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THE RESUMPTION OF MASSIVE AIR AND SEA SEARCHES FOR THE
PLANE CARRYING JOHN F. KENNEDY JR., HIS WIFE AND HER
SISTER OFF MARTHA'S VINEYARD.

1. "IT'S TIME TO HALT NORTH KOREA'S MISSILE LAUNCH" THE TOP-CIRCULATION, MODERATE YOMIURI EDITORIALIZED (7/19), "THERE ARE NO TANGIBLE SIGNS OF NORTH KOREA SUSPENDING PREPARATIONS FOR LAUNCHING A NEW BALLISTIC MISSILE, DESPITE REPEATED CONCERNS AND WARNINGS FROM JAPAN, THE U.S. AND SOUTH KOREA. THE NORTH'S DEFIANCE IS EXTREMELY REGRETTABLE. PYONGYANG IS REPORTED TO BE PREPARING TO LAUNCH A TAEPODONG-2 MISSILE, WHICH HAS A FAR GREATER RANGE THAN THE TAEPODONG-1 LAUNCHED LAST AUGUST IN A TEST THAT SENT PART OF THE MISSILE FLYING OVER JAPAN AND LANDING IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

"EXPERTS ARE DIVIDED OVER THEIR PREDICTIONS OF WHEN THE NORTH WILL ACTUALLY TEST-FIRE THE NEW MISSILE. YET, THE COMING MONTH WILL BE CRUCIAL IN EFFORTS BY JAPAN, THE U.S. AND SOUTH KOREA TO STOP THE LAUNCH. THE THREE ALLIES WILL HAVE TO WORK EVEN MORE CLOSELY TO PRESS THE NORTH TO ABANDON THE MISSILE LAUNCH. IT IS IMPERATIVE FOR THEM TO SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE TO THE NORTH THAT THEY WILL TAKE FIRM AND CONCRETE COUNTERMEASURES IF IT DEFIANTLY GOES AHEAD WITH THE LAUNCH.

"SUCH A WARNING WOULD HOPEFULLY WORK AS A DETERRENT TO THE NORTH'S REPORTED MISSILE LAUNCH, HELPING THE NORTH KOREANS TO REALIZE THE HIGH COST OF DEFIANCE. CALLS ARE ALSO GROWING IN THE U.S. CONGRESS FOR KEDO-RELATED SPENDING TO BE SUSPENDED FOR AS LONG AS THE NORTH CONTINUES THE DEVELOPMENT OF MISSILES AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS. CRITICISM IS GROWING AMONG U.S. LAWMAKERS OVER THE NORTH'S CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF TAEPODONG MISSILES WHILE IT RECEIVES HUGE FINANCIAL AID FROM WASHINGTON."

2. "INTRODUCTION OF AIR REFUELING TANKERS DOES NOT PAY" AN EDITORIAL IN THE LIBERAL ASAHI OBSERVED (7/19), "NOW THAT BILLS RELATED TO THE UPDATED U.S.-JAPAN DEFENSE COOPERATION GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN ENACTED, WE WONDER WHETHER OFFICIALS AT THE JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY BELIEVE IT IS A GOOD TIME TO SEEK THE INTRODUCTION OF AIR REFUELING TANKERS TO HELP F-15S, F-2S AND AWACS PLANES EXTEND THEIR FLIGHT RANGES. THE JDA IS SEEKING AN INITIAL APPROPRIATION IN NEXT YEAR'S NATIONAL BUDGET FOR SUCH TANKERS.

"THE COLD WAR IS ALREADY A THING OF THE PAST. IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT ANY COUNTRY INTENDS OR WILL TRY TO LAUNCH A MASSIVE AERIAL ATTACK AGAINST JAPAN IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. HOW EFFECTIVE IS INTRODUCING SUCH AERIAL REFUELING TANKERS IN PREVENTING NORTH KOREA FROM LAUNCHING MISSILES OR DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPONS?

"IF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES BELIEVE THAT JAPAN'S INTRODUCTION OF THE AERIAL TANKERS DEVIATES FROM ITS SELF-DEFENSE POLICY, IT WILL NOT ONLY RAISE REGIONAL TENSIONS BUT ALSO ADD A VARIABLE TO THE PRESENT CLOSE AND TRUSTWORTHY U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP. AT A TIME WHEN JAPAN'S FINANCIAL HEALTH IS NOT PARTICULARLY GOOD, IS IT APPROPRIATE FOR THE JDA TO INTRODUCE AERIAL TANKERS

COSTING 20 BILLION YEN EACH?"
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1. KENNEDY
2. MIDEAST
3. KOSOVO

B) SUMMARY

1. KENNEDY

PHOTO SPREADS AND SYMPATHETIC OBITUARIES. THE PRESUMED DEATH OF JOHN F. KENNEDY JR DOMINATED TODAY'S (AND YESTERDAY'S) MEDIA, LARGELY HALTING A BUILD-UP OF COMMEMORATIVE MATERIAL ON THE FIRST MOONLANDING. VERY LITTLE COMMENT ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. MIDEAST

THE "FINANCIAL TIMES" SAW "UPBEAT" PROSPECTS FOR SECURING MIDDLE EAST PEACE AS CONSTITUTING "A CHALLENGE FOR MR. CLINTON TO RISE TO."

3. KOSOVO

THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" ARGUED THAT THE WEST HAS "FAILED TO CAPITALIZE ON MILOSEVIC'S HUMILIATION" -- A LA SADDAM HUSSEIN.

C) TEXT

1. KENNEDY

"THE KENNEDY MYTH"

THE CONSERVATIVE "TIMES" EDITORIALIZED 7/19:

"JOHN JR., TO HIS CREDIT, SOUGHT TO ESCAPE FROM THE GILDED PRISON OF HIS FAMILY'S PAST. BY KEEPING HIS DISTANCE FROM POLITICS AND MAKING HIS OWN CAREER, HE SEEMED TO BE TURNING HIS BACK ON HIS FAMILY'S DESTINED TRAGIC PATH. BUT IT WAS NOT TO BE... EVEN IN THESE TIMES, WHERE WE RECOGNIZE MYTHS AS POETIC TRUTHS AND NOT ORACULAR FORECASTS, THE FAT OF JOHN KENNEDY JR. REINFORCES IN EVERY MIND THAT MELANCHOLY TRUTH."

"A KENNEDY WHO KNEW HIS LIMITS"

THE SAME PAPER HAD THIS COMMENTARY BY COLUMNIST TIM HAMES 7/19:

"THE IRONY OF JOHN KENNEDY JR'S APPEAL RESTED IN THE FACT THAT HE DID NOT SEEK POLITICAL POWER BUT NEVER ENTIRELY DISMISSED THE PROSPECT THAT HE MIGHT. HE SEEMED TO UNDERSTAND, AS OTHERS OF HIS AGE WITHIN THE FAMILY DID NOT, THAT THERE COULD BE NO RETURN TO THE 1960S AND THAT THE KENNEDY MYSTIQUE WAS BEST PRESERVED BY A SEMI-DETACHED APPROACH TO POLITICS RATHER THAN ANY FUTILE ATTEMPT TO EMULATE AN OLDER SET OF PIONEERS..."

"HE WAS ALSO THE ONLY MEMBER OF HIS GENERATION OF KENNEDYS WHO APPEARED TO INHERIT THE TRAITS OF STYLE AND ELEGANCE THAT ALLOWED HIS FATHER AND UNCLES TO BECOME THE DOMINANT FIGURES OF THE 1960S. THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF HIS MALE COUSINS WERE, AND ARE, TO PUT UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 03 LONDON 006198

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IT BLUNTLY, SPOILT RICH BRATS. THE COUSINS ARE ALSO STAGGERINGLY INELOQUENT. THE BEST THAT CAN BE SAID OF JOE, DESPITE 12 YEARS' SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, IS THAT HE SUCCEEDS IN MAKING AL GORE APPEAR THE REINCARNATION OF CICERO. PATRICK, THE CURRENT CONGRESSMAN, HARSH AS IT IS TO REPORT, CAN SCARCELY STRING TWO SYLLABLES TOGETHER."

"OBITUARY: JOHN F. KENNEDY JR"

THE LIBERAL "GUARDIAN" RAN THIS OBITUARY 7/19:

"THERE WERE TWO NOTABLE ASPECTS TO THE TRAGICALLY SHORTENED LIFE OF JOHN F. KENNEDY JR. THROUGHOUT HIS 38 YEARS HE MANAGED TO AVOID THE SCANDALS WHICH HAD DOGGED SO MANY OF HIS RELATIVES. AND, IN SPITE OF THE OBVIOUS TEMPTATIONS AND THE RELENTLESS MEDIA ATTENTION HE ENDURED FROM BIRTH, HE MADE NO EFFORT TO CAPITALIZE ON HIS ILLUSTRIOUS BACKGROUND."

"THERE IS STILL SOME MEANING IN THE KENNEDY MYTH"

THE CENTRIST "INDEPENDENT" RAN THIS LEAD EDITORIAL 7/19:

"IT WOULD BE A FITTING LEGACY IF JOHN JUNIOR'S DEATH REMINDED AMERICA AND THE WORLD OF THE HIGH IDEAL OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND LIBERAL VALUES THAT RUN THROUGH THE KENNEDY RHETORIC. IT IS THE KENNEDY GREATNESS TO CALL US TO A HIGHER MORAL PURPOSE, AND THE KENNEDY TRAGEDY THAT NONE OF THE FAMILY COULD FULFIL THAT PROMISE."

"TRAGEDY AGAIN FOCUSES ATTENTION ON THE KENNEDYS"

THE CONSERVATIVE TABLOID "DAILY MAIL" HAD THIS COLUMN 7/19 BY BRUCE ANDERSON:

"ANOTHER KENNEDY DEATH HAS REKINDLED THE KENNEDY MYTH: A RICH, GLORIOUS, BEAUTIFUL AND DOOMED FAMILY, WITH GIFTS BEYOND MOST OF

OUR ASPIRATIONS AND TRAGEDIES BEYOND MOST OF OUR NIGHTMARES."

"DEATH OF A GOOD GUY"

THE MASS-CIRCULATION TABLOID "SUN" HAD THIS PERSONAL COLUMN BY EDITOR DAVID YELLAND 7/19:

"HE DID NOT ASK TO BE BORN INTO THE KENNEDY FAMILY. BUT HE HANDLED HIS FAME WITH GRACE AND DIGNITY. THERE WAS NO EDGE. THERE WAS NO ARROGANCE. HIS DEATH IS AN UTTER TRAGEDY. AMERICA WILL MOURN ITS GOLDEN BOY. AND SO WILL I."

2. MIDEAST

"MIDEAST PEACE"

THE INDEPENDENT "FINANCIAL TIMES" EDITORIALIZED 7/19:

"THE MOOD IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS SUDDENLY UPBEAT. EHUD BARAK IS BEING FETED IN WASHINGTON, WHERE HE CLAIMS THAT HE COULD REACH A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE WITH THE PALESTINIANS, SYRIA AND THE LEBANON WITHIN THE 18 MONTHS THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS LEFT IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

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"THIS PRESENTS A CHALLENGE FOR MR. CLINTON TO RISE TO. HE WOULD END HIS CHECKERED PRESIDENCY ON A HIGH NOTE, IF HE COULD HELP BRING LASTING PEACE. BUT A SETTLEMENT MUST BE ONE THAT IS TRULY COMPREHENSIVE, PROVIDING A FAIR DEAL FOR THE PALESTINIANS... A BIGGER RISK TO THE PEACE PROCESS IS THAT MR. CLINTON WILL DUCK THE ISSUE BECAUSE OF AL GORE'S PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN AND HIS WIFE HILLARY'S BID FOR THE SENATE. HAVING OFFENDED SOME JEWISH VOTERS LAST YEAR BY CALLING FOR A PALESTINIAN STATE. MRS. CLINTON HAS NOW SWUNG THE OTHER WAY. SHE HAS ENDORSED UNDIVIDED JERUSALEM AS ISRAEL'S CAPITAL AND URGED THE TRANSFER OF THE U.S. EMBASSY THERE.

"MR. CLINTON MIGHT SUGGEST HIS WIFE READ THE OSLO AGREEMENT, WHICH LEAVES JERUSALEM FOR FINAL STATUS TALKS. THERE IS NOW A LONG AND BIPARTISAN TRADITION OF U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ENGAGEMENT IN MIDEAST PEACEMAKING, SET BY PRESIDENTS NIXON, CARTER AND BUSH. MR. CLINTON SHOULD UPHOLD IT."

3. KOSOVO

"STREET PROTESTS ALONE WILL NOT FORCE OUT MILOSEVIC"

THE CONSERVATIVE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" REPORTED FROM BELGRADE 7/19:

"SENIOR SERB OPPOSITION FIGURES CONCEDED YESTERDAY THAT, FAILING A MUTINY WITHIN PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC'S SECURITY FORCES, PROTEST RALLIES ALONE WOULD NOT BRING ABOUT A CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN BELGRADE... THEY CONCEDE THAT THE BIG TEST FOR MILOSEVIC WILL COME WITH THE ONSET OF COLDER WEATHER WHEN THE EFFECTS OF THE NATO DEVASTATION OF POWER PLANTS WILL BE FELT."

"GETTING RID OF MILOSEVIC"

IN EDITORIAL COMMENT 7/19, THE SAME PAPER SAID:

"THE WEST HAS MADE CLEAR THAT SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC HAS NO PLACE IN ITS VISION OF A PEACEFUL, DEMOCRATIC BALKANS, YET IT IS FAILING TO PRESS HOME THE ADVANTAGE GAINED BY VICTORY..."

"KOSOVO WAS THE ISSUE ON WHICH MILOSEVIC BUILT HIS RISE TO POWER. IT COULD STILL PROVE HIS NEMESIS, THOUGH HE HAS SURVIVED MASS PROTESTS BEFORE AND WILL EXPLOIT DIVISIONS BETWEEN HIS OPPONENTS. THE WEST IS RIGHT TO CONCLUDE THAT A REVITALIZED BALKANS HAS NO PLACE FOR THE YUGOSLAV PRESIDENT. BUT IT IS IN DANGER OF FAILING TO CAPITALIZE ON HIS HUMILIATION IN KOSOVO. THE SAME THING HAPPENED AFTER SADDAM HUSSEIN'S ARMY WAS DRIVEN OUT OF KUWAIT. AND LOOK WHAT TROUBLE HE HAS CAUSED SINCE." SMITH

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1. "THE KENNEDY ETHIC"
THE CONSERVATIVE NATIONAL POST (7/19) COMMENTED: "IN ACTUALITY, JFK JR. WAS SOMETHING OF A MORAL BEACON FOR THE KENNEDY CLAN, AS SHOWN BY HIS OUTSPOKEN CRITICISM OF HIS COUSINS AS 'POSTER BOYS FOR BAD BEHAVIOUR,' AND HIS DEOICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE. 'I'M NOT A POLITICAL LEADER,' JFK JR. SAID FAMOUSLY IN A SPEECH IN SUPPORT OF SEN. EDWARD (TED) M. KENNEDY, HIS UNCLE, DURING THE 1988 DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CONVENTION IN ATLANTA, 'BUT I'VE BEEN INSPIRED BY TEDDY TO INSPIRE OTHERS TO GIVE THEIR IDEAS TO THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND NOT TO THEMSELVES.' THIS, IN A NUTSHELL, IS THE KENNEDY ETHIC THAT DESERVES TO BE REMEMBERED AT THIS MOMENT. IT IS NEITHER A DEMOCRATIC NOR A REPUBLICAN NOR NECESSARILY EVEN AN AMERICAN ETHIC. IT IS, INSTEAD, THE CLARION CALL OF SELFLESSNESS AND HUMILITY. AND IT IS A MESSAGE

THAT IS SADLY LACKING IN MODERN POLITICAL THEATRE....
SO, TODAY, AS WE HOPE AGAINST HOPE THAT JFK JR., HIS
WIFE, CAROLYN BESSETTE KENNEDY, AND HER SISTER ARE
FOUND ALIVE IN THE WATERS OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD, WE ALSO
PRAY FOR A RETURN TO THE YOUTHFUL OPTIMISM AND ALTRUISM
SYMBOLIZED BY JFK JR. AND THE ENDURING KENNEDY ETHIC."

2. "KENNEDY MYSTIQUE"

THE CONSERVATIVE CALGARY SUN (7/19) WROTE: "THE DEPTH
OF THE SHOCK AMERICA, AND INDEED THE WORLD, FELT AT THE
NEWS OF THE DISAPPEARANCE OF JOHN F. KENNEDY JR.'S
PLANE IS, AT FIRST, DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND.... HIS
BIRTHRIGHT WAS CELEBRITY, A NAME THAT WOULD NEVER ALLOW
AMERICA TO FORGET THAT HE SHOULD, SOMEHOW, SHINE SO
BRIGHTLY, ACHIEVE SO MUCH, FULFILL AN UNSPOKEN PROMISE.
IT WAS NOT A MANTLE HE SOUGHT - HE DISTANCED HIMSELF,
AS MUCH AS WAS POSSIBLE, FROM THE AMBITIONS OF THE
KENNEDY CLAN.... HE WAS, NONETHELESS, A CELEBRITY - THE
SEXIEST MAN ALIVE, DATING MOVIE STARS, ROLLER-BLADING
SHIRTLESS THROUGH NEW YORK STREETS.... BUT NO MATTER
HOW LITTLE HE WANTED IT, HIS CHARM, HIS HANDSOME GOOD
LOOKS, HIS CHARISMA - HIS NAME - MADE HIM SEEM APPARENT
TO THE KENNEDY MYSTIQUE. ALTHOUGH HE TRIED TO DENY IT,
HE WAS THE TANGIBLE LINK TO THE MAGIC OF HIS FATHER'S
WHITE HOUSE CAMELOT - A SIMPLER TIME, WHEN LEADERS WERE
LARGER THAN LIFE, WHEN PEOPLE DARED TO BELIEVE, WHEN IT
SEEMED DREAMS WERE POSSIBLE. WITH THE CRASH OF JOHN-
JOHN'S PLANE, WE FACE THE REALITY THE LINK MAY BE
BROKEN, FOREVER. AND SO WE PRAY FOR THE KENNEDY
FAMILIES. AND FOR THAT LITTLE PIECE OF OUR OWN DREAMS,
AS WELL."

3. "FREE CHINA"

THE CONSERVATIVE NATIONAL POST (7/17) OPINED: "WITH
HIGH-RANKING REUNIFICATION MEETINGS SET FOR OCTOBER,
ENCOURAGED BY THE U.S., TAIPEI WANTS ITS RELATIONS WITH
BEIJING TO REFLECT REALITY. BY NOT INDICATING SUPPORT
FOR TAIWAN, WASHINGTON AND OTTAWA PUT TAIWAN AT RISK.
INDEED, PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON APPEARED TO INCREASE
THAT RISK LAST SUMMER WHEN HE EXPLICITLY SPELLED OUT
THE ONE-CHINA POLICY DURING A STATE VISIT TO SHANGHAI.
THE POLITICAL FORMULA FAVOURED BY BEIJING - TO REUNIFY
TAIWAN WITH THE MOTHERLAND USING THE ONE COUNTRY, TWO
SYSTEMS HONG KONG MODEL - REQUIRES TAIPEI TO ADOPT A
SUBMISSIVE ROLE. AS TAIWAN'S FIRST NATIVE-BORN LEADER,
PRESIDENT LEE FINDS THIS UNACCEPTABLE. GIVEN CHINA'S
MEDDLESOME INVOLVEMENT IN HONG KONG POLITICAL AND
JUDICIAL AFFAIRS, AND ITS UNWILLINGNESS TO ALLOW FOR
GREATER DEMOCRATIC EXPRESSION, MR. LEE'S POSITION IS
NOT UNREASONABLE. THE TAIWANESE HAVE NO INTEREST IN
BEING GOVERNED FROM BEIJING, UNLESS OF COURSE LEADERS
THERE ARE DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED BY THE CHINESE PEOPLE.
WASHINGTON AND OTTAWA SHOULD
SHARE MR. LEE'S
OBJECTIVES."
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ROYAL FAMILY.' SOME BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE CURSED.
THEY HAVE BEEN INFLICTED WITH CATASTROPHES THAT TOOK
MANY OF THEIR LIVES. JOHN AND ROBERT KENNEDY WERE
ASSASSINATED.. SOME BULLETS FIRED BY A PALESTINIAN AT
ROBERT KENNEDY IN THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN CRUSHED THE
FAMILY'S HOPE TO WIN THE PRESIDENCY ONCE AGAIN. THE
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HOPE WAS THEN FOCUSED ON SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY, BUT
THIS WAS ALSO CRUSHED BY A MORAL SCANDAL. THE FAMILY
STARTED TO FOCUS ON THE SECOND GENERATION AND PROPOSED
JOHN KENNEDY THE SON, THE BRIGHTEST, THE MOST POPULAR
AND ATTRACTIVE OF THE FAMILY YOUTH. BUT AGAIN, THE
HOPE WAS CRUSHED WHEN THE YOUNG SON AND HIS WIFE
DISAPPEARED LAST FRIDAY.. THE SAYING ABOUT THE FAMILY
CURSE RE-EMERGED.. IN MY OPINION, THERE IS NO CURSE.
DEATH IS THE FATE OF EVERY MAN. BUT IT IS THE FAMILY'S
FAME THAT MAKES ITS MEMBERS STARS UNDER THE MEDIA
LIGHTS. FAME SOMETIMES BECOMES A CURSE AND SPOILS
LIVES." WAHBA

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[FBIS Log]

1. [00] Headlines.

2. [02] Video report: Ministry of the Interior Colonel Jose Perez Fernandez gives deposition on the CIA's more than 600 assassination attempts on Commander in Chief Fidel Castro's life during 11th day of hearings in Cuban lawsuit against US Government for crimes against mankind. Video shows Perez giving deposition, diverse stills showings arrested agents, guns, pills, other citizens attending hearings at City of Havana People's Provincial Court. [Text]

3. [05] Video report: Commander in Chief Fidel Castro welcomes Cuban volleyball team, coaches. President Castro describes team performance as moral victory. Video shows Castro -- in green fatigues -- welcoming athletes at Jose Marti International Airport terminal, making statements for reporters. Video shows Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque in attendance.

4. [15] Report over video: Colombia -- Peace talks postponed indefinitely, due to disagreement over composition of international verification commission. Video shows officials in meetings, troops patrolling rural area.

5. [16] Report over video: Peru -- Red Path faction leader Oscar Ramirez Duran, alias Feliciano, to be presented to reporters following capture in Andean mountains. Video shows arrested man inside airplane.

6. [17] Report over video: Team of divers begin searching for John F. Kennedy Jr. 's plane following shift from rescue to salvage. Video shows officials combing beach.

7. [17] Video Talk: NTV Director Roberto Agudo commentary -- Cuban lawsuit against US Government for crimes against mankind hearings at City of Havana People's Provincial Court reveal that US policy has remained practically unchanged for 40 years despite imperceptible changes. President Clinton traveled recently to Florida seeking funds for his party, held fund raiser at Cuban sugar baron's house in Coral Gables, repeated same ancient promises. Ties between bourgeoisie, and far right remains unchanged. In one of many books published over there, writer states that businessmen ran to tell President Eisenhower that President Castro was a communist. [Text]

8. [22] Video report: Witness deposition revealed that the CIA's anti-Cuban plans included the murder of thousands of Cuban citizens. Video shows officer giving depositions at City of Havana People's Provincial Court, black and white stills showing participants in May Day parade, lists of attacks, fire disasters.

