A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER. AT THIS TIME, THE COURT HAS ONLY DIRECTED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE PARTIES REPRESENTING THE CUBANS TO RESPOND TO THE MOTION TO INTERVENE. SINCE THIS MATTER IS IN ACTIVE LITIGATION, I WOULD REFER YOU TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

(FYI ONLY: Motion to intervene means that the parties representing

the Haitians have requested to join the Cuban lawsuit on the theory that it affects their rights as well.)

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CUBA: Court Order on Repatriations

Q: How is the USG setting up to abide by the court ruling that Cubans in Guantanamo and Panama safehaven must have legal counsel?

A: THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS REVIEWING THE ORDER ISSUED BY JUDGE ATKINS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON TO DETERMINE OUR NEXT STEPS. SINCE THIS MATTER IS IN ACTIVE LITIGATION, I WOULD REFER YOU TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

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CUBA: OP-ED PIECE ON TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

Q: What is your reaction to the op-ed piece in today's Washington Post which criticizes the administration's decision to require specific licensing of researchers wishing to travel to Cuba?

A: THE MEASURES ANNOUNCED BY THE PRESIDENT AUGUST 20, INCLUDING RESTRICTING THE CATEGORIES OF PERSONS WHO MAY EXPEND FUNDS TO TRAVEL TO CUBA WITHOUT A SPECIFIC LICENSE, ARE INTENDED TO LIMIT THE ABILITY OF THE CASTRO REGIME TO ACCUMULATE FOREIGN EXCHANGE, WHICH IT USES TO CONTROL THE CUBAN PEOPLE THROUGH ECONOMIC MEASURES AND TO SUPPRESS DISSENT.

THESE TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS DO NOT CURTAIL ACADEMIC FREEDOM. TRAVEL TO CUBA FOR ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH PURPOSES IS ROUTINELY LICENSED.

THERE ARE NO PLANS TO RESCIND THE AUGUST 20 MEASURES.

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MEXICO: PROTEST NOTES

Q. What did the Government of Mexico protest in its diplomatic notes last week? What did the U.S. say in response?

A: THE EMBASSY OF MEXICO SENT THREE DIPLOMATIC NOTES TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT LATE LAST FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18.

ONE OF THE NOTES REFERRED TO PROPOSITION 187, WHICH WILL BE ON THE NOVEMBER 8 BALLOT IN CALIFORNIA. THE NOTE STATED THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO IS AT ONE OF ITS BEST MOMENTS IN HISTORY. IT COMPLAINED THAT PROPOSITION 187 WENT AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF THIS RELATIONSHIP AND STATED THAT THE PROPOSITION AND THE ATMOSPHERE SURROUNDING IT COULD HAVE A NEGATIVE INFLUENCE ON TRADE AND THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA WILL VOTE ON THIS MATTER NEXT TUESDAY. PRESIDENT CLINTON AND ATTORNEY GENERAL RENO HAVE SPOKEN AGAINST THE PROPOSITION.

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ANOTHER NOTE CLAIMED THERE HAD BEEN A PROLIFERATION OF CASES OF ABUSE AND UNJUSTIFIED USE OF FORCE BY U.S. BORDER PATROL OFFICERS AGAINST MEXICAN CITIZENS IN CONNECTION WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF OPERATIONS GAMEKEEPER AND SAFEGUARD. THE NOTE DID NOT DETAIL ANY SPECIFIC CASES WHERE THIS IS ALLEGED TO HAVE OCCURRED.

WE HAVE PASSED THE CONTENT OF THESE NOTES TO INS. THE INS TAKES ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE AGAINST MIGRANTS SERIOUSLY AND PROMPTLY REVIEWS THEM. INS REQUIRES THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF CONDUCT OF ALL ITS EMPLOYEES AND DOES NOT TOLERATE UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR IN THE LINE OF DUTY. ANY SUCH BEHAVIOR IS DEALT WITH AGGRESSIVELY. ~~AMERICAN~~

