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NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS GUIDANCE

December 2, 1999

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RUSSIA/CHECHNYA

November 30, 1999

BACKGROUND: Vollebaek went to Moscow Nov. 30, but reached no agreement with the Russians on a date for his visit to the North Caucasus. Press reports indicate recent shelling of Grozny has been the heaviest to date, and that the Russian military is considering using heavier bombers and incendiary bombs in future operations. Russian troops are engaged in heavy fighting around Grozny.

POLICY:

ú U.S. believes a purely military solution to the conflict in the North Caucasus is not possible. Costs of such an approach are too high -- costs in humanitarian terms, damage to Russia's international reputation, and in making it harder to achieve a political solution.

ú We urge Russia to develop a political strategy to resolve the conflict either through direct dialogue, or to consider third party -- most likely, the OSCE -- as an intermediary.

ú Russia bears primary responsibility for dealing with humanitarian problems in North Caucasus -- allowing full freedom of movement for displaced persons and providing for their well-being. U.S. and international relief organizations committed to help. President has authorized \$10 million in emergency relief.

ú U.S. recognizes Russia's territorial integrity and right to protect its citizens. Share Russia's interest in stability and security in the North Caucasus.

There are press reports Yeltsin was rushed to the hospital Nov. 30 with suspected pneumonia -- are you concerned?

ú Have heard the press reports. Wish him a speedy recovery.

If pressed:

ú President Yeltsin has been hospitalized for pneumonia and other respiratory ailments before -- four times since January of 1997. In the past, recovery has taken two to three weeks, sometimes longer.

Did the Russians refuse to allow OSCE Chairman-in-Office Vollebaek to visit the Chechnya region?

ú Russia agreed at Istanbul to an OSCE mission to the North Caucasus. We expect that Russia will live up to all agreements reached during the Istanbul summit.

ú We understand that Vollebaek and Ivanov have not yet come to an agreement on when an OSCE mission to the North Caucasus.

What are you doing about Russia's stepped-up bombardment of Chechnya? Just going to stand idly by?

ú Strong and consistent international response to Chechnya conflict is starting to put in place the tools needed to influence Russian actions.

ú At recent Istanbul summit international community sent unified message about conflict and steps we want Russia to take. . President Clinton, other world leaders made clear that international views do matter.

ú At Istanbul, Russians accepted language in the summit declaration

OSCE norms must be followed, that a political solution is essential, and that welcomed the willingness of OSCE to assist in renewal of political dialogue.

ú OSCE Chairman-in-Office Vollebaek ,s trip to Moscow Monday was first follow- up step with Russian Government; important to reach agreement on date for Vollebaek trip to North Caucasus.

ú We have repeatedly reinforced message about importance of finding political solution and OSCE role with the Russians. President Clinton discussed it in detail with President Yeltsin at Istanbul; APNSA Berger reinforced it when he spoke to Prime Minister Putin last Friday, and Secretary of State Albright has discussed it repeatedly with Foreign Minister Ivanov.

ú The EU has made the same points. EU has condemned all disproportionate and indiscriminate use of force, urged Russia to avoid civilian casualties, and underlined the need for a negotiated settlement.

If Russia is just defending its own borders, what gives the U.S. the right to criticize?

ú As President Clinton said, &do not believe there will ever be a time in human affairs when we will ever be able to say we simply cannot criticize this or that ... action because it happened within the territorial borders of a single nation 8.

ú As APNSA Berger explained, &We have real concerns about [Chechnya] based on humanitarian grounds and because we are interested in Russia ,s stability and success. 8

ú President Clinton made clear that the US wants Russia to overcome the scourge of terrorism and lawlessness in Chechnya and that we believe Russia has not only the right, but also the obligation to defend its territorial integrity.

ú As President explained, are concerned that &the means Russia has chosen will undermine its ends, that if attacks on civilians continue, the extremism Russia is trying to combat will only intensify and the sovereignty Russia rightly is defending will be more and more rejected by ordinary Chechens who are not part of the terror or the resistance. 8

ú Believe there needs to be, as President said, &a political dialogue and a political settlement ... with those who are willing to seek a political solution 8. Also look for &appropriate measures to end terrorism, protection of innocent civilians, a commitment to allow refugees to return in safety, access for relief groups and a common effort to rebuild.

Why aren ,t you considering a cutoff of aid to Russia? Aren ,t you indirectly subsidizing Russia ,s military campaign?

ú Have made concerns about humanitarian situation clear to the Russians at all levels, emphasized dangers of Russian military escalation. Have urged Russians to open political dialogue with legitimate Chechen leaders.

ú U.S. assistance to Russia advances core national security interests. Two thirds of our bilateral assistance to Russia is aimed at reducing threat of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

ú Three fourths of remainder of our bilateral assistance is focused on promoting grassroots economic and democratic reform outside Moscow. These efforts include support for NGOs, regional independent media, exchange programs, small business development.

The New York Times has reported that EXIM Bank is reconsidering its loans to Russian. Any comment?

ð The Exim Bank is considering the loans referenced in the recent NYT piece.

ú The Ex-Im Bank is an independent agency of the US Government, and its mission is to support US exports for creditworthy transactions in markets where the private sector is unwilling to provide financing.

ð They have been preliminarily approved by the EXIM board and were submitted to the Hill for review.

ð The loans await final approval by the EXIM board; no board meeting has been scheduled to consider final approval.

ú Refer you to the Ex-Im Bank Office of Communications for any additional questions.

if asked -- Is Russia violating the Geneva Convention and its OSCE obligations in Chechnya?

ú Like other countries, Russia has assumed obligations under the Geneva conventions and commitments under the OSCE code of conduct on political and military aspects of security.

ú Russia is carrying out an intense bombing and artillery campaign in many areas of Chechnya. Indiscriminate use of force) which includes air and artillery attacks against Chechen insurgent forces that are intermingled among the civilian population) is not consistent with these commitments.

What are you doing about the humanitarian crisis in the North Caucasus?

ú Russia bears primary responsibility for dealing with humanitarian problems in the North Caucasus.

ú Have been pressing Russians to address these problems. Russians need to provide for well-being of nearly 200, 000 IDPs in neighboring regions. As ICRC official recently noted, &there is a very obvious need for a humanitarian operation of quite some substance 8.

ú Urging Russian authorities to allow full freedom of movement for people trying to escape conflict. Important that borders between Chechnya and neighboring regions remain open.

ú International community willing to do its part. UNHCR Sadako Ogata recently returned from visit to the North Caucasus. Understand that she was able to visit several displaced persons camps.

ú UNHCR and International Red Cross taking the lead. Important that Russians cooperate fully with these agencies , courageous efforts, provide for their security.

ú Administration contributing generously to these organizations , appeals for international support. Have authorized State Department to spend up to \$10 million on behalf of humanitarian relief efforts in North Caucasus. We have also sent several direct humanitarian relief flights to the region.

NORTHERN IRELAND

December 2, 1999

What is your reaction to today's developments in Northern Ireland -- devolution, dropping of the territorial claim, the North/south Council, the IRA expected to name its representative on decommissioning?

ú These are truly historic events, and no one should underestimate their importance. As the President said after the Ulster Unionist Council meeting last Saturday, government is being put back in the hands of the people of Northern Ireland. But even more than that, the parties and the two governments have enshrined their commitment that territorial issues on the island of Ireland will henceforth only be resolved by peaceful means. The status of Northern Ireland will change only if a majority of people in Northern Ireland and in the Republic of Ireland vote for that to happen. At the same time, mechanisms are being put in place to maximize cooperation across the border, so that where it makes sense to work together on issues like trade and agriculture and tourism, both sides take full advantage of the possibilities that exist. Cooperation will lead to greater understanding and prosperity, which will replace the divisions and distrust of the past. In this context, progress on the issue of decommissioning will be very important, and we look forward to confirmation that the paramilitaries have named their representatives to the De Chastelain commission and to seeing that commission succeed. We congratulate all those who have helped to make this day possible. On the eve of the millennium, today is indeed a day for the history books, and we should all take note of it and work to build the structures for lasting

peace.

WTO

November 24, 1999

WTO) Invitation to World Leaders

Is it true that President Clinton failed in his efforts to get world leaders to attend the World Trade Organization Ministerial meeting in Seattle?

ú The idea of inviting world leaders was informally explored with the World Trade Organization's Director General, but after consultation and further consideration was deemed infeasible due to time restrictions and schedule conflicts.

ú Additionally, it is important to remember that the WTO Ministerial in Seattle is not a summit and that the real focus of the conference is to provide a venue for work which needs to be done by trade ministers.

Permanent Normal Trade Relations

Is the Administration going to seek permanent Normal Trade Relations for China? Any linkage of NTR to other issues?

ú President will work closely with Congress to obtain permanent NTR for China on the basis of the strong commercial agreement signed November 15.

ú Our bilateral agreement provided significant access for U.S. agriculture, industrial products and services.

ú It was negotiated on its own terms without linkage to any other issue outside the trade area.

ú China's entry into the WTO on commercially meaningful terms is good for the U.S and good for the global trading system.

ú it is a win for American export-related jobs, for Chinese economic reform, and for the long-term U.S.-China relationship.

Military-to-Military

Is the U.S. concerned about Russian conventional military sales to China?

ú While no international treaty or understanding proscribes arms transfers to China, and U.S. Law does not prohibit conventional arms transfers of non-U.S. origin items by third countries to the PRC, we do

not sell arms to China.

ú The regional balance of power is an issue of serious concern to us. We do not wish to see an arms race in the region and support diplomatic efforts and cross-Strait dialogue to reduce tension and build confidence.

US-China WTO Bilateral Accession Agreement

What kind of reaction have you been getting from the Hill to the WTO deal?

ú Believe we have a good agreement and look forward to fully briefing the Congress on it.

ú Look forward to working to build strong bipartisan support for the agreement. Plan to work closely with Congress on this.

How will China be represented in Seattle?

ú Our bilateral agreement a crucial step in China's WTO accession process.

ú Important steps remain: first, China must conclude bilateral negotiations with other WTO members, including EU and Canada. Then multilateral negotiations on China's accession protocol must also be finished. China must then complete its own domestic procedures for accession.

ú China will be represented in Seattle as an observer.

ú We believe that China has shown good faith and a willingness to make serious trade commitments. Our hope is that China will be a WTO member as soon as possible, and we will actively support efforts to bring that about.

ú [If asked: The China WTO deal could have potentially significant global environmental benefits, such as reduced greenhouse gas emissions, if energy sector liberalization leads to greater use of cleaner energy technologies.]

Red line: No mention of April agreement (China adamantly insists that there never was an agreement in April, and the negotiations this week literally went over every single tariff line and textual statement previously negotiated. China insisted on this as a way of highlighting that the agreement consists only of things just negotiated, not held over from April.).

Contents:

This agreement provides very good protections for our workers:

ú Non-market economy anti-dumping protection (i.e., uses the methodology for non-market economies to determine whether dumping is occurring): 15 year sunset from time of accession. China can graduate individual sectors or the entire economy at any time if it can, in accordance with our regulations, prove that these now operate according to market conditions.

ú Product specific safeguard: 12 year sunset from time of accession.

ú The agreement provides for major tariff reductions:

ú By 2005, China's overall tariff rate drops from 17% to below 10%.

ú The agreement provides for major improvements in the US position for various sectors, most notably:

Automotive:

ú Reduce tariffs on car imports from the current 100% to 25% by July 1, 2006. Note: have accelerated phase in of these reductions so that major reductions are front-end loaded.

ú Permits non-bank automotive financing (China does not allow this even to Chinese firms).

ú Permits foreign firms to do repair and maintenance of products, including those they do not manufacture.

Telecoms:

ú Provides foreign equity holdings for value added and paging services of 49% upon accession and up to 50% in the second year. [While not specified in the WTO agreement, Chinese law permits foreign management control even with less than foreign majority equity in these ventures.]

ú Provides for foreign participation in satellite and internet services.

Insurance:

ú Permits 50% foreign equity holdings and eliminates all geographical restrictions by 2003.

Foreign Financial Institutions:

ú Provides phase in for RMB business for Chinese firms in 2 years and for individual Chinese citizens in 5 years. Foreign banks have the same rights as Chinese banks in designated geographic areas. All geographic restrictions are removed in five years.

Audiovisual:

ú China will import 20 films per year (from all foreign countries, not just the US) on a revenue sharing basis in each of the coming three years.

ú China will permit foreign joint ventures for distribution of sound recordings and videos upon accession.

TAIWAN AND THE WTO

November 29, 1999

CONTEXT: Politically, the PRC's friends will block Taiwan's entry until the PRC is admitted. But all expectations are that Taiwan will enter immediately on the heels of the PRC.

ú Taiwan has completed its bilateral agreements and should be well-positioned to enter the WTO this winter.

ú The U.S. position is that the WTO is a commercial -- not a political -- organization and thus that Taiwan should be admitted whenever it has met the commercial and procedural requirements for WTO entry.

ú Note also that Taiwan will enter as a customs area, much like Hong Kong in that regard.

CHINA AND FALUN GUNG

December 2, 1999

CONTEXT: According to the Hong Kong-based Information Center of Human Rights and Democratic Movement in China, Vice Premier Li Lanqing stated during a speech to Party members last Friday that 35,000 Falun Gong practitioners were detained between July 22 and October 30. According to the account, Li described the campaign against the Falun Gong as "long term, difficult, and complex." 8 On December 2, Qian Xiaoqian, a Chinese government official with the news office of China's state Council, denied that 35,000 had been detained, but acknowledged that practitioners had had more than 35,000 "run-ins" with the police. As further clarification, he reportedly said the number represents "the total number of times individuals who attempted to assemble illegally in public places in Beijing were persuaded to leave or were taken away from a site." 8 Qian also reportedly stated that 150 practitioners were arrested as of November 22 and that four former senior Party officials had been formally charged with crimes, including using a cult to sabotage the law, as well as possessing and leaking state secrets. In a separate development, a court on the island of Hainan rejected the appeals of four sect leaders on

Tuesday, upholding jail terms of up to 12 years.

Reaction to reports that 35,000 Falun Gong practitioners have been detained since July.

ú We have seen the report of Vice Premier Li Lanqing's statement that 35,000 Falun Gong practitioners have been detained since last July and the December 2 denial of this figure by Qian Xiaoqian, an official from the News Office of China's State Council.

ú Mr. Qian stated that the 35,000 figure represents the number of & run-ins 8 that Falun Gong practitioners have had with police.