9. [26] Video report: Communist Party of Cuba assessment meetings conclude in Holguin Province. Politburo member Jose Ramon Machado Ventura, and first party secretary Jorge Luis Sierra Cruz preside over meeting. Numerous issues, formalism discussed at length. Video shows participants in meeting, Machado making statements. [Politburo]

10. [28] Announcer-read report: Twelve people killed, 29 injured in traffic accident in La Candelaria, Pinar del Rio Province, when transportation truck flipped over in mountain road. Names of casualties read. Ministry of the Interior specialists continue investigating the accident.

11. [30] Video report: Efforts to solve main garbage problems for Havana residents discussed by presidents of People's Council at meeting in Expocuba this weekend. Video shows health official giving address. Video shows Carlos Lage giving address on garbage collection efforts. Video shows Ricardo Alarcon De Quesada in attendance. [Text]

12. [32] Sports.

13. [35] Video report: Faculty deans, political and student organizations participate in higher education end-of-school-year assessment meeting. More than 16,555 students graduated this year despite limitations. Video shows participants in meeting, students engaged in diverse classroom activities. Video shows Carlos Lage presiding over meeting. [Politburo]

14. [36] Video report: Matanzas -- Construction workers

honored by winning right to hold 26 July celebration. Ministry of Construction delegate Jose Alfonso Grinanes asserts every effort is aimed to merit this reward. Video shows roads, Grinanes making statements, workers erecting structures.
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PAGE ONE SUMMARY:

1. PAKISTAN SHOULD RESTORE TRUST, JASWANT;
MAKES A MARK ON BBC'S 'HARD TALK':

-- WITH THE WITHDRAWAL OF PAKISTANI INTRUDERS FROM THE LINE OF CONTROL (LOC) IN KARGIL ALMOST COMPLETE, WAR STORIES MADE WAY FOR OTHER NEWS COVERAGE ON THE FRONT PAGES OF VARIOUS NATIONAL DAILIES THIS MORNING. HOWEVER, ONE STORY THAT MADE TO ALMOST ALL THE FRONT PAGES WAS EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER JASWANT SINGH'S MUCH-AWAITED INTERVIEW ON MONDAY WITH TIM SABASTIAN ON BBC'S "HARD TALK" PROGRAM. WIRE STORIES PICKED UP BY MOST PAPERS SAID THAT INDIA HAS ASKED PAKISTAN TO TAKE STEPS TO RESTORE THE TRUST BREACHED BY ITS MISADVENTURE IN KARGIL, RENOUNCE CROSS-BORDER TERRORISM AND UNDERSTAND THAT IT CANNOT FORCE A RESOLUTION OF THE KASHMIR ISSUE. "THE MAIN POINT IS FOR PAKISTAN TO UNDERSTAND THAT IT CANNOT FORCE A RESOLUTION (OF THE ISSUE).... IT HAS TO COME TO TERMS WITH HISTORY," JASWANT SINGH WAS QUOTED AS SAYING.

-- THE TIMES OF INDIA STORY REFLECTED THE MOOD OF THE INTERVIEW BETTER, AND WAS ALL PRAISE FOR SINGH'S HANDLING OF THE TOUGH, AND SOMETIMES 'ILL-INFORMED' QUESTIONS PUT TO HIM. IT READ: "THE REFUSAL TO BE PROVOKED BY FREQUENT AND OFTEN UNWARRANTED INTERRUPTIONS; THE ANSWERS GIVEN WITHOUT OBFUSCATION; THE TONE STEADY, COOL AND UNIFORMLY DIGNIFIED; THE TENOR OF THE DISCUSSIONS KEPT PEGGED TO MATTERS OF PRINCIPAL, VALUES AND CIVILIZED CONDUCT AMONG NATIONS, THAT WAS EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER JASWANT SINGH IN HIS INTERVIEW WITH TIM SEBASTIAN, BROADCAST ON MONDAY ON BBC'S 'HARD TALK' PROGRAM." THE STORY SAID THAT SINGH'S POISE AND DIGNITY STOOD IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THE HECTORING AND OFTEN ILL-INFORMED QUESTIONS BY SEBASTIAN. PERHAPS, SINGH WAS A SHADE TOO POLITE, THE REPORT SAID, ADDING THAT HE COULD HAVE BEEN MORE FORTHRIGHT IN TELLING SEBASTIAN THAT WHILE HIS QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO INDIA'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD IN KASHMIR WERE IN ORDER, WHY WAS IT THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS BUSY BODIES HAVE NEVER ONCE ASKED ABOUT THE KILLINGS OF INNOCENT PEOPLE BY TERRORISTS SUPPORTED BY PAKISTAN. OVERALL, HOWEVER, SINGH EMERGED FROM THE PROGRAM AS A VOICE OF A RESPONSIBLE, MATURE AND CONFIDENT COUNTRY, PARTICULARLY WHEN SEBASTIAN REFERRED TO INDIA'S OBLIGATIONS AS A NUCLEAR WEAPON STATE AND ON THE QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR. ASKED WHY INDIA WAS RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT OUTSIDE MEDIATION WHEN SUCH INTERVENTION HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THE MIDDLE EAST, HE RETORTED: "MIDDLE EAST IS NOT INDIA AND INDIA IS NOT MIDDLE EAST. HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT

INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION IS NOT THE ANSWER TO THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR ISSUE.

2. WAR THREAT NOT YET OVER, SAYS ARMY CHIEF:

-- ALL PAPERS HIGHLIGHTED STORIES FROM KARGIL STATING THAT INDIAN ARMY CHIEF V.P. MALIK ON MONDAY SAID THAT THE UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 08 NEW DELHI 005514

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THREAT OF WAS IS NOT YET OVER AND THE ARMY WILL INCREASE ITS SURVEILLANCE ON THE LOC IN KARGIL SECTOR TO GUARD AGAINST PAKISTANI MISADVENTURE. "WE CANNOT SAY THAT THE CONFLICT IS OVER BECAUSE CONDITIONS ARE SUCH THAT YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN THE SHELLING MAY START AGAIN," GEN. MALIK, WHO VISITED THE AREA, OLD REPORTERS. "PRACTICALLY IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO MAN EVERY POINT OF THE 740 KM-LONG LOC. BUT STILL THE ARMY WILL TRY AND PLUG ALL LOOPHOLES, HE SAID.

--MEANWHILE, REPORTS NOTED THAT THE INDIAN ARMY, CAUTIOUSLY MOVING TOWARDS THE LOC, IS NOW FACED WITH A NEW PROBLEM. PAKISTAN HAS PUT UP WHITE FLAGS AT MANY PLACES IN THE DRASS SECTOR, IN AN ATTEMPT TO DEMARCAT E WHAT IT CLAIMS IS THE LOC. IT HAS ALSO OCCUPIED DOMINATING PEAKS LOCATED JUST ON THE LOC IN THE MUSHKOH VALLEY AREA. THE INDIAN ARMY--SEEING IT AS PAKISTAN'S PLOY TO EXTEND ITS TERRITORY--IS ALSO PLANNING TO PUT DELINEATION MARKS ALL ALONG THE LOC IN THE MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN.

-- THE INDIAN EXPRESS REPORTED THAT IN THE WAKE OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF PAKISTANI FORCES FROM THE KARGIL SECTORS, NEW DELHI WANTS TO CONSOLIDATE ITS GAINS BY SEEKING FROM ISLAMABAD A "REAFFIRMATION AND STRENGTHENING" OF THE LINE OF CONTROL. THERE IS AN EMERGING SENSE THAT NEW DELHI MUST GET A COMMITMENT OUT OF ISLAMABAD THAT IT WILL NOT VIOLATE THE LOC AGAIN AND THAT OFFICIAL-LEVEL TALKS, PERHAPS AT THE LEVEL OF JOINT SECRETARIES, MAY BE NEEDED TO REASSERT THAT, THE REPORT SAID. NEW DELHI HAS REPEATEDLY TOLD THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THAT IT CONTINUES TO KEEP FAITH IN THE "LAHORE PROCESS," BASICALLY A CODE WORD FOR TALKS ON KASHMIR, THE STORY NOTED, ADDING THAT IT'S A MESSAGE THAT JASWANT SINGH WILL

REITERATE IN HIS MEETINGS WITH HIS COUNTERPARTS FROM THE U.S., RUSSIA, CHINA AND JAPAN ON THE MARGINS OF THE ASEAN REGIONAL FORUM MEETING IN SINGAPORE FROM JULY 25-28.

3. IMF DELAYS RELEASE OF LOAN TO PAKISTAN:

-- SEVERAL PAPERS CARRIED ISLAMABAD STORIES QUOTING A NEWS ITEM IN THE NEWS STATING THAT THE IMF HAS POSTPONED THE LATEST INSTALLMENT OF USD 280 MILLION FROM A USD 1.8 BILLION LOAN TO PAKISTAN, CITING THE COUNTRY'S DELAY IN IMPLEMENTING PROMISED ECONOMIC REFORMS.

4. JOHN JR. RESCUERS GIVE UP HOPE:

-- ALL PAPERS PROMINENTLY FRONT-PAGED STORIES AND PHOTOS STATING THAT SEARCHERS HAVE GIVEN UP HOPE OF FINDING JOHN F. KENNEDY JR., HIS WIFE AND HER SISTER ALIVE AFTER THEIR PLANE CRASHED IN THE SEA OFF MARTHA'S VINEYARD, BUT RESUMED EFFORTS ON MONDAY TO RECOVER THE AIRCRAFT AND DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF THE TRAGEDY. THE TIMES OF INDIA GAVE PAGE ONE ATTENTION TO STORY STATING THAT JOHN JR. HAD SPENT 60 QUIET DAYS IN ANONYMITY IN THE DINGY BYLANES OF DELHI'S PAHARGANJ IN 1982, HOLED UP IN A HOTEL WITHOUT A PHONE. HE WAS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A PROJECT PAPER ON THE FUNCTIONING OF INDIAN DEMOCRACY AS PART OF HIS UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AT BROWN UNIVERSITY. THE INDIAN EXPRESS ON MONDAY CARRIED A PIECE BY VETERAN NEW DELHI-BASED JOURNALIST V.K. MADHAVAN KUTTY RECOUNTING HIS 1981 MEETING WITH JOHN JR. AND HIS HELPING HIM ON HIS TRIP TO KERALA. THE STORY WAS HEADLINED, "THE SWEET PRINCE WHO RODE A BICYCLE." ONLY THE PIONEER RAN AN UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 08 NEW DELHI 005514

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EDITORIAL TODAY, ENTITLED "CURSE ON KENNEDYS" (EXCERPTS FOLLOW).

5. CSIR UNLIKELY TO OPPOSE U.S. PATENT:

-- THE HINDU REPORTED TODAY THAT THE COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH (CSIR) IS UNLIKELY TO CHALLENGE THE PATENT GRANTED RECENTLY BY THE U.S. PATENT OFFICE FOR ANTI-DIABETIC FORMULATIONS BASED ON BRINJAL (EGGPLANT), BITTERGOURD AND JAMUN (BLACKBERRY). THE APEX

SCIENTIFIC AGENCY, WHICH HAD SUCCESSFULLY OPPOSED THE PATENT GRANTED BY THE SAME OFFICE TWO YEARS AGO FOR A CLAIM THAT TURMERIC COULD BE USED AS A WOUND-HEALING AGENT, IS OF THE VIEW THAT IT MAY NOT BE NECESSARY FOR IT TO OPPOSE THE NEW PATENT. THE LINE OF THINKING IS THAT IT MAY NOT BE WISE TO OPPOSE EACH AND EVERY PATENT UNLESS IT HAD AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE COMMERCIAL INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY, THE REPORT SAID.

1. MIDDLE EAST

--"BARAK SETS DEADLINE FOR DEAL WITH PALESTINIANS,"
ANALYSIS IN JULY 20 CENTRIST THE HINDU BY WASHINGTON
CORRESPONDENT SRIDHAR KRISHNASWAMI:

-- "THE VISITING ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER, EHUD BARAK HAS SET A 15 MONTH DEADLINE TO HAMMER OUT A DEAL WITH THE PALESTINIANS, THE LEBANESE AND THE SYRIANS, ISRAELI AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS HAVE SAID. MR. BARAK, WHO WILL BE MEETING PRESIDENT, BILL CLINTON, AT THE WHITE HOUSE AGAIN LATER IN THE DAY, IS KEEN ON GIVING MOMENTUM TO THE PEACE PROCESS AS ALSO IN ENSURING THAT THE PROCESS DID NOT GET IN THE WAY OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNING FOR 2000 WHICH WILL REACH A HIGHPOINT NEXT FALL.... WHAT IS STRESSED IS THAT THE ISRAELI LEADER HAS NOT SET THE 15-MONTH DEADLINE TO MEAN SPECIFIC TREATIES WITH THE THREE PARTIES, RATHER IN THE HOPE THAT THE FINER POINTS COULD HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON AT THAT TIME.... THE WEST ASIA PEACE PROCESS WITH THE ACTIVE ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN STRUGGLING OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS; AND THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION HAD NOT BEEN TOO HAPPY WITH THE MANNER IN WHICH BARAK'S PREDECESSOR, BENJAMIN NETANYAHU, HAD GONE ABOUT THE WHOLE THING....

-- "IN SETTING THE TIME FRAME, BARAK HAS HAD TO FACTOR IN THE AMERICAN ELECTION SCENE WHICH IS SLOWLY PICKING UP MOMENTUM. AT THE SAME TIME, THE PEAK OF THE PROCESS WOULD HAVE BEEN REACHED BY SEPTEMBER 2000 WHEN THE CANDIDATES OF THE PARTIES WOULD BE GETTING INTO THE FINAL STAGES OF THE SHOWDOWN. BY THIS TIME...CLINTON WOULD BE GETTING READY TO LEAVE OFFICE AND, HENCE, WILL NOT BE IN A POSITION TO HAVE MUCH LEVERAGE IN THE WEST ASIA PROCESS.... TWO THINGS ARE CLEAR: THE PRESIDENT AND HIS ADMINISTRATION SEE IN BARAK A DIFFERENT KIND OF A LEADER AND ONE WHO IS WILLING TO GIVE A KICKSTART TO THE PEACE PROCESS. THE ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER, FOR HIS PART, IS NOT TERRIBLY KEEN ON DOING ANYTHING TO UPSET HIS RELATIONS WITH CLINTON."

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--"SEIZE THE DAY," EDITORIAL IN JULY 20 CENTRIST THE
TIMES OF INDIA:

-- "THE INDIAN ARMY AND AIR FORCE HAVE COMPLETED THEIR
TASK COMPETENTLY AND HAVE FORCED PAKISTAN TO VACATE ITS
AGGRESSION IN KARGIL. NOW BEGINS THE TASK OF INDIAN
DIPLOMACY. OF COURSE, THE JOB OF RESTARTING THE LAHORE
PROCESS AND SHAPING IT IN THE LONG-TERM INTERESTS OF
PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE SUBCONTINENT IS BEST LEFT TO
THE NEW GOVERNMENT THAT WILL BE FORMED AFTER THE
FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS.... THERE IS AN EXPECTATION IN THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THAT DIPLOMATIC DIALOGUE BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD COMMENCE WITHOUT DELAY. THE UN
GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS TO BE CONVENED IN THE THIRD WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER AND PAKISTAN CAN BE EXPECTED TO FOCUS ATTENTION
ON THE KASHMIR ISSUE. THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA NEEDS TO
BREAK WITH ITS 50-YEAR OLD TRADITION OF REACTING TO
EVENTS AFTER THEY OCCUR AND FORMULATE A PROACTIVE
DIPLOMATIC STRATEGY. THE AIM SHOULD BE TO COMPEL
PAKISTAN TO ACCEPT THE SANCTITY OF THE LINE OF CONTROL
PURSUANT TO NAWAZ SHARIF'S COMMITMENT IN THE BLAIR HOUSE
STATEMENT. SECONDLY...IMMEDIATE STEPS MUST BE INITIATED
TO REBUILD TRUST THROUGH DIFFERENT CONFIDENCE BUILDING
MEASURES. THIRDLY, INDIA MUST USE THE IMPENDING LOK
SABHA ELECTIONS IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR TO CONTRAST THE
OPERATION OF DEMOCRACY IN THE VALLEY WITH THE PLIGHT OF
PEOPLE IN PAKISTAN-OCCUPIED KASHMIR, WHO, ACCORDING TO A
RECENT PAKISTAN SUPREME COURT JUDGMENT, LACK EVEN
FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS.

-- "IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THIS STRATEGY, ATAL BEHARI
VAJPAYEE SHOULD INVITE NAWAZ SHARIF TO PAY A LOW PROFILE
BUSINESS VISIT TO INDIA. THE VISIT SHOULD RESULT IN BOTH
PRIME MINISTERS AFFIRMING THE SANCTITY OF THE LOC IN A
JOINT STATEMENT. THEY SHOULD SET UP A JOINT COMMISSION
TO MONITOR AND ENFORCE THE SANCTITY OF THE LINE, AND PUT
AN END TO ITS VIOLATION BY TERRORISTS. THIS IS THE ONLY
WAY TO GIVE CONCRETE EXPRESSION TO THE DECLARATION MADE
BY SHARIF IN WASHINGTON.... THESE STEPS FLOW FROM THE
CONTENTS OF THE CLINTON-NAWAZ SHARIF STATEMENT AND,
THEREFORE, SHOULD HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY THE U.S. SUCH AN INVITATION TO
NAWAZ SHARIF WOULD CONSTITUTE AN INDICATION OF THE
GENEROSITY OF INDIA AND WOULD BE A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO

THE PAKISTANI PRIME MINISTERS' PLEA FOR DIALOGUE....
THIS PROCESS SHOULD NOT BE INITIATED WITH ANY EUPHORIC
EXPECTATIONS BUT MERELY AS A FIRST STEP TOWARDS RESTORING
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES SEVERELY
DAMAGED BY PAKISTAN'S KARGIL AGGRESSION."

--"CONSTANT VIGIL," EDITORIAL IN JULY 20 RIGHT-OF-CENTER
THE PIONEER:

-- "WITH THE DE-ESCALATION OF THE WAR IN THE KARGIL
SECTOR IN KASHMIR, IT IS TIME TO REFLECT ON WHAT EXACTLY
WENT WRONG AND TO TAKE REMEDIAL MEASURES.... THE NEW
FRONT OPENED BY PAKISTAN ALONG THE HITHERTO UNDISPUTED
LINE OF CONTROL IS COMPOSED OF HILLS AND PEAKS WHICH
RECEIVE HEAVY SNOWFALL IN WINTER.... IT IS
IMPERATIVE...TO ENSURE THAT SUCH BLATANT TRANSGRESSIONS
ARE NOT REPEATED. THE KARGIL SECTOR WILL REQUIRE A
COMPOSITE SURVEILLANCE STRATEGY INCORPORATING SATELLITES,
OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES, UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES,
HELICOPTERS AND A LARGE BODY OF PERSONNEL TO KEEP WATCH
OVER IT AND ENSURE THAT NOT ONLY IS THE TERRITORY NOT
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INVADED BUT ALSO THAT CRITICAL SUPPLY ROUTES AND HIGHWAYS
REMAIN OPEN.... AS AN OPEN SOCIETY, WHICH OFTEN TENDS TO
GET COMPLACENT AND SOFT, INDIA HAS BEEN AN EASY TARGET
FOR PAKISTAN-SPONSORED AND ISLAMIC ORIENTED TERRORISTS
WHO HAVE STRUCK ALMOST A WILL AT CIVILIAN TARGETS.... IT
IS CLEAR THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS VARIOUS AGENCIES
HAVE DRAWN LESSONS FROM THE KARGIL WAR AND ARE WORKING ON
A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO DEAL WITH EXTERNAL AGGRESSION AND
INTERNAL SECURITY. FOR SUCH A PLAN TO SUCCEED, VIGILANCE
WILL HAVE TO BECOME THE COUNTRY'S WATCHWORD."

--"MOVE STEP BY STEP," ANALYSIS IN JULY 20 RIGHT-OF-
CENTER THE INDIAN EXPRESS BY VETERAN COLUMNIST AND FORMER
INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER TO THE UK KULDIP NAYAR:

-- "ISLAMABAD CAN ADUMBRATE SOME OTHER ARGUMENT TO
CLAIM KASHMIR BECAUSE THE ARGUMENT THAT IT IS 'AN
UNFINISHED TASK OF PARTITION' DOES NOT WASH AFTER 52
YEARS.... THE FALLACY OF THE TWO NATION THEORY DOES NOT,
HOWEVER, MEAN THAT NEW DELHI SHOULD NOT HOLD TALKS ON

KASHMIR. HAD ISLAMABAD NOT PLAYED FALSE, THE LAHORE DECLARATION WOULD HAVE CONSTITUTED A FIRM FRAMEWORK FOR A SERIOUS DIALOGUE ON KASHMIR....

-- "KARGIL HAS NOT INTERNATIONALIZED THE PROBLEM OF KASHMIR AS PAKISTAN CLAIMS. IT HAS ONLY BROUGHT UPON IT THE PRESSURE--AND ODIUM--OF INTERNATIONAL OPINION TO WITHDRAW FROM KARGIL. PAKISTAN'S AGGRESSION HAS MADE THE INVIOABILITY AND THE SANCTITY OF LOC FACT. AMERICA HAS COME ON THE INDIAN SIDE NOT BECAUSE IT HAS JETTISONED PAKISTAN BUT BECAUSE WASHINGTON KNOWS THAT ANY UNILATERAL OR FORCED ALTERATION OF THE LOC WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY NEW DELHI. WHEN THE U.S. SAYS THAT THE LOC MUST BE RESTORED, IT WANTS TO CREATE CONDITIONS WHERE THE TWO COUNTRIES CAN SIT ACROSS THE TABLE TO DISCUSS THEIR PROBLEMS, INCLUDING KASHMIR. NAWAZ SHARIF OR THE ARMED FORCES OR BOTH DO NOT REALIZE HOW DIFFICULT THEY HAVE MADE THE RESUMPTION OF A DIALOGUE....

-- "THE KARGIL PERFIDY HAS CHANGED THE ATMOSPHERE. THE MAIN PROBLEM IS THE LACK OF TRUST. AMERICANS CANNOT INSTILL IT. THIS HAS TO BE DONE BY PAKISTAN ITSELF.... INDIA'S STAND IS THAT AFTER THE CLEARANCE OF INTRUDERS, PAKISTAN MUST STOP THE PRACTICE OF SENDING THEM INTO ITS TERRITORY. EVEN AFTER THE LAHORE DECLARATION, ISLAMABAD DID NOT STOP IT. ABETTING TERRORISM CANNOT GO ON IF THE TALKS HAVE TO HAVE SOME MEANING. AND THEN BY INSISTING ON KASHMIR AS THE CORE ISSUE AND BY DESCRIBING THE OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AS PERIPHERAL. PAKISTAN, MORE OR LESS, STALLS THE PROCESS OF PEACE.... PREFERENCE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE ONES WHICH ARE LESS TRACTABLE SO THAT THEIR SOLUTION GENERATES GOODWILL AND CONFIDENCE....

-- "A STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH IS ALL THE MORE NECESSARY AT A TIME WHEN THE KARGIL EPISODE HAS KNOCKED OUT EVEN THE LITTLE CONFIDENCE INDIA HAD. THE STRUCTURE OF CONCILIATION HAS TO BE REBUILD FROM SCRATCH.... WHY SHOULD ISLAMABAD DRAG ITS FEET? TO PUT NEW DELHI IN THE WRONG PAKISTAN SHOULD UNILATERALLY LIFT BAN ON INDIAN NEWSPAPERS, BOOKS AND LITERATURE. ONE THING WILL LEAD TO ANOTHER. A NEW EQUATION MAY GET BUILT IN THE PROCESS."