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A THIRD NOTE REFERRED TO THE MARCH 7, 1994, MEETING OF THE BINATIONAL COMMISSION SUB-GROUP ON CONSULAR/MIGRATION AFFAIRS, AT WHICH BOTH COUNTRIES AGREED ON THE NEED TO CONSULT PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF BORDER CONTROL MEASURES IN EITHER COUNTRY. THE NOTE REFERS TO OPERATIONS GATEKEEPER AND SAFEGUARD AND REQUESTS THAT MORE FORMAL CONSULTATIONS BE HELD IN ADVANCE OF THE ADOPTION OF ANY SIMILAR MEASURES. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IT IS TO OUR MUTUAL BENEFIT TO WORK TOGETHER, AS WE ARE CURRENTLY DOING, TO ESTABLISH A SAFE AND SECURE BORDER ENVIRONMENT. WE ARE COMMITTED TO AN ON-GOING DIALOGUE TO ENSURE UNDERSTANDING OF THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES AT EVERY LEVEL.

WE ARE STUDYING THESE NOTES AND, AS APPROPRIATE, WILL REPLY.

**PM Press Guidance
November 01, 1994**

DPRK CRITICIZES "FOAL EAGLE"

Q. What is the purpose of the military exercise now being conducted with the South Koreans?

A. -- "FOAL EAGLE" IS A REGULARLY SCHEDULED JOINT FIELD TRAINING EXERCISE. IT BEGAN IN MID-OCTOBER AND WILL RUN THROUGH MID-NOVEMBER.

-- QUESTIONS ON THE DETAILS OF THE EXERCISE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE PENTAGON.

Q. What about North Korean claims that the exercise is a provocation?

A. -- "FOAL EAGLE" IS DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN U.S. AND ROK DEFENSIVE READINESS; IT WOULD REQUIRE A CONSIDERABLE STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION TO CONSIDER IT AS "PROVOCATIVE."

-- NORTH KOREA'S REACTION TO "FOAL EAGLE" CONTAINS THE RHETORICAL EXCESSES TYPICAL OF ITS PROPAGANDA.

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Q. Is "Foal Eagle" a substitute for "Team Spirit"?

A. -- NO. "FOAL EAGLE" IS A REGULARLY-HELD EXERCISE INVOLVING BOTH SOUTH KOREAN FORCES AND U.S. MILITARY FORCES IN SOUTH KOREA DIFFERS SIGNIFICANTLY FROM THE "TEAM SPIRIT EXERCISE, WHICH HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR THIS YEAR.

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**PM & S/AL Press Guidance
November 01, 1994**

U.S.-DPRK FRAMEWORK: NEXT STEPS

Q. When will U.S.-North Korean talks on implementation of the various provisions of the October 21 Agreed Framework begin?

A. -- THE NEXT PHASE OF U.S.-DPRK TALKS WILL INVOLVE COMPLEX POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND TECHNICAL ISSUES RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED FRAMEWORK.

-- FOR THIS REASON, THE USG IS CONDUCTING IN-DEPTH INTERAGENCY DISCUSSIONS ON THE APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES FOR MOVING AHEAD ON EACH ASPECT OF THE AGREED FRAMEWORK.

-- ADDITIONALLY, WE ARE CONSULTING CLOSELY WITH SOUTH KOREA, JAPAN, AND OTHER ASIAN AND EUROPEAN NATIONS INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING THE CONSORTIUM ON THE MECHANISM FOR CARRYING OUT THE PROPOSED WORK OF THE CONSORTIUM.

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- IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO CONVENE TALKS ON THE CREATION OF THE KOREAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (KEDO) BY THE BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR.

- WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH THE PRESS A TIMETABLE FOR OTHER FOLLOW-UP TALKS AT THIS TIME. WE HOPE TO MOVE AHEAD ON THIS SOON, AND WHEN WE FEEL THAT WE ARE READY TO PUT FORWARD A REASONABLE, WORKABLE PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED FRAMEWORK, WE WILL SUGGEST TO THE DPRK THE TIMING OF AND VENUE FOR FURTHER TALKS.

**PM & S/AL Press Guidance
November 01, 1994**

PRESIDENT'S LETTER OF ASSURANCE TO THE DPRK

Q. Does the letter from President Clinton to Kim Jong-Il constitute U.S. recognition of the regime in North Korea?

A. -- NO. THE LETTER DOES NOT DEAL AT ALL WITH THE ISSUE OF DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION.

-- OF COURSE, THE AGREED FRAMEWORK ENVISIONS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LIAISON OFFICES, WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE DPRK. A NUMBER OF ISSUES MUST BE RESOLVED BEFORE THIS STEP WILL OCCUR.