ú Whether 35,000 people have been formally detained or merely & taken away from the site 8 as Mr. Qian states, China has been carrying out a very large-scale campaign to prevent tens of thousands of Chinese citizens from peacefully exercising their universally-recognized rights of freedom of assembly, association, belief and conscience.

ú We continue to be deeply disturbed by the scale and intensity of this campaign to suppress the Falun Gong spiritual movement.

ú We see no justification for the arrest, sentencing, and harsh treatment of Falun Gong practitioners, nor any evidence that practitioners have done anything other than attempt to exercise their internationally recognized rights.

ú This kind of action against free expression of thought, conscience, and spiritual belief led the Secretary of State to name China as a &country of particular concern 8 under the International Religious Freedom Act.

ú We will continue to urge China to exercise restraint, lift the ban on the Falun Gong, allow practitioners to peacefully express personal beliefs, and release all those who have been detained, arrested, or sentenced for peacefully exercising their rights.

COLOMBIA: REACTION TO WASHINGTON TIMES STORY ON TRUCKS December 2, 1999

CONTEXT: The Washington Times ran a story today that featured criticism by Colombian officials of USG assistance to Colombia, particularly 18 trucks that were sent to the Colombian Army under our drawdown program.

Any comments on the Washington Times article in which Colombian officials criticized as rusted-out junk the 18 trucks that the USG sent to the Colombian Army under a drawdown authority?

ú The 18 trucks were part of a larger shipment of 30 trucks that we supplied the Colombian military under a 506(a) drawdown authority to assist Colombian counter-drug efforts. The other 12 trucks went to the Colombian Marines and Air Force.

ú The trucks came from USG inventories, were shipped in good working order, and had normal wear and tear from previous use. They were older model trucks, but ones with several years of useful life remaining. A package of parts was included to help maintain them in working order.

ú This is typical of the way in which a drawdown works. The law prohibits us from procuring new equipment. We supply equipment in good working order from existing stocks.

ú In the course of shipping trucks by sea as far as Colombia, some dirt, minor corrosion, and dead batteries are normal and expected. In this case, two trucks had dead batteries.

ú For further details, please contact the Defense Department.

PANAMA: DELEGATION TO PANAMA CANAL CEREMONY November 30, 1999

CONTEXT: On November 30, President Clinton announced that President Carter and Secretary Albright would lead the U.S. delegation at the December 14 Panama Canal hand-over ceremony. He also misspoke, saying that the &Chinese would do a great job of running the canal. 8 He meant, of course, that the Hong Kong firm Hutchison-Whampoa would do a fine job running the ports at each end; the canal itself will be run by the Panamanian government.

So, who ,s going to Panama?

ú President Clinton has announced that former President Carter and Secretary Albright will lead the U.S. delegation at the December 14 ceremony to mark the hand-over of the Panama Canal. This is in recognition of President Carter ,s historic role in negotiating the transfer.

ú The transfer itself marks a watershed in our relations with Panama, and indeed, all of our neighbors in Latin America. it is a concrete sign of the maturity of democracy in the region and of the growing economic and trade relations in the hemisphere, based on mutual respect and proven mutual benefit.

ú The importance of this moment is demonstrated by the attendance of leaders from throughout the hemisphere.

PANAMA: THE CHINESE AND THE CANAL November 30, 1999

CONTEXT: In response to reporters' questions, the President dismissed fears over Chinese control of the Panama Canal, asserting that the new government of Panama is committed to the successful operation of the Canal and that the Chinese will in fact be bending over backward to make sure they run it in a competent and able and fair manner. 8

Did the President say that the Chinese will control the Panama Canal following the December 31 transfer of the Canal to Panama?

ú Following the transfer of the Canal, responsibility for the operation of the Canal will rest with the government of Panama and the Panama Canal Authority. A Hong Kong-based private company, Hutchison-Whampoa, has the concession to run two container facilities at the Canal ports of Balboa and Cristobal. This company will have no control over or role in the operation of the Canal.

ú Hutchison-Whampoa is one of the largest port container operators in the world. There are four container facilities near the Canal. Two are operated by Hutchison-Whampoa. The largest of the container operations is run by a U.S. and Panamanian joint venture. The other facility is run by the Taiwan company Evergreen.

But the President referred to the Chinese running the Canal. Did he misspeak?

ú The President was making a broader point about Chinese engagement with the world through international commerce. It should be noted that the President also said, 'I think the new government of Panama is committed to maintaining the canal in an appropriate manner and keeping it open and working with us to do so and having good relations.' 8

MEXICO: SUSPECTED MASS GRAVE SITES

November 30, 1999

BACKGROUND: On 29 November, the Mexican Attorney General announced an investigation into two possible drug trafficking-related mass burial sites near Juarez, Mexico not far from the border. The suspected sites first came to light more than a month ago when an informant told the FBI El Paso office that the Juarez cartel had committed numerous drug-related homicides, with many of the bodies buried in two mass graves. The informant's estimate was approximately 100 bodies, possibly including some U.S. nationals. Subsequent investigation by both the FBI and Mexican authorities confirmed aspects of the informant's claim, and on 29 November the Mexican Army moved to secure both locations for on-site investigations. The FBI will participate in this effort and has the lead with respect to the forensics work. The Mexican Attorney General's announcements and various media reports have linked this story to various U.S. missing persons cases along the border, but the FBI won't be able to

evaluate this possibility until the investigation is further along.

What is your reaction to the Mexican Attorney General's announcement of mass graves in Mexico containing victims of the Juarez drug cartel?

ú The reports of the mass graves discovered in northern Mexico are very troubling, and both Governments have moved quickly to investigate.

ú The preliminary indications we have are that the killings were done by drug traffickers associated with the so-called Juarez Cartel.

ú A joint investigation by the Mexican Office of the Attorney General and the our FBI is continuing. We are getting good cooperation from Mexican authorities.

ú For further information, I would refer you to the FBI.

Is there any connection between this matter and the just-announced working visit by President Zedillo to Washington on December 9th?

ú No. While the shared drug problem is invariably among the many bilateral issues the two Presidents discuss during their regular working visits, the timing of the upcoming visit is not linked to this particular investigation.

MEXICO: ZEDILLO VISIT
December 1, 1999

Expected agenda items for visit of Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo:

- NAFTA implementation issues
- Border issues
- Counter-drug issues
- Law enforcement cooperation
- Consular affairs and migration
- Education
- Public diplomacy

THE WHITE HOUSE

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STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

Meeting with His Excellency Ernesto Zedillo,
President of Mexico

At the invitation of President Clinton, Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo will travel to Washington for a Working Visit with President Clinton at the White House on December 9. This will be the eleventh substantive meeting between Presidents Clinton and Zedillo.

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MEPP: SETTLEMENTS AND PERMANENT STATUS TALKS December 1, 1999

In Cairo, Chairman Arafat criticized the Israeli for foot-dragging on the issue of settlements and its recent decision to build over 1,000 housing units around Bethlehem. What's your view?

ú As we've said in the past, we regard prejudging the outcome of permanent status negotiations.

ú Parties have agreed that this is one of the issues to be addressed in permanent status negotiations.

ú Both sides committed themselves in the Sharm agreement to make every effort to negotiate a framework agreement by mid February and a comprehensive agreement by September. The way to resolve their differences is through these negotiations.

ISRAEL/SYRIA TRACK: RABIN PLEDGE AND CLINTON LETTER December 1, 1999

Is it true, as reported by Patrick Seale, that President Clinton sent a letter to Syrian President Asad in June 1995, despite the expressed objections of Prime Minister Rabin, in which he said that he had in his pocket an offer from Rabin to a full Israeli withdrawal from the Golan to the June 4, 1967 lines?

ú Recent reports on this subject in the Arab and Israeli press are filled with numerous inaccuracies, and I am not going to respond to every new report that comes out.

ú What I will say is that we only conveyed from one party to the other that which we were authorized to convey.

IRAQ: NEW UNSCR DRAFT

November 30, 1999

How have the negotiations in New York been going on the new draft of the Anglo-Dutch resolution on Iraq?

ú We have made further progress in recent weeks, but I would caution that we still do not have all of the terms worked out.

What do you think of the new draft?

ú We continue to support the resolution, but it remains a work in progress. There is no guarantee that we are going to be able to get a new resolution.

ú We support the resolution because it would rebuild consensus in the UNSC on completing Iraqi disarmament tasks and taking care of the humanitarian needs of the Iraqi people while keeping revenue controls in place.

ú The resolution would return a robust inspection regime to Iraq to complete the disarmament of Iraq.

ú The oil-for-food program will continue with all its controls.

What about the provisions for the suspension of sanctions?

ú The draft provides that once Iraq has cooperated fully by fulfilling the key disarmament tasks, then the UNSC could decide to suspend some of the economic sanctions on Iraq.

ú That decision would require that effective financial and other controls be in effect to ensure that Iraqi revenues continued to flow through the oil-for-food program to the Iraqi people, rather than the Baghdad regime.

ú If Iraqi cooperation on disarmament lapsed at any time, sanctions suspension would automatically lapse as well.

Are the French and Russians on board with the resolution?

ú We have made good progress in recent weeks, but we are not there yet.

What if the Iraqis reject the resolution * as they are saying they will?

ú Then the sanctions will remain in place while the Council will have expressed its determination that Iraq must comply with its obligations to the international community.

Iraq is claiming you hit a school over the weekend. Is this true?

ú No reason to believe the Iraqis who make these claims all the time, but we are checking the BDA.

ú The Iraqis fired AAA at us near Mosul in Northern Iraq and that our pilots took appropriate action in response and fired on an ammunitions dump.

ú Our pilots are engaged in dangerous missions every day in enforcing the U.N. No Fly Zones and they will take action to defend themselves.

KUWAIT

November 30, 1999

What is your reaction to the vote of the Kuwaiti parliament rejecting political rights for women?

ú As we have stated before, we fully support the expansion of political rights including the extension of political rights to women. We therefore regret today's action by the national assembly.

ú Some parliamentarians claim that the vote today is a victory for democracy. Do you see it that way?

ú We believe that political rights for women is a fundamental component of democracy, which is precisely the reason why we will continue to support the extension of these rights.

Americans died to liberate Kuwait. How do we reconcile our ongoing support for Kuwait in view of this action?

ú Our commitment to Kuwait in the face of the continuing threat of Iraqi aggression is firm. We do, however, view today's vote as a setback for democratic development, which is indeed a key component of our foreign policy. We therefore will continue our full support for expanding political participation, including full political rights for women.

PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

November 30, 1999

Do you have any comment on the arrest of seven prominent Palestinians for criticism of Arafat?

ú We have seen reports of the arrest of seven Palestinians for signing a protest statement.

ú We are concerned about any actions that limit the freedom of expression and peaceful dissent.

ú We will be closely monitoring events and call upon the Palestinian authority to uphold the internationally recognized right to freedom of peaceful expression.

ú Violent expression is another matter and requires a vigorous response.

What about the document's charges of corruption in the Palestinian authority?

ú This is an issue we view with great concern and have consistently raised with Palestinian authority officials on various occasions.

ú We have made clear to them that transparency and accountability are necessary in order to build civil society.

ENERGY DEPARTMENT SECURITY

December 1, 1999

BACKGROUND: According to a Washington Post article, December 1, in a public forum November 30, Energy Department & Security Czar 8 GEN (Ret.) Eugene Habiger complained that DOE's plans to protect the national laboratories from espionage have fallen behind schedule due to Congress's failure to appropriate sufficient funds in the new budget. Congressional Republicans reportedly disputed this claim, countering that the Administration failed to produce a coherent plan to resolve the security failings at the labs.

POLICY:

ú Administration determined to strengthen security at DOE's national labs.

ú GEN Habiger appointed specifically to provide leadership and managerial talents needed to ensure that U.S. secrets are being protected

and culture of security is strengthened at the labs.

Comments on Washington Post report (December 1) that DOE's security Czar General Habiger now says plans to protect nuclear weapons labs have fallen behind schedule?

ú The security of nuclear weapons information is a paramount obligation of government that must be adequately supported.

ú Administration determined to carrying out a sweeping review of security at the national nuclear weapons laboratories. This is underway.

ú Selection of retired Air Force General Eugene Habiger ensures that our effort will have the necessary leadership and managerial talent behind it to get it done right.

Funding adequate to do the job?

ú We should address this problem in a manner that reflects a careful approach based on facts, rather than conjecture. Solutions must also protect the ability of the labs to do their work.

ú The budget just passed has an additional \$10 million to begin the process.

ú We will work closely with Congress in the next session to come to terms on the requirements.

ú We certainly hope that the Congress will support a subsequent Administration request for additional funding.

VIEQUES

November 24, 1999

Have you made a decision on Vieques?

ú Not yet. When President Clinton receives Secretary Cohen's recommendation, he will weigh Navy and Marine Corps combat readiness needs, the training alternatives available to them, and the concerns of the residents of Vieques and the people of Puerto Rico.

Where do we stand today?

ú We are engaged in an on-going dialogue with the Defense Department and the government of Puerto Rico in an effort at working out a mutually acceptable solution.

When will you be making a decision?

ú As soon as the President receives Secretary Cohen's formal recommendation and we have done everything possible to find a solution that addresses the concerns of Puerto Rico and the people of Vieques while meeting Navy and Marine Corps training requirements.

[If asked:]

What has the Governor said to you about live fire training on Vieques?

ú The Governor has shared with me his concerns about the impact of Navy training on the residents of Vieques, and his views as to how those concerns should be addressed.

Has Secretary Cohen recommend that live fire training resume at Vieques?

ú When we met on Veterans Day, we had a full discussion of Navy and Marine Corps training requirements and the value of training at Vieques

ú Secretary Cohen has not yet sent me his formal recommendation. I expect it in the near future.

DoD REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT ON LAUNCH FAILURE REVIEW December 1, 1999

CONTEXT: Between August 1998 and May 1999, the U.S. experienced three Titan IV government launch failures and two Delta III commercial launch failures. In May 1999, the President requested the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Director of Central Intelligence and the NASA Administrator, to provide a 90-day interim report and a 180-day final report on the causes of these failures and the corrective actions needed to ensure our future access to space. The Department of Defense, through the Air Force, undertook a comprehensive review to develop recommendations on how to reduce such failures in the future and improve mission success. This DoD review has taken into account the separate independent reviews completed by Lockheed Martin in September and by Boeing in October. The Department of Defense presented their interim report to the White House staff on September 8 in the form of a briefing. On November 12, the Air Force presented a briefing to the White House staff on the status of the DoD review and the content of DoD report. On November 23, the Secretary of Defense signed the final report and sent it to the President. On November 30, the President saw the report and signed the memo back to the Secretary of Defense. The text of the memo was released on November 30 as a White House Press Statement and copies of the report were sent by DoD to Congressional committees, in response to tasking in the Defense Authorization Act for FY 2000.