--"REASSESSING SECURITY NEEDS," ANALYSIS IN JULY 20
CENTRIST THE HINDU BY DIRECT, DELHI POLICY GROUP AND A
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FORMER DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF MILITARY OPERATIONS V. R.
 RAGHAVAN:

-- "KARGIL HAS PROVED, IF PROOF IS NEEDED, THAT WHILE
 WARS MAY BE UNLIKELY AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, WAR-LIKE
 SITUATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO OCCUR.... KARGIL IS PROOF,
 IF IT IS STILL NEEDED, THAT A NUCLEAR DETERRENT DOES NOT
 END CONFLICTS OF THE KIND WITNESSED IN KARGIL. IT DOES
 NOT ALSO END VIOLENCE OF THE KIND INFLICTED ON THE
 INNOCENTS IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR OVER THE LAST 10 AND MORE
 YEARS. THE NUCLEAR DETERRENT, IN FACT, ENCOURAGED
 PAKISTAN TO RAISE THE STAKES IN THE STATE BY RAISING THE
 ANTE AT KARGIL. WARS OF THE FUTURE WILL BE FOUGHT IN A
 NEW FORM. THEY WILL BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE SHADOW OF
 NUCLEAR WEAPONS....

-- "KARGIL AND THE LARGER ISSUE OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
 ARE CLOSELY LINKED TO THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
 FOUNDATIONS OF SECURITY. KARGIL DEMONSTRATED THE
 LINKAGES BETWEEN THE MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
 STRANDS THAT PULL THE COUNTRY.... THE SHORTCOMINGS OF
 THE NATIONAL SECURITY PLANNING APPARATUS WERE LAID BARE
 BY KARGIL, THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MET BUT ONCE,
 NOT UNLIKE AN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF A FAMILY RUN
 CORPORATE HOUSE.... AFTER KARGIL, THE DEFENSE NEEDS OF
 INDIA REQUIRE A NEW OUTLOOK. IT WOULD REQUIRE A
 REORIENTATION TOWARDS NEW TYPES OF CONFLICTS WHICH INDIA
 WOULD FACE IN THE YEARS TO COME. IT WOULD DEMAND A
 DIFFERENT APPROACH TO DEFENSE BUDGETING, OPERATIONAL
 CAPABILITY CREATION, TECHNOLOGY INFUSION, AND HUMAN
 RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT. THE NOTION OF SECURITY WILL NEED
 TO BE EXTENDED BEYOND THE LIMITED IDEAS OF MILITARY
 DEFENSE. THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL DIMENSIONS OF DEFENSE
 AND THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FOUNDATIONS OF SECURITY
 WILL HAVE TO BE BETTER SYNERGIZED TO OBTAIN AN OPTIMAL
 LEVEL OF SECURITY."

-- "INDIA IN A MULTI-POLAR WORLD," ANALYSIS IN JULY 20
 RIGHT-OF-CENTER BY COLUMNIST SAHDHYA AIN:

-- "WE RE SUDDENLY IN A NEW, MULTI-POLA WORLD. AND
 INDIA IS ONE OF ITS MAJOR PILLARS. MANY OF US MAY FIND
 THIS HAR TO BELIEVE. BUT THOSE WHO ARE BEGINNING TO
 REALIZE THAT IT IS INDEED SO, ARE ALSO BEMUSED AT THE
 ENORMITY OF IT ALL. HOW DID SUCH AN IMMENSE CHANGE TAKE
 PLACE SO IMPERCEPTIBLY? THIS SMOOTH, YET DRAMATIC
 TRANSITION FROM A UNIPOLAR TO A MULTI-POLAR WORLD IS ONE
 OF THE MOST SINGULAR ACHIEVEMENTS OF INDIA'S TWO MONTH
 LONG ENGAGEMENT WITH THE PAKISTANI ARMY AND MUJAHIDEEN IN
 KARGIL....

-- "CYNICS WILL DEMAND EVIDENCE OF INDIA'S EMERGENCE AS
 A POWER DESERVING RESPECT AND CONSIDERATION. YET
 DISCERNING OBSERVERS CAN SEE THIS IN THE REFUSAL OF THE

UNITED STATES, CHINA, AND OTHERS, TO TREAT INDIA AND PAKISTAN AT PAR IN THE CONFLICT. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME INDIA HAS RECEIVED SUCH A COURTESY SINCE JAWAHARLAL NEHRU TOOK THE KASHMIR ISSUE TO THE UNITED NATIONS, THOUGH WE HAVE ALWAYS PROTESTED AT BEING EQUATED WITH A COUNTRY ONE-SEVENTH-OUR SIZE. THE SHIFT HAS BEEN EXECUTED WITH FINESSE, WHICH IS PROBABLY WHY IT HAS GONE UNNOTICED....

-- "ON THE ONE HAND, THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT'S MEASURED RESPONSE OF PUSHING BACK THE INVADERS BUT CONFINING OPERATIONS TO THE LINE OF CONTROL WON WIDESPREAD
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APPROVAL. AT THE SAME TIME, AND THIS IS TRULY SIGNIFICANT, NONE OF THE MAJOR WORLD POWERS ISSUED THE USUAL STATEMENTS ASKING BOTH SIDES TO CEASE HOSTILITIES--A POSITION THAT WOULD HOLD BOTH SIDES EQUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR BREACH OF PEACE. THIS TIME, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TOOK AN UNPRECEDENTED POSITION-THERE WAS AN AGGRESSOR (PAKISTAN), A VICTIM (INDIA), AND THE VICTIM WAS ACTING WITHIN ITS RIGHTS BY GIVING THE AGGRESSOR A FITTING REPLY.... THIS IS THE REAL SIGNIFICANCE OF AMERICAN PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON'S ONE-SIDED INTERVENTION WITH PAKISTANI PRESIDENT NAWAZ SHARIF ON THE FOURTH OF JULY....

-- "THE DEFERENCE SHOWN BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY THE UNITED STATES, TO INDIA'S DESIRE THAT NONE SHOULD INTERFERE IN ITS ENGAGEMENT WITH PAKISTAN IN KARGIL, IS A POWERFUL INDICATOR OF INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF INDIA'S NEW STATUS. CONTRAST THIS WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE SEVENTH FLEET IN THE WAKE OF THE 1971.... IT CERTAINLY DIDN'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT, THOUGH IT HAS ONLY NOW BECOME APPARENT. THE COLLAPSE OF THE SOVIET UNION FROM ITS OWN INTERNAL CONTRADICTIONS ENDED THE STRUCTURE OF TWO-SUPERPOWER HEGEMONY THE WORLD HAD WITNESSED IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR.... BRITAIN, FRANCE, GERMANY AND JAPAN CONTINUE TO RANK AMONG THE LEADING NATIONS, AND NOW, WITH PAKISTAN VIRTUALLY CONSIDERED A 'ROGUE STATE', INDIA HAS EMERGED AS THE COUNTRY OF STATUS IN THIS REGION....

-- "VAJPAYEE...CHARTED OUT A BOLD NEW COURSE WHEN HE

TACTFULLY SUPPORTED-THE U.S. DECISION TO BOMB TALIBAN BASES IN AFGHANISTAN LAST AUGUST BY LINKING IT WITH INDIA'S PROBLEMS WITH CROSS-BORDER TERRORISM.... IT IS VAJPAYEE AND HIS TEAM, NOTABLY JASWANT SINGH AND BRAJESH MISHRA, WHO HAVE MADE THE WORLD SEE THE CONFLICT THROUGH INDIA'S EYES. IN A FUNDAMENTAL SENSE, HE HAS OPENED THE DOOR FOR SETTLING THE KASHMIR DISPUTE TO OUR SATISFACTION AT SOME FUTURE DATE."

 3. KENNEDY'S

--"CURSE ON KENNEDYS," EDITORIAL IN JULY 20 RIGHT-OF-CENTER THE PIONEER:

-- "A WEDDING AND THREE FUNERALS. IF THE UNCANNY FEARS OF A TENSE AMERICA COME TRUE, THEN THIRTY PLUS EIGHT, YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL 'JOHN, JOHN', WITH HIS CHISELLED, HOLLYWOOD FEATURES, WILL ALSO JOIN THAT ILL-FATED FAMILY TREE WHERE EVERY BRANCH SEEMS TO HAVE TRAGEDY WRITTEN ON IT. FOR A POLITICAL DYNASTY WHICH HAD ASSUMED THE AURA OF A DE FACTO 'ROYAL FAMILY' IN THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL FREE MARKET DEMOCRACY, THE CRASH OF THE SINGLE-ENGINE PIPER SARATOGA SOMEWHERE IN THE VICINITY OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD IN MASSACHUSETTS, WILL ONCE AGAIN MARK THE PRESENCE OF AN UGLY CURSE ETERNALLY CHASING THE HAUNTED KENNEDY FAMILY OF THE UNITED STATES.... THE ENTIRE KENNEDY FAMILY SEEMS TO BE TRAPPED IN A PERPETUAL, OFTEN MELODRAMATIC TRYST WITH DEATH AND DISASTER, WHERE BROTHERS, UNCLES, COUSINS AND SISTERS ARE COMPELLED TO SHARE AN OBSESSION CHORD OF BRUTAL AND SUDDEN SEPARATIONS....

-- "THIS IS A REAL AND SAD MOMENT FOR THE KENNEDY UNCLAS SECTION 08 OF 08 NEW DELHI 005514

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FAMILY AND FOR A NATION WHICH IS FOREVER IN SEARCH OF INFALLIBLE ICONS WITH AN IMPECCABLE SELF-IMAGE. YOUNG JFK JR RETAINED HIS POPULARITY BECAUSE HE REMAINED STAUNCHLY 'APOLITICAL'.... HE REMAINED TILL THE END A SEMI-ACCOMPLISHED MEDIA ICON WHO DABBLED IN THEATER, ADVENTURE SPORTS, PHILANTHROPY AND FINALLY, A GLOSSY

KENNEDYSQUE LIFE-STYLE MAGAZINE CARRYING THE FIRST NAME
OF THE FIRST, PRESIDENT OF THE U.S., GEORGE
WASHINGTON.... HOWEVER, DESPITE HIS APOLITICAL STANCE,
AMERICAN NURSED THE SUBCONSCIOUS DESIRE THAT ONE DAY JFK
JR. TOO WILL ENTER THE POLITICAL ARENA, AND FILL THE VOID
OF HIS FATHER'S ABRUPT DEMISE. IN HIS ALMOST CERTAIN
DEATH, THE U.S. WILL NOW MOURN THE END OF THAT HIDDEN
DESIRE AND THAT OF A MAN, WHO LIKE PRINCESS DIANA, WAS
STILL BLOOMING WITH LIFE."
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- JOHN F. KENNEDY'S PLANE CRASH
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(B) SUMMARY OF COVERAGE:

THE JOHN F. KENNEDY JR. PLANE CRASH IS STILL COMMENTED ON BY SOME DAILIES AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA THIS MORNING. JEAN-LOUIS TURLIN FROM NEW YORK FOR RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE FIGARO (07/20) PORTRAYS CAROLYN BESSETTE-KENNEDY: "SHE HAD THE CLASS AND CIRCUMSPECTION OF HER MOTHER IN LAW." MARC CHALAMET IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE PARISIEN (07/20): "THE UNITED STATES SHARE THE SORROW OF THE KENNEDYS". (SEE PART C)

THE SITUATION IN KOSOVO IS STILL REPORTED ON. (SEE PART C)

ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE U.S. GETS SLIM COVERAGE. (SEE PART C)

THE SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT MADE YESTERDAY BY FRENCH OIL COMPANY ELF AQUITAINE TO LAUNCH A 50.97-BILLION DOLLARS CASH-AND-STOCK OFFER TO ACQUIRE TOTALFINA, TO DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST TOTALFINA'S HOSTILE BID, MAKES FRONT PAGE TITLE FOR ALL DAILIES. TOTALFINA HAD ANNOUNCED A 42.81 BILLION ALL-STOCK OFFER FOR ELF ON JULY 5 THAT WAS REJECTED BY ELF AS HOSTILE EVEN THOUGH IT HAD THE BACKING OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST MOON LANDING MAKES THE SECOND HEADLINE. NUMBER OF DAILIES ON TWO PAGES RECAP THIS HISTORIC MOMENT AND GIVE A CHRONOLOGY OF THE LANDING. RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE FIGARO PUBLISHES AN INTERVIEW WITH BUZZ ALDRIN. LEFT OF CENTER LIBERATION PUBLISHES THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE ASTRONAUTS AND HOUSTON. CATHOLIC LA CROIX FRONT PAGE TITLE: "THE NEW FRONTIERS OF SPACE" WITH A PICTURE OF BUZZ ALDRIN WALKING ON THE MOON. COMMUNIST L'HUMANITE FRONT PAGE PICTURE SHOWS THE FOOT PRINT OF BUZZ ALDRIN AND ASKS "SHOULD WE STILL BELIEVE IN THE MOON?"

ECONOMIC PRESS GIVES RATHER FACTUAL REPORTS ON THE U.S. SANCTIONS OF EUROPEAN IMPORTS IN THE BEEF BATTLE. DANIEL TACET IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE FIGARO ECONOMIE (07/20): "THE AMERICANS AND THE CANADIANS HAVE WON THE FIRST SET OF A BATTLE THAT IS ONLY BEGINNING BETWEEN THE BIG TRADERS AND WILL FIND ITS CONCLUSION NEXT DECEMBER IN SEATTLE."

THE BEIJING TAIPEI TENSION IS ALSO COMMENTED ON. LEFT-OF-CENTER LIBERATION (07/20) REPORTS ON THE CHINESE PRESIDENT'S CALL TO PRESIDENT CLINTON TO COMPLAIN ABOUT TAIPEI'S ATTITUDE. CAROLINE PUEL SAYS: "THE CHINESE PRIME MINISTER DOES NOT EXCLUDE A MILITARY ACTION." AMAURY GUIBERT IN CENTRIST LA TRIBUNE (07/20): "THE ORAL OFFENSIVE OF CHINA AGAINST TAIWAN'S DESIRE OF INDEPENDENCE, IS CERTAINLY A FACTOR OF INSTABILITY IN THE REGION, BUT IT DOES NOT DISTURB THE ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN POPULAR CHINA AND THE RENEGADE REPUBLIC."

IF A POLITICAL CLOSENESS REMAINS AN ILLUSION, THE ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IS UNDER WAY."

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"JFK JUNIOR FEARED THE FLIGHT"

JEAN-LOUIS TURLIN IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE FIGARO (07/20): "A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE FLIGHT, HE HAD TOLD A FRIEND HE WOULD RATHER LEAVE WITHOUT HIS SISTER-IN-LAW IN ORDER TO AVOID TWO LANDINGS... DESTINY TRAGICALLY JUSTIFIED HIM. THE WHOLE OF AMERICA IS IN MOURNING."

"JOHN-JOHN WAS AFRAID OF THIS FLIGHT"

FRANCOIS MILLER REPORTS FROM NEW YORK FOR RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANCE SOIR (07/20): "JOHN KENNEDY JUNIOR DID NOT WANT TO LAND HIS PLANE ON MARTHA'S VINEYARD BECAUSE HE THOUGHT HE DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH EXPERIENCE, BUT HIS WIFE CAROLYN INSISTED... THAT IS ONE OF THE HYPOTHESES THAT IS GOING AROUND."

- KOSOVO

"FROM SARAJEVO TO PRISTINA, PRIORITY IS GIVEN TO ECONOMY"

LUCAS DELATTRE IN LEFT-OF-CENTER LE MONDE (07/20): "TO INTRODUCE DEMOCRACY AND FREE ENTERPRISE ECONOMY: THIS IS, IN SORT, THE "HUGE CHALLENGE" BERNARD KOUCHNER TALKED ABOUT ON JULY 15. BUT IT IS A LOT EASIER TO SPREAD OUT THE ECONOMY THAN TO DEMOCRATIZE THE MINDS... THREE YEARS AND A HALF AFTER DAYTON, MUSLIMS, SERBS AND CROATIANS STILL DO NOT WANT TO TALK TO EACH OTHER IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA... THE ONE AND ONLY SUCCESS OF THE RECONSTRUCTION IS THAT THE SAME MONEY IS USED ALL OVER BOSNIA... THE LESSON IS THAT THE ECONOMY PRECEDES DEMOCRATIZATION AND SEEMS TO BE THE ONLY WAY TO INSTALL AN ATMOSPHERE OF TRUST... THE RE-BUILDING OF THE ECONOMY CREATES

A POLITICAL DYNAMIC. IN BOSNIA, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SUCCEEDS IN MAKING THE MUSLIMS, THE SERBS AND THE CROATIANS, WORK TOGETHER."

"MILOSEVIC WITHSTANDS THE ANGER OF THE STREET"

RENAUD GIRARD IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE FIGARO (07/20): "THE VARIOUS PROTESTS AGAINST PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC SPREAD OUT IN SERBIA WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO SERIOUSLY SHAKE HIM UP, BECAUSE OF THE DIVISIONS AMONG THE CLASSIC POLITICAL OPPOSITION... NO ONE COULD HAVE PREDICTED THAT SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC COULD REMAIN IN POWER AFTER THE LOSS OF KOSOVO. THAT IS THE CASE THOUGH. IT IS TRUE THAT THIS BALKAN SEMI-DESPOTIC MAN HAS ALWAYS SHOWN SURPRISING SKILLS FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL MANEUVERS, ALTHOUGH HE MAY BE A POOR INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIST."

- THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE TALKS

"INTERNET, THE VOICE OF THE PALESTINIANS"

MEHDI BENCHELAH FROM DEHEISHEH, ISRAEL FOR RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE FIGARO (07/20): "IN THE U.S., EHUD BARAK WAS VERY ELUSIVE ABOUT THE CREATION OF A PALESTINIAN STATE... A COMPUTERIZED NETWORK SETTLES DOWN IN THE WEST BANK TO BREAK THE ISOLATION REFUGEES AND EXILES LIVE IN IN THE MIDDLE EAST... DEHEISHEH LOOKS LIKE ANY PALESTINIAN CAMP... IN THE CULTURAL CENTER IBDA, A HANDFUL OF INHABITANTS DID NOT GIVE UP. THEY DECIDED TO USE THE INTERNET TO SPREAD THE VOICE OF THE PALESTINIANS AND BE ABLE TO CONTACT THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS... THE PROGRAM IS MEANT TO DEFEND THE REFUGEES' CULTURE AND LINK PALESTINIANS CAMPS TOGETHER AROUND THE MIDDLE EAST."

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"COUNT DOWN FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST"

PATRICK SABATIER FROM WASHINGTON IN LEFT-OF-CENTER LIBERATION (07/20): "EHUD BARAK'S FIRST VISIT TO WASHINGTON SINCE HIS ELECTION HAS BEEN ALMOST TOTALLY OVERSHADOWED BY JOHN KENNEDY JR. DEATH... YET, HE CERTAINLY ACCOMPLISHED THE MISSION HE HAD ASSIGNED HIMSELF: PUT BACK ON TRACK THE CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL, AFTER

THREE YEARS OF DRIFT CAUSED BY THE TENSE RELATIONS BETWEEN HIS
PREDECESSOR BENJAMIN NETANYAHU AND BILL CLINTON... BARAK KNOWS
THAT CLINTON, IN THIS FINAL PHASE OF HIS TERM, HAS NO GREATER
AMBITION THAN TO CONSOLIDATE HIS REPUTATION OF "PEACE MAKER"
BY SEALING A GLOBAL PEACE AGREEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST BEFORE
LEAVING THE WHITE HOUSE." CROUCH

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1. [00] Headlines.

2. [02] Video report: Hearings phase concluded today in Cuban lawsuit against US Government for crimes against mankind at City of Havana People's Provincial Court. Depositions confirmed damage caused by dengue epidemic introduced by enemy agents to the service of the United States. Public Health Minister Carlos Dotres states the epidemic was particularly virulent among children. Silvia Torres, and Casimira Camejo recall death of their daughters. Video shows witnesses giving depositions, citizens and students attending hearings, court tribunal members, Minister Dotres giving deposition.

3. [06] Announcer-read report: Commander in Chief Fidel Castro Ruz met on 20 July with Carlos Alfredo Magarinos, director general of the UN Industrial Development Organization, who states discussions broached technical cooperation issues, new cooperation accords. (covered by PA2007223299)

4. [07] Video report: Ibrahim Ferradaz, Foreign Investment and Economic Cooperation minister, and Carlos Alberto Magarinos, director general of the UN Industrial Development Organization, signed today general cooperation programs worth \$5.6 million in energy, agroindustry, environment, and competitiveness sectors. Video shows Ferradaz and Magarinos signing documents, Magarino making statements. (texting)
5. [08] Report over video: Nicaragua -- Sandinista movement regains popular support with 100,000 participants in rally marking Sandinista anniversary. Time will tell if support translates to votes. Nicaraguans are tired of hardship after nine years of neoliberal policies. Video shows Daniel Ortega participating in ceremonies, other participants in march.
6. [09] Report over video: Colombia -- Opposition legislators charge that the United States plans to intervene in Andean conflict, following Thursday, 15 July's request of \$500 million in US military aid by Defense Minister Luis Fernando Ramirez. Video shows street scenes, rural towns, troops patrolling.
7. [10] Report over video: Argentina -- Opposition alliance presidential candidate Fernando de la Rúa decries President Carlos Menem's request to join NATO. Video shows street scenes from Buenos Aires.
8. [11] Report over video: Peru -- Government presents arrested Shining Path faction leader Oscar Ramirez Duran, alias Feliciano, to the press. Video shows arrested man inside airplane.
9. [11] Report over video: Family of John F. Kennedy Jr. Acknowledge deaths in plane crash near Martha's Vineyard. Video shows search and rescue efforts.
10. [12] Video report: Dramatic depositions on dengue epidemic, deaths were heard on 20 July in Cuban lawsuit against US Government for crimes against mankind at City of Havana People's Provincial Court. Mother of victim and William Soler worker give deposition on experiences. Video shows black and white still of ill child in bed in hospital ward, mother giving deposition, witness listing number of cases, describing health personnel efforts.
11. [16] Video report: Sancti Spiritus -- Escambray Mountain Agrarian College graduates class of 23 agronomists who are vital to the area's development. Video shows graduation ceremony, graduates making statements on future plans.
12. [17] Antonio Resillez commentary -- National economy grew 6.1 percent in first half of 1999. This is not only the indicator that reflects a country's development. This 6.1 percent growth is reflected in many sectors. He lists growth in diverse sectors. How is this reflected in daily life? For example, without this growth, the economy could not have been able to underwrite increase in salaries, increase payment to agrarian producers, and social security disbursements, as well as incentive program in many sectors. Cuban people have experienced increased in

purchasing power. Power outages have diminished. (texting)

13. [21] Video report: Enrique Jose Barona Pedagogy Institute graduates 954 teachers. Video shows participants in graduation ceremony, Politburo member Jose Ramon Balaguer Cabrera in attendance, Minister of Education Luis Ignacio Gomez giving address, children performing musical number. (Politburo report) (more)

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1. MIDDLE EAST: REACTION TO BARAK VISIT
TO THE U.S. JULY 15-19

"MIDDLE EAST WELCOMES PEACE NEXT YEAR"

XU YI SAID IN OFFICIAL CHINESE YOUTH PARTY CHINA YOUTH
DAILY (ZHONGGUO QINGNIANBAO), (7/20): "ISRAELI PRIME
MINISTER BARAK'S POST-INAUGURAL ROUND OF VISITS ARE
REFRESHING, BUT THEY ALSO AROUSE DOUBTS ABOUT THE
SPECIFIC RESULTS OF THE VISITS. THE NEWS FROM THE U.S.