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Q. Does the President's letter commit the U.S. to pay for the \$4 billion reactor project and the alternative energy?

- A. -- THE LETTER EXPRESSES THE PRESIDENT'S INTENTION TO BRING ABOUT THE CONSTRUCTION OF LIGHT-WATER REACTORS AND THE PROVISION OF THE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY. THE ADMINISTRATION HAS ALREADY TAKEN SIGNIFICANT STEPS TO MEET THIS POLITICAL COMMITMENT, INCLUDING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR FINANCING AND SUPPLY FOR THESE PROJECTS. THE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH AN INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM -- KEDO -- TO PROVIDE A BROAD POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL BASE FOR THIS ELEMENT OF THE SETTLEMENT WILL CONTINUE IN THE COMING MONTHS.**
- IF NORTH KOREA, BY ITS ACTIONS OR FAILURE TO ACT DISRUPTS THESE PROJECTS, NO COUNTRY WILL BE OBLIGED TO CARRY THE PROJECTS FORWARD.**
- HOWEVER, IF THE PROJECTS FALTER FOR OTHER REASONS, THE PRESIDENT HAS MADE A POLITICAL PLEDGE TO THE DPRK TO MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR**

COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT, IF NECESSARY BY SEEKING
U.S. PERFORMANCE OR FUNDING.

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Q. What role would Congress play in this process?

A. -- IN THE EVENT THAT THE U.S. IS THE LAST RESORT FOR COMPLETING THE PROJECT, AND THE DPRK HAS MET ALL OF ITS OBLIGATIONS, THE PRESIDENT WOULD HAVE TO GO TO THE CONGRESS TO SEEK FUNDING. THE LETTER EXPLICITLY MAKES THE PRESIDENT'S PLEDGE OF U.S. PERFORMANCE/FUNDING SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE CONGRESS.

Q. What if the ROK reverses course and refuses to fund or build the light-water reactors?

A. -- WE BELIEVE THAT THE ROK'S PLEDGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FUNDING AND CONSTRUCTION OF THIS PROJECT CAN BE FULLY TRUSTED. IT CONSTITUTES A SOLEMN COMMITMENT BETWEEN CLOSE ALLIES.

-- IN ADDITION, OVER THE NEXT YEAR OR SO, WE EXPECT A NUMBER OF CONTRACTS TO BE SIGNED THAT WILL LEGALLY BIND FIRMS IN THE U.S. AND THE ROK TO CARRY OUT WORK ON THE PROJECT. THESE CONTRACTS WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ASSURANCE OF PERFORMANCE --

PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ASSURANCE OF PERFORMANCE --

AND LEGAL RECOURSE IN THE EVENT OF

NONPERFORMANCE.

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**EUR PRESS GUIDANCE
NOVEMBER 1, 1994**

BOSNIA: COMMENTS OF GENERAL DE LAPRESLE

Q: What is the USG reaction to the comments by De Lapresle, who states the Bosnian Serbs need support and understanding, the Contact Group plan should be revised and improved for the Bosnian Serbs allowing them to form a federation with Serbia, and his concern about lifting the arms embargo.

A: -- IF ACCURATE, WE ASSUME THAT GENERAL DE LAPRESLE WAS EXPRESSING HIS PERSONAL VIEWS.

-- WE SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF UNPROFOR IN BOSNIA WHICH IS OPERATING IN A VERY DIFFICULT ENVIRONMENT TO TRY TO ASSURE THE DELIVERY OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND TO HELP CREATE CONDITIONS FAVORABLE TO A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT.

-- WE DO NOT SUPPORT ANY CHANGES IN THE CONTACT GROUP PROPOSAL. We believe it represents the best opportunity for a negotiated, stable peace in Bosnia. And we believe that ~~the~~ all ~~sides~~ parties should make every effort to ensure that the Bosnian Serbs accept the contact group proposal.