General

ú Access to space is critical to achieving U.S. national security,

scientific, technical, commercial, and foreign policy goals.

ú According to the President's 1994 National Space Transportation Policy, "Assuring reliable and affordable access to space through U.S. space transportation capabilities is a fundamental goal of the U.S. space program." 8

ú Five launch system failures out of 25 launches in ten months represents a significant departure from the average of only one failure per year over the past 12 years, with a total of 200 launches, and only 17 failures out of 777 launches since 1960.

ú The total value of the launch vehicles and spacecraft lost in the recent series of launch failures is approximately \$3.5 billion: almost \$3 billion worth of government flight hardware, and more than \$500 million worth of commercial launch vehicles and satellites.

ú DoD still has more than \$20 billion worth of assets to be launched on the current fleet of Titan, Atlas, and Delta launch vehicles before they are phased out and replaced with the Boeing and Lockheed Martin Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicles starting in 2002-2003.

Has the Secretary of Defense sent the final report to the President? Has the President seen the report? When will the report be available to the public?

ú The Secretary of Defense signed the final report on November 23 and sent it to the President. The President saw the report on November 30 and signed a reply to the Secretary of Defense.

ú The report will be available to the public on December 1, posted on the world wide web at the following URL:
www.af.mil/lib/misc/spacebar99.htm

Are the conclusions and recommendations from the DoD review consistent with the independent reviews conducted for Lockheed Martin and Boeing? What are they?

ú Yes, the conclusions and recommendations from the DoD review are consistent with the findings of the industry reviews. The DoD review team included representatives from major U.S. aerospace companies, including Lockheed Martin and Boeing, and the team considered the results of the independent reviews commissioned by these two companies.

ú Both the DoD and industry reviews addressed similar issues and concerns, including the importance of retaining workers with critical skills, establishing clear accountability at all levels of the involved government and industry organizations, accurately translating engineering intentions into actual hardware and software, and establishing manufacturing processes that are resistant to human error. The DoD review also noted the importance of defining a clear transition plan, taking into account these lessons learned, for the operation of new launch systems.

What does the President plan to do now that he has received the final report?

ú The President has seen the report, and sent a reply to the Secretary of Defense. The reply thanks him for conducting the review, and asks Mr. Berger and Dr. Lane to review the report. It also asks DoD to implement appropriate actions to correct these failures and ensure the nation's ability to access space for the future. The text of the reply is publicly available in a White House press statement.

ú The Office of Science and Technology Policy and the National Security Council will follow up with DoD to monitor their progress in implementing the report's recommendations.

Why didn't DoD and NASA wait on the results of these reviews before resuming launches? What have DoD and NASA been doing to ensure the success of these launches?

ú DoD and NASA thoroughly reviewed each launch failure, identified the root cause, and implemented appropriate corrective actions to eliminate the chance of the same problem recurring. Our national security and civil sector interests require us to continue launching safely and successfully. DoD and NASA conduct thorough Launch Readiness Reviews before every launch.

NASA has had a string of problems lately, too, with the Mars Climate Orbiter, the X-33 tank being damaged in a test, and a series of delays in the upcoming Shuttle missions. What's going on here? Have we lost the recipe for success?

ú Space programs are complicated and technologically challenging by their nature. As we've seen, any number of seemingly insignificant problems can have serious consequences. The important point is, through these reviews, the responsible government agencies and the U.S. industry are working diligently to find and fix the specific problems, and address the systemic concerns. They have identified several ways to improve mission success and will be working to ensure full implementation of these improvements.

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NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS GUIDANCE

December 2, 1999

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EUROPE

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RUSSIA/CHECHNYA
November 30, 1999

BACKGROUND: Vollebaek went to Moscow Nov. 30, but reached no agreement with the Russians on a date for his visit to the North Caucasus. Press reports indicate recent shelling of Grozny has been the heaviest to date, and that the Russian military is considering using heavier bombers and incendiary bombs in future operations. Russian troops are engaged in heavy fighting around Grozny.

POLICY:

- U.S. believes a purely military solution to the conflict in the North Caucasus is not possible. Costs of such an approach are too high -- costs in humanitarian terms, damage to Russia's international reputation, and in making it harder to achieve a political solution.
- We urge Russia to develop a political strategy to resolve the conflict either through direct dialogue, or to consider third party -- most likely, the OSCE -- as an intermediary.
- Russia bears primary responsibility for dealing with humanitarian problems in North Caucasus -- allowing full freedom of movement for displaced persons and providing for their well-being. U.S. and international relief organizations committed to help. President has authorized \$10 million in emergency relief.
- U.S. recognizes Russia's territorial integrity and right to protect its citizens. Share Russia's interest in stability and security in the North Caucasus.

There are press reports Yeltsin was rushed to the hospital Nov. 30 with suspected pneumonia -- are you concerned?

- Have heard the press reports. Wish him a speedy recovery.

If pressed:

- President Yeltsin has been hospitalized for pneumonia and other respiratory ailments before—four times since January of 1997. In the past, recovery has taken two to three weeks, sometimes longer.

Did the Russians refuse to allow OSCE Chairman-in-Office Vollebaek to visit the Chechnya region?

- Russia agreed at Istanbul to an OSCE mission to the North Caucasus. We expect that Russia will live up to all agreements reached during the Istanbul summit.

- We understand that Vollebaek and Ivanov have not yet come to an agreement on when an OSCE mission to the North Caucasus.

What are you doing about Russia's stepped-up bombardment of Chechnya? Just going to stand idly by?

- Strong and consistent international response to Chechnya conflict is starting to put in place the tools needed to influence Russian actions.
- At recent Istanbul summit international community sent unified message about conflict and steps we want Russia to take. . President Clinton, other world leaders made clear that international views do matter.
- At Istanbul, Russians accepted language in the summit declaration OSCE norms must be followed, that a political solution is essential, and that welcomed the willingness of OSCE to assist in renewal of political dialogue.
- OSCE Chairman-in-Office Vollebaek's trip to Moscow Monday was first follow- up step with Russian Government; important to reach agreement on date for Vollebaek trip to North Caucasus.
- We have repeatedly reinforced message about importance of finding political solution and OSCE role with the Russians. President Clinton discussed it in detail with President Yeltsin at Istanbul; APNSA Berger reinforced it when he spoke to Prime Minister Putin last Friday, and Secretary of State Albright has discussed it repeatedly with Foreign Minister Ivanov.
- The EU has made the same points. EU has condemned all disproportionate and indiscriminate use of force, urged Russia to avoid civilian casualties, and underlined the need for a negotiated settlement.

If Russia is just defending its own borders, what gives the U.S. the right to criticize?

- As President Clinton said, "do not believe there will ever be a time in human affairs when we will ever be able to say we simply cannot criticize this or that ... action because it happened within the territorial borders of a single nation".
- As APNSA Berger explained, "We have real concerns about [Chechnya] based on humanitarian grounds and because we are interested in Russia's stability and success."
- President Clinton made clear that the US wants Russia to overcome the scourge of terrorism and lawlessness in Chechnya and that we believe Russia has not only the right, but also the obligation to defend its territorial integrity.

- As President explained, are concerned that “the means Russia has chosen will undermine its ends, that if attacks on civilians continue, the extremism Russia is trying to combat will only intensify and the sovereignty Russia rightly is defending will be more and more rejected by ordinary Chechens who are not part of the terror or the resistance.”
- Believe there needs to be, as President said, “a political dialogue and a political settlement ... with those who are willing to seek a political solution”. Also look for “appropriate measures to end terrorism, protection of innocent civilians, a commitment to allow refugees to return in safety, access for relief groups and a common effort to rebuild.

Why aren't you considering a cutoff of aid to Russia? Aren't you indirectly subsidizing Russia's military campaign?

- Have made concerns about humanitarian situation clear to the Russians at all levels, emphasized dangers of Russian military escalation. Have urged Russians to open political dialogue with legitimate Chechen leaders.
- U.S. assistance to Russia advances core national security interests. Two thirds of our bilateral assistance to Russia is aimed at reducing threat of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.
- Three fourths of remainder of our bilateral assistance is focused on promoting grassroots economic and democratic reform outside Moscow. These efforts include support for NGOs, regional independent media, exchange programs, small business development.

The New York Times has reported that EXIM Bank is reconsidering its loans to Russian. Any comment?

- The Exim Bank is considering the loans referenced in the recent NYT piece.
- The Ex-Im Bank is an independent agency of the US Government, and its mission is to support US exports for creditworthy transactions in markets where the private sector is unwilling to provide financing.
- They have been preliminarily approved by the EXIM board and were submitted to the Hill for review.
- The loans await final approval by the EXIM board; no board meeting has been scheduled to consider final approval.
- Refer you to the Ex-Im Bank Office of Communications for any additional questions.

if asked -- Is Russia violating the Geneva Convention and its OSCE obligations in Chechnya?

- Like other countries, Russia has assumed obligations under the Geneva conventions and commitments under the OSCE code of conduct on political and military aspects of security.
- Russia is carrying out an intense bombing and artillery campaign in many areas of Chechnya. Indiscriminate use of force – which includes air and artillery attacks against Chechen insurgent forces that are intermingled among the civilian population – is not consistent with these commitments.

What are you doing about the humanitarian crisis in the North Caucasus?

- Russia bears primary responsibility for dealing with humanitarian problems in the North Caucasus.
- Have been pressing Russians to address these problems. Russians need to provide for well-being of nearly 200, 000 IDPs in neighboring regions. As ICRC official recently noted, “there is a very obvious need for a humanitarian operation of quite some substance”.
- Urging Russian authorities to allow full freedom of movement for people trying to escape conflict. Important that borders between Chechnya and neighboring regions remain open.
- International community willing to do its part. UNHCR Sadako Ogata recently returned from visit to the North Caucasus. Understand that she was able to visit several displaced persons camps.
- UNHCR and International Red Cross taking the lead. Important that Russians cooperate fully with these agencies’ courageous efforts, provide for their security.
- Administration contributing generously to these organizations’ appeals for international support. Have authorized State Department to spend up to \$10 million on behalf of humanitarian relief efforts in North Caucasus. We have also sent several direct humanitarian relief flights to the region.

NORTHERN IRELAND
December 2, 1999

What is your reaction to today's developments in Northern Ireland -- devolution, dropping of the territorial claim, the North/south Council, the IRA expected to name its representative on decommissioning?

- These are truly historic events, and no one should underestimate their importance. As the President said after the Ulster Unionist Council meeting last Saturday, government is being put back in the hands of the people of Northern Ireland. But even more than that, the parties and the two governments have enshrined their commitment that territorial issues on the island of Ireland will henceforth only be resolved by peaceful means. The status of Northern Ireland will change only if a majority of people in Northern Ireland and in the Republic of Ireland vote for that to happen. At the same time, mechanisms are being put in place to maximize cooperation across the border, so that where it makes sense to work together on issues like trade and agriculture and tourism, both sides take full advantage of the possibilities that exist. Cooperation will lead to greater understanding and prosperity, which will replace the divisions and distrust of the past. In this context, progress on the issue of decommissioning will be very important, and we look forward to confirmation that the paramilitaries have named their representatives to the De Chastelain commission and to seeing that commission succeed. We congratulate all those who have helped to make this day possible. On the eve of the millennium, today is indeed a day for the history books, and we should all take note of it and work to build the structures for lasting peace.

WTO – Invitation to World Leaders

Is it true that President Clinton failed in his efforts to get world leaders to attend the World Trade Organization Ministerial meeting in Seattle?

- The idea of inviting world leaders was informally explored with the World Trade Organization's Director General, but after consultation and further consideration was deemed infeasible due to time restrictions and schedule conflicts.
- Additionally, it is important to remember that the WTO Ministerial in Seattle is not a summit and that the real focus of the conference is to provide a venue for work which needs to be done by trade ministers.

Permanent Normal Trade Relations

Is the Administration going to seek permanent Normal Trade Relations for China? Any linkage of NTR to other issues?

- President will work closely with Congress to obtain permanent NTR for China on the basis of the strong commercial agreement signed November 15.
- Our bilateral agreement provided significant access for U.S. agriculture, industrial products and services.
- It was negotiated on its own terms without linkage to any other issue outside the trade area.
- China's entry into the WTO on commercially meaningful terms is good for the U.S and good for the global trading system.
- it is a win for American export-related jobs, for Chinese economic reform, and for the long-term U.S.-China relationship.

Military-to-Military

Is the U.S. concerned about Russian conventional military sales to China?

- While no international treaty or understanding proscribes arms transfers to China, and U.S. Law does not prohibit conventional arms transfers of non-U.S. origin items by third countries to the PRC, we do not sell arms to China.

- The regional balance of power is an issue of serious concern to us. We do not wish to see an arms race in the region and support diplomatic efforts and cross-Strait dialogue to reduce tension and build confidence.

US-China WTO Bilateral Accession Agreement

What kind of reaction have you been getting from the Hill to the WTO deal?

- Believe we have a good agreement and look forward to fully briefing the Congress on it.
- Look forward to working to build strong bipartisan support for the agreement. Plan to work closely with Congress on this.

How will China be represented in Seattle?

- Our bilateral agreement a crucial step in China's WTO accession process.
- Important steps remain: first, China must conclude bilateral negotiations with other WTO members, including EU and Canada. Then multilateral negotiations on China's accession protocol must also be finished. China must then complete its own domestic procedures for accession.
- China will be represented in Seattle as an observer.
- We believe that China has shown good faith and a willingness to make serious trade commitments. Our hope is that China will be a WTO member as soon as possible, and we will actively support efforts to bring that about.
- [If asked: The China WTO deal could have potentially significant global environmental benefits, such as reduced greenhouse gas emissions, if energy sector liberalization leads to greater use of cleaner energy technologies.]

Red line: No mention of April agreement (China adamantly insists that there never was an agreement in April, and the negotiations this week literally went over every single tariff line and textual statement previously negotiated. China insisted on this as a way of highlighting that the agreement consists only of things just negotiated, not held over from April.).