IS INSPIRING: U.S. AND ISRAELI LEADERS HAVE NOT ONLY ENHANCED MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, BUT ALSO MADE CONCRETE COMMITMENTS TO THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS.

"HOWEVER, THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE TALKS WILL EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE SOME PROBLEMS (INCLUDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WYE PEACE ACCORD, THE STATUS OF JERUSALEM AND JEWISH SETTLEMENTS) CANNOT BE RESOLVED EASILY."

2. CHINA-TAIWAN

"'ONE CHINA' PRINCIPLE CANNOT BE UNDERMINED"

XINHUA SAID IN OFFICIAL ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA DAILY, (7/20): "LEE TENG-HUI'S REMARKS HAVE DRIVEN CROSS-STRAITS RELATIONS, WHICH HAVE BEEN DEVELOPING SMOOTHLY IN RECENT YEARS, INTO AN UNPRECEDENTEDLY DIFFICULT SITUATION.

"FACTS PROVE THAT LEE TENG-HUI IS TRYING TO HINDER THE TREND TOWARDS THE REUNIFICATION OF THE MOTHERLAND. HIS REMARKS IN DEFIANCE OF THE 'ONE CHINA' PRINCIPLE HAVE SERIOUSLY AFFECTED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES OF THE TAIWAN STRAITS."

"SURVEY SHOWS NATIONAL INDIGNATION; LEE CONDEMNED"

XINHUA SAID IN OFFICIAL ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA DAILY, (7/20): "THE MAJORITY OF CHINESE FEEL INDIGNANT OVER LI TENG-HUI'S REMARKS THAT CROSS-STRAITS RELATIONS ARE 'STATE-TO-STATE' RELATIONS, A NATIONAL TELEPHONE POLL RELEASED OVER THE WEEKEND SAID.

"A TOTAL OF 94.7 PER CENT OF THE PEOPLE SAID THEY WERE 'SHOCKED' AND FELT 'DISGUSTED' WHEN THEY LEARNED OF LI'S REMARKS, SAYING LI'S BEHAVIOR WAS A BLATANT INFRINGEMENT OF THE 'ONE CHINA' POLICY, ACCORDING TO THE POLL (CONDUCTED BY THE SOCIAL SURVEY INSTITUTE OF CHINA).

"ABOUT 25 PER CENT OF THE RESPONDENTS SAID THEY SUSPECTED THAT LI WAS SO OVERT THIS TIME IN ADVOCATING SPLITTING CHINA'S TERRITORY AND SOVEREIGNTY BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN PROMISED POLITICAL BENEFITS FROM SOME COUNTRIES."

3. RUSSIA'S RELATIONS WITH U.S.

"FERTILIZER WAR BREAKS OUT IN THE WAKE OF STEEL BATTLE"

LIU GANG SAID IN OFFICIAL COMMUNIST PARTY PEOPLE'S DAILY (RENMIN RIBAO), (7/20): "JUST A FEW DAYS AFTER THE END OF THE U.S.-RUSSIA STEEL BATTLE, RUSSIA HAD TO FACE A FERTILIZER WAR DECLARED BY THE U.S.

"ALTHOUGH THE CHEAP RUSSIAN FERTILIZER MAY CAUSE SOME LOSSES TO SOME U.S. BUSINESSES, THE ISSUE SHOULD BE SETTLED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS INSTEAD OF THE U.S. MOVING TO INVESTIGATIONS OR SANCTIONS."

4. SOUTH ASIA: INDO-PAK TENSIONS OVER KASHMIR

"WHEN WILL INDIA ACCEPT OLIVE BRANCH?"

GUO JI SAID IN OFFICIAL BEIJING MUNICIPAL BEIJING DAILY (BEIJING RIBAO), (7/20): "BY REPEATEDLY APPEALING FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDIA TO RESOLVE THE KASHMIR ISSUE, PAKISTAN HAS ACTUALLY OFFERED AN OLIVE BRANCH TO INDIA. BUT INDIA HAS YET TO SHOW ANY WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT IT.

"ALTHOUGH INDIA HOLDS FIRM TO ITS TOUGH STANCE, IT HAS NOT COMPLETELY RULED OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS. LACK OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND PRUDENCE SHOWN BY INDIA'S CARETAKER GOVERNMENT DURING THE ELECTIONS MAY EXPLAIN WHY INDIA STILL REJECTS THE PEACE TALKS. ESSENTIALLY, NEW DELHI HAS REALIZED THAT RESUMING NEGOTIATIONS IS THE ONLY WAY TO SETTLE THE KASHMIR DISPUTES FOR GOOD... THEREFORE, IT SHOULD NOT BE LONG BEFORE INDIA ACCEPTS PAKISTAN'S OLIVE BRANCH."

"KASHMIR PEACE HOPEFUL"

QI WEN SAID IN OFFICIAL ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA DAILY, (7/20): "HOPEFULLY, INDIA AND PAKISTAN WILL CONTINUE PEACE TALKS IN ORDER TO BRING DEVELOPMENT AND STABILITY BACK TO THE SOUTH ASIAN REGION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

NOTE: MANY NEWSPAPERS TODAY CARRIED NEWS ARTICLES ABOUT JOHN F. KENNEDY JR.'S PLANE CRASH. MOST OF THE ARTICLES INCLUDED PHOTOS. TITLES INCLUDED:

A. CHINA DAILY, "JFK JR: AMERICA'S CROWN PRINCE"

B. CHINA YOUTH DAILY,
"NO HOPE FOR JR. KENNEDY RETURNING ALIVE"
"MYSTERY OF KENNEDY'S ACCIDENTAL DEATH"

C. BEIJING DAILY,
"NO HOPE FOR JR. KENNEDY RETURNING ALIVE: THE PLANE SENT EMERGENCY SIGNAL"

D. BEIJING YOUTH DAILY,
"SEARCH FRUITLESS; KENNEDY JR. RETURNING ALIVE NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE"; "KENNEDY JR. FOND OF ADVENTURE: THICK FOG AND FOOT WOUND MIGHT BE REASONS FOR AIR CRASH" BLACKBURN

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1. "DEATH AND DEMOCRACY"
THE LEAOING GLOBE AND MAIL (7/20) WROTE: "LAST NOVEMBER AN AVALANCHE SWEPT MICHEL TRUDEAU [SON OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU] INTO A LAKE. LAST WEEK JOHN KENNEDY JR., HIS WIFE AND HER SISTER DIED IN THE CRASH OF A PLANE HE WAS PILOTING. IN BOTH CASES THE DEATHS WERE NOT TREATED AS SIMPLE FAMILY TRAGEDIES BUT AS CALAMITIES OF NATIONAL - AND IN THE CASE OF MR. KENNEDY - INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE. IN A WORLD IN WHICH PEOPLE DIE EVERY DAY, THE ISSUE OF WHY THESE DEATHS BECOME NEWS SUPERNOVAE IS CONFUSING.... MOREOVER, IN AN AGE IN WHICH CELEBRITY IS A STATE OF BEING, MEOIA EXPOSURE MAKES IT SEEM AS IF WE KNEW THE DEAD MEN PERSONALLY.... BUT THERE IS SOMETHING ELSE AT WORK IN OUR COLLECTIVE FASCINATION WITH THESE DEATHS. IT USED TO BE THAT GOVERNANCE FUSED ACTION AND ORAMA.

THE LOROS AND LAOIES OF EVERY CULTURE NOT ONLY RULED, BUT THEY PERSONALLY CONDUCTED THEMSELVES IN RITUALIZED WAYS DESIGNED TO MAKE THEM APPEAR BETTER THAN COMMONERS.... WE STILL WANT NOBLES, PEOPLE WHOSE EXISTENCES ARE LARGE - BE THEY POLITICIANS OR MOVIE STARS OR HOCKEY PLAYERS. WE STILL WANT AN UNDEMOCRATIC WORLD IN WHICH THE DEATHS OF A MICHEL TRUDEAU AND JOHN KENNEDY JR. MATTER BECAUSE THE CHILDREN OF CHARISMATIC CHIEFTAINS SIMPLY MUST LIVE AND DIE IN WAYS COMMONERS DON'T. THAT'S THE TALISMANIC WORLD WE WANT, AND THAT'S THE TALISMANIC WORLD - LIBERAL DEMOCRACY BE DAMNED - WE MAKE SURE WE GET."

2. "TRAGEDY TIMES THREE"

EDITOR EMERITUS, PETER WORTHINGTON SAID IN THE CONSERVATIVE OTTAWA SUN (7/20): "WHILE ONE CAN BE SYMPATHETIC AND EMPATHIZE WITH THE FRIENDS AND RELATIVES OF JOHN KENNEDY, WE - THE PUBLIC VIA THE MEDIA - ARE IN DANGER OF MAKING HIS UNTIMELY DEATH INTO SOMETHING OF A MAUDLIN CIRCUS WHICH IT CERTAINLY ISN'T, NOR SHOULD IT BE.... YES, I, LIKE OTHERS, FEEL SADNESS THAT THIS ATTRACTIVE MAN IS DEAD. BUT IN TRUTH I FEEL INFINITELY MORE SORROW FOR HIS IN-LAWS, AND HIS WIFE AND SISTER-IN-LAW WHO DIED WITH HIM, EVEN, PERHAPS, BECAUSE OF HIM."

3. "OUR CURSE, TOO"

THE LIBERAL TORONTO STAR (7/20) OBSERVED: "THE KENNEDY FAMILY WILL GO ON. THAT IS THE WAY THEY ARE. THEY HAVE LEARNED TO DO SO FROM TRAGEDY AFTER TRAGEDY.... THE KENNEDY CURSE, IT SEEMS, IS OUR CURSE, TOO.... JOHN F. KENNEDY JR. HELD NO ORDINARY PLACE IN OUR LIVES.... PROTECTED AND NURTURED IN HIS GROWING-UP YEARS BY A WISE MOTHER, NOW ALSO GONE, HE GREW IN GRACE AND GENEROSITY AND WITH HIS MARRIAGE CAME TO EMBODY WHAT MIGHT HAVE BECOME THE BEST IN THAT LEGACY. AND NOW THAT HOPE, TOO, IS LOST. TRULY IT IS A CURSE WE SHARE."

4. "THE UNFINISHED JOURNEYS OF THE KENNEDYS, AND AMERICA"

COLUMNIST STEPHEN HANDELMAN REFLECTED IN THE LIBERAL TORONTO STAR (7/20): "IS THE FAMILY CURSED? SHOULD ANYONE CARE IF IT IS?... THE KENNEDY STORY IS A PART OF THE AMERICAN EMOTIONAL LANDSCAPE, PICKED UP BY EVERY IMMIGRANT ALMOST AS A RITE OF PASSAGE. NO ONE WANTS TO LET IT GO, EVEN AS THE KENNEDY FAMILY ITSELF HAS BEEN NOTABLY AMBIGUOUS ABOUT THE MYTH-MAKING.... THE KENNEDYS ARE WHOLLY AMERICAN IN THIS SPECIAL DICHOTOMY, OF DOING GOOD WHILE SOMETIMES OFFHANELDLY, CARELESSLY, RISKING THE WORST, AND THEY HAVE ENTERED THE DEEPEST AREA OF AMERICAN MYTH-MAKING AS A RESULT. IF THE KENNEDYS ARE CURSED, THEN SO ARE ALL AMERICANS. THE KENNEDYS ARE ALWAYS THERE, READY TO BE PULLED OUT AS SYMBOLS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS. MANY AMERICANS WHO UP TILL NOW HAVEN'T GIVEN JFK JR. A SECOND THOUGHT WERE FRANKLY SURPRISED TO FIND THEMSELVES EMOTIONALLY CAUGHT UP IN HIS DEATH."

5. "A QUIET KENNEDY"

THE CONSERVATIVE HALIFAX CHRONICLE-HERALD (7/20)

OPINED: "AMERICA HAS LOST A FAVOURITE SON. A POLITICAL DYNASTY HAS LOST A WORTHY, YET RELUCTANT TORCH-BEARER.

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AND AN ALL-AMERICAN FAMILY HAS LOST TWO BELOVED DAUGHTERS.... ALTHOUGH HE WAS A QUIET, STABLE KENNEDY, IT IS HARD NOT TO THINK OF HIM IN THE SAME LIGHT AS HIS PREDECESSORS, WHOSE DEATHS WERE FOLLOWED BY THE IMPONDERABLE QUESTION MARK OF DASHED POTENTIAL. QUESTIONS OF JUDGMENT WILL ALSO LINGER LONG AFTER JFK JR.'S DEMISE. WHY DID HE, AS A RELATIVELY INEXPERIENCEO PILOT, FLY OUT AT NIGHT OVER OPEN WATER IN HAZY CONDITIONS, WITH A BARELY HEALED BROKEN FOOT AND NO LIFE PRESERVERS? THE ANSWERS MAY NEVER BE KNOWN. SPECULATION WILL BECOME THE SUBSTITUTE FOR FACT, AS IT HAS WITH SO MANY KENNEDY TRAGEDIES. THE SIMPLEST ANSWER MAY BE THAT TEMPTING FATE IS IN THE KENNEDY GENES. DANGER ACTS AS BOTH THE WIND BENEATH THEIR WINGS AND AS THE SUDOEN GUST THAT KNOCKS THEM OOWN. NO ONE SOARS AS BEAUTIFULLY OR PLUMMETS AS DRAMATICALLY AS THEY OO. IN THAT SENSE, JFK JR. WAS HIS FATHER'S SON."

6. "TWO FORWARD, ONE BACK, IN NORTHERN IRELAND"

THE CONSERVATIVE HALIFAX CHRONICLE-HERALO (7/20)

COMMENTEO: "AFTER WEEKS OF FALSE OADLINES AND FAILEO NEGOTIATIONS, AIJ, PLAYEO OUT AGAINST THE BOILING BACKDROP OF THE ANNUAL ORANGEMEN'S MARCHES TO MARK AN ANCIENT WAR VICTORY OVER THE CATHOLIC MINORITY, THE STALEMATE HAS PRECIPITATED A RETREAT TO LONDON. IT IS THERE, TODAY, THAT THE PRIME MINISTERS OF BRITAIN AND IRELANO, RESPECTIVELY TONY BLAIR AND BERTIE AHERN, WILL ATTEMPT TO ENTICE FORMER UNITED STATES SENATOR GEORGE MITCHELL BACK TO THE TABLE. MR. MITCHELL, DESCRIBED AS A SKILLED NEGOTIATOR WITH A GREAT ABILITY TO REDUCE TENSIONS TO A SIMMER, WAS A CRITICAL COMPONENT IN THE GOOO FRIDAY AGREEMENT. HE WILL NEED ALL OF HIS NEGOTIATING SKILLS TO DRAW THE TWO FEUOING SIOES BACK TO THE TABLE AND, HOPEFULLY, INTO AN EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT. FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, IT MUST BE THE HONEST WILL OF BOTH PARTIES. AND QUESTIONS REMAIN OVER WHETHER THAT WILI,EVEN EXISTS.... IT IS THIS ATMOSPHERE OF MISTRUST AND ILL WILL INTO WHICH MR. MITCHELL WILL STEP, IF HE STEPS AT ALL. THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE IS THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE ASSEMBLY BEING CREATED LAST YEAR A LANDMARK ACCOMPLISHMENT IN ITSELF, THE FEUOING

SECTARIANS GET TO HURL THEIR INSULTS FACE-TO-FACE
ACROSS THE CHAMBER FLOOR. THE FACT THAT THEY ARE EVEN
IN THE SAME ROOM MUST BE VIEWED AS TREMENDOUS PROGRESS.
HOPEFULLY, THIS REFLECTS A TREND THAT WILL CONTINUE AS
THE WAR ONCE DOMINATED BY GUNS AND BOMBS BECOMES A WAR
OF WORDS IN AN ELECTED ASSEMBLY."
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SUBJECT: LETTER TO PRESIDENT CLINTON FROM PRESIDENT
MULUZI

1. ON JULY 20, WE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING FAX FROM THE
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI, BAKILI MULUZI, TO
PRESIDENT CLINTON.

BEGIN QUOTE:

H.E. PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, O.C.

MALAWI EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
LILONGWE 3

I HAVE LEARNT WITH GREAT SHOCK AND DEEP SORROW OF FRIDAY
NIGHT'S, 16TH JULY, 1999 TRAGEDY IN WHICH THE PIPER 32
SARATOGA PLANE WHICH HAS CARRYING JOHN F. KENNEDY JR.,
HIS WIFE, CAROLYN BESSETTE KENNEDY AND HER SISTER LAUREN
BESSETTE DISAPPEARED OFF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN COAST, AND
THAT THE THREE ARE MISSING AND FEARED DEAD.

ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC
OF MALAWI, AND INDEED ON MY OWN PERSONAL BEHALF, I
SOLEMNLY WISH TO CONVEY TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AS WELL AS TO

THE KENNEDY FAMILY, AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA OUR MOST SINCERE CONDOLENCES.

MAY GOD SUSTAIN YOUR EXCELLENCY AND MEMBERS OF THE
BEREAVED FAMILY DURING THIS TIME OF GRIEF.

BAKILI MULUZI
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI

END QUOTE

2. THE AMBASSADOR MET WITH PRESIDENT MULUZI THE
AFTERNOON OF JULY 20. THE PRESIDENT OPENED THE MEETING
BY EXPRESSING HIS CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF JOHN F.
KENNEDY, JR., HIS WIFE AND HER SISTER.

SHIPPY

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1. "SIMPLY SAD"
QUEBEC'S ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILY, THE GAZETTE (7/20)
WROTE: "IT WAS WITH A SENSE OF HAUNTING SADNESS THAT
PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD LEARNED OF THE DEATHS OF JOHN
F. KENNEDY JR., HIS WIFE, CAROLYN, AND HER SISTER
LAUREN BESSETTE. PEOPLE FOR WHOM IT IS A MATTER OF
COMPLETE INDIFFERENCE AND PRACTICAL INCONSEQUENCE
WHETHER ANOTHER KENNEDY RUNS FOR THE WHITE HOUSE, OR
THE SENATE OR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, MOURNED THE
LOSS OF THE SCION OF THE FABLED KENNEDY CLAN AND HIS
BEAUTIFUL WIFE AND HER SISTER. IT IS POSSIBLE TO BE
AWARE OF HOW KENNEDY FAMILY MEMBERS USES MYTH-MAKING
FOR THEIR OWN POLITICAL ADVANCEMENT AND STILL REMAIN
TRANSFIXED BY WHAT SEEMS A TRAGEDY OF TRULY MYTHIC
PROPORTIONS.... LIKE MANY SONS OF FAMOUS FATHERS, MR.
KENNEDY HAD HAD TO SEARCH HARD FOR HIS PLACE IN THE

WORLD. AS BLESSED AS HE WAS WITH GOOD LOOKS, GREAT WEALTH AND A NAME THAT OPENED EVERY DOOR, THE BURDEN OF EXPECTATION FOR HIM MUST HAVE BEEN CRIPPLING. THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY WAS FOREVER STANDING IN THE WINGS, WILLING HIM TO FOLLOW IN HIS FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS AND RECREATE CAMELOT, OBLIVIOUS TO HOW TARNISHED ITS IMAGE HAS BECOME OVER TIME.... THE FIERCE, ALMOST HOSTILE, DESIRE ON THE PART OF MANY TO EXPLAIN THE KENNEDYS AS A GREEK TRAGEDY FAILS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE COMPLEXITY THAT LIES WITHIN THEM, AND WITHIN US ALL. THREE YOUNG PEOPLE DIED EARLY, ROBBING THEIR FAMILIES AND THE WORLD OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS. IT IS NOT A MYTHIC TALE. IT IS SIMPLY SAD."

2. "INNOCENCE LOST"

UNDER THE SUB-HEADING, "LONG AFTER POWER FADEO, 'CAMELOT' CLUNG TO KENNEDY CLAN," THE RIGHT-OF-CENTER CALGARY HERALD (7/20) OPINED: "[M]UCH OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY LEGEND - THEN AND NOW - IS AS MUCH A MYTHIC FICTION AS MAGICAL TALES OF ANCIENT KNIGHTS AND WIZARDS. YET IT IS A FANTASY THAT THE UNITED STATES PUBLIC HOLDS TO STUBBORNLY, IGNORING OR RATIONALIZING EVIDENCE OF THEIR SO-CALLED ROYAL FAMILY'S MORTAL FOIBLES. MORE THAN THREE DECADES AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT, WHO WAS CREDITED WITH GIVING A NATION HOPE, THE U.S. PSYCHE IS STILL INEXORABLY INTERTWINED WITH THE FORTUNES OF THE KENNEDY CLAN. HOW ELSE TO EXPLAIN THE DEEP, PUBLIC ANGUISH OVER THE PLANE CRASH THIS PAST WEEKEND INVOLVING JOHN F. KENNEDY JR., HIS WIFE, CAROLYN BESSETTE KENNEDY, AND HER SISTER LAUREN BESSETTE? JFK JR. WAS NOT A WORLD LEADER. HE WORKED TIRELESSLY FOR MANY CAUSES, BUT HIS LATEST PASSION WAS AS THE EDITOR OF A MODERATELY SUCCESSFUL MAGAZINE. HE WAS BEAUTIFUL, DASHING AND GLAMOROUS, BUT BY NO MEANS A GREAT INFLUENCE ON THE TIMES. HE WAS NOT A MASTER OF MAKING MONEY, AS WAS HIS GRANDFATHER JOSEPH, NOR A MASTER OF POLITICS, AS WERE HIS FATHER AND UNCLES. HIS CLAIM TO FAME WAS CELEBRITY. KENNEDY ALSO REPRESENTED THE LINGERING HOPE OF A RETURN TO A TIME REMEMBERED AS A MAGIC MOMENT OF IDEALISM, POSSIBILITY AND SUCCESS.... JFK JR. HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO BE AN ICON FOR THE FUTURE, A SYMBOL OF AN ANCIENT LEGEND'S 'ONE BRIEF MOMENT OF SHINING LIGHT' THAT A NATION REFUSED TO SHED. WITH HIS FATHER'S DEATH, THE U.S. LOST ITS INNOCENCE. WITH JOHN F. KENNEDY JR.'S DEATH, IT HAS LOST ITS DREAM TO RECAPTURE THAT INNOCENCE."

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[FBIS Log]

1. [00] Headlines.

2. [01] Video report: After 12 days of hearings, the Cuban lawsuit against US Government for crimes against mankind begins sentencing phase. Court has eight days to issue ruling. Arguments leave no room for doubt of US culpability in efforts to destroy the Revolution. Video shows lawyers making statements at City of Havana People's Provincial Court.

3. [06] Report over video: Two events will mark the 46th Moncada anniversary. One ceremony will be held in Cienfuegos on 26 July at 2300 GMT, and the other one, in Matanzas on 2 August at 0000 GMT. Revolution leaders [not further details] will address the two ceremonies. Video shows street scenes from the two cities.

4. [07] Announcer-read report: Cuban Television and Radio networks, as well as Havana Radio Havana Cuba, will broadcast the two Moncada anniversary ceremonies on 26 July and 2 August.

5. [08] Video report: Cienfuegos -- Street lights system restored. Locals praise change in nighttime outlook, improved city life. Video shows rows of street lights, citizens making statements, street scenes from Cienfuegos.