S/CT PRESS GUIDANCE

Tuesday, November 1, 1994

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GERMAN TERRORIST: IRMGARD MOELLER

Q: Does the Department have any comment on the press reports that the German Government is considering releasing Irmgard Moeller, the German Red Army Faction terrorist who is in jail for the killing of three Americans?

A: -- WE HAVE SEEN THE PRESS REPORTS THAT THE GERMAN STATE JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES ARE CONSIDERING THE EARLY RELEASE OF MS. MOELLER. IN GENERAL, WE OPPOSE THE EARLY RELEASE OF CONVICTED TERRORISTS. PAROLE IS, OF COURSE, THE PURVIEW OF THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES IN THIS CASE.

-- WE NOTE THE PRESS REPORTS SAY SHE IS UNREPENTANT FOR THE MURDERS OF THE THREE AMERICAN SERVICEMEN. WE CONSIDER POLITICALLY MOTIVATED ATTACKS ON NONCOMBATANTS AS TERRORISM, NOT AS A LEGITIMATE PART OF AN "ARMED STRUGGLE" AS SHE SUGGESTED IN A GERMAN MAGAZINE INTERVIEW.

-- WHILE THIS IS A DECISION FOR THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES, WE TRUST THEY WILL CONSIDER THE GRAVITY OF MS. MOELLER'S CRIMES IN THEIR DELIBERATIONS.

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IRAN: MOJAHEDIN-E KHALQ REPORT

Q: Any reaction to complaints by members of Congress that the State Department's report on the Peoples Mojahedin of Iran, also known as the Mojahedin-e Khalq Organization (MKO), fails to meet the criteria set by the Congress?

A: THE FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT INSTRUCTS THE PRESIDENT TO SUBMIT A REPORT "DETAILING THE STRUCTURE, CURRENT ACTIVITIES, EXTERNAL SUPPORT AND HISTORY OF THE PEOPLE'S MOJAHEDIN OF IRAN."

THE REPORT WAS PREPARED FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH A LARGE CROSS-SECTION OF IRANIAN OPPOSITION GROUPS AND IRANIAN EXPATRIATES, INCLUDING MOJAHEDIN SYMPATHIZERS, AND INCLUDES THE VIEWPOINTS OF PROMINENT AMERICAN ACADEMIC SPECIALISTS ON IRAN AND THE MIDDLE EAST AS EXPRESSED IN PERSONAL INTERVIEWS AND PUBLISHED WORKS. THE DEPARTMENT ALSO SURVEYED IRAN EXPERTS AT NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND "THINK-TANKS," AND REVIEWED WESTERN MEDIA COVERAGE OF MOJAHEDIN ACTIVITIES. THE REPORT ALSO DRAWS DIRECTLY UPON A VOLUMINOUS COLLECTION OF MOJAHEDIN PUBLICATIONS AND RADIO BROADCASTS, A PUBLIC RECORD THAT RANGES FROM THE 1960'S THROUGH OCTOBER 1994.

WE BELIEVE IT TO BE A BALANCED AND COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS.

IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR THAT OUR CONCLUSIONS ABOUT THE

**MKO DO NOT IN ANY WAY IMPLY SUPPORT FOR THE BEHAVIOR OF
THE CURRENT REGIME IN IRAN.**

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WE DO MEET WITH IRANIAN OPPOSITION GROUPS NOT INVOLVED IN TERRORISM. OUR REFUSAL TO MEET WITH THE MKO, ALSO KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF RESISTANCE OR "NCR," IS BASED ON CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF THAT GROUP'S POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES, AS DETAILED IN THIS REPORT.

THE MKO IS BASED IN IRAQ AND RECEIVES WEAPONS AND FUNDS FROM SADDAM HUSSEIN; ITS MILITARY WING REPORTEDLY ASSISTED SADDAM'S FORCES IN CRUSHING KURDISH CIVILIANS IN THE AFTERMATH OF DESERT STORM. THE MKO HAS LITTLE SUPPORT INSIDE IRAN OR AMONG IRANIAN EXILES BECAUSE IT FOUGHT ALONGSIDE SADDAM HUSSEIN DURING THE IRAN-IRAQ WAR. MOREOVER, THE MKO CONTINUES TO CARRY OUT ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST CIVILIANS. THE MKO ALSO CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MURDER OF AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN IRAN IN THE LATE 1970'S.

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