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This agreement provides very good protections for our workers:

- Non-market economy anti-dumping protection (i.e., uses the methodology for non-market economies to determine whether dumping is occurring): 15 year sunset from time of

accession. China can graduate individual sectors or the entire economy at any time if it can, in accordance with our regulations, prove that these now operate according to market conditions.

- Product specific safeguard: 12 year sunset from time of accession.
- The agreement provides for major tariff reductions:
- By 2005, China's overall tariff rate drops from 17% to below 10%.
- The agreement provides for major improvements in the US position for various sectors, most notably:

Automotive:

- Reduce tariffs on car imports from the current 100% to 25% by July 1, 2006. Note: have accelerated phase in of these reductions so that major reductions are front-end loaded.
- Permits non-bank automotive financing (China does not allow this even to Chinese firms).
- Permits foreign firms to do repair and maintenance of products, including those they do not manufacture.

Telecoms:

- Provides foreign equity holdings for value added and paging services of 49% upon accession and up to 50% in the second year. [While not specified in the WTO agreement, Chinese law permits foreign management control even with less than foreign majority equity in these ventures.]
- Provides for foreign participation in satellite and internet services.

Insurance:

- Permits 50% foreign equity holdings and eliminates all geographical restrictions by 2003.

Foreign Financial Institutions:

- Provides phase in for RMB business for Chinese firms in 2 years and for individual Chinese citizens in 5 years. Foreign banks have the same rights as Chinese banks in designated geographic areas. All geographic restrictions are removed in five years.

Audiovisual:

- China will import 20 films per year (from all foreign countries, not just the US) on a revenue sharing basis in each of the coming three years.
- China will permit foreign joint ventures for distribution of sound recordings and videos upon accession.

TAIWAN AND THE WTO
November 29, 1999

CONTEXT: Politically, the PRC's friends will block Taiwan's entry until the PRC is admitted. But all expectations are that Taiwan will enter immediately on the heels of the PRC.

- Taiwan has completed its bilateral agreements and should be well-positioned to enter the WTO this winter.
- The U.S. position is that the WTO is a commercial -- not a political -- organization and thus that Taiwan should be admitted whenever it has met the commercial and procedural requirements for WTO entry.
- Note also that Taiwan will enter as a customs area, much like Hong Kong in that regard.

CHINA AND FALUN GUNG
December 2, 1999

CONTEXT: *According to the Hong Kong-based Information Center of Human Rights and Democratic Movement in China, Vice Premier Li Lanqing stated during a speech to Party members last Friday that 35,000 Falun Gong practitioners were detained between July 22 and October 30. According to the account, Li described the campaign against the Falun Gong as "long term, difficult, and complex." On December 2, Qian Xiaoqian, a Chinese government official with the news office of China's state Council, denied that 35,000 had been detained, but acknowledged that practitioners had had more than 35,000 "run-ins" with the police. As further clarification, he reportedly said the number represents "the total number of times individuals who attempted to assemble illegally in public places in Beijing were persuaded to leave or were taken away from a site." Qian also reportedly stated that 150 practitioners were arrested as of November 22 and that four former senior Party officials had been formally charged with crimes, including using a cult to sabotage the law, as well as possessing and leaking state secrets. In a separate development, a court on the island of Hainan rejected the appeals of four sect leaders on Tuesday, upholding jail terms of up to 12 years.*

Reaction to reports that 35,000 Falun Gong practitioners have been detained since July.

- We have seen the report of Vice Premier Li Lanqing's statement that 35,000 Falun Gong practitioners have been detained since last July and the December 2 denial of this figure by Qian Xiaoqian, an official from the News Office of China's State Council.
- Mr. Qian stated that the 35,000 figure represents the number of "run-ins" that Falun Gong practitioners have had with police.
- Whether 35,000 people have been formally detained or merely "taken away from the site" as Mr. Qian states, China has been carrying out a very large-scale campaign to prevent tens of thousands of Chinese citizens from peacefully exercising their universally-recognized rights of freedom of assembly, association, belief and conscience.
- We continue to be deeply disturbed by the scale and intensity of this campaign to suppress the Falun Gong spiritual movement.
- We see no justification for the arrest, sentencing, and harsh treatment of Falun Gong practitioners, nor any evidence that practitioners have done anything other than attempt to exercise their internationally recognized rights.
- This kind of action against free expression of thought, conscience, and spiritual belief led the Secretary of State to name China as a "country of particular concern" under the International Religious Freedom Act.
- We will continue to urge China to exercise restraint, lift the ban on the Falun gong, allow practitioners to peacefully express personal beliefs, and release all those who have been detained, arrested, or sentenced for peacefully exercising their rights.

COLOMBIA: REACTION TO WASHINGTON TIMES STORY ON TRUCKS
December 2, 1999

CONTEXT: The Washington Times ran a story today that featured criticism by Colombian officials of USG assistance to Colombia, particularly 18 trucks that were sent to the Colombian Army under our drawdown program.

Any comments on the Washington Times article in which Colombian officials criticized as rusted-out junk the 18 trucks that the USG sent to the Colombian Army under a drawdown authority?

- The 18 trucks were part of a larger shipment of 30 trucks that we supplied the Colombian military under a 506(a) drawdown authority to assist Colombian counter-drug efforts. The other 12 trucks went to the Colombian Marines and Air Force.
- The trucks came from USG inventories, were shipped in good working order, and had normal wear and tear from previous use. They were older model trucks, but ones with several years of useful life remaining. A package of parts was included to help maintain them in working order.
- This is typical of the way in which a drawdown works. The law prohibits us from procuring new equipment. We supply equipment in good working order from existing stocks.
- In the course of shipping trucks by sea as far as Colombia, some dirt, minor corrosion, and dead batteries are normal and expected. In this case, two trucks had dead batteries.
- For further details, please contact the Defense Department.

PANAMA: DELEGATION TO PANAMA CANAL CEREMONY
November 30, 1999

CONTEXT: *On November 30, President Clinton announced that President Carter and Secretary Albright would lead the U.S. delegation at the December 14 Panama Canal hand-over ceremony. He also misspoke, saying that the “Chinese would do a great job of running the canal.” He meant, of course, that the Hong Kong firm Hutchison-Whampoa would do a fine job running the ports at each end; the canal itself will be run by the Panamanian government.*

So, who’s going to Panama?

- President Clinton has announced that former President Carter and Secretary Albright will lead the U.S. delegation at the December 14 ceremony to mark the hand-over of the Panama Canal. This is in recognition of President Carter’s historic role in negotiating the transfer.
- The transfer itself marks a watershed in our relations with Panama, and indeed, all of our neighbors in Latin America. It is a concrete sign of the maturity of democracy in the region and of the growing economic and trade relations in the hemisphere, based on mutual respect and proven mutual benefit.
- The importance of this moment is demonstrated by the attendance of leaders from throughout the hemisphere.

PANAMA: THE CHINESE AND THE CANAL
November 30, 1999

CONTEXT: *In response to reporters' questions, the President dismissed fears over Chinese control of the Panama Canal, asserting that the new government of Panama is committed to the successful operation of the Canal and that "the Chinese will in fact be bending over backward to make sure they run it in a competent and able and fair manner."*

Did the President say that the Chinese will control the Panama Canal following the December 31 transfer of the Canal to Panama?

- Following the transfer of the Canal, responsibility for the operation of the Canal will rest with the government of Panama and the Panama Canal Authority. A Hong Kong-based private company, Hutchison-Whampoa, has the concession to run two container facilities at the Canal ports of Balboa and Cristobal. This company will have no control over or role in the operation of the Canal.
- Hutchison-Whampoa is one of the largest port container operators in the world. There are four container facilities near the Canal. Two are operated by Hutchison-Whampoa. The largest of the container operations is run by a U.S. and Panamanian joint venture. The other facility is run by the Taiwan company Evergreen.

But the President referred to the Chinese running the Canal. Did he misspeak?

- The President was making a broader point about Chinese engagement with the world through international commerce. It should be noted that the President also said, "I think the new government of Panama is committed to maintaining the canal in an appropriate manner and keeping it open and working with us to do so and having good relations."

MEXICO: SUSPECTED MASS GRAVE SITES
November 30, 1999

BACKGROUND: On 29 November, the Mexican Attorney General announced an investigation into two possible drug trafficking-related mass burial sites near Juarez, Mexico not far from the border. The suspected sites first came to light more than a month ago when an informant told the FBI El Paso office that the Juarez cartel had committed numerous drug-related homicides, with many of the bodies buried in two mass graves. The informant's estimate was approximately 100 bodies, possibly including some U.S. nationals. Subsequent investigation by both the FBI and Mexican authorities confirmed aspects of the informant's claim, and on 29 November the Mexican Army moved to secure both locations for on-site investigations. The FBI will participate in this effort and has the lead with respect to the forensics work. The Mexican Attorney General's announcements and various media reports have linked this story to various U.S. missing persons cases along the border, but the FBI won't be able to evaluate this possibility until the investigation is further along.

What is your reaction to the Mexican Attorney General's announcement of mass graves in Mexico containing victims of the Juarez drug cartel?

- The reports of the mass graves discovered in northern Mexico are very troubling, and both Governments have moved quickly to investigate.
- The preliminary indications we have are that the killings were done by drug traffickers associated with the so-called Juarez Cartel.
- A joint investigation by the Mexican Office of the Attorney General and the our FBI is continuing. We are getting good cooperation from Mexican authorities.
- For further information, I would refer you to the FBI.

Is there any connection between this matter and the just-announced working visit by President Zedillo to Washington on December 9th?

- No. While the shared drug problem is invariably among the many bilateral issues the two Presidents discuss during their regular working visits, the timing of the upcoming visit is not linked to this particular investigation.

MEXICO: ZEDILLO VISIT
December 1, 1999

Expected agenda items for visit of Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo:

- NAFTA implementation issues
- Border issues
- Counter-drug issues
- Law enforcement cooperation
- Consular affairs and migration
- Education
- Public diplomacy

THE WHITE HOUSE

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STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

Meeting with His Excellency Ernesto Zedillo,
President of Mexico

At the invitation of President Clinton, Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo will travel to Washington for a Working Visit with President Clinton at the White House on December 9. This will be the eleventh substantive meeting between Presidents Clinton and Zedillo.

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MEPP: SETTLEMENTS AND PERMANENT STATUS TALKS
December 1, 1999

In Cairo, Chairman Arafat criticized the Israeli for foot-dragging on the issue of settlements and its recent decision to build over 1,000 housing units around Bethlehem. What's your view?

- As we've said in the past, we regard prejudging the outcome of permanent status negotiations.
- Parties have agreed that this is one of the issues to be addressed in permanent status negotiations.
- Both sides committed themselves in the Sharm agreement to make every effort to negotiate a framework agreement by mid February and a comprehensive agreement by September. The way to resolve their differences is through these negotiations.

ISRAEL/SYRIA TRACK: RABIN PLEDGE AND CLINTON LETTER
December 1, 1999

Is it true, as reported by Patrick Seale, that President Clinton sent a letter to Syrian President Asad in June 1995, despite the expressed objections of Prime Minister Rabin, in which he said that he had in his pocket an offer from Rabin to a full Israeli withdrawal from the Golan to the June 4, 1967 lines?

- Recent reports on this subject in the Arab and Israeli press are filled with numerous inaccuracies, and I'm not going to respond to every new report that comes out.
- What I will say is that we only conveyed from one party to the other that which we were authorized to convey.

IRAQ: NEW UNSCR DRAFT
November 30, 1999

How have the negotiations in New York been going on the new draft of the Anglo-Dutch resolution on Iraq?

- We have made further progress in recent weeks, but I would caution that we still do not have all of the terms worked out.

What do you think of the new draft?

- We continue to support the resolution, but it remains a work in progress. There is no guarantee that we are going to be able to get a new resolution.
- We support the resolution because it would rebuild consensus in the UNSC on completing Iraqi disarmament tasks and taking care of the humanitarian needs of the Iraqi people while keeping revenue controls in place.
- The resolution would return a robust inspection regime to Iraq to complete the disarmament of Iraq.
- The oil-for-food program will continue with all its controls.

What about the provisions for the suspension of sanctions?

- The draft provides that once Iraq has cooperated fully by fulfilling the key disarmament tasks, then the UNSC could decide to suspend some of the economic sanctions on Iraq.
- That decision would require that effective financial and other controls be in effect to ensure that Iraqi revenues continued to flow through the oil-for-food program to the Iraqi people, rather than the Baghdad regime.
- If Iraqi cooperation on disarmament lapsed at any time, sanctions suspension would automatically lapse as well.

Are the French and Russians on board with the resolution?

- We have made good progress in recent weeks, but we're not there yet.

What if the Iraqis reject the resolution — as they are saying they will?

- Then the sanctions will remain in place while the Council will have expressed its determination that Iraq must comply with its obligations to the international community.

Iraq is claiming you hit a school over the weekend. Is this true?

- No reason to believe the Iraqis who make these claims all the time, but we are checking the BDA.
- The Iraqis fired AAA at us near Mosul in Northern Iraq and that our pilots took appropriate action in response and fired on an ammunitions dump.
- Our pilots are engaged in dangerous missions every day in enforcing the U.N. No Fly Zones and they will take action to defend themselves.

KUWAIT
November 30, 1999

What is your reaction to the vote of the Kuwaiti parliament rejecting political rights for women?

- As we have stated before, we fully support the expansion of political rights including the extension of political rights to women. We therefore regret today's action by the national assembly.
- Some parliamentarians claim that the vote today is a victory for democracy. Do you see it that way?
- We believe that political rights for women is a fundamental component of democracy, which is precisely the reason why we will continue to support the extension of these rights.

Americans died to liberate Kuwait. How do we reconcile our ongoing support for Kuwait in view of this action?

- Our commitment to Kuwait in the face of the continuing threat of Iraqi aggression is firm. We do, however, view today's vote as a setback for democratic development, which is indeed a key component of our foreign policy. We therefore will continue our full support for expanding political participation, including full political rights for women.

PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY
November 30, 1999

Do you have any comment on the arrest of seven prominent Palestinians for criticism of Arafat?

- We have seen reports of the arrest of seven Palestinians for signing a protest statement.
- We are concerned about any actions that limit the freedom of expression and peaceful dissent.
- We will be closely monitoring events and call upon the Palestinian authority to uphold the internationally recognized right to freedom of peaceful expression.
- Violent expression is another matter and requires a vigorous response.