6. [09] Video report: Matanzas -- Third deep-water port for oil tankers nearing completion. Port will speed up shipment of fuel. Video shows workers building structures, officials making statements. (texting)

7. [10] Report over video: Colombia -- FARC rebels call for

clearer rules to negotiate peace, rejects threat of US intervention. Video shows troops in rural towns.

8. [11] Announcer-read report: Argentina -- Thousands of farmers gather at May Square following protest against the government for failing to take positive economic measures; farmers decry large agrarian exodus.

9. [12] Report over video: Bodies of John F. Kennedy Jr. , his wife and sister-in-law, Caroline and Lauren Bessette, found by divers off the coast of Martha's Vineyard. Video shows coast Guard vessel at sea.

10. [12] Announcer-read report: El Salvador -- President Francisco Flores faces growing strikes from diverse labor sectors.

11. [12] Report over video: Ecuador -- Socialist Christian Party denounce President Jamil Mahuad's economic policies. Video shows street scenes.

12. [13] Video report: Leaders of mass organizations attended hearings of Cuban lawsuit against US Government for crimes against mankind held at City of Havana People's Provincial Court. Vilma Espin, Federation of Cuban Women president, stresses impact of hearings, pain and suffering of victims, importance as record for the future. Pedro Ross Leal, Cuban Workers Federation secretary general, stresses political value and strength of evidence. Jose Marti Pioneers Organization president stresses hearings' importance to strengthen pioneers' knowledge, value as living history. Video shows officials making statements for reporters. (texting)

13. [16] Video report: Council of State issues Decree-Law 194 on infringements on possession of vessels, giving port officials authority to sanction violators as result of recurring violations involving vessels used for illegal activities, illegal departures. Video shows article published in Granma newspaper, White House facade, boats at sea. (doing from Granma)

14. [25] Sports.

15. [30] Video report: Sancti Spiritus -- More than 200 students graduate from Medical Sciences College as doctors and dentists. Video shows graduation ceremony, valedictorian making statements on prospects, goals.

16. [31] Video report: 100th anniversary of Ernest Hemmingway's birthday observed on 21 July. Video shows black and white stills of Hemmingway, museum visitors, participants in award ceremony.

17. [32] Announcer-read report: Havana -- Malecon Boulevard ready for 1999 carnival from 23 July to 15 August. National Revolutionary Police reminds participants that weapons, knives are prohibited, must carry identification papers, and drivers must refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages. Several streets will be closed off.
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EDITORIALS

1. NEED FOR SELF-REGULATION ON KOSDAQ (MAEIL KYONGJE SINMUN 7/22; FULL)
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THE HEATED STOCK MARKET IS GOING THROUGH AN ADJUSTMENT. THE KOSDAQ MARKET IS HEATING UP WITHOUT LETUP. INDIVIDUALS RUSHING IN, THINKING THAT THEY CAN SCOOP UP BIG PROFITS.

THE FLOW OF FUNDS INTO THE KOSDAQ MARKET IS DESIRABLE.
VENTURE COMPANIES CAN RAISE FUNDS THERE WITH RELATIVE EASE.
THE MARKET NEEDS TO BE DEVELOPED AS A BASE FOR INCUBATION OF
VENTURE ENTERPRISES.

IN THE U.S., NASDAQ IS A MAJOR SOURCE OF VENTURE CAPITAL FOR
INDUSTRIES, RIVALING NYSE.

MICROSOFT AND INTEL HAVE ALREADY GROWN INTO WORLD-DOMINATING
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COMANIES. STILL, THEY REMAIN AT NASDAQ TO RETAIN THEIR
IMAGE AS VENTURE ENTERPRISES.

IF THE KSDAQ IS TO DEVELOP SOUNDLY AND HEALTHILY, MUCH NEEDS TO BE DONE. NEC
NEEDS TO BE SUFFICIENT AND TIMELY.

TO BUILD PUBLIC CONFIDENCE, THERE SHOULD BE CONTINUOUS
EFFORT TO SHOW THAT COMPETITION AT THE MARKET IS FAIR AND
TRANSPARENT.

THE OFFICE OF BANK SUPERVISION AND THE ASSOCIATION OF
SECURITIES HOUSES ARE NOW STUDYING A MEASURE TO PREVENT
IRREGULARITIES AT KOSDAQ.

SOME COMPANIES INCREASE CAPITAL THROUGH EXCESSIVE RE-
CAPITALIZATION BEFORE GOING TO THE MARKET, GIVING
PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO CERTAIN PEOPLE.

CONTROL OF EXCESSIVE CAPITAL INCREASES THROUGH BOND ISSUANCE
IS SAID TO BE INCLUDED IN A SET OF REGULATORY MEASURES NOW
UNDER STUDY.

ANY DRASTIC RE-CAPITALIZATION PRIOR TO REGISTRATION WITH
KOSDAQ MARKET NEEDS TO BE REGULATED OTHERWISE INVESTORS
CAN'T MAKE SOUND JUDGMENTS.

POLICYMAKERS, HOWEVER, SHOULD NOT OVERLOOK THE FACT THAT THE
KOSDAQ SHOULD BE DIFFERENT FROM THE STOCK MARKET IN TERMS OF
REGULATIONS.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESS FIRMS TO BE LISTED AT KOSDAQ
SHOULD BE MADE EASIER THAN AT THE STOCK MARKET.

REGULATING THE KOSDAQ SHOULD BE BASED ON ESTABLISHING MARKET
PRINCIPLES AND INCREASING TRANSPARENCY. IF REGULATIONS ARE
STRENGTHENED, THE REASON FOR THE EXISTENCE OF THE MARKET

WILL LOSE LUSTER.

INVESTMENTS IN VENTURE INDUSTRIES ARE INEVITABLY RISKY. THE RISK HAS TO BE BORNE BY INVESTORS THEMSELVES. THERE IS NO NEED FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE IT UPON ITSELF.

IF THERE IS A NEED FOR REGULATION, IT HAD BETTER LEAVE THE JOB TO THE ASSOCIATION OF SECURITIES HOUSES. SELF-REGULATION IS BETTER THAN GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION.

CONTINUOUS EFFORTS SHOULD BE EXERTED FOR THE OPEN SUPPLY OF INFORMATION SO THAT INVESTORS CAN MAKE SOUND JUDGMENTS.

ALL THINGS AT THE MARKET NEED TO BE DONE IN A FAIR AND TRANSPARENT MANNER SO THAT IT CAN DEVELOP IN A WAY HOPED FOR BY THE GOVERNMENT AND INVESTORS.

2. CREATION OF NEW POLITICAL PARTY STILL UNDERWAY (TONGA ILBO 7/22; SUMMARY)

A CONTROVERSY OVER THE MERGER OF THE NCNP AND THE ULD WAS ALLEVIATED WHEN PRIME MINISTER KIM JONG-PIL DENIED IT IN A PRESS CONFERENCE ON JULY 21.

PRIME MINISTER KIM SAID THAT THEY HAD AGREED TO "GIVE UP AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION FOR A CABINET SYSTEM WITHIN THIS YEAR AND ALSO NOT TO MERGE THE TWO COALITION RULING PARTIES."

THE PRIME MINISTER MADE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWING A BREAKFAST MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KIM DAE-JUNG AND ULD PRESIDENT PARK TAE-JOON AT THE BLUE HOUSE.

HOWEVER, THE FUTURE POLITICAL TIMETABLE REMAINS UNCERTAIN. THE PRIME MINISTER THREATENED TO RESIGN OUT OF HIS DISSATISFACTION OVER A DEBATE WITH REGARD TO THE MERGER OF THE TWO COALITION RULING PARTIES.

THIS HAPPENING HAS LEFT AN INCURABLE SCAR ON THE TRUST OF A POLITICAL LEADER.

IN COMPARING THE STATEMENTS ISSUED BY PRIME MINISTER KIM AND UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 10 SEOUL 004091

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THE BLUE HOUSE FOLLOWING THE BREAKFAST MEETING, THERE ARE SOME UNCLEAR POINTS.

PRIME MINISTER KIM EXPRESSLY STATED THAT "THE MERGER WILL BE ELIMINATED." THE BLUE HOUSE REVEALED THAT THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER ABOUT THE MERGER OR THE CREATION OF A NEW PARTY.

THE BLUE HOUSE SAID THAT AN EIGHT-MEMBER COMMITTEE OF THE TWO COALITION RULING PARTNERS WILL LAUNCH CONSULTATIONS ABOUT PENDING ISSUES SUCH AS POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT. THIS IS SOMETHING DIFFERENT FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION ISSUE NOR WOULD THERE BE A MERGER OF THE TWO COALITION RULING PARTIES WITHIN THE YEAR.

THIS IS SO BECAUSE THESE TWO ISSUES HAVE, THUS FAR, CAUSED CONFUSION IN THE MANAGEMENT OF STATE ADMINISTRATION, ACCORDING TO THEM.

HOWEVER, THEIR ANNOUNCEMENTS MAY BE CONSTRUED AS INDICATING THAT THE TWO COALITION RULING PARTIES WILL CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS AIMED AT RESTRUCTURING THE FRAMEWORK OF POLITICAL CIRCLES.

THEREFORE, IT BEHOOVES THE TWO COALITION RULING PARTIES TO MAKE PUBLIC THEIR CLEAR-CUT POLITICAL SCHEDULE AND THE IDEAS REGARDING POLITICAL REALIGNMENT IN DETAIL.

SECONDLY, WE ARE COMPELLED TO POINT OUT THAT PRIME MINISTER KIM'S CONFIRMATION OF THE DEFERMENT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT HAS MADE THE PEOPLE BECOME MORE DISTRUSTFUL OF PROMISES MADE BY POLITICAL LEADERS.

IN THE PRESS MEETING, THE PRIME MINISTER EXPLAINED THE REASONS FOR THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL REWRITING FOR THE CABINET SYSTEM.

THEY INCLUDE ECONOMIC RECOVERY, THE NORTH-SOUTH KOREA ISSUE, AND THE SHORTAGE OF COALITION RULING PARTY LAWMAKERS TO PUSH THE CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION BILL THROUGH THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

HIS EXPLANATION IS NOT CONVINCING IN AN NUMBER OF RESPECTS.

THE ECONOMIC SITUATION WAS WORSE THAN NOW WHEN THEY PLEDGED TO CHANGE THE CONSTITUTION FOR THE CABINET SYSTEM. THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RULING CAMP HAVE SAID THAT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS ARE IMPROVING.

THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN INTER-KOREAN PROBLEMS AND THE NUMBER OF PARLIAMENTARY SEATS HELD BY THE TWO COALITION RULING PARTIES SINCE THEN (THE 1997 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.)

DESPITE THIS FACT THE TWO COALITION RULING PARTY LEADERS HAVE THROWN THEIR PUBLIC COMMITMENT AWAY JUST LIKE AN OLD SHOE. WASN'T THEIR PLEDGE AN EMPTY SLOGAN AND WEREN'T THE PEOPLE DECEIVED BY THEIR EMPTY PROMISES IN THE FIRST PLACE?

THIRDLY, THE PRIME MINISTER UTTERED A REMARK AT HIS PARTY CAUCUS THREATENING TO RESIGN HIS POST, BUT STEALTHILY RETRACTED HIS STATEMENT. HIS ACTION WAS EXTREMELY IRRESPONSIBLE AND RECKLESS.

IT IS REALLY UNREASONABLE AND PREPOSTEROUS FOR THE LEADER OF ONE OF THE TWO COALITION RULING PARTIES AND THE PRIME MINISTER TO BETRAY HIS EMOTIONS BEFORE THE PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC MEETING.

THOSE POLITICAL LEADERS NEED TO BE VERY PRUDENT IN THEIR WORDS AND DEEDS. AND THEY SHOULD TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHATEVER CONSEQUENCES THAT MAY ARISE FROM THEM.

THIS WILL BE THE ONLY WAY FOR THEM TO ENJOY THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE.

3. WHO HAS MISLED THE PEOPLE? (CHOSON ILBO 7/22; SUMMARY)
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THIS COUNTRY IS NOT THE KIMS' COUNTRY, BUT RATHER, THE PEOPLE'S COUNTRY.

DESPITE THIS FACT, CORE FIGURES OF THE RULING CAMP'S RECENT UGLY AND DISTURBING SCENES WITH REGARD TO "THE CABINET SYSTEM" AND "THE CREATION OF A NEW PARTY" HAVE CAUSED US TO, IN DEED, QUESTION TO WHOM THIS COUNTRY BELONGS.

THE BOSSES OF THE TW COALITION RULING PARTIES HAVE UTTERED THE CRY RESPECTABLE AND BELOVED PEOPLE" WHENEVER THEY HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

BUT, THEY HAVE TOTALLY FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHEN IT COMES TO DISCUSSING THE ISSUE OF SHARING POWER.

PRESIDENT DAE-JUNG, PRIME MINISTER KIM JONG-PIL, AND ULTIMATELY PRESIDENT PARK TAE-JOON CLANDESTINELY DEALT WITH MATTERS RELATED TO A CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION FOR A CABINET SYSTEM AND THE CREATION OF A NEW PARTY.

HOWEVER, THE THREE PEOPLE ONCE AGAIN WRAPPED THESE ISSUES IN A VEIL FOLLOWING THEIR MEETING ON JULY 21.

WHAT MAKES THE PEOPLE MOST PERPLEXED IS PRIME MINISTER KIM'S AMBIGUOUS REMARK THAT "THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE CABINET SYSTEM ISSUE WILL BE STOPPED WITHIN THE YEAR." WE CAN'T MAKE ANY

SENSE OUT OF IT.

MOREOVER, WHAT CONFUSES US IS WHETHER THE PRIME MINISTER MEANT TO SAY THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE FOR THE CABINET SYSTEM WOULD BE PUSHED FORWARD AFTER NEXT YEAR'S PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. OR, WAS HE JUST PLAYING UPON WORDS?

ULD PRESIDENT PARK ELABORATED THAT, "PRIME MINISTER KIM DOES NOT OPPOSE THE MERGER OF THE TWO COALITION RULING PARTIES, BUT HE HAS NOT YET REACHED A CONCLUSION ON THIS KNOTTY PROBLEM."

IT IS ALSO QUESTIONABLE WHETHER THE PRIME MINISTER WILL MERGE HIS PARTY WITH THE NCNP PERMANENTLY OR HE WILL DO IT AT ANY TIME IF HIS PRACTICAL INTERESTS, SUCH AS GIVING HIM A GREATER SHARE IN POWER, ARE ENSURED.

PRIME MINISTER KIM ARGUED THAT "VARIOUS, UNFOUNDED RUMORS ABOUT THE MERGER OF THE TWO COALITION RULING PARTIES HAVE MISLED THE GENERAL PUBLIC."

WHO ON EARTH HAS MISLED THE PUBLIC? IT IS THE PRIME MINISTER WHO HAS MISLED THE PEOPLE BECAUSE OF HIS WAVERING ATTITUDE AND EQUIVOCAL REMARKS.

MOREOVER, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID, "I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO PROPERLY CARRY OUT MY DUTIES AS THE PRIME MINISTER BECAUSE OF NUMEROUS RUMORS THAT HAVE NO FACTUAL GROUND."

THE PEOPLE ENTRUSTED THE COALITION RULING PARTIES TO THE TASK OF TAKING CARE OF POLITICS IN THE BELIEF THAT ALL CAMPAIGN COMMITMENTS WOULD BE FULFILLED AS PROMISED. THIS WAS A SORT OF CONTRACT MADE BETWEEN THE PEOPLE AND THE TWO COALITION RULING PARTIES.

THE TWO COALITION RULING PARTIES NEED TO SEEK AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE PEOPLE IF SOME CHANGE IN THEIR POLITICAL SCHEDULE IS DICTATED BY NECESSITY.

NOTWITHSTANDING THIS FACT, THEY HAVE NOT DONE SO NOT ONLY TO THE PEOPLE, BUT ALSO TO THEIR OWN PARTY MEMBERS. IN OTHER WORD, BOSS POLITICS IS STILL RAMPANT IN OUR COUNTRY.

FEATURES

4. "SOUTH KOREA NEEDS TO HURRY TO CONCLUDE INVESTMENT ACCORD WITH U.S." (KUKMIN ILBO 7/22; FULL)

(BY REPORTER SONG SE-YOUNG)

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AMCHAM CHAIRMAN JEFFREY JONES IS ONE AMERICAN WHO UNDERSTANDS KOREA WELL. HAVING LIVED IN KOREA FOR ABOUT 20 YEARS, HE COMMANDS GOOD KOREAN AND LOVES THINGS KOREAN.

HE WORKS AS A LAWYER FOR KIM & CHANG LAW FIRM. SINCE HIS ELECTION TO AMCHAM CHAIRMAN IN AUGUST LAST YEAR, HE HAS APPROACHED PENDING TRADE ISSUES BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS WITH A FRESH VIEW. THIS DRAWS SPECIAL ATTENTION.

FOR INSTANCE, HE SAID THE REASON FOR THE SLOW SALE OF U.S. CARS IN SOUTH KOREA IS NOT THE CUSTOMS BARRIERS AND THE NATIONALISTIC FERVOR OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE ALONE.

HE SAID, "U.S. CAR MAKERS FAILED IN THEIR MARKETING STRATEGY. THEY TRIED TO SELL PLUSH CARS, NOT ECONOMY CARS. THEY BLAME THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT. THIS APPROACH DOES NOT SERVE AT FINDING A SOLUTION."

RECENTLY, HE MADE THIS POINT TO U.S. AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS ONLY TO WIN THE LABEL THAT HE IS A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOUTH KOREAN CAR MANUFACTURERS.

HE GIVES HIGH MARKS TO GOVERNMENT EFFORTS FOR RESTRUCTURING THE ECONOMY. RESTRUCTURING IN BANKING HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL. RESTRUCTURING OF BUSINESS CONCERNS IS ENTERING ITS FINAL STAGE. BARRIERS TO FOREIGN INVESTMENTS HAVE ALMOST BEEN REMOVED.

WHAT'S LEFT TO BE DONE IS AN EARLY CONCLUSION TO THE INVESTMENT ACCORD BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A FREE TRADE ZONE, HE SAID.

HE VISITED WASHINGTON LAST MONTH LEADING AN AMCHAM DELEGATION AIMED AT RECOMMENDING THE CONCLUSION OF A FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH KOREA.

THE AGREEMENT WILL BENEFIT BOTH THE U.S. AND SOUTH KOREA. IT WILL PROVIDE SOUTH KOREA WITH MORE ACCESS TO THE MASSIVE U.S. MARKET AND TO OTHER NORTH AMERICAN NATIONS FROM THERE.

AND, THE U.S. WILL BE ABLE TO USE SOUTH KOREA AS A BASE FOR AN ADVANCE INTO THE NORTHEAST ASIAN MARKET, HE SAID.

THE REACTION FROM THE WHITE HOUSE, COMMERCE DEPARTMENT, AND USTR WAS POSITIVE. AND THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PLEDGED SUPPORT FOR JONES' RECOMMENDATION.

FOR THE CONCLUSION OF THE FREE TRADE ACCORD, THE ON-GOING NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN INVESTMENT AGREEMENT NEED TO BE RUSHED THROUGH, HE SAID.

OUT OF THIS CREDO, THE AMCHAM SENT A LETTER TO THE MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA ASKING FOR SEPARATION OF SOUTH KOREA'S SCREEN QUOTA SYSTEM FROM THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN INVESTMENT ACCORD. THE SYSTEM IS GETTING IN THE WAY OF THE TALKS.

ONCE AN INVESTMENT ACCORD IS CONCLUDED, VARIOUS PENDING ISSUES, INCLUDING VISA PROBLEMS FOR KOREANS, CAN BE SOLVED WITH EASE. IT WILL ALSO INDUCE MASSIVE INVESTMENTS FROM THE U.S.

UNDER THE WTO SYSTEM, SOUTH KOREA NEEDS TO ENTER INTO FREE TRADE, OPENING THEIR MARKETS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IF SHE IS TO PROSPER.

5. SOUTH KOREA SHOULD SAY "NO" WHEN NECESSARY (KUKMIN ILBO 7/22; FULL)

(BY KIM SANG-ON, EDITORIAL WRITER)

IN STUFFY AND SWELTERING WEATHER, A LOT OF DISGRACEFUL INCIDENTS BREAK OUT ONE AFTER ANOTHER. THIS ADDS TO THE DISCOMFORT OF THE PEOPLE.

THEY INCLUDE THE ARREST OF KYONGGI GOVERNOR IM CHANG-YEUL AND HIS WIFE, THE ARREST OF FUGITIVE JAIL BREAKER SHIN CHANG-WON, THE SHELING OF A PLAN TO INTRODUCE THE CABINET SYSTEM, UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 10 SEOUL 004091

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AND A PLAN TO FOUND A NEW POLITICAL PARTY.

THE REAL ISSUE FOR NOW IS THE NORTH KOREAN PLAN FOR A MISSILE TEST. HOWEVER, IT HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN ADEQUATE ATTENTION AND CONCERN FROM THE PEOPLE PROBABLY BECAUSE THEY ARE NOW UNDER THE SWAY OF A STRING OF UNSAVORY INCIDENTS.

THE WORLD IS NOW BRACING FOR A MISSILE TEST WHILE KEEPING TABS ON NORTH KOREA. THE U.S. AND JAPAN ARE VERY MUCH CONCERNED. THE FAR-OFF EU IS NO EXCEPTION.

FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE EU RELEASED A STATEMENT ON JULY 19 ASKING NORTH KOREA TO STOP THE TEST AS WELL AS THE EXPORT OF MISSILES AND RELATED TECHNOLOGY.

INTERNATIONAL OPINION IS HIGH AND STRONG AGAINST NORTH KOREA, WHICH CAN BE IN PART THANKS TO OUR DIPLOMATIC

EFFORTS. BUT IS IT RIGHT FOR US TO SIT BACK AND RELISH THIS SEEMING DIPLOMATIC FEAT?

THE POSITION OF CHINA, WHICH IS THE ONLY NATION HAVING SOME LEVERAGE OVER NORTH KOREA IS DOUBTFUL. GIVEN THIS, WE NEED NOT OVERLY EXPECT THAT NORTH KOREA MAY CHANGE BECAUSE OF INTERNATIONAL OPINION.

CHINA RECENTLY SHOWED SIGNS OF EXERCISING INFLUENCE OVER NORTH KOREA BECAUSE A MISSILE TEST COULD CAUSE JAPAN TO BEEF UP ITS MILITARY STRENGTH AS WELL AS FIRING UP A DEFENSE ALLIANCE WITH THE U.S.

IN THE NICK OF TIME, A U.S. DAILY REPORTED THAT CHINA SUPPLIED MISSILE PARTS AND TECHNOLOGY TO NORTH KOREA. UPON THIS, THE U.S. SAID THERE WOULD BE A CLOSE FACT-FINDING INVESTIGATION.

AS A RESULT, SINO-U.S. RELATIONS, WHICH ARE ALREADY SOUR, ARE TO BE AGGRAVATED. THIS SITUATION TELLS US NOT TO EXPECT TOO MUCH FROM CHINA.

THEN, WHAT IS LEFT FOR SOUTH KOREA TO DO? IT IS TO TRANSLATE INTO ACTION A SERIES OF SANCTIONS WHICH SOUTH KOREA, THE U.S. AND JAPAN HAVE LONG THREATENED.

THEY INCLUDE SUSPENSION OF SOUTH KOREA'S ECONOMIC AID, INCLUDING MT. KUMGANG TOURISM, THE U.S. SUPPLY OF GRAINS, REMITTANCE FROM JAPAN, FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN JAPAN AND NORTH KOREA, AND JAPAN'S WITHDRAWAL OF A \$1 BILLION PLEDGE FOR A REACTOR PROJECT.