What about the document's charges of corruption in the Palestinian authority?

- This is an issue we view with great concern and have consistently raised with Palestinian authority officials on various occasions.
- We have made clear to them that transparency and accountability are necessary in order to build civil society.

ENERGY DEPARTMENT SECURITY
December 1, 1999

BACKGROUND: According to a Washington Post article, December 1, in a public forum November 30, Energy Department "Security Czar" GEN (Ret.) Eugene Habiger complained that DOE's plans to protect the national laboratories from espionage have fallen behind schedule due to Congress' failure to appropriate sufficient funds in the new budget. Congressional Republicans reportedly disputed this claim, countering that the Administration failed to produce a coherent plan to resolve the security failings at the labs.

POLICY:

- Administration determined to strengthen security at DOE's national labs.
- GEN Habiger appointed specifically to provide leadership and managerial talents needed to ensure that U.S. secrets are being protected and culture of security is strengthened at the labs.

Comments on Washington Post report (December 1) that DOE's "security Czar" General Habiger now says plans to protect nuclear weapons labs have fallen behind schedule?

- The security of nuclear weapons information is a paramount obligation of government that must be adequately supported.
- Administration determined to carrying out a sweeping review of security at the national nuclear weapons laboratories. This is underway.
- Selection of retired Air Force General Eugene Habiger ensures that our effort will have the necessary leadership and managerial talent behind it to get it done right.

Funding adequate to do the job?

- We should address this problem in a manner that reflects a careful approach based on facts, rather than conjecture. Solutions must also protect the ability of the labs to do their work.
- The budget just passed has an additional \$10 million to begin the process.
- We will work closely with Congress in the next session to come to terms on the requirements.
- We certainly hope that the Congress will support a subsequent Administration request for additional funding.

Have you made a decision on Vieques?

- Not yet. When President Clinton receives Secretary Cohen's recommendation, he will weigh Navy and Marine Corps combat readiness needs, the training alternatives available to them, and the concerns of the residents of Vieques and the people of Puerto Rico.

Where do we stand today?

- We are engaged in an on-going dialogue with the Defense Department and the government of Puerto Rico in an effort at working out a mutually acceptable solution.

When will you be making a decision?

- As soon as the President receives Secretary Cohen's formal recommendation and we have done everything possible to find a solution that addresses the concerns of Puerto Rico and the people of Vieques while meeting Navy and Marine Corps training requirements.

[If asked:]

What has the Governor said to you about live fire training on Vieques?

- The Governor has shared with me his concerns about the impact of Navy training on the residents of Vieques, and his views as to how those concerns should be addressed.

Has Secretary Cohen recommend that live fire training resume at Vieques?

- When we met on Veterans Day, we had a full discussion of Navy and Marine Corps training requirements and the value of training at Vieques
- Secretary Cohen has not yet sent me his formal recommendation. I expect it in the near future.

DoD REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT ON LAUNCH FAILURE REVIEW

December 1, 1999

CONTEXT: *Between August 1998 and May 1999, the U.S. experienced three Titan IV government launch failures and two Delta III commercial launch failures. In May 1999, the President requested the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Director of Central Intelligence and the NASA Administrator, to provide a 90-day interim report and a 180-day final report on the causes of these failures and the corrective actions needed to ensure our future access to space. The Department of Defense, through the Air Force, undertook a comprehensive review to develop recommendations on how to reduce such failures in the future and improve mission success. This DoD review has taken into account the separate independent reviews completed by Lockheed Martin in September and by Boeing in October. The Department of Defense presented their interim report to the White House staff on September 8 in the form of a briefing. On November 12, the Air Force presented a briefing to the White House staff on the status of the DoD review and the content of DoD report. On November 23, the Secretary of Defense signed the final report and sent it to the President. On November 30, the President saw the report and signed the memo back to the Secretary of Defense. The text of the memo was released on November 30 as a White House Press Statement and copies of the report were sent by DoD to Congressional committees, in response to tasking in the Defense Authorization Act for FY 2000.*

General

- Access to space is critical to achieving U.S. national security, scientific, technical, commercial, and foreign policy goals.
- According to the President's 1994 National Space Transportation Policy, "Assuring reliable and affordable access to space through U.S. space transportation capabilities is a fundamental goal of the U.S. space program."
- Five launch system failures out of 25 launches in ten months represents a significant departure from the average of only one failure per year over the past 12 years, with a total of 200 launches, and only 17 failures out of 777 launches since 1960.
- The total value of the launch vehicles and spacecraft lost in the recent series of launch failures is approximately \$3.5 billion: almost \$3 billion worth of government flight hardware, and more than \$500 million worth of commercial launch vehicles and satellites.
- DoD still has more than \$20 billion worth of assets to be launched on the current fleet of Titan, Atlas, and Delta launch vehicles before they are phased out and replaced with the Boeing and Lockheed Martin Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicles starting in 2002-2003.

Has the Secretary of Defense sent the final report to the President? Has the President seen the report? When will the report be available to the public?

- The Secretary of Defense signed the final report on November 23 and sent it to the President. The President saw the report on November 30 and signed a reply to the Secretary of Defense.

- The report will be available to the public on December 1, posted on the world wide web at the following URL: www.af.mil/lib/misc/spacebar99.htm

Are the conclusions and recommendations from the DoD review consistent with the independent reviews conducted for Lockheed Martin and Boeing? What are they?

- Yes, the conclusions and recommendations from the DoD review are consistent with the findings of the industry reviews. The DoD review team included representatives from major U.S. aerospace companies, including Lockheed Martin and Boeing, and the team considered the results of the independent reviews commissioned by these two companies.
- Both the DoD and industry reviews addressed similar issues and concerns, including the importance of retaining workers with critical skills, establishing clear accountability at all levels of the involved government and industry organizations, accurately translating engineering intentions into actual hardware and software, and establishing manufacturing processes that are resistant to human error. The DoD review also noted the importance of defining a clear transition plan, taking into account these lessons learned, for the operation of new launch systems.

What does the President plan to do now that he has received the final report?

- The President has seen the report, and sent a reply to the Secretary of Defense. The reply thanks him for conducting the review, and asks Mr. Berger and Dr. Lane to review the report. It also asks DoD to implement appropriate actions to correct these failures and ensure the nation's ability to access space for the future. The text of the reply is publicly available in a White House press statement.
- The Office of Science and Technology Policy and the National Security Council will follow up with DoD to monitor their progress in implementing the report's recommendations.

Why didn't DoD and NASA wait on the results of these reviews before resuming launches? What have DoD and NASA been doing to ensure the success of these launches?

- DoD and NASA thoroughly reviewed each launch failure, identified the root cause, and implemented appropriate corrective actions to eliminate the chance of the same problem recurring. Our national security and civil sector interests require us to continue launching safely and successfully. DoD and NASA conduct thorough Launch Readiness Reviews before every launch.

NASA has had a string of problems lately, too, with the Mars Climate Orbiter, the X-33 tank being damaged in a test, and a series of delays in the upcoming Shuttle missions. What's going on here? Have we lost the recipe for success?

- Space programs are complicated and technologically challenging by their nature. As we've seen, any number of seemingly insignificant problems can have serious consequences. The important point is, through these reviews, the responsible government agencies and the U.S. industry are working diligently to find and fix the specific problems, and address the systemic concerns. They have identified several ways to improve mission success and will be working to ensure full implementation of these improvements.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Marsha Scott (CN=Marsha Scott/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 2-DEC-1999 14:31:07.00

SUBJECT: Re: Panama Canal Transfer Delegation

TO: Thomas A. Shannon (CN=Thomas A. Shannon/OU=NSC/O=EOP@EOP [NSC])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I can't believe we dropped him. I will add him back in as the first to be called when someone else backs out. Thanks for letting me know. I just called Steve Sargeant and he has already taken care of it.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Tanya L. Lombard (CN=Tanya L. Lombard/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 2-DEC-1999 12:32:12.00

SUBJECT: Re: Panama Canal Transfer Delegation

TO: "Jacques E. Morial" <jmorial@alumni.ksg.harvard.edu> ("Jacques E. Morial" <jmorial@alumni.ksg.harvard.edu>
[UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

this had no subject...could you get to the document??? why didn't you
tell me sherman lost...

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Aisha J. McClendon (CN=Aisha J. McClendon/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 2-DEC-1999 16:36:31.00

SUBJECT: Panama Canal Transfer

TO: Stephen T. Sargeant (CN=Stephen T. Sargeant/OU=NSC/O=EOP@EOP [NSC])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Hopefully this is the last one. I just tried calling and I was sent straight to voice mail. Marsha would like for you to add as the last public alternate Santiago V.Woods. Thanks in advance.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Christine A. Stanek (CN=Christine A. Stanek/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 2-DEC-1999 18:13:46.00

SUBJECT: FW: WH Public Liaison updates

TO: Brian A. Barreto (CN=Brian A. Barreto/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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"Hanretta, Kevin" <kevin.hanretta@mail.va.gov>
12/02/99 08:03:32 AM

Record Type: Record

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cc:

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> Sent: Wednesday, December 01, 1999 6:57 PM

> To: Hanretta, Kevin

> Subject: RE: WH Public Liaison updates

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CREATOR: Marsha Scott (CN=Marsha Scott/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 2-DEC-1999 14:33:49.00

SUBJECT: Re: Panama Canal Transfer Delegation

TO: Arturo A. Valenzuela (CN=Arturo A. Valenzuela/OU=NSC/O=EOP@EOP [NSC])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

We had a rocky start but that's the WH! As to your other two questions -
The DOD issue: doesn't having the military there get us credit or do we
have to have civilian other than Sec. Caldera? Moffett: He is stuck in
vetting. I'll find out more and let you know. How are you doing? We
should talk.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Aisha J. McClendon (CN=Aisha J. McClendon/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 2-DEC-1999 16:55:26.00

SUBJECT: Re: Panama Canal Transfer

TO: Stephen T. Sargeant (CN=Stephen T. Sargeant/OU=NSC/O=EOP@EOP [NSC])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

YOU ARE GREAT!!!!!!

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Stephen T. Sargeant (CN=Stephen T. Sargeant/OU=NSC/O=EOP [NSC])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 2-DEC-1999 16:42:46.00

SUBJECT: Re: Panama Canal Transfer

TO: Aisha J. McClendon (CN=Aisha J. McClendon/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Done.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Stephen T. Sargeant (CN=Stephen T. Sargeant/OU=NSC/O=EOP [NSC])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 2-DEC-1999 15:35:47.00

SUBJECT: Re: Panama Canal Delegation

TO: Marsha Scott (CN=Marsha Scott/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Marsh,

We have 10 positive responses at this point; 4 negaives; 14 that need to call back -- need the phone numbers for the last 16 plus Otero (sp?).

John signed (Marie E. actually signed it) yesterday. Marie S. has been calling since early afternoon yesterday.

Steve

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CREATION DATE/TIME: 2-DEC-1999 18:12:32.00

SUBJECT: Re: FW: WH Public Liaison updates

TO: "Hanretta, Kevin" <kevin.hanretta@mail.va.gov> ("Hanretta, Kevin" <kevin.hanretta@mail.va.gov> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Kevin:

The list has already gone forward but will keep this in mind as we move along. If the Secretary feels strongly about this, he should put a call into Goody Marshall.

"Hanretta, Kevin" <kevin.hanretta@mail.va.gov>

12/02/99 08:03:32 AM

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CREATION DATE/TIME: 2-DEC-1999 18:25:18.00

SUBJECT: FW: WH Public Liaison updates

TO: Marsha Scott (CN=Marsha Scott/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Christine A. Stanek (CN=Christine A. Stanek/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Christine Stanek asked that I forward this to you.

----- Forwarded by Brian A. Barreto/WHO/EOP on 12/02/99

06:24 PM -----

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12/02/99 06:13:38 PM

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CREATION DATE/TIME: 2-DEC-1999 14:25:21.00

SUBJECT: Re: Panama Canal Transfer Delegation

TO: Aisha J. McClendon (CN=Aisha J. McClendon/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

What happened to Thomas Goethalls on the list? He was supposed to be a delegate. Please check. If his name dropped off it must be added. he would become a bigger priority than jack otero who should then fall to #2. Thanks.

----- Forwarded by Marsha Scott/WHO/EOP on 12/02/99 02:24 PM -----

Thomas A. Shannon
12/01/99 04:04:28 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Marsha Scott/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: Re: Panama Canal Transfer Delegation

Thanks for the list. I noticed that Thomas Goethalls name is missing. He was being pushed by Senator Kennedy's office, and added our only historical connection to the construction of the Canal. Is this an oversight or was a decision made to strike his name?

Tom

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Hildy Kuryk (CN=Hildy Kuryk/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 3-DEC-1999 12:48:02.00

SUBJECT: Panama Delegation

TO: Maria Alexandra Arriaga (CN=Maria Alexandra Arriaga/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

FYI-Ackerman's office submitted this request to me regarding the Panama Delegation. I forwarded it on to Marsha Scott.

----- Forwarded by Hildy Kuryk/WHO/EOP on 12/03/99 12:47
PM -----

HILDY KURYK
12/03/99 12:32:25 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Janelle E. Erickson/WHO/EOP@EOP
cc:
Subject: Panama Delegation

Here you go...

----- Forwarded by Hildy Kuryk/WHO/EOP on 12/03/99 12:32
PM -----

HILDY KURYK
12/03/99 11:39:19 AM
Record Type: Record

To: Marsha Scott/WHO/EOP@EOP
cc:
Subject: Panama Delegation

I had another member request for the delegation going to Panama. Rep. Ackerman's (D-NY) guy, Dave Adams, on the International Relations Committee called and said that Ackerman would like to request that Bob McMillian, a former Panama Canal Commissioner, be included in the delegation. McMillian has already been invited by the Panamanian government but Ackerman would like him included in the US delegation.

I hope that you are the right person to contact about this. If possible could you please let me know what I can tell Dave Adams when he bugs me again, which he will. Thanks a lot, I appreciate your help.