THE PROBLEM IS WHETHER THESE SANCTIONS CAN EVER BRING ABOUT DESIRED RESULTS. THE SANCTIONS CAN DEAL A DEAR BLOW TO NORTH KOREA. BUT, REGRETFULLY, THEY WON'T BE A SURE SOLUTION TO THE NORTH KOREAN MISSILE ISSUE, ACCORDING TO VARIOUS EXPERTS' VIEWS.

NOW, NORTH KOREA HAS BEEN DRIVEN TO A CORNER WHERE THERE IS NO WAY OUT EXCEPT FOR USING THE MISSILE AS BLACKMAIL.

BUT THIS DOES NOT ALLOW FOR A MILITARY OPTION. U.S. DEFENSE SECRETARY WILLIAM COHEN IS TO VISIT TOKYO AND SEOUL. IT IS SAID THAT HE WILL DISCUSS POSSIBLE MILITARY COUNTERMEASURES.

THE MISSILE ISSUE HAS BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL ISSUE. STILL, THE NORTH KOREAN MISSILE IS BASICALLY TARGETED AT SOUTH KOREA, A POINT THAT CANNOT BE FORGOTTEN.

THE ESSENCE OF THE MISSILE ISSUE IS THAT NORTH KOREA IS GAMBLING WITH THE U.S. WHILE HOLDING SOUTH KOREA HOSTAGE.

THERE IS AN EFFECTIVE CARD AGAINST THE GAMBLE. IT IS TO LET SOUTH KOREA DEVELOP MISSILES. HOWEVER, THE U.S. IS TENACIOUSLY RESTRICTING THE USE OF THIS EFFECTIVE CARD.

AS LONG AS THE U.S. ADHERES TO THE POLICY, IT WILL NOT WIN THE GAMBLE WITH NORTH KOREA. THE GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO

CLEARLY GET THIS POINT ACROSS TO THE U.S.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR SOUTH KOREA TO SPEAK UP AGAINST THE
NORTH KOREAN SURVIVAL GAME.

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OF COURSE, THERE IS A VOICE THAT SAYS IT WILL ONLY GIVE RISE
TO AN ARMS RACE BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA. HOWEVER,
SOUTH KOREA NEEDS TO HAVE ITS VOICE HEARD MORE LOUDLY IN THE
POLICYMAKING PROCESS IN THE U.S.

SOUTH KOREA NEEDS TO SAY "NO" TO THE U.S., WHEN IT IS
NECESSARY. FOR INSTANCE, SOUTH KOREA IS TRYING TO SUBSCRIBE
TO THE MISSILE TECHNOLOGY CONTROL REGIME WHICH SAYS THAT SHE
WILL BE FREE TO DEVELOP MISSILES, AS LONG AS THEIR RANGE IS
LESS THAN 300 KILOMETERS.

IN A SUMMIT WITH PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON ON JULY 2, PRESIDENT
KIM DAE-JUNG LET ON HIS INTENT TO DEVELOP A MISSILE WITH A
RANGE OF UP TO 500 KILOMETERS. THE U.S. RESPONSE WAS AS
GOOD AS "NO."

SOME SAY PRESIDENT KIM MADE THE SUGGESTION AS A TACTICAL WAY
OF GETTING A SEAT AT THE MCTR. IF THERE IS A NEED, MISSILE
DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE PURSUED OUTSIDE THE MCTR.

SOUTH KOREA CAN DEVELOP MISSILES AS NORTH KOREA DID. IN
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, NATIONAL INTERESTS HAVE TO STAND
AHEAD OF ALL OTHERS.

UNDER A DEFENSE ALLIANCE, HOW LONG SHOULD WE CONTINUE
LEAVING OUR MILITARY SOVEREIGNTY TO THE U.S. IN ORDER TO
WITHSTAND THE MISSILE BLACKMAIL FROM THE NORTH, WE NEED TO
GET IT BACK.

6. U.S. IS ALL OUT TO INCREASES TRADE PRESSURE (HANKUK
KYONGJE SINMUN 7/22; SUMMARY)

(BY REPORTERS HAN WOO-DUK & LEE DONG-WOO)

THE U.S. IS INCREASING TRADE PRESSURE ON ITS KEY TRADING
PARTNERS, INCLUDING SOUTH KOREA.

THE U.S. TRADE DEFICIT IS SNOWBALLING AND BECOMING A DRAG ON
ITS ECONOMY. FOR THIS REASON, THE U.S. IS ALL OUT TO CUT
THE DEFICIT. IT IS ALSO PLANNING TO GET ITS POSITION

THROUGH AT THE WTO CONFERENCE SLATED FOR NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.

TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN SOUTH KOREA AND THE U.S. HAVE BEEN RATHER CALM FOLLOWING THE AUTOMOBILE DEAL IN 1997.

NOW, A DENSE CLOUD IS LOOMING UP OVER THE HORIZON AFTER BREAKUP OF NEGOTIATIONS ON STEEL PRODUCTS. THE DISPUTES BETWEEN THE TWO ARE SO TENSE AS TO LEAVE THE ISSUE TO A WTO RULING INSTEAD OF SEEKING A COMPROMISE.

FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMINATION OF THREE OUTSTANDING TRADE DISPUTES BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS.

STEEL PRODUCTS

THE U.S. ARGUES THAT SOUTH KOREA IS DUMPING STEEL PRODUCTS ON THE U.S. MARKET. HOWEVER, SOUTH KOREA DISPUTES THE ARGUMENT. IT ADMITS A RISE IN EXPORTS OF STEEL GOODS.

HOWEVER, IT SAID THE RISE LOOKS IMPRESSIVE BECAUSE OF LOW EXPORTS THE PREVIOUS YEAR AMID THE EXTREME FINANCIAL CRISIS. IT SAID SELF-RESTRAINT IS NOW BEING EXERCISED IN EXPORTS TO THE U.S.

THE DUMPING MARGIN RULED BY THE U.S. ON KOREAN STEEL IS IRRATIONALLY HIGH.

WORKING-LEVEL OFFICIALS OF THE TWO SIDES WERE HUDDLED TOGETHER OVER THE ISSUE JULY 13-14. BUT, THEY FAILED TO NARROW DOWN DIFFERENCES.

AN OFFICIAL AT THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS-TRADE MINISTRY COMPLAINED THAT THE FINAL DUMPING MARGIN ON STAINLESS PLATE AND COLD PLATE IS FAR HIGHER THAN THE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE. THIS IS IRRATIONAL.

HE SAID AN "INTERNAL AGREEMENT" HAS BEEN REACHED TO BRING THE ISSUE TO THE WTO."

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U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICES ARE NOW DEMANDING DEPOSIT OF A CONTINGENCY FEE IN CASE OF HIGH TARIFFS TO OFFSET THE DUMPING MARGIN.

MEDICINAL PRODUCTS

THE U.S. DEMANDS EQUAL TREATMENT OF U.S. MEDICINES LIKE DOMESTIC MEDICINES. THEY SAID U.S. MEDICINES ARE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE THEY REMAIN OUTSIDE THE MEDICAL INSURANCE SYSTEM.

BEGINNING THIS MONTH, FOREIGN MEDICINES ARE TO BE COVERED BY THE MEDICAL INSURANCE SYSTEM IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE U.S. DEMAND.

HOWEVER, THE U.S. DEMANDS A RISE IN THE PRICES QUOTED UNDER THE INSURANCE SYSTEM. ITS ARGUMENT IS THAT THE QUOTED PRICES ARE LOW.

THE KOREAN SIDE EXPRESSED DIFFICULTIES ACCEPTING THE U.S. DEMAND RIGHT OFF. IT PROMISES TO HAVE THE PRICES CONSISTENT WITH MARKET PRICES TOWARD THE END OF THIS YEAR.

THE TWO SIDES HAVE YET TO NEGOTIATE THE DIFFERENCES.

AUTOMOBILES

THERE IS NO ROOM FOR INSTITUTIONAL DISPUTES FOLLOWING AUTOMOBILE NEGOTIATIONS BACK IN 1997.

HOWEVER, THE U.S. PRESSES HARD OVER THE SHARP DISPARITY IN EXPORTS BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS. WHEN CONSIDERING MASSIVE SALES OF KOREAN CARS IN THE U.S., SALES OF U.S. CARS IN KOREA IS ONLY A DROP IN THE BUCKET.

IMPORTS OF U.S. CARS FOR THE JANUARY-MAY PERIOD THIS YEAR CAME TO \$7 MILLION, A DROP OF 55.2 PERCENT FROM THE SAME PERIOD THE PREVIOUS YEAR AND ONE TENTH THE 1997 LEVEL.

IN SHARP CONTRAST, KOREAN CAR EXPORTS TO THE U.S. ROSE TO \$891 MILLION DURING THE SAME PERIOD, A RISE OF 50.2 PERCENT FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

LOW SALES OF FOREIGN CARS HERE ARE DUE IN GREAT PART TO THE KOREAN CONSUMERS' WAY OF THINKING, THE U.S. SAID.

THE U.S. COMMERCE DEPARTMENT SAID CONSUMERS' ORGANIZATIONS AND MEDIA ARE ADROITLY ENGAGED IN INSTIGATING "BUY KOREA" SENTIMENTS, CITING THE EXTREME FOREIGN EXCHANGE CRISIS THAT HIT THE NATION LATE 1997.

WITH THIS ARGUMENT, THE U.S. IS ASKING THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT TO TURN THE ATMOSPHERE AROUND.

7. NCNP SPEEDING UP RECRUITMENT OF BIG WHEELS TO CREATE NEW PARTY (CHOSON ILBO 7/22; SUMMARY)

(BY REPORTER HONG SUK-JOON)

NCNP SECRETARY GENERAL HAHN HWA-KAP AND GNP HONORARY PRESIDENT CHO SOON HELD A SECRET MEETING ON JULY 21. THEY DISCUSSED THE ISSUE OF GNP CHO'S PARTICIPATION IN AN NCNP MOVE TO CARRY OUT A GRAND REALIGNMENT OF POLITICAL CIRCLES.

PRESENT AT THE HAHN-CHO GET-TOGETHER WAS REP. HWANG HAK-SOO WHO DEFECTED TO THE GNP TO JOIN THE NCNP LAST YEAR. CHO AND HWANG ARE FROM THE SAME PROVINCE (KANGWON).

IF CHO'S ENTRY INTO THE NCNP COMES ABOUT, IT WILL LIKELY FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RULING CAMP'S PLAN TO RESTRUCTURE THE NATION'S POLITICAL SPHERE WHILE DEALING A SMASHING BLOW TO THE OPPOSITION GNP.

HAN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INVITING GNP LAWMAKERS AND OTHER INFLUNTIAL FIGURES TO JOIN THE RULING NCNP IN THE CREATION OF A NEW PARTY.

IT APPEARS THAT THE PRESIDENT KIM DAE-JUNG'S IDEA OF UNCLAS SECTION 09 OF 10 SEOUL 004091

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INAUGURATING A NEW PARTY WILL BE RAPIDLY TRANSLATED INTO ACTION DESPITE PRIME MINISTER KIM JONG-PIL'S DENIAL IN HIS JULY 21 PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MERGER BETWEEN THE TWO COALITION RULING PARTIES - THE NCNP AND THE ULD.

FORMER GNP VICE PRESIDENT LEE HAN-DONG MET WITH CHUN YONG-TAEK, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (NIS), ON MAY 25. LEE HELD A LENGTHY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KIM WHEN HE VISITED THE BLUE HOUSE ON JUNE 6.

IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT OPPOSITION PARTY LEADER LEE HAD MET WITH ULD PRESIDENT PARK TAE-JOON ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO SERIOUSLY DISCUSS THE POLITICAL REALIGNMENT ISSUE.

IT HAS BEEN LEARNED THAT REP. LEE, A FACTIONAL BOSS IN THE OPPOSITION GNP, PROPOSED THAT A CONSERVATIVE PARTY BE FORMED BY RALLYING SOME OF THE GNP'S DJP FACTION LAWMAKERS UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP. THE PARTY WOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO A NATIONALLY-BASED PARTY TO BE CREATED BY THE NCNP FOLLOWING THE 16TH GENERAL ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR.

IT WAS ALSO LEARNED THAT LEE ALSO TOLD ULD PRESIDENT PARK THAT HE WOULD NEED MONEY TO FINANCE THE ORGANIZATION OF HIS PARTY.

ON JULY 21, SENIOR PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS KIM JUNG-KIL SAID, "EVERYTHING IS ALIVE IN POLITICS." WITH THIS STATEMENT, THE SENIOR PRESIDENTIAL AIDE INDICATED THAT PRESIDENT KIM'S IDEA OF ESTABLISHING A NEW PARTY HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETELY SCRAPPED.

8. CSFB NOTIFIED OF AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL TAX (KOREA DAILY NEWS 7/22; SUMMARY)

(BY REPORTER PARK EUN-HO)

THE TAX OFFICE HAS NOTIFIED THE CREDIT SWISS FIRST BOSTON OF AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT IT SHOULD PAY FOR TAX EVASION.

IN ORDER TO FINALIZE THE AMOUNT, THE TAX OFFICE IS SEEKING COOPERATION WITH THE CSFB HEADQUARTERS IN BRITAIN, ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS WELL VERSED IN THE FIELD.

THE CSFB SIDE IS CHALLENGING THE MOVE, ARGUING THAT THE AMOUNT OF SEVERAL TENS OF BILLION WON IS TOO MUCH BECAUSE IT WAS CALCULATED ON THE WRONG BASIS.

THE TAX OFFICE SUSPECTS THAT THE FOREIGN SECURITIES COMPANY DODGED TAXES THROUGH UNDERSTATING DEALINGS IN BONDS IN 1998.

THE SEOUL BRANCH OF CSFB SAID IT WAS NOT NOTIFIED OF THE AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL TAX PAYMENTS. AN OFFICIAL SAID THERE IS A DISCREPANCY IN VIEW BETWEEN IT AND THE TAX OFFICE. ITS POSITION IS TO SETTLE THE ACCOUNT THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS.

ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO PROVIDE THE PAYMENT GUARANTEE FOR KEPCO TO FACILITATE THE OVERSEAS SALES OF ITS SUBSIDIARIES TO BE ESTABLISHED BY SEPARATING ITS POWER GENERATION SECTOR, ACCORDING TO THE COMMERCE-INDUSTRY-ENERGY MINISTRY ON JULY 21. FOREIGN DEBTS THE STATE-RUN POWER GENERATING CORPORATION OWES AMOUNT TO \$6.3 BILLION. THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO CONTINUE KEEPING ITS SHARES (53.1 PERCENT) IN THE CORPORATION. CHUNGANG ILBO 7/22)

DAESANG HAS SUCCEEDED IN DEVELOPING INTERMEDIARY MEDICINE FOR THE TREATMENT OF AIDS. IT HAS SIGNED CONTRACTS TO EXPORT MEDICINE TO TWO EUROPEAN MULTINATIONAL BUSINESSES FOR \$50 MILLION UNTIL 2001. (CHUNGANG ILBO 7/22)

THE FINANCIAL SUPERVISORY COMMISSION SAID ON JULY 21 THAT PANACOM AND AIG OF THE U.S. AND TWO OTHER FOREIGN CORPORATIONS HAVE SUBMITTED TENDERS FOR THE THIRD BIDDING OF KOREA LIFE INSURANCE WITHOUT PUTTING UP SECURITY FOR BIDDING. IT IS LIKELY THAT A CONTROVERSY WILL INEVITABLY UNCLAS SECTION 10 OF 10 SEOUL 004091

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ARISE IF ANY OF THESE FOUR FOREIGN COMPANIES IS ACCEPTED AS
A SUCCESSFUL BIDDER. (MAEIL KYONGJER SINMUN 7/22)

DAEWOO CORPORATION ANNOUNCED ON JULY 21 THAT IT HAS SIGNED A
CONTRACT TO EXPORT PC MONITORS WORTH \$28 MILLION TO AG OF
GERMANY ON AN OEM BASIS AND UNDER ITS OWN TRADE MARK
(DAYTEK). (MAEIL KYONGJE SINMUN 7/22)

NIKSO TELECOM SAID ON JULY 21 THAT IT WILL ISSUE CONVERTIBLE
BONDS AND BORROWS WITH WARRANT WORTH \$14.3 MILLION OVERSEAS
THROUGH DAEWOO SECURITIES, PAYABLE OVER 10 YEARS WITH AN
ANNUAL INTEREST RATE OF 8.5 PERCENT. (MAEIL KYONGJE SINMUN
7/22)

THE KOREA CUSTOMS SERVICE ANNOUNCED ON JULY 21 THAT EXPORTS
DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR AMOUNTED TO \$66.2
BILLION, DOWN 1.3 PERCENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.
IMPORTS CAME TO \$53.3 BILLION, A 15 PERCENT RISE OVER THE
SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. (HANKUK KYONGJE SINMUN 7/22)
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- EU: TRADE DISPUTE
- WTO NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL
- MIDDLE EAST PEACE TALKS

(B) SUMMARY OF COVERAGE:

THE U.S.-EU TRADE DISPUTE GETS WIDE COVERAGE TODAY. COMMUNIST L'HUMANITE FRONT PAGE SHOWS A BEAUTIFUL HAM, A SLICE OF ROQUEFORT, AN APPETIZING FOIE GRAS AND MUSTARD FROM DIJON AND USES THE REACTION OF FRENCH PRODUCERS AS ITS TITLE: "FRENCH PRODUCTS TAKEN HOSTAGE." AGRICULTURE MINISTER JEAN GLAVANY ASSERTED YESTERDAY: "HORMONE BEEF IS DANGEROUS. WE WILL NOT GIVE IN ON THIS." HE ADDED "THE EU IS UNANIMOUS." THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESWOMAN ANNE GAZEAU SECRET IN HER PRESS BRIEFING SAID: "PRELIMINARY STUDIES HAVE BEEN ORDERED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND CONCLUDED THAT THERE IS A CANCEROGENIC RISK FOR AT LEAST ONE OF THE SUBSTANCES AND DID NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT OTHER HORMONES USED BY THE U.S. MAY ALSO PRESENT A SANITARY RISK." (SEE PART C)

THE NOMINATION OF THE NEW WTO DIRECTOR GENERAL IS REPORTED. CENTRIST LA TRIBUNE FRONT PAGE TITLES: "TWO COMPETITORS WILL MANAGE WTO IN TURN." (SEE PART C)

ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE U.S. IS STILL COMMENTED ON. (SEE PART C)

THE SITUATION IN IRAN IS ANALYZED BY RIGHT OF CENTER LE FIGARO, SERGE MICHEL WRITES FROM TEHRAN (09/21): "THE REFORMERS WANT TO SAVE THE FEBRUARY ELECTIONS... AS IN A HUGE CHESS GAME, THE SUPPORTERS OF THE PRESIDENT SEEM READY TO LOSE A NUMBER OF PAWNS, KNOWING THAT THE KING OF THE OPPONENT IS WITHIN REACH... FOR THE TIME BEING, THE PRIORITY OF THE REFORMERS SEEMS TO BE A RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE STUDENTS WHO WERE DISAPPOINTED NOT TO HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED."

LEFT-OF-CENTER REPORTS FROM AFP WIRE ON THE CONFESSION MADE BY A STUDENT LEADER, WHO SAID HE HAD BEEN PAID BY WESTERN COUNTRIES.

TWO WEEKLY MAGAZINES PUBLISH SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORTS ON THE KENNEDY AFTER JOHN F. KENNEDY JR.'S DEATH IN A PLANE CRASH. RIGHT-OF-CENTER VSD FRONT PAGE TITLE: "THEIR LAST TRIP", AND RIGHT-OF-CENTER L'EXPRESS ALSO PUBLISHES A SPECIAL EDITION ON JOHN KENNEDY.

THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOON LANDING IS STILL REPORTED ON IN LEFT-OF-CENTER LIBERATION, RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANCE SOIR, AND RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE PARISIEN WHO ALL PUBLISH A CHRONOLOGY OF THE EVENT.

(C) SUPPORTING TEXT/BLOCK QUOTES:

- EU: TRADE DISPUTE

"THE UNITED STATES APPLIES SANCTIONS AGAINST EUROPEAN PRODUCTS"

PHILIPPE LEMARTRE WRITES IN LEFT-OF-CENTER LE MONDE (07/21):
"ALTHOUGH THE SANCTIONS HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED BY THE WTO ON JULY
12, ... THE PUBLICATION OF THE LIST OF PRODUCTS HAS BEEN VERY
BADLY RECEIVED IN BRUSSELS. THE EXPERTS OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMISSION OBSERVE THAT ONCE AGAIN THE AMERICANS ACT AS IF THE
EUROPEAN UNION WAS NOT A SINGLE MARKET, AND SET THE MEMBERS
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AGAINST EACH OTHER, AS GREAT BRITAIN IS SPARED.... MOREOVER,
BRUSSELS DREADS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE AMERICANS WILL CHANGE
THE

LIST EVERY SIX MONTHS, WHICH MULTIPLIES THE EFFECTS OF THE
SANCTIONS AND MAY LEAD TO A TOTAL DISORGANIZATION OF
EXCHANGES. THE EUROPEANS STRESS THAT THIS METHOD IS AGAINST
THE WTO RULES, BUT FAILED TO CONVINCE THE AMERICANS NOT TO
IMPLEMENT IT."

"THE FRENCH AGRICULTURAL FOOD SECTOR DENOUNCES A HOSTAGE
HOLDING"

N.T. IN CENTRIST LA TRIBUNE (07/21): "THE VARIOUS FEDERATIONS
NOTE THAT THE UNITED STATES IS ONLY TARGETING NATURAL
PRODUCTS... IT IS WITH A SENSE OF HUMOR THAT THE FRENCH
FEDERATION OF TRUFFLE GROWERS DECIDED TO SEND ITS MESSAGE: "WE
FEEL SORRY FOR AMERICAN GASTRONOMES... TO KEEP THE AMERICANS
FROM PAYING AN UNFAIR TAX, WE INVITE THEM TO COME TO FRANCE
AND SAMPLE ON THE SPOT... EVEN IF THEY ARE SYMBOLIC, THOSE
SANCTIONS MAKE A LOT OF NOISE. THIS IS WHAT WASHINGTON
WANTED."

"WTO: RULES OF THE GAME"

YVES PITETTE IN CATHOLIC LA CROIX (07/21): "EUROPEANS DID A
LOT SO THAT WTO WOULD EXIST. FOR THEM IT IS THE ONLY
ALTERNATIVE TO AMERICAN ARBITRARIES. THEY DREW SOME PROFIT
FROM IT, BUT ALSO SERIOUS PROBLEMS. AFTER THE BANANA WAR,
THEY ARE CONDEMNED FOR THE SECOND TIME THIS YEAR, BECAUSE THEY
REFUSED TO LET AMERICAN HORMONE BEEF ENTER THE UNION."

- WTO NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL

"WTO TURNS HEADS"

VITTORIO DE FILIPPIS IN LEFT-OF-CENTER LIBERATION (07/21):

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"THE NEW ZEALAND AND THE THAI CANDIDATES WILL SUCCEED ONE ANOTHER. IT IS NOT THE BEST SOLUTION, BUT IT HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF ENDING A BATTLE WHICH ENDANGERED WTO'S CREDIBILITY."

"WRONG MOVE AT WTO"

PHILIPPE MUDRY IN CENTRIST LA TRIBUNE (07/21): "THE DECISION TAKEN BY WTO MEMBERS TO GIVE A THREE YEAR TERM ONLY TO THE NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL, INSTEAD OF FOUR AS FORESEEN BY THE RULES, AND TO PICK TODAY ITS CHALLENGER AS HIS SUCCESSOR FOR ANOTHER SHORTER TERM, IS BAD NEWS FOR THE WORLD ECONOMY. IT ESTABLISHES THE INDOMITABLE DIVISION OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF AN ORGANIZATION WHOSE ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL FAIRNESS WILL KEEP INCREASING IN THE YEARS TO COME."

- MIDDLE EAST PEACE TALKS

"PALESTINIANS UNDER STRONG PRESSURE"

MEHDI BENCHELAH FROM JERUSALEM FOR RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE FIGARO (07/21): "A PARTIAL REFEREE IS BETTER THAN NONE AT ALL. THIS IS THE OPINION OF THE AUTONOMY AUTHORITY POLITICAL LEADERS. THE REDUCTION OF THE ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE PEACE PROCESS, REACHED BY THE ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER IN WASHINGTON, IS NO GOOD NEWS FOR THE PALESTINIANS... TIME OF CRISES BETWEEN PRESIDENT CLINTON AND THE FORMER ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER SEEMS TO BE DEFINITELY GONE. EHUD BARAK'S VISIT OBVIOUSLY REVIVES UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 04 PARIS 012670

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THE HONEYMOON BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE HEBREW STATE."

"BARAK, THE MAN IN A HURRY"

LEFT OF CENTER LE MONDE'S EDITORIAL (07/21):

"TO BE A SUCCESS, A PEACE NEGOTIATION REQUIRES A COMMON WILL TO ACHIEVE PEACE AND THE CAPABILITY TO IMPOSE CONCESSIONS ON ONE'S OWN SIDE. THESE TWO CONDITIONS SEEM TO BE GATHERED AGAIN IN THE MIDDLE-EAST, IN ADDITION TO ONE CRUCIAL ELEMENT: THAT THE MAIN SPONSOR, THE UNITED STATES, SHOWS A STRONG DESIRE FOR PEACE..."

BILL CLINTON WAS MUCH IRRITATED BY FORMER PRIME MINISTER BENJAMIN NETANYAHU'S ARROGANCE AND DOUBLE GAME. IT IS ALL DIFFERENT WITH BARAK, WHOSE STYLE AND SPEECHES DELIGHT THE WHITE HOUSE.. NOTHING COULD PLEASE PRESIDENT CLINTON AS MUCH AS TO FINISH BRILLIANTLY WITH A DIPLOMATIC SUCCESS IN A REGION WHERE HE HAS INVESTED HIMSELF SO MUCH."

"EHUD BARAK'S VISIT RESTARTED THE ISRAELI-AMERICAN PARTNERSHIP."

PATRICE DE BEER AND GEORGES MARION IN LEFT-OF-CENTER LE MONDE WRITE (07/21): "THE REINFORCEMENT OF THE U.S.-ISRAEL RELATIONSHIP SHOULD NOT FILL THE ARABS LIVING IN ISRAEL WITH ENTHUSIASM, ESPECIALLY THE PALESTINIANS. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE COOLING OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CLINTON AND NETANYAHU, ARAFAT HAD NOTICEABLY GOT CLOSER TO THE WHITE HOUSE."

"A SUCCESS IN DOMESTIC POLICY FOR BILL CLINTON"

PATRICE DE BEER AND GEORGES MARION IN LEFT-OF-CENTER LE MONDE WRITE (07/21): "RELIEVED OF THE WEIGHT OF THE TERRIBLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CLINTON AND NETANYAHU, THE AMERICANS HAVE WELCOMED THE NEW ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER'S INTENTIONS TO MANAGE THE PEACE PROCESS IN THE NEXT FIFTEEN MONTHS. THE TIME LIMIT IS IMPORTANT. IN FIFTEEN MONTHS IT WILL BE MID-OCTOBER 2000, JUST BEFORE THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION WHICH WILL APPOINT CLINTON'S SUCCESSOR. THIS IS A HELPING HAND TO AL GORE, KNOWN FOR HIS SUPPORT TO ISRAEL, BUT WHO IS NOT IN A GOOD POSITION ACCORDING TO THE POLLS. IT IS ALSO, FOR CLINTON, A WAY OF PUTTING A NICE END TO HIS PRESIDENCY, WITH A DIPLOMATIC SUCCESS.... ALSO, CLINTON IS TAKING THE NEAR-EAST DIPLOMACY IN HAND AGAIN, WHEREAS NETANYAHU HAD USED HIS TIES WITH THE RIGHT, IN A LEADING POSITION IN THE CONGRESS, NOT TO PLAY WITH THE WHITE HOUSE. FROM NOW ON, IT WILL ALL BE DECIDED BETWEEN THE WHITE HOUSE AND JERUSALEM."

"EHUD BARAK'S PEACE OFFENSIVE"

ALAIN LOUYOT IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER WEEKLY L'EXPRESS (07/21): "DID THE GUY, WHO IS SOMETIMES CALLED 'THE ISRAELI NAPOLEON' BY HIS FELLOW CITIZENS, BECAUSE OF HIS GREAT STRATEGIC SKILLS AND HIS SMALL SIZE, GIVE HIMSELF A HUNDRED DAYS TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE WITH HIS ARAB INTERLOCUTORS? ONE CAN ONLY BE IMPRESSED BY THE HEAVY AGENDA OF DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS OF THE NEW LABOR PRIME MINISTER FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF HIS TERM... NO WAY, THOUGH FOR THE LABOR PRIME MINISTER TO LET THE WHITE HOUSE IMPOSE ON HIM ITS BATTLE ORDER."

"FIFTEEN MONTHS TO MAKE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST"

RIGHT-OF-CENTER LES ECHOS BACK PAGE EDITORIAL (07/21): "EHUD BARAK RECENTLY ACKNOWLEDGED THE FACT THAT THE PALESTINIAN STATE EXISTED DE FACTO, BUT THAT DOES NOT PREJUDGE THE FINAL STATUS OF THE PALESTINIAN ENTITY. FOR THAT REASON, PRESIDENT UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 04 PARIS 012670

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YASSER ARAFAT REFUSES TO GLOBALIZE THE NEGOTIATION AS EHU
BARAK WISHES HE WOULD. HE CONSIDERS THE WYE PLANTATION
AGREEMENT MUST FIRST BE IMPLEMENTED... OTHERWISE, YASSER
ARAFAT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE THE NEXT STEP FOR WHICH
HE IS TRYING TO RALLY THE PLO TOUGH REPRESENTATIVES, GEORGE
HABACEH AND NAYEF HAWATEMEH. IT IS VERY LIKELY THAT HE MAY
SOLICIT THE SUPPORT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, IN ORDER TO BALANCE
THE RENEWED INFLUENCE OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE REGION, AND
THAT OF ISRAEL OVER THE UNITED STATES." CROUCH

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1. YUGOSLAVIA: KOSOVO PEACE PROCESS

"RESTORE ORDER IN KOSOVO"

QI WEN SAID IN OFFICIAL ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA DAILY,
(7/21): "AS ETHNIC ALBANIAN REFUGEES RETURN TO
KOSOVO...VIOLENCE AGAINST SERBS RISEN DESPITE THE
PRESENCE OF U.N. PEACEKEEPING FORCE (KFOR) TROOPS...
HOWEVER, NATO-LED KFOR TROOPS ARE UNABLE TO COPE WITH
THE EVERYDAY CRIMES.

"TO IMPROVE THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE PROVINCE,
INTERNATIONAL POLICE SHOULD BE SENT TO KOSOVO AS SOON

AS POSSIBLE. NATO-LED KFOR SHOULD ALSO STEP UP THEIR EFFORTS TO CHECK ALL ACTS OF VIOLENCE TO ENSURE A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE IN KOSOVO."

2. CHINA-TAIWAN, U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

"LEE A SINNER IN HISTORY FOR SPLITTING MOTHERLAND"

XINHUA SAID IN OFFICIAL ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA DAILY, (7/21): "LEE TEN-HUI HAS MADE HIMSELF A SINNER IN HISTORY BY ATTEMPTING TO SPLIT THE MOTHERLAND WHEN HE REDEFINED THE CROSS-STRAITS RELATIONS AS 'STATE-TO-STATE,' ACCORDING TO A XINHUA COMMENTATOR.

"LEE GRADUALLY TORE OFF HIS CAMOUFLAGE AND CHANGED HIS POLICY TOWARDS THE MAINLAND FROM THE 'ONE CHINA' PRINCIPLE.

"THE XINHUA COMMENTATOR SAID LEE WAS TRYING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE U.S., WHERE THERE HAVE BEEN A SERIES OF ANTI-CHINA FARCES... BUT LEE'S EFFORTS ARE FRUITLESS, THE COMMENTATOR SAID... THERE IS NO WAY OUT FOR LEE'S DIVISIVENESS AND HE IS DOOMED TO FAILURE."

"REMARKS IGNORE FACTS"

ZHI YAN SAID IN OFFICIAL ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA DAILY, (7/21): "RECENT REMARKS BY JESSE HELMS, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE U.S., ABOUT THE POLITICAL STATUS OF TAIWAN ARE BOTH ABSURDLY GROUNDLESS AND IRRESPONSIBLE.

"WHILE VOICING HIS COMPLETE SUPPORT FOR TAIWAN PRESIDENT LEE TENG-HUI'S STATEMENT OF THE 'STATE-TO-STATE RELATIONS' BETWEEN THE CHINESE MAINLAND AND TAIWAN, THE REPUBLICAN SENATOR SAID TAIWAN WAS A PART OF CHINA, BUT DEFINITELY NOT A PART OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

"HELM'S REMARK BY NO MEANS ORIGINATES FROM IGNORANCE OF RELATED FACTS AND KNOWLEDGE, BUT FROM HIS ULCEROUS PURPOSE TO DIVIDE AND DISLOCATE CHINA."

3. U.S. POLITICS: CAMPAIGN 2000

"U.S. BIPARTISAN STRUGGLE ON TAX CUTTING"

WANG RUJUN SAID IN OFFICIAL COMMUNIST PARTY PEOPLE'S DAILY (RENMIN RIBAO), (7/21): "RECENTLY, BOTH THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES EACH ANNOUNCED THEIR TAX-CUTTING PLANS FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS. ALTHOUGH THEY PROMOTE 'THE INTERESTS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE', BOTH PARTIES' REAL TARGET IS THE YEAR 2000 GENERAL ELECTION.

THEREFORE, THE PLANS ARE GEARED MOSTLY TO THEIR OWN BENEFIT."

ACCIDENT OF JOHN F. KENNEDY JR.

"APPROACHING AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGY FROM CELEBRITIES' ACCIDENT"

TIAN YE SAID IN BEIJING YOUTH DAILY (BEIJING QINGNIANBAO), (7/21): "JOHN KENNEDY JR.'S ACCIDENT SHOWS THAT THE MORE ATTENTION PEOPLE PAY TO THE FAMILY, THE MORE DANGEROUS THE FAMILY WILL BE.

"THE PUBLIC ATTENTION PAID TO ONE FAMILY TENDS TO FOSTER THE SELF-IMPORTANCE OF ITS MEMBERS. THINKING THEY ARE A HEAD TALLER THAN ORDINARY PEOPLE...THEY NEED NOT CARE ABOUT DANGER, OR WHETHER THEY ARE OFFENDING OTHERS. THEY DO AS THEY WISH, AND THEN WAIT FOR APPLAUSE... THIS PERSONALITY IS DANGEROUS...; THE INDIVIDUAL MAY LOSE HIS LIFE. TO A COUNTRY OR IN A POLITICAL ARENA, EGOISM BRINGS SELF-RUIN AND CAN BRING DISASTER TO THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE. THE U.S. IS JUST OBSESSED WITH SUCH PERSONALITIES. PEOPLE SHOULD GUARD AGAINST THEM." BLACKBURN

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1. INDO-U.S. EXTRADITION PACT COMES INTO FORCE;
RELATIONS WARMING UP:

-- THE TIMES OF INDIA GAVE PAGE ONE ATTENTION (OTHER PAPERS GAVE INSIDE PAGE TREATMENT) TO NEW DELHI STORY STATING THAT INDIA AND THE U.S. CAME ONE STEP CLOSER TO "BROADENING AND DEEPENING" TIES BY RATIFYING AN EXTRADITION TREATY ON WEDNESDAY. THE PACT WAS SIGNED TWO YEARS AGO. THE TREATY WILL HELP BOTH COUNTRIES TO TACKLE PROBLEMS OF TERRORISM AND NARCO-TERRORISM.

-- THE INDIAN EXPRESS STORY SAID THE NEXT MOVE ON THE INDO-U.S. COURTSHIP WILL TAKE PLACE ON JULY 25, WHEN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER JASWANT SINGH MEETS U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE MADELEINE ALBRIGHT ON THE EVE OF THE ASEAN REGIONAL FORUM (ARF) MEETING IN SINGAPORE. MEANWHILE, THE REPORT NOTED THAT COINCIDENTLY WITHIN 24 HOURS OF A TELEPHONIC CONVERSATION BETWEEN PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON AND PREMIER ATAL BEHARI VAJPAYEE AS WELL AS ALBRIGHT'S CONDEMNATION OF THE DODA (KASHMIR) MASSACRE, THE EXTRADITION TREATY WAS BROUGHT INTO FORCE. INDIA'S BUDDING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S., THROWN INTO SHARP RELIEF BY WASHINGTON'S SUPPORT ON THE KARGIL CONFLICT, IS ALL SET TO RECEIVE A FRESH INFUSION OF SPIRIT DURING THE SINGH-ALBRIGHT MEETING, THE REPORT SAID. STATING THAT IT HAS TAKEN A WHOLE DECADE AFTER THE END OF THE COLD WAR FOR BOTH NATIONS TO PUT ASIDE THEIR IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES AND COME TOGETHER FOR MUTUAL, PRACTICAL BENEFIT, THE REPORT NOTED THAT ONE AREA WHERE THIS "MUTUALITY OF INTEREST" IS ACQUIRING A SHARPENED FOCUS IS TERRORISM. FOR A DECADE NOW, NEW DELHI HAS PRESSED WASHINGTON TO OPEN ITS EYES TO THE SOURCE OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN KASHMIR--PAKISTAN--BUT THE U.S. HAS PERSISTENTLY REFUSED TO PLAY BALL, THE REPORT ADDED.

-- THE EXPRESS STORY ALSO SAID THAT ANALYSTS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE WARNED THAT A "PARADIGM SHIFT" WITH THE U.S. IS NOT TAKING PLACE YET, BUT THAT THE WILLINGNESS TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TOWARD NEW DELHI IS A RESULT OF THE FACT THAT PAKISTAN IS FAST OUTLIVING ITS UTILITY FOR WASHINGTON AS A FRONT LINE STATE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COMMUNISM. NEVERTHELESS, THE OFFICIALS ARGUE, NEW DELHI SHOULD USE THE PRESENT U.S. INTEREST TO FURTHER ITS OWN INTERESTS. COMMON ACTION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON TERRORIST ACTIVITIES, THEY SAY, COULD MEAN THE BEGINNING OF A NEW CHAPTER IN THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.

-- THE TIMES OF INDIA ALSO NOTED THAT ALBRIGHT'S STRONG STATEMENT ON TERRORIST ACTS SPONSORED FROM ACROSS THE BORDER SIGNIFICANTLY COINCIDED WITH THE U.S. CONGRESS AUTHORIZING CLINTON TO WAIVE FOR ONE MORE YEAR THE SANCTIONS IMPOSED ON INDIA AFTER ITS MAY 1998 NUCLEAR TESTS.

-- MEANWHILE, SEVERAL PAPERS CARRIED WASHINGTON STORIES STATING THAT AMERICAN LAWMAKERS ON WEDNESDAY REJECTED AN AMENDMENT (256-169 VOTES) THAT WOULD HAVE CUT OFF U.S. AID TO COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE VOTED AGAINST WASHINGTON MORE THAN 75 PERCENT OF THE TIME AT THE UN, A MOVE THAT WOULD HAVE DEPRIVED INDIA OF SOME USD 150 MILLION ANNUAL AID.

-- THE HINDU QUOTED NSC SPOKESMAN P.J. CROWLEY STATING THAT THE TELEPHONE CALL MADE BY PRESIDENT CLINTON TO VAJPAYEE WAS TO SAY THAT THE U.S. WAS "PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE LINE OF CONTROL" BETWEEN INDIAN AND PAKISTAN "HAD BEEN LARGELY RESTORED. CROWLEY SAID CLINTON "SALUTED" VAJPAYEE AND INDIA FOR EXERCISING GREAT RESTRAINT DURING THE KARGIL CONFLICT AND ENCOURAGED THE LATTER TO FIND A WAY TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THE BILATERAL DIALOGUE. ON HIS PART, THE INDIAN PREMIER "SALUTED THE PRESIDENT FOR HIS EFFORTS TO HELP DEFUSE THE SITUATION," CROWLEY SAID.

2. U.S. FOR MORE 'QUALITATIVE' TIES:

-- THE HINDU CARRIED ON ITS OP-ED PAGE WASHINGTON STORY QUOTING SENIOR ADVISOR FOR SOUTH ASIA AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT MATHEW P. DALEY STATING THAT THE INDO-U.S. RELATIONSHIP IS AT THE CROSSROADS AND MUCH WILL DEPEND ON WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE COMING MONTHS. SPEAKING AT THE INDIAN AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, DALEY REPORTEDLY ARGUED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION'S OBJECTIVE WAS NOT ONLY TO RETURN TO THE STATUS QUO ANTE OF MAY 1998 BUT ALSO ONE THAT ESTABLISHED A QUALITATIVELY DIFFERENT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP. "IN THE PAST THERE HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTS TO IMPOSE INTELLECTUAL CONSTRUCTS SUCH AS BALANCE OR EVEN-HANDEDNESS ON AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY TOWARDS INDIA AND PAKISTAN.... THOSE DAYS ARE OVER, IF INDEED THEY EVER EXISTED. AMERICA'S RELATIONS WITH INDIA AND PAKISTAN ARE GOING TO HAVE THEIR OWN SEPARATE VECTORS, TRAJECTORIES AND VELOCITIES. AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT, ON ANY GIVEN TOPIC, WE MIGHT APPEAR TO BE EVEN-HANDED, BUT THAT WILL BE AN INCIDENTAL OUTCOME OF A POLICY, NOT THE OBJECTIVE OF A POLICY," DALEY SAID.

-- AN INDIA ABROAD NEW SERVICE STORY ON THE COUNCIL MEETING SAID THAT A SLEW OF INFLUENTIAL U.S. LAWMAKERS, BOTH DEMOCRAT AND REPUBLICAN, HAVE SHOWERED KUDOS ON INDIA FOR ITS RESTRAINT IN THE KARGIL CRISIS AND SAID THAT AT THE VERY LEAST, NEW DELHI SHOULD BE REWARDED BY LIFTING OF SANCTIONS IMPOSED AGAINST IT AFTER THE NUCLEAR TESTS.

3. PAKISTAN REJECTS INDIA'S TERMS FOR TALKS:

-- ALL MAINSTREAM DAILIES CARRIED ISLAMABAD REPORTS STATING THAT PAKISTAN HAS REJECTED THE THREE MEASURES SET OUT BY INDIA FOR EARLY RESUMPTION OF BILATERAL DIALOGUE TO RESOLVE ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES INCLUDING JAMMU AND KASHMIR. "IT IS NOT FOR INDIA TO DO SO, THE WORLD WOULD FORCE INDIA TO SET PRIORITIES," PAKISTAN FOREIGN SECRETARY SHAMSHAD AHMED SAID WHEN ASKED BY REPORTERS IN JEDDAH (SAUDI ARABIA) ABOUT NEW DELHI'S SUGGESTIONS FOR THE RESUMPTION OF TALKS.

-- NEW DELHI HAS SAID THAT ISLAMABAD SHOULD, BESIDES COMPLETELY PULLING OUT ITS TROOPS FROM KARGIL, REAFFIRM THE SANCTITY OF THE LINE OF CONTROL (LOC) AND STOP SPONSORING CROSS-BORDER TERRORISM BEFORE ANY MEANINGFUL TALKS WOULD BE RESUMED.

-- MEANWHILE, REPORTS FROM KARGIL SAID THAT THE FOCUS OF OPERATIONS IN MUSHKOH AND DRASS SECTORS HAS NOW SHIFTED TO OCCUPYING STRATEGIC HEIGHTS ALONG THE LOC. THERE HAS BEEN CONTINUOUS EXCHANGE OF HEAVY FIRE BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN IN A BID TO CONTROL HEIGHTS ALONG THE LOC TO GAIN THAT CRUCIAL EDGE. SHELLING WAS ALSO REPORTED FROM KARGIL TOWN.

4. CTBT COULD HAVE RESTRAINED INDIA, PAKISTAN--CLINTON:

-- ALL MAINLINE DAILIES CARRIED WASHINGTON STORIES STATING THAT PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON APPEARED TO SUGGEST ON TUESDAY THAT IT WAS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL FOR THE U.S. SENATE TO RATIFY THE CTBT SO THAT THE MEASURE COULD ENTER INTO FORCE AND HELP CONSTRAIN OTHER ASPIRING NATIONS FROM DEVELOPING OR IMPROVING SUCH WEAPONS. AS A POINT IN FAVOR OF SENATE RATIFICATION, CLINTON REPORTEDLY POINTED OUT THAT ADOPTION OF THE CTBT WOULD HAVE CONSTRAINED INDIA AND PAKISTAN FROM STARTING A NUCLEAR ARMS COMPETITION THROUGH THEIR TESTS LAST YEAR.

5. TEARFUL SEARCH IS OVER, JFK JR'S BODY LOCATED IN DEBRIS:

-- ALL PAPERS GAVE PAGE ONE ATTENTION TO STORIES STATING THAT THE WRECKAGE OF JOHN F. KENNEDY JR.'S AIRPLANE WAS LOCATED ON WEDNESDAY, WITH KENNEDY'S BODY STILL ABOARD, OFF THE COAST OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD.

1. U.S. -CHINA

--"THE NEUTRON BOMB," EDITORIAL IN JULY 22 CENTRIST THE HINDU:

-- "CHINA'S CLAIMS OF HAVING INDIGENOUSLY DEVELOPED A NEUTRON BOMB TECHNOLOGY AND ITS REPUDIATION OF ALLEGATIONS ABOUT ITS THEFT OF U.S. NUCLEAR ARMS SECRETS CALL FOR A CLOSE LOOK FOR WHAT THEY IMPLY. THE MAGNITUDE OF THE TASK WHICH CHINA SHOULD HAVE TAKEN UP FOR

DEVELOPING ITS NEUTRON BOMB IS STARTLING.... AS FOR THE CHARGE OF THE THEFT OF NUCLEAR SECRETS MADE AGAINST CHINA, THE NUCLEAR POWERS DO NOT SEEM TO REALIZE THAT EFFORTS TO KEEP THE LID ON NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY HAVE BY NOW BECOME FUTILE BECAUSE OF THE GROWING SKILLS OF NUCLEAR SLEUTHS TO PRISE OPEN WHATEVER THEY ARE LOOKING FOR....