Have a good weekend,

Hildy

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Megan C. Moloney (CN=Megan C. Moloney/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 3-DEC-1999 13:19:20.00

SUBJECT: Talk Daily -- 12/3/99

TO: Kristina Wolfe (CN=Kristina Wolfe/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Kara.Gerhardt (Kara.Gerhardt @ ost.dot.gov [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Joseph P. Lockhart (CN=Joseph P. Lockhart/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Aprill N. Springfield (CN=Aprill N. Springfield/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Loretta M. Ucelli (CN=Loretta M. Ucelli/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Laura M. Quinn (CN=Laura M. Quinn/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Jennifer H. Smith (CN=Jennifer H. Smith/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Elliot J. Diringer (CN=Elliot J. Diringer/OU=CEQ/O=EOP@EOP [CEQ])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Toby C. Graff (CN=Toby C. Graff/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Nathan B. Naylor (CN=Nathan B. Naylor/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Linda Ricci (CN=Linda Ricci/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Ralph Alswang (CN=Ralph Alswang/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Dag Vega (CN=Dag Vega/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Victoria L. Valentine (CN=Victoria L. Valentine/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Richard L. Siewert (CN=Richard L. Siewert/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Dorinda A. Salcido (CN=Dorinda A. Salcido/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Julia M. Payne (CN=Julia M. Payne/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Elizabeth R. Newman (CN=Elizabeth R. Newman/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: David C. Leavy (CN=David C. Leavy/OU=NSC/O=EOP@EOP [NSC])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Sheyda Jahanbani (CN=Sheyda Jahanbani/OU=NSC/O=EOP@EOP [NSC])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Susan L. Hazard (CN=Susan L. Hazard/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Sharon K. Gill (CN=Sharon K. Gill/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

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READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Nanda Chitre (CN=Nanda Chitre/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Patrick E. Briggs (CN=Patrick E. Briggs/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Mark J. Bernstein (CN=Mark J. Bernstein/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

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READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Julia G. Bataille (CN=Julia G. Bataille/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Dominique.Cano@ost.dot.gov (Dominique.Cano@ost.dot.gov [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: John A. Gribben (CN=John A. Gribben/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Ann F. Lewis (CN=Ann F. Lewis/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Camille Johnston (CN=Camille Johnston/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Christopher S. Lehane (CN=Christopher S. Lehane/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Robert S. Weiner (CN=Robert S. Weiner/OU=ONDCP/O=EOP@EOP [ONDCP])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Alejandro G. Cabrera (CN=Alejandro G. Cabrera/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Marsha E. Berry (CN=Marsha E. Berry/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: David Vandivier (CN=David Vandivier/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Sharon Farmer (CN=Sharon Farmer/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
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Neal Boortz
News Talk 750 WSB, Atlanta and National Syndication -
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ISSUE: Panama Canal

QUOTES:

Neal: "The official ceremony to turn over the canal to
the (Chinese) Panama
government will be on December 14th. Oddly enough,
scheduling problems will
keep Bill and Al away. Can't say that I blame them.
They want to be as far
away from this debacle as they can possibly be."

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As the final day of the Third Ministerial Conference of the WTO gets underway in Seattle today, opinionmakers from several corners of the globe continued to comment on the "Herculean" effort that will be needed for negotiators to bridge differences and reach a meaningful accord on an agenda, as well as the atmospherics surrounding the meeting. European pundits shifted their attention somewhat from the "battle" in the streets to that taking place in the conference rooms, focusing on the "tug-of-war" between the U.S. and EU over several issues. Elsewhere, the spotlight was still on the protesters, who, according to Asian analysts, have highlighted the need for WTO reform. Latin American papers saw the anti-WTO protests as confirming their own fears about trade liberalization. Regional highlights follow:

EUROPE: Editorialists judged that the debate between the U.S. and Europe over several bones of contention, notably farm subsidies and biotechnology, is heating up. "The battle of Seattle...is a war of attrition between America and Europe about terms of trade," claimed one paper. Some underscored a "split" between European nations over the creation of a working group on biotechnology, and criticized Europe's position at the talks as confused and "weak" and, therefore, playing into U.S. hands. Given the deep-seated differences between the two trading blocs, a few voices doubted whether anything will be achieved before the end of the summit. "It is lamentable," intoned a conservative British paper, "that the governments of the world's richest countries cannot find the political will...to uphold the system that made them so rich. The best that can now be expected from this miserable summit is a fudge that does no

damage." A German business daily took a slightly more hopeful line, asserting, "There is still time to pause and concentrate on the implementation of the trade liberalization steps."

E. AND S. ASIA: A majority of writers concluded that the demonstrations in Seattle had served the useful purpose of highlighting the alleged "lack of transparency" of the WTO's "processes." Many argued that, unless the WTO fosters a climate of "openness," opposition to free trade was likely to "grow even more." Dailies in Singapore and Thailand stressed the importance of the WTO, saying that without it, economic disputes could "spin into trade wars, if not armed conflict," which would "only undermine the welfare of everyone, everywhere." A lone pundit in India aired the theory that the protests in Seattle were "orchestrated" by the U.S. government "to serve [the]...narrow interests" of various domestic constituencies.

LATIN AMERICA: The anti-WTO demonstrations continued to provide a touchstone for commentary on the trend of globalization. Cuban, Nicaraguan and Peruvian papers worried that more trade liberalization would usher in "more wealth" for only a select few, primarily "the developed North" and widen "the gulf between rich and poor" around the world. Some leveled charges of "worldwide neoliberal domination" by the WTO and predicted that a new trade regime would allow the multinationals to apply protectionist measures for their goods and services while keeping wages low for workers in the developing world. In a different take on the demonstrations, a Mexican paper marvelled at how America's "open society" allows tolerance for civil disobedience.

BRIEFS -- Northern Ireland: Multi-Party Cabinet Ushers In 'New Ulster, New Era'

-- Panama Canal Transfer: What Will China's Role Be?

EDITORS: Katherine Starr, Kathleen J. Brahney, Gail Hamer Burke

WTO MINISTERIAL WRAPS UP AMID LOW EXPECTATIONS

BRITAIN: "Free Trade Is Fair"

The conservative Daily Telegraph had this lead editorial (12/3): "Free trade does not happen of its own accord.... Trade barriers are rarely reduced without a Herculean effort far-sighted leaders, acting in concert, at grand summits like the one in Seattle. So far, it looks as if the current generation of

leaders is incapable of making such an effort. The EU is seeking to do little more than protect its ruinous system of farm subsidies, while suggesting otherwise with disingenuous demands for a comprehensive agenda. President Clinton, already electioneering for Al Gore, has abruptly changed U.S. trade policy in a sop to the trade unions, calling for the WTO to extend its power into the area of labor rights. Mr. Clinton is making emotive noises about 'child labor', but the real issue is cheap labor, which is the one competitive advantage left to poor countries. The gambit is rightly regarded as an invidious form of rich world protectionism by most of the WTO's 134 members.... It is lamentable that the governments of the world's richest countries cannot find the political will...to uphold the system that made them so rich. The best that can now be expected from this miserable summit is a fudge that does no damage."

"Clueless In Seattle"

The independent weekly Economist editorialized (12/3): "It is hard to say which was worse -- watching the militant dunces parade their ignorance through the streets of Seattle, or listening to their lame-brained governments respond to the 'arguments'. No, take that back: the second was worse. At least the rioters had a good time. It was the politicians who made the biggest hash of things. God help us."

"The Real Battle"

The conservative weekly Spectator judged (12/3): "Forget the hippies and yuppies, and the anti-capitalist yowlings. The conflict, as in the Uruguay Round...is between two trade blocs. It is a war of attrition between America and Europe about the terms of trade in agricultural products and other goods and services."

"Can We Win The World Back?"

The leftwing weekly New Statesman observed (12/3): "What we have been seeing in Seattle in recent days are the beginnings of a global politics.... Important decisions about jobs, food, media and the environment are taken by

multinational companies, not by elected governments.... Governments have become clients of Monsanto or Microsoft or News International, rather than the other way round.... In these circumstances, the WTO, for all its imperfections, is actually one of our better hopes.... It has, at least in theory, a democratic working structure.... The encouraging thing about Seattle is that it brought these subjects into public debate."

FRANCE: "A Conference On The Razor's Edge"

Laurent Mossu opined in right-of-center Le Figaro Economie (12/3): "A hundred thousand dollars to anyone who knows what the United States wants.... With 24 hours to go, the White House still has not made its goals clear.... The lack of reaction to the European proposals would indicate that a last minute U.S. offensive is in the works.... There were hopes that Bill Clinton would clarify things, but that was not the case."

"Major Maneuvering Surrounding Social Norms"

Jean-Louis Vallidire wrote in right-of-center Le Figaro Economie (12/3): "By solemnly signing the ILO's convention against the exploitation of child labor, Clinton continues his seduction campaign aimed at political and union forces."

"Today's New Fears"

Claude Imbert held in right-of-center weekly Le Point (12/3): "Our clowns are on a war path and shooting themselves in the foot. Because if there is one country on this planet which has benefited from globalization, it is indeed France.... As for Europe, which is trying to fight against monopolies, it will have to make certain that the United States shares the same concerns. And where else can it do this but within the WTO? In short, the demands made of the WTO, even the most radical ones, will find satisfaction only at the WTO."

GERMANY: "Trade Conference In The Grip Of Interests"

Christoph Rabe filed the following editorial from Seattle for business Handelsblatt (12/3): "Were the Americans really so naive to believe that

the
Seattle conference would not become so bad? Nobody can seriously claim to
have
been caught by surprise by the events.... What remains is a bad
suspicion: U.S.
lobbyists and WTO critics tacitly shook hands before the conference to
protect
privileges which threatened to be lost in the course of globalization. And
there is something else: The U.S. government was supported by some top U.S.
companies for its attempt to diminish the role of workers and social
standards
in the WTO. But obviously nobody realized that this move motivated
protesters.... Obviously, many politicians, not only in the United States,
missed the opportunity to explain to their citizens the usefulness of and
the
reasons for free trade. Now they are harvesting the angry protests....
And in
this situation, the opponents to liberalization have an easy game to play,
since
they make the WTO the scapegoat for all injustice in the world.... There
is
still time to pause and to concentrate on the implementation of the trade
liberalization steps that were agreed upon at the Uruguay Round such as the
reduction of tariffs in agriculture and services."

"Support For The Weak"

Right-of-center Der Tagesspiegel of Berlin (12/3) carried this editorial:
"The
sudden reasons for President Clinton's sudden support for universal social
norms
are...unclear. This support reveals less a sympathy for the 'exploited'
in far
away countries but rather support for the powerful AFL-CIO in his
proximity,
since every democratic candidate needs its money and votes in the upcoming
elections next year."

ITALY: "U.S.-European Tug-Of-War"

Federico Rampini penned this analysis on the front page of left-leaning,
influential La Repubblica (12/3): "In Seattle there has been a switch from
street protests to political battles over an explosive issue for the
health of
consumers--biotechnology. But, surprisingly enough, it was the Europeans
who
split in Seattle and criticized the Prodi Commission. This is an
unexpected
opening for the Americans.... Europe has split after only 48 hours. It
goes to
the Millennium negotiations on the defensive. It is accused of
protectionism,
not only for its disgraceful agricultural policy, but also in other
sectors,

like textiles.... It is a Europe without a recognized leadership: the days of the Giscard-Schmidt or Kohl-Mitterrand axes are far away.... The Millennium Round will be a decisive test for relations of strength between Europe and the United States.... The clash with Washington is only at the beginning. The real tug-of-war will be conducted with the next U.S. president.... In the meantime, we have realized where our most alarming weakness comes from (the fact that) in almost all the sectors of the future, America is years ahead of us."

BELGIUM: "Little Murders Among Friends"

Reporting on the surprise EU proposal to create a working group on GMOs and biotech within the WTO, special correspondent Nicolas Ghislain observed in conservative Catholic La Libre Belgique (12/3): "The first internal conflicts within the EU have surfaced.... The Belgians, along with some European partners, were irritated by the proposal made by the Commission to the Americans to create a working group to study biotech matters within the WTO. This proposal was also severely criticized, namely by European Greens, who consider 'that the road is now open to market GMOs.'"

"Not Obvious"

Stefaan Michielsens opined in independent Catholic De Standaard (12/3): "People are, rightfully so, calling for the respect of social and environmental norms. But this cannot be a pretext to turn back the liberalization of world trade. Doing this would be a short-sighted and selfish attitude. Free trade and the well-being which comes with it is an achievement which is worth being defended with conviction."

PORTUGAL: "A Reactionary Protest"

Former Finance Minister Francisco Sarsfield Cabral had this op-ed piece in center-left Publico (12/3): Instead of struggling to strengthen the WTO...[the majority of protesters in Seattle] want to destroy it as a symbol of capitalist oppression, destroying at the same time the only means...of protecting the weak from the strong in the global market.... Current capitalism has extremely serious problems.... A lot has to change. But certainly not with the

defensive
and retrograde mentality of those making a scene in Seattle."

CHINA: "World Trade Should Be Fair And Free"

Huang Qing contended in official, Communist Party People's Daily (Renmin Ribao, 12/3): "The Seattle meeting is full of commercial bargaining where each participant airs its own views and makes its own price.... People believe that only when the interests of the developing countries are better recognized in the WTO principles, will liberalization of world trade be realized in word and deed."

AUSTRALIA: "The Message From Seattle"

The conservative Sydney Morning Herald emphasized (12/3): "The reaction in Seattle is important for several reasons which proponents of the WTO would be foolish to ignore. One is the effect this kind of unrest may have on Washington's continued commitment to free trade. The Clinton administration has made free trade one of the cornerstones of its foreign policy. And while the results have not always matched the rhetoric, neither have they compromised it in any significant or sustained way.... Much of the angst expressed in Seattle is due to the appearances and processes of the WTO.... More emphasis on explaining the benefits of free trade--and the dangers of the opposite--would help."

INDONESIA: "Not Easy To Realize Free Trade Dream"

Leading, independent Kompas argued (12/3): "One can assume that this tug-of-war about respective interests [in the WTO] will never truly end. However, it is also undeniable that the world trend toward free trade strengthens daily.... Without an openness toward a variety of developing demands, it is not impossible that opposition against the campaign to create free trade will grow even more."

PHILIPPINES: "Free Trade Is Not Free"

Jose Baylon opined in the independent Malaya (12/2): "The sad truth is that these clashes are bound to continue as the free trade debate rages. For

the
fact is free trade is not free trade--and what has to be settled is the
allocation (judicious, it is hoped) of the pain that has to go with trade
liberalization."