-- "WHILE THE LAWS IN FORCE FOR SAFEGUARDING ITS NATIONAL SECURITY PROVIDE FOR DRACONIAN PUNISHMENTS FOR ANYONE ARRESTED FOR THE THEFT OF SECRETS, THE U.S. KNOWS WELL ENOUGH THAT SCIENTISTS OF TODAY MAY NOT HAVE TO RESORT TO STEALING SINCE DISCLOSURES OF WHAT MIGHT BE 'CLASSIFIED' OR IN THE CATEGORY OF 'EYES ONLY' CAN BE DERIVED BY INTELLIGENT INDUCTION FROM THE WIDELY SCATTERED BITS OF DATA. IF THE MAKING OF MISSILES WITH NUCLEAR WARHEADS BY SETTING UP A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM OF SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS WAS POSSIBLE FOR THE U.S., IT SHOULD WELL HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE FOR CHINA ALSO TO DO THE SAME BY ITS OWN EFFORTS."

2. IRAN

-- "LESSONS FROM IRAN," ANALYSIS IN JULY 22 CENTRIST THE HINDU BY STRATEGIC AFFAIRS EDITOR C. RAJA MOHAN:

-- "THE INCIPIENT SECOND REVOLUTION IN IRAN SHOULD BE A WARNING TO PAKISTAN THAT FEEDING INCREASING DOSES OF FUNDAMENTALISM TO ITS PEOPLE WILL LEAD TO RUINATION. THAT POLITICAL ISLAM IS NO ALTERNATIVE TO LIBERAL DEMOCRACY COMES THROUGH LOUD AND CLEAR FROM THE IRANIAN STUDENTS, WHO WERE POINTING TO THE FAILURES OF THE ISLAMIC REVOLUTION. IN INDIA, TOO, IT WILL BE WORTHWHILE FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO PROMOTE RELIGIOUS NATIONALISM TO MULL OVER THE TRAGEDY OF THE IRANIAN EXPERIENCE. THERE IS EVEN A BIGGER LESSON FOR INDIA. IN CHALLENGING THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION, THE YOUTH WERE SEEKING TO UNDERMINE ONE OF THE MOST MILITANTLY 'ANTI-WESTERN' MOVEMENTS OF THIS CENTURY. THE TIME MAY HAVE COME FOR THOSE IN INDIA WHO WANT TO KEEP THE NATION FOREVER 'ANTI-WESTERN' TO TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND RETHINK THEIR PREMISES....

-- "IN REVOLTING AGAINST THE STATE, THE IRANIAN STUDENTS HAVE CHALLENGED BOTH THEOCRACY AND ITS VISCERAL ANTI-AMERICANISM. THEY ARE NOT, OF COURSE, PRESENTING THEIR AGENDA IN EXACTLY THOSE TERMS AND ARE REACTING TO THE OPPRESSIVE NATURE OF THE CLERICAL RULE AND THE DRAMATIC FALL IN THE LIVING STANDARDS SINCE THE REVOLUTION. THE IDEOLOGICAL CHALLENGE TO KHOMEINI'S NOTIONS OF ISLAMIC STATECRAFT HAS BEEN INCUBATING FOR A WHILE. ITS FIRST POPULAR REFLECTION WAS MANIFEST IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS OF MAY 1997, WHICH SAW THE MASSES ELECT MOHAMMED KHATAMI WITH AN OVERWHELMING MARGIN OVER THE OFFICIAL CLERICAL CANDIDATE.... THE DISCONTENT OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION TODAY ARISES FROM THE SLOW PACE OF KHATAMI'S REFORMS AND HIS INABILITY TO DECISIVELY

CONFRONT THE STRUCTURE OF THE ISLAMIC STATE....

-- "KHATAMI'S IDEAS ON BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN ISLAM AND THE WEST AND EXPLORING THE INTERCONNECTIONS BETWEEN RELIGION AND DEMOCRACY HAVE SOME APPEAL. BUT HIS EFFORTS TO ENGAGE THE WEST INCLUDING THE U.S. ARE DEEPLY DISTRUSTED BY THE IRANIAN CLERICAL ESTABLISHMENT. AMONG THE YOUNGER GENERATION OF IRANIANS THERE IS A GROWING FASCINATION FOR THE FREEDOMS OF THE WEST.... THE STUDENTS HAVE AFFIRMED THAT THE TWO CORE PRINCIPLES ESPOUSED BY THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION-GOVERNANCE BASED ON RELIGION AND MILITANT ANTI-AMERICANISM-HAVE NO FUTURE. AS ONE OF THE FIRST THEOCRATIC STATES IN THE MODERN WORLD, PAKISTAN WILL HAVE TO EVENTUALLY COME TO TERMS WITH THE FAILURE OF POLITICAL ISLAM-EITHER THE SOPHISTICATED ONE IN IRAN OR THE CRUDER ONE IN AFGHANISTAN.... INDIA TOO MUST CONSCIOUSLY LIMIT THE DANGERS FROM RELIGIOUS NATIONALISM AND HINDU MAJORITARIANISM THAT IT HAS EXPERIMENTED WITH IN THE RECENT YEARS. EQUALLY IMPORTANT FOR INDIA IS TO OVER COME THE ANTI-WESTERN PREJUDICES THAT HAVE TAKEN A DEEP ROOT AT BOTH ENDS OF THE INDIAN POLITICAL SPECTRUM."

3. INDO-PAK TENSIONS OVER KASHMIR

--"RETURNING TO THE DIALOGUE MODE," EDITORIAL IN JULY 22 CENTRIST THE HINDU:

-- "EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER JASWANT SINGH'S STATEMENT EXPRESSING INDIA'S READINESS TO RESUME THE DIALOGUE WITH PAKISTAN IS AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT NEW DELHI IS AWARE OF THE NECESSITY OF TAKING DIPLOMATIC, BILATERAL INITIATIVES TO PUT RELATIONS BACK ON TRACK. PAKISTAN'S DESPERATION IN THE FACE OF DEFEAT AND ITS STEPPED-UP EFFORT TO SUMMON THIRD PARTY INTERVENTION IN THE KASHMIR DISPUTE COULD RESULT IN HEIGHTENED PRESSURE ON INDIA TO YIELD IN THE COMING DAYS. REVIVING THE BILATERAL DIPLOMATIC TRACK WILL BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE ANSWER TO SUCH PRESSURE.... THE GOVERNMENT MUST ALSO CLEAR THE IMPRESSION THAT IT MIGHT BE UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO RESIST THIRD PARTY INTERVENTION AS IT COMES UNDER INCREASING EXTERNAL PRESSURE, PARTICULARLY TO 'REWARD' PAKISTAN FOR AGREEING TO CALL BACK THE INTRUDERS. THE U.S., ALREADY SHOWING SIGNS OF IMPATIENCE, MUST BE EAGER TO TRANSLATE INTO ACTION BILL CLINTON'S PROMISE OF 'PERSONAL INTEREST' THAT WAS MADE TO PAKISTANI PRIME MINISTER NAWAZ SHARIF. THERE ARE NO SIGNS YET THAT DELHI IS BUCKLING BUT IN THE COMING WEEK IT WILL COME UNDER INTENSE PRESSURE FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES. U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE MADELEINE ALBRIGHT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY LEAD THE EFFORT ON THE SIDELINES OF THE ASEAN MEETINGS IN SINGAPORE, INDIA MUST MAKE CATEGORICALLY CLEAR THAT IT IS NOT BOUND BY THE CLINTON-SHARIF STATEMENT....

-- "THE GOVERNMENT MUST REITERATE THAT IT WILL NOT SURRENDER ON THE DIPLOMATIC FRONT WHAT ITS SOLDIERS HAD GAINED ON THE MILITARY FRONT IN THE HOPE OF LASTING

PEACE.... AFTER ITS DISASTROUS GAMBLE IN KARGIL, THE ONUS IS ON PAKISTAN TO RESTORE TO THE RELATIONS THE TRUST THAT WAS RUDELY SHAKEN BY THE INTRUSIONS. AN EVEN GREATER RESPONSIBILITY RESTS ON THE NAWAS SHARIF GOVERNMENT FOR THE DIALOGUE PROCESS TO GAIN CREDIBILITY:IT MUST UNAMBIGUOUSLY REAFFIRM THE INVIOABILITY OF THE LINE OF CONTROL AND, BESIDES, END ENCOURAGEMENT AND ASSISTANCE TO CROSS-BORDER INFILTRATIONS.... ONCE INDIA IS ABLE TO REPOSE FAITH IN PAKISTAN'S SINCERITY, ON ITS PART, IT MUST NOT HESITATE TO RETURN TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE LAHORE AND SHIMLA AGREEMENTS. HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BOTH INDIA AND PAKISTAN."

--"THE REAL WAR," EDITORIAL IN JULY 22 NATIONALIST THE HINDUSTAN TIMES:

-- "FIVE MASSACRES IN THREE-WEEKS--THAT SHOULD BE GORY ENOUGH TO TELL THE WORLD HOW AND WHERE THE REAL WAR IS WAGED BY PAKISTAN. AT LAST THERE IS OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM THE U.S. THAT PAKISTAN-AIDED TERRORISM IN KASHMIR HAS TO STOP ANY PROCESS OF NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WERE POSSIBLE AT ALL. MONDAY NIGHT'S MILITANT ATTACKS IN POONCH AND DODA, RESULTING IN 19 DEATHS, CONTAIN A GRISLY MESSAGE TO THE WORLD THAT THE CONFLICT IN KARGIL WAS NEITHER THE BEGINNING NOR THE END OF HOSTILITIES PROVOKED BY PAKISTAN....

-- "IT WOULD SOUND HOLLOW IF VICTORY IS CLAIMED ON THE BASIS OF THE PAKISTANI WITHDRAWAL IN KARGIL WHILE INNOCENT PEOPLE REMAIN SOFT TARGETS OF TERRORISTS AND INTRUDERS IN REST OF THE AREAS OF KASHMIR. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MORE THAN A DECADE THE UNITED STATES IS TAKING A POSITION WHICH IS UNEQUIVOCALLY IN FAVOR OF INDIA. CLINTON'S TELEPHONIC CONVERSATION WITH THE PRIME MINISTER THAT ANY RESUMPTION OF BILATERAL LINKS WOULD BE POSSIBLE ONLY AFTER THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL INTRUDERS IN KARGIL AND THE CESSATION OF CROSS-BORDER TERRORISM. THE NEW U.S. POSITION IS BASED ON AN 'UNWRITTEN LAW' GOVERNING NUCLEAR POWERS THAT THEY WOULD DESIST FROM ANY VIOLATION OF TERRITORY OR A MUTUALLY ACCEPTED BOUNDARY LINE. IN EFFECT, THE U.S. RECOGNIZED INDIA AND PAKISTAN AS NUCLEAR POWER GAME, SECRETARY OF STATE MADELEINE ALBRIGHT'S CONDEMNATION OF THE TERRORIST ATTACKS--AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME--WILL INCREASE INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE ON PAKISTAN TO STOP THE PROXY WAR AGAINST INDIA."

--"SOFTENING THE TARGETS," EDITORIAL IN JULY 22 RIGHT-OF-CENTER THE INDIAN EXPRESS:

-- "THE DASTARDLY MASSACRES AT DODA AND POONCH ARE A REMINDER THAT WHILE INDIA HAS WON THE CRITICAL BATTLE IN KARGIL, THE WIDER WAR RAGES ON.... POST-KARGIL, INDIA MUST ALSO REASSESS PAKISTAN'S DECADE-LONG PROXY WAR IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR.... INDIAN DIPLOMACY MUST RELENTLESSLY PURSUE THE TERRORISM-PAKISTAN LINK, ESPECIALLY AT A TIME WHEN ISLAMABAD STANDS RATHER ISOLATED INTERNATIONALLY AND WHEN WESTERN POWERS SEEM INCREASINGLY APPREHENSIVE ABOUT

EXTREMIST ELEMENTS IN THAT COUNTRY.... AND IF ANY FURTHER PROOF WERE REQUIRED OF PAKISTAN'S DUPLICITY, ITS HAWKISH INFORMATION MINISTER MUSHAHID HUSSAIN BRAZENLY PROVIDED IT IN AN INTERVIEW TO AN INDIAN NEWSPAPER WHEN HE STATED THAT WHILE THE SO-CALLED MUJAHIDEEN HAVE RETREATED FROM KARGIL, THEY HAVE SIMPLY RELOCATED ELSEWHERE.... INDIAN SECURITY...MUST NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE REST OF THE VOLATILE BORDER TO SEE THAT THE ISI DOES NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE WEATHER AND A STRETCHED-OUT-FORCE TO RUSH INTO THE VALLEY MORE MEN AND ARMS."

--"KARGIL, A VICTORY?," EDITORIAL IN JULY 22 CENTRIST THE ASIAN AGE:

-- "U.S. PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON TELEPHONED PRIME MINISTER ATAL BEHARI VAJPAYEE. AMIDST THE PLATITUDE OF MUTUAL APPRECIATION WAS THE CATEGORICAL MESSAGE:BEGIN TALKS WITH PAKISTAN. THE INDIAN FOREIGN OFFICE, IN ITS BRIEFINGS TO REPORTERS, COMPLETELY MISSED TO EVEN MENTION THIS POINT.... THE WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING AT WASHINGTON, HOWEVER, BROUGHT OUT THE FACT THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON HAD URGED VAJPAYEE TO RESUME THE DIALOGUE WITH PAKISTAN. THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT IS SILENT ON THIS, STATING MERELY THAT PAKISTAN SHOULD CREATE CONDITIONS CONDUCIVE FOR A DIALOGUE....

-- "THE SHARIF GOVERNMENT HAS SOUGHT TO CONVERT THE KARGIL CONFLICT INTO A VICTORY BY INSISTING THAT THE MUJAHIDEEN WILL NOW MAKE INDIA TALK ON KASHMIR AND THAT THE INDIAN ARMY HAS SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES AT THE HANDS OF THE ALLEGED FREEDOM FIGHTERS. THE VAJPAYEE GOVERNMENT HAS CLAIMED VICTORY BY EMPHASIZING THE INTERNATIONAL ISOLATION OF PAKISTAN, BY PROJECTING THE MILITARY SUCCESS IN KARGIL AND OTHER SECTORS AND BY INSISTING THAT INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION, DESPITE U.S. INTERVENTION, HAS NOT TAKEN PLACE. IN REALITY, BOTH GOVERNMENTS ARE WORKING MOUNTING DOMESTIC CRITICISM AND THE OTHER TO WIN THE FORTHCOMING LOK SABHA ELECTIONS."

--"WAR BY DECEIT," EDITORIAL IN JULY 22 RIGHT-OF-CENTER THE PIONEER:

-- "AFTER SURRENDERING TO U.S. PRESSURE AND THE WILTING UNDER THE DECISIVE MILITARY ACTION OF THE INDIAN ARMED FORCES, PAKISTAN HAS NOT EFFECTED A DIGNIFIED EXIT FROM INDIAN TERRITORY. ITS FORCES CONTINUE TO OCCUPY HEIGHTS ON THIS SIDE OF THE LINE OF CONTROL AND SHELL OUR POSITIONS, WHILE MILITANTS BACKED BY THEM HAVE ALREADY STRUCK TWICE AT SOFT TARGETS, IN DODA THE LATEST BEING THE HEINOUS ATTACK ON VILLAGERS.... THIS SHOULD MAKE THE WORLD SIT UP AND TAKE NOTE OF WHAT INDIA HAS BEEN INSISTING FOR A LONG TIME, THAT THE EVENTS IN KARGIL AND THE MILITANCY IN KASHMIR MUST BE SEEN IN A LARGER CONTEXT AND NOT AS AN ISOLATED, REGIONALISED AFFAIR. PRIME MINISTER ATAL BEHARI VAJPAYEE MADE PRECISELY THAT POINT IN HIS 20-MINUTE LONG TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH U.S. PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON...WHEN HE EMPHASIZED THAT THERE COULD BE NO RESOLUTION POSSIBLE ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN TILL THE CROSS BORDER

TERRORISM BEING ENCOURAGED AND ABETTED BY ISLAMABAD WAS STOPPED.... THE FACT THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON TOO HAS UNDERSTOOD INDIA'S POSITION ON THE ISSUE IS AMPLE TESTIMONY TO A GROWING REALIZATION IN THE U.S. OF THE MENACE OF CROSS-BORDER TERRORISM....

-- "CLEARLY, BOMBINGS AND RECENT EVENTS WHICH HAVE HURT U.S. INTERESTS OVERSEAS HAS MADE THE CLINTON, ADMINISTRATION APPRAISE THE ISSUE OF CROSS-BORDER TERRORISM IN A NEW LIGHT AND HENCE THE GROWING CONVERGENCE OF MINDS BETWEEN NEW DELHI AND WASHINGTON. IT IS HOPED THAT CLINTON WILL PAY HEED TO VAJPAYEE'S SUGGESTION THAT THE U.S. PREVAIL UPON ITS FRIEND PAKISTAN TO DESIST FROM THIS NEFARIOUS ACTIVITY. NOT ONLY REGIONAL BUT EVEN GLOBAL PEACE DEPENDS ON THAT."

--"IF PROOF STILL WERE NEEDED," ANALYSIS IN JULY 22 RIGHT-OF-CENTRIST THE INDIAN EXPRESS BY FORMER INDIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY J.N. DIXIT:

-- "IT IS TIME TO TAKE NOTE OF WHAT PAKISTAN HAS BEEN UP TO AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY HAVE A CLEAR PERCEPTION OF PAKISTANI MOTIVATIONS ON WHICH WE SHOULD PREDICATE OUR FUTURE POLICIES.... THE INTRUSION WAS NOT A REGULAR, NORMAL, LARGE-SCALE MILITARY PHENOMENON. IT WAS DONE GRADUALLY OVER TWO MONTHS, PERHAPS BETWEEN MARCH AND APRIL.... MOST OF THE MILITARY OPERATIONS WERE CARRIED OUT BY REGULAR PAKISTANI ARMY OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS. PAKISTAN HAD ALSO DEPLOYED SQUADRONS OF ITS HELICOPTERS AND ARTILLERY TO GIVE COVER TO TH MILITARY OFFENSIVE. PARVEZ MUSHARRAF, CHIEF OF RMY STAFF, AND CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF OF THE PAKITAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS LT. GENERAL AZIZ WERE DIRET PLANNERS AND COMMANDING OFFICERS OF THIS OPERAION. THE ENTIRE OPERATION WAS CONDUCTED WITH FULL COORDINATION AND CONSENSUS OF THE DEFENSE COMMITTEE OF THE PAKISTAN CABINET....

-- "THE PAKISTANI ARMY UNITS WERE OF COURSE JOINED BY MERCENARIES FROM THE AFGHAN CONFLICT AND MEMBERS OF THE TALIBAN. THE WEAPONS AVAILABLE TO THE PAKISTANI AGGRESSORS AND THE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT SYSTEM ALONG WITH ARTILLERY COVER AND AIR SUPPORT NAILS THE LIE THAT PAKISTAN HAD NO DIRECT INVOLVEMENT. PAKISTAN IS WITHDRAWING ITS REGULAR TROOPS. IT IS ORCHESTRATING A DISPERSAL OF THE IRREGULAR CADRES AND SO-CALLED MUJAHIDEEN ALL ALONG THE LOC AND INTO LADAK AND THE KASHMIR VALLEY.... PROSPECTS CONTINUE OF A HOSTILE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. PAKISTAN'S NATIONAL CONSOLIDATION CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED BY WEAKENING AND

FRAGMENTING INDIA....

-- "WE ARE DEALING WITH A PAKISTAN ARMY WHICH IS A FORCE INDOCTRINATED IN RELIGIOUS DOGMA AND EXTREMISM WITHOUT COMMITMENT TO NORMAL MILITARY NORMS. WE ARE ALSO DEALING WITH A PAKISTANI CIVIL SOCIETY HELD IN THRALL BY A POWER STRUCTURE WITH A SIMILAR MIND SET. WE SHOULD RESUME THE DIALOGUE ONLY AT A TIME OF OUR CHOICE KEEPING

THESE MOTIVATIONS IN MIND AND WITHOUT ILLUSIONS."

--"ROADS THAT LEAD FROM KARGIL," ANALYSIS IN JULY 22
INDEPENDENT ASIAN AGE BY FORMER PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS N. KRISHNAN:

-- "THE MEDIA IS AWASH WITH CONTRADICTORY COMMENTS--
EXPRESSING, ON THE ONE HAND, SATISFACTION THAT PAKISTAN
IS BEING FORCED BY THE U.S. TO WITHDRAW AND, ON THE
OTHER, APPREHENSION THAT THE AMERICANS ARE GOING TO
BECOME MEDDLESOME MEDIATORS. NOW THAT THE END OF THE
CONFLICT IS MERCIFULLY IN SIGHT IT IS EVEN BEING ASKED
WHETHER IT WAS AT ALL NECESSARY TO GO RUNNING AFTER G-8
AND U.S. SUPPORT WHEN OUR ARMED FORCES WERE ALREADY
FINISHING OFF THE JOB ON THEIR OWN! THE TIME HAS COME TO
THINK SERIOUSLY ABOUT THE POST-KARGIL SCENARIO. INDIA IS
COMMITTED TO A RESUMPTION OF THE LAHORE PROCESS OF
DIALOGUE.... MOUNTING THE MILITARY AND DIPLOMATIC
OPERATION TO COUNTER THE KARGIL INTRUSION WAS ONE THING
BUT PICKING UP THE RUDELY SNAPPED THREAD OF DIALOGUE WITH
PAKISTAN IS QUITE ANOTHER MATTER. NO CARETAKER
GOVERNMENT CAN DO IT. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE SHOULD
NOT GIVE SERIOUS THOUGHT TO THE DIALOGUE PROCESS AND
PREPARE OURSELVES FOR IT. THE TEMPTATION TO THINK IN
EXTREME TERMS SHOULD BE RESISTED....

-- "THE KARGIL EXPERIENCE COULD PROVIDE THE NECESSARY
MOTIVATION. PAKISTAN WOULD, IT IS TO BE HOPED, HAVE
LEARNT THE LESSON AND REFRAIN FROM SIMILAR TRANSGRESSIONS
AND INFILTRATIONS INTO OUR TERRITORY. IT IS EQUALLY TO
BE HOPED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WOULD ALSO BE
MORE VIGILANT IN MONITORING PAKISTAN'S BEHAVIOR. INDIA,
FOR ITS PART, SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT IT CANNOT
PROCRASTINATE ANY FURTHER FACING UP SQUARELY TO THE
PROBLEM OF KASHMIR.... PAKISTAN IS NO LONGER THE
STRATEGIC FACTOR IT WAS IN U.S. SOUTH ASIA POLICY. IN
FACT, IT MAY WELL BECOME A LIABILITY....

-- "IT IS FOMENTING EXTREMISM AND MILITANCY AND
EXPORTING TERRORISM. PAKISTAN MAY WELL BE A CONDUIT FOR
THE SPREAD OF THE TALIBAN WHICH MIGHT ONLY BE TOO READY
TO SECURE A FOOTHOLD IN KASHMIR. IN SUCH A SITUATION,
THE INTERESTS OF REGIONAL STABILITY WOULD SURELY BE
BETTER SERVED WITH KASHMIR AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF INDIA
RATHER THAN AS A PART OF PAKISTAN OR A TALIBANIZED
ENTITY. THE U.S. AND THE WORLD SHOULD BE SENSITIZED TO
THESE REALITIES. THE PRESENT CONJUNCTURE MAY PROVIDE THE
BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIA TO NEGOTIATE A VIABLE SOLUTION
FOR KASHMIR.... IN THE BILATERAL DIALOGUE WITH PAKISTAN
WE MUST TAKE FULL ACCOUNT OF THESE NEW AND EMERGING
CONFIGURATIONS AND EXPLOIT THEM TO OUR ADVANTAGE. U.S.
GOOD OFFICES, WHEN NEEDED TO PROVIDE STIMULUS, COULD BE
AVAILABLE OF BY US." WARD

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