SINGAPORE: "Battle In Seattle"

The pro-government Straits Times told its readers (12/3): "Seattle is in
danger
of turning into a fiasco not only because the wrong people are
demonstrating
outside the conference hall, but also because many inside are hardly the
card-carrying free-traders the demonstrators assume they are. The WTO's
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member-governments have so far failed to agree on an agenda for a new
'millennial' round of trade liberalization, precisely because the leaders
of the
world's largest trading blocks--the EU, the United States and Japan have
taken a
mercantilist approach to the negotiations. With its eye trained
resolutely on
the next elections, the Clinton administration is insisting on a narrow
round,
limited to agriculture, services, e-commerce and informations
technology--in
other words, precisely those areas where the United States has an
advantage....
To avoid giving the obstructionists outside the conference hall a victory,
the
lesser obstructionists inside should try to broaden the scope of the next
round.
The U.S. is correct to suspect European and Japanese motives in this
respect,
but, on balance, a broad round, even if diffusely defined, is preferable to
leaving the WTO adrift without an agenda to pursue."

SOUTH KOREA: "The Significance Of The NGO Episode In Seattle"

Business-oriented Joong-Ang Ilbo pointed out (12/3): "Many people have
long
felt fed up with globalization, a process that has lacked humanity, and
this
discontent exploded in the form of violent demonstrations in Seattle....
Although the WTO's contribution to the realization of free trade and global
prosperity should not be underestimated, the reason behind the violent
demonstrations seen in Seattle must be given full consideration.... When
proper
consideration is not given to what lies on the dark side of globalization,
a
free trade regime will only end up as a one-way street that serves the
interests
of the developed world.... The second message is about inclusiveness and
transparency of the WTO. Disagreements must be reflected fully, and
negotiations need to be made transparent."

THAILAND: "Let WTO Get On With Its Business"

The lead editorial of the top-circulation, moderately conservative Bangkok Post

stressed (12/3): "Make no mistake about it, the world needs the WTO. Globalization, whether we like it or not, is not something that can be resisted.... Without such a body, economic disputes will spin into trade wars, if not armed conflict, which will only undermine the welfare of everyone, everywhere. It serves no good for NGOs, labor activists, environmentalists and human rights advocates to seek to undermine the WTO or push it to accept demands which it was not created to deal with."

INDIA: "Seattle Tea Party"

The centrist Pioneer insisted (12/3): "The entire show, many are convinced, was stage-managed by none other than the host country, the United State of America, to have its way in the negotiation by bulldozing its way through all opposition by citing popular discontent.... The argument that the administration was taken by surprise will not wash. There were enough advance warnings of large-scale protests.... The belief that the U.S. government stage-managed the show is further substantiated by the fact that the police did very little to control the demonstrators. The most telling was the remark by the U.S. Trade Representative, Charlene Barshefsky, that the protesters express the unhappiness of U.S. citizens about

certain aspects of the WTO's functioning, and the Clinton administration had the 'fullest sympathy' for them. The protests were mainly orchestrated by the U.S. farm, environment and labor lobbies to serve their own narrow interests. It will be a sad day for the world community of the U.S. government succeeds in browbeating the WTO on these issues through methods which merit the severest condemnation."

"Breaking Barriers"

In the view of the centrist Indian Express (12/3): "The Seattle protests will have served an important purpose if they focus the minds of trade

negotiators on
one essential fact: The outcome must satisfy people and not just
statisticians
in trade ministries."

CUBA: "Tear Gas Seeks To Silence The Truth In Seattle"

Party-line commentator Nidia Diaz wrote in Communist Party paper Granma (12/1):

"What these new anti-neoliberal and anti-World Trade Organization crusaders may not be aware of is that inside the institution there is significant resistance by a great number of underdeveloped countries, which oppose its philosophy and behavior, and on whom we will have to count in the long run. And this is expressed in the reluctance of a great number of member nations, who are opposed to the so-called Millennium Round setting new goals that benefit transnationals and the developed countries, disregarding the agreements of its predecessor, the Uruguay Round. That is to say, just like in the streets of Seattle, within the WTO there are many voices protesting against the preconceived and recommended policy against the poor. Except that for those inside, while the tear gas that has been launched is evidently not aimed at them, the results are equally suffocating. If outside it is the anti-riot police that are the ones that represses, in the plenary of the third ministerial that began today, the developed North is waiting hidden to crush with a bulldozer the aspirations of the Third World represented here."

MEXICO: "Police Reaction More Peaceful Than That In Other Places"

Monterrey's largest daily, El Norte, carried an editorial by Sergio Sarmiento

(12/2): "Protests in Seattle were the most aggressive and attention-getting that can be remembered in this northwestern state of the United States. The authorities of Seattle did not proceed very differently from their colleagues in Washington, London, Paris, Berlin, Havana or Beijing. As a matter of fact, their reaction was more peaceful. The anti-riot measures undertaken in Paris or Berlin reveal a violence not used by the police in Seattle. In Havana, dissenters are not allowed to meet in public places. In Beijing, the brutal repression in 1989 against anti-government protesters in the Tianamen Square can only be compared to the assassinations in Tlatelolco, Mexico City in 1968. There will always be reactionaries opposed to economic, technological or social

improvements. An open society will allow them to freely express their points of view."

NICARAGUA: "WTO

Augusto Zamora R. penned this op-ed piece in sensational, independent Sandinista paper, El Nuevo Diario (11/2), "The WTO, the world economic governing body made by the rich countries, will define new regulations for international commerce.... The poor countries are barely noted, fight for their rights, and expect charity.... The New (and old) World Order confirms that with the new regulations global wealth shall rise.... However, distribution is a different matter. More wealth, more inequality.... Since 1960, the gulf between the rich and the poor has grown three fold."

PERU: "High Level Demonstrations"

Mauricio Mulder wrote in his column in strongly-opposition daily La Republica (12/2), Every day more and more people, especially among the middle class, are becoming aware of the horrible

future they will experience if the world continues following the polarizing neoliberal model. The WTO represents the trend of globalization which only benefits a select few, in this case multinational banks and corporations. The WTO conference in Seattle showed us one of the clearest attempts of worldwide neoliberal domination, the multilateral agreement on investments (MAI). But it did not work. The WTO wants to pass a multilateral treaty which would oblige each country to adopt these ideas, and this is the reason for the demonstrations.... Neoliberalism needs a cheap worker who is also obedient and ignorant. Those who are protesting are the ones who still understand what this is all about."

BRIEFS

NORTHERN IRELAND: MULTI-PARTY CABINET USHERS IN 'NEW ULSTER, NEW ERA'

BRITAIN: "Yes, Minister"

The independent weekly Economist had this lead editorial (12/3): "Even for the

generation that has witnessed the fall of the Berlin Wall, and the conciliation of Mandela with De Klerk and Arafat with Rabin, the birth this week of a power-sharing parliament in Northern Ireland has been an eye-rubbing, hope-renewing spectacle.... Will it work? Perhaps. There is no obvious alternative. And there are those who believe that although nationalism has been the bane of this century, power-sharing will become the panacea of the next. It is not a ridiculous assumption on which to build a peace for Ireland. But it is a heroic one."

GERMANY: "New Ulster"

Bernhard Himrich judged in a front-page editorial in right-of-center Frankfurter Allgemeine (12/3), "All participants in the process have now made a step into political and historical new terrain which will be irrevocable. This is not their biggest, but the smallest common denominator, but a foundation has now been laid.... This compromise with which David Trimble, in hindsight, has really deserved his part of the Nobel Peace Prize, has now been part of the Unionists history for all time, even though its implementation may fail again.... The British government will now finally get quiet in the darkest backyard of its kingdom and at the last front of decolonialization. By doing so, 'the British' would again become more similar to their neighbors in Europe and to their partners in the international community of democrats. But the British may realize the real significance of this move only when the first relief about the settlement of this conflict has eased and peace has become part of everyday life: Britannia has segregated Northern Ireland. Great Britain has become a little bit smaller even though only in theory. As of today, the 'ugly' province is the only part of the United Kingdom whose members can decide with a majority vote whether they want to stay or whether they want to leave."

SPAIN: "Historic Step In Ulster"

Barcelona's centrist La Vanguardia concluded (12/3): "The Ulster peace process has taken a giant step forward, thanks to concessions on all sides. The Unionists have joined the autonomous Northern Ireland government in the conviction that the agreement does not put Ulster's ties with the U.K. in doubt. The nationalists and Catholic republicans, on the other hand, are convinced that it will permit Ireland's reunification in the long run. It is this ambiguity

that has made possible a historic advance, while at the same time demonstrating how fragile the process remains."

PANAMA CANAL TRANSFER: WHAT WILL CHINA'S ROLE BE?

MEXICO: "A Tale Of Two Canals--Panama Vs. Suez"

Columnist Joseph Hodara put forth these views in nationalist, independent El Universal (12/2): "There are a number of differences between the end of an imperial hegemony over the Suez Canal in 1957 and this year's turning over of the Panama Canal... First of all, the return of the Panama Canal to its legitimate owners is the result of a treaty whose delayed implementation allowed both parties to get used to the new reality.... Second, Panama has been able to absorb the knowledge on the operations of the Canal--even though a Chinese company will be in charge of guaranteeing the operations of the canal.... Finally, let's hope that the Panamanians will not react in an overly nationalistic manner--as Nasser did in Egypt. Up to now, Panama was merely a canal. From now on, the Panama Canal should be an effective tool to promote national sovereignty without useless confrontations and trivial rhetoric."

CHINA: "Uncle Sam, Hurry Up! Go Back Home!"

Under the above headline, Shi Tou averred in official Beijing Youth Daily (Beijing Qingnianbao, 12/3): "Last June, at a hearing of the U.S. Senate, a general of American Southern headquarters expressed his doubt about Panama's ability to ensure the safety of the Panama Canal. Such concern is ill-intentioned. It is a foreshadowing of America's future interference in the region. Early this year, it was the same kind of concern about the U.S.-led NATO which created a humanitarian tragedy in Yugoslavia."

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\plain \fs22 \cf0 Editorialists judged that the debate between the U.S. and Europe over several bones of contention, notably farm subsidies and biotechnology, is heating up. "The battle of Seattle...is a war of attrition between America and Europe about terms of trade," claimed one paper. Some underscored a "split" between European nations over the creation of a working group on biotechnology, and criticized Europe's position at the talks as confused and "weak" and, therefore, playing into U.S. hands. Given the deep-seated differences between the two trading blocs, a few voices doubted whether anything will be achieved before the end of the summit. "It is lamentable," intoned a conservative British paper, "that the governments of the world's richest countries cannot find the political will...to uphold the system that made them so rich. The best that ca

n now be expected from this miserable summit is a fudge that does no damage."
A German business daily took a slightly more hopeful line, asserting, "There is still time to pause and concentrate on the implementation of the trade liberalization steps."

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\plain \fs22 \cf0 A majority of writers concluded that the demonstrations in Seattle had served the useful purpose of highlighting the alleged "lack of transparency" of the WTO's "processes." Many argued that, unless the WTO fosters a climate of "openness," opposition to free trade was likely to "grow even more."

Dailies in Singapore and Thailand stressed the importance of the WTO, saying that without it, economic disputes could "spin into trade wars, if not armed conflict," which would "only undermine the welfare of everyone, everywhere." A lone pundit in India aired the theory that the protests in Seattle were "orchestrated" by the U.S. government "to serve [the]...narrow interests" of various domestic constituencies.

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\plain \fs22 \cf0 The anti-WTO demonstrations continued to provide a touchstone for commentary on the trend of globalization. Cuban, Nicaraguan and Peruvian papers worried that more trade liberalization would usher in "more wealth" for only a select few, primarily "the developed North" and widen "the gulf between rich and poor" around the world. Some leveled charges of "worldwide neoliberal domination" by the WTO and predicted that a new trade regime would allow the multinationals to apply protectionist measures for their goods and services while keeping wages low for workers in the developing world. In a different take on the demonstrations, a Mexican paper marvelled at how America's "open society" allows tolerance for civil disobedience.

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\plain \fs22 \cf0 Northern Ireland: Multi-Party Cabinet Ushers In 'New Ulster, New Era'

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\par \pard \li720 \fi0 \ri0 \sl240 \sb0 \sa0 \par \pard \qc \li720 \fi0 \ri0 \sl240 \sb0 \sa0 \plain \b \fs22 \cf0 WTO MINISTERIAL WRAPS UP AMID LOW EXPECTATIONS

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\plain \ul \fs22 \cf0 Daily Telegraph

\plain \fs22 \cf0 had this lead editorial (12/3): "Free trade does not happen of its own accord.... Trade barriers are rarely reduced without a Herculean effort far-sighted leaders, acting in concert, at grand summits like the one in Seattle. So far, it looks as if the current generation of leaders is incapable of making such an effort. The EU is seeking to do little more than protect its

ruinous system of farm subsidies, while suggesting otherwise with disingenuous demands for a comprehensive agenda. President Clinton, already electioneering for Al Gore, has abruptly changed U.S. trade policy in a sop to the trade union s, calling for the WTO to extend its power into the area of labor rights. Mr. Clinton is making emotive noises about 'child labor', but the real issue is cheap labor, which is the one competitive advantage left to poor countries. The gambit is rightly regarded as an invidious form of rich world protectionism by most of the WTO's 134 members.... It is lamentable that the governments of the world's richest countries cannot find the political will...to uphold the system that made them so rich. The best that can now be expected from this miserable summit is a fudge that does no damage."

Clueless In Seattle"

The independent weekly

Economist

editorialized (12/3): "It is hard to say which was worse -- watching the militant dunces parade their ignorance through the streets of Seattle, or listening to their lame-brained governments respond to the 'arguments'. No, take that back: the second was worse. At least the rioters had a good time. It was the politicians who made the biggest hash of things. God help us."

"The Real Battle"

The conservative weekly

Spectator

judged (12/3): "Forget the hippies and yuppies, and the anti-capitalist yowlings. The conflict, as in the Uruguay Round...is between two trade blocs. It is a war of attrition between America and Europe about the terms of trade in agricultural products and other goods and services."

"Can We Win The World Back?"

The leftwing weekly

New Statesman

observed (12/3): "What we have been seeing in Seattle in recent days are the beginnings of a global politics.... Important decisions about jobs, food, media and the environment are taken by multinational companies, not by elected governments.... Governments have become clients of Monsanto or Microsoft or News International, rather than the other way round.... In these circumstances, the WTO, for all its imperfections, is actually one of our better

hopes.... It has, at least in theory, a democratic working structure.... The encouraging thing about Seattle is that it brought these subjects into public debate."

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\plain \fs22 \cf0 (12/3): "A hundred thousand dollars to anyone who knows what the United States wants.... With 24 hours to go, the White House still has not made its goals clear.... The lack of reaction to the European proposals would indicate that a last minute U.S. offensive is in the works.... There were hopes that Bill Clinton would clarify things, but that was not the case."

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\plain \fs22 \cf0 (12/3): "By solemnly signing the ILO's convention against the exploitation of child labor, Clinton continues his seduction campaign aimed at political and union forces."

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\plain \ul \fs22 \cf0 Le Point

\plain \fs22 \cf0 (12/3): "Our clowns are on a war path and shooting themselves in the foot. Because if there is one country on this planet which has benefited from globalization, it is indeed France.... As for Europe, which is trying to fight against monopolies, it will have to make certain that the United States shares the same concerns. And where else can it do this but within the WTO? In short, the demands made of the WTO, even the most radical ones, will find satisfaction only at the WTO."

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\plain \ul \fs22 \cf0 Handelsblatt

\plain \fs22 \cf0 (12/3): "Were the Americans really so naive to believe that the Seattle conference would not become so bad? Nobody can seriously claim to have been caught by surprise by the events.... What remains is a bad suspicion: U.S. lobbyists and WTO critics tacitly shook hands before the conference to protect privileges which threatened to be lost in the course of globalization.

And there is something else: The U.S. government was supported by some top U.S. companies for its attempt to diminish the role of workers and social standards in the WTO. But obviously nobody realized that this move motivated protesters.... Obviously, many politicians, not only in the United States, missed the opportunity to explain to their citizens the usefulness of and the reasons for free trade. Now they are harvesting the angry protests.... And in this situation, the opponents to liberalization have an easy game to play, since they make the WTO the scapegoat for all injustice in the world.... There is still time to pause and to concentrate on the implementation of the trade liberalization steps that were agreed upon at the Uruguay Round such as the reduction of tariffs in agriculture and services."

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\plain \ul \fs22 \cf0 Der Tagesspiegel

\plain \fs22 \cf0 of Berlin (12/3) carried this editorial: "The sudden reasons for President Clinton's sudden support for universal social norms are...unclear. This support reveals less a sympathy for the 'exploited' in far away countries but rather support for the powerful AFL-CIO in his proximity, since every democratic candidate needs its money and votes in the upcoming elections next year."

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\plain \ul \fs22 \cf0 La Repubblica

\plain \fs22 \cf0 (12/3): "In Seattle there has been a switch from street protests to political battles over an explosive issue for the health of consumers--biotechnology. But, surprisingly enough, it was the Europeans who split in Seattle and criticized the Prodi Commission. This is an unexpected opening for the Americans.... Europe has split after only 48 hours. It goes to the Millennium negotiations on the defensive. It is accused of protectionism, not only for its disgraceful agricultural policy, but also in other sectors, like textiles. ... It is a Europe without a recognized leadership: the days of the Giscard-Schmidt or Kohl-Mitterrand axes are far away.... The Millennium Round will be a

decisive test for relations of strength between Europe and the United States..
.. The clash with Washington is only at the beginning. The real tug-of-war will be conducted with the next U.S. president.... In the meantime, we have realized where our most alarming weakness comes from (the fact that) in almost all the sectors of the future, America is years ahead of us."

BELGIUM: "Little Murders Among Friends"

Reporting on the surprise EU proposal to create a working group on GMOs and biotech within the WTO, special correspondent Nicolas Ghislain observed in conservative Catholic

La Libre Belgique

(12/3): "The first internal conflicts within the EU have surfaced.... The Belgians, along with some European partners, were irritated by the proposal made by the Commission to the Americans to create a working group to study biotech matters within the WTO. This proposal was also severely criticized, namely by European Greens, who consider 'that the road is now open to market GMOs.'"

"Not Obvious"

Stefaan Michiels opined in independent Catholic

De Standaard

(12/3): "People are, rightfully so, calling for the respect of social and environmental norms. But this cannot be a pretext to turn back the liberalization of world trade. Doing this would be a short-sighted and selfish attitude. Free trade and the well-being which comes with it is an achievement which is worth being defended with conviction."

PORTUGAL: "A Reactionary Protest"

Former Finance Minister Francisco Sarsfield Cabral had this op-ed piece in center-left

Publico

(12/3): Instead of struggling to strengthen the WTO...[the majority of protesters in Seattle] want to destroy it as a symbol of capitalist oppression, destroying at the same time the only means...of protecting the weak from the strong in the global market.... Current capitalism has extremely serious problems.... A lot has to change. But certainly not with the defensive and retrograde mentality of those making a scene in Seattle."

CHINA: "World Trade Should Be Fair And Free"

Huang Qing contended in official, Communist Party

\plain \ul \fs22 \cf0 People's Daily

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\plain \ul \fs22 \cf0 Renmin Ribao

\plain \fs22 \cf0 , 12/3): "The Seattle meeting is full of commercial bargaining where each participant airs its own views and makes its own price.... People believe that only when the interests of the developing countries are better recognized in the WTO principles, will liberalization of world trade be realized in word and deed."

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\plain \ul \fs22 \cf0 Sydney Morning Herald

\plain \fs22 \cf0 emphasized (12/3): "The reaction in Seattle is important for several reasons which proponents of the WTO would be foolish to ignore. One is the effect this kind of unrest may have on Washington's continued commitment to free trade. The Clinton administration has made free trade one of the cornerstones of its foreign policy. And while the results have not always matched the rhetoric, neither have they compromised it in any significant or sustained way.... Much of the angst expressed in Seattle is due to the appearances and processes of the WTO.... More emphasis on explaining the benefits of free trade--and the dangers of the opposite--would help."

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720 \tx1440 \tx2160 \tx2880 \tx3600 \tx4320 \tx5040 \plain \fs22 \cf0 Leading, independent

\plain \ul \fs22 \cf0 Kompas

\plain \fs22 \cf0 argued (12/3): "One can assume that this tug-of-war about respective interests [in the WTO] will never truly end. However, it is also undeniable that the world trend toward free trade strengthens daily.... Without an openness toward a variety of developing demands, it is not impossible that opposition against the campaign to create free trade will grow even more."

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\plain \ul \fs22 \cf0 Malaya

\plain \fs22 \cf0 (12/2): "The sad truth is that these clashes are bound to continue as the free trade debate rages. For the fact is free trade is not free trade--and what has to be settled is the allocation (judicious, it is hoped) of the pain that has to go with trade liberalization."

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\sb0 \sa0 \plain \fs22 \cf0 The pro-government

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\plain \fs22 \cf0 told its readers (12/3): "Seattle is in danger of turning into a fiasco not only because the wrong people are demonstrating outside the conference hall, but also because many inside are hardly the card-carrying free-traders the demonstrators assume they are. The WTO's 135 member-governments have so far failed to agree on an agenda for a new 'millennial' round of trade liberalization, precisely because the leaders of the world's largest trading blocks--the EU, the United States and Japan have taken a mercantilist approach to the negotiations. With its eye trained resolutely on the next elections, the Clinton administration is insisting on a narrow round, limited to agriculture, services, e-commerce and information technology--in other words, precisely those areas where the United States has an advantage.... To avoid giving the obstructionists outside the conference hall a victory, the lesser obstructionists inside should try to broaden the scope of the next round. The U.S. is correct to suspect European and Japanese motives in this respect, but, on balance, a broad round, even if diffusely defined, is preferable to leaving the WTO adrift without an agenda to pursue."

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\plain \ul \fs22 \cf0 Joong-Ang Ilbo

\plain \fs22 \cf0 pointed out (12/3): "Many people have long felt fed up with globalization, a process that has lacked humanity, and this discontent exploded in the form of violent demonstrations in Seattle.... Although the WTO's contribution to the realization of free trade and global prosperity should not be underestimated, the reason behind the violent demonstrations seen in Seattle must be given full consideration.... When proper consideration is not given to what lies on the dark side of globalization, a free trade regime will only end up as a one-way street that serves the interests of the developed world.... The second message is about inclusiveness and transparency of the WTO. Disagreements must be reflected fully, and negotiations need to be made transparent."

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\plain \ul \fs22 \cf0 Bangkok Post

\plain \fs22 \cf0 stressed (12/3): "Make no mistake about it, the world needs the WTO. Globalization, whether we like it or not, is not something that can be resisted.... Without such a body, economic disputes will spin into trade wars, if not armed conflict, which will only undermine the welfare of everyone, everywhere. It serves no good for NGOs, labor activists, environmentalists and human rights advocates to seek to undermine the WTO or push it to accept demands which it was not created to deal with."

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\plain \fs22 \cf0 insisted (12/3): "The entire show, many are convinced, was stage-managed by none other than the host country, the United State of America, to have its way in the negotiation by bulldozing its way through all opposition by citing popular discontent.... The argument that the administration was taken by surprise will not wash. There were enough advance warnings of large-scale protests.... The belief that the U.S. government stage-managed the show is further substantiated by the fact that the police did very little to control the demonstrators. The most telling was the remark by the U.S. Trade Representative, Charlene Barshevsky, that the protesters express the unhappiness of U.S. citizens about

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\plain \ul \fs22 \cf0 Indian Express

\plain \fs22 \cf0 (12/3): "The Seattle protests will have served an important purpose if they focus the minds of trade negotiators on one essential fact: The outcome must satisfy people and not just statisticians in trade ministries."

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\plain \ul \fs22 \cf0 Granma

\plain \fs22 \cf0 (12/1): "What these new anti-neoliberal and anti-World Trade Organization crusaders may not be aware of is that inside the institution there is significant resistance by a great number of underdeveloped countries, which oppose its philosophy and behavior, and on whom we will have to count in the long run. And this is expressed in the reluctance of a great number of member nations, who are opposed to the so-called Millennium Round setting new goals that benefit transnationals and the developed countries, disregarding the agreements of its predecessor, the Uruguay Round. That is to say, just like in the streets of Seattle, within the WTO there are many voices protesting against the preconceived and recommended policy against the poor. Except that for those inside, while the tear gas that has been launched is evidently not aimed at them, the results are equally suffocating. If outside it is the anti-riot police that are the ones that represses, in the plenary of the third ministerial that be

gan today, the developed North is waiting hidden to crush with a bulldozer the aspirations of the Third World represented here."

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\plain \b \fs22 \cf0 MEXICO: "Police Reaction More Peaceful Than That In Other Places"

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\plain \ul \fs22 \cf0 El Norte

\plain \fs22 \cf0 , carried an editorial by Sergio Sarmiento (12/2): "Protests in Seattle were the most aggressive and attention-getting that can be remembered in this northwestern state of the United States. The authorities of Seattle did not proceed very differently from their colleagues in Washington, London, Paris, Berlin, Havana or Beijing. As a matter of fact, their reaction was more peaceful. The anti-riot measures undertaken in Paris or Berlin reveal a violence not used by the police in Seattle. In Havana, dissenters are not allowed to meet in public places. In Beijing, the brutal repression in 1989 against anti-government protesters in the Tianamen Square can only be compared to the assassinations in Tlatelolco, Mexico City in 1968. There will always be reactionaries opposed to economic, technological or social improvements. An open society will allow them to freely express their points of view."

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\plain \ul \fs22 \cf0 El Nuevo Diario

\plain \fs22 \cf0 (11/2), "The WTO, the world economic governing body made by the rich countries, will define new regulations for international commerce....

The poor countries are barely noted, fight for their rights, and expect charity.... The New (and old) World Order confirms that with the new regulations global wealth shall rise.... However, distribution is a different matter. More wealth, more inequality.... Since 1960, the gulf between the rich and the poor has grown three fold."

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\plain \ul \fs22 \cf0 La Republica

\plain \fs22 \cf0 (12/2), Every day more and more people, especially among the middle class, are becoming aware of the horrible

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ation, the multilateral agreement on investments (MAI). But it did not work. The WTO wants to pass a multilateral treaty which would oblige each country to adopt these ideas, and this is the reason for the demonstrations.... Neoliberalism needs a cheap worker who is also obedient and ignorant. Those who are protesting are the ones who still understand what this is all about."

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\par \pard \li720 \fi0 \ri0 \sl240 \sb0 \sa0 \par \pard \li720 \fi0 \ri0 \sl240 \sb0 \sa0 \plain \b \fs22 \cf0 NORTHERN IRELAND: MULTI-PARTY CABINET USHERS IN 'NEW ULSTER, NEW ERA'\par

\par \pard \li720 \fi0 \ri0 \sl240 \sb0 \sa0 \plain \b \fs22 \cf0 BRITAIN: "Yes, Minister"

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\plain \ul \fs22 \cf0 Economist

\plain \fs22 \cf0 had this lead editorial (12/3): "Even for the generation that has witnessed the fall of the Berlin Wall, and the conciliation of Mandela with De Klerk and Arafat with Rabin, the birth this week of a power-sharing parliament in Northern Ireland has been an eye-rubbing, hope-renewing spectacle....

Will it work? Perhaps. There is no obvious alternative. And there are those who believe that although nationalism has been the bane of this century, power-sharing will become the panacea of the next. It is not a ridiculous assumption on which to build a peace for Ireland. But it is a heroic one."

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\par \pard \li720 \fi0 \ri0 \sl240 \sb0 \sa0 \tx0 \tx720 \tx1440 \tx2160 \tx2880 \tx3600 \tx4320 \tx5040 \par \pard \li720 \fi0 \ri0 \sl240 \sb0 \sa0 \tx0 \tx720 \tx1440 \tx2160 \tx2880 \tx3600 \tx4320 \tx5040 \plain \fs22 \cf0 Bernhard Himrich judged in a front-page editorial in right-of-center

\plain \ul \fs22 \cf0 Frankfurter Allgemeine

\plain \fs22 \cf0 (12/3), "All participants in the process have now made a step into political and historical new terrain which will be irrevocable. This is not their biggest, but the smallest common denominator, but a foundation has now been laid.... This compromise with which David Trimble, in hindsight, has really deserved his part of the Nobel Peace Prize, has now been part of the Unionists' history for all time, even though its implementation may fail again.... The British government will now finally get quiet in the darkest backyard of its kingdom and at the last front of decolonialization. By doing so, 'the British' would again become more similar to their neighbors in Europe and to their partners in the international community of democrats. But the British may realize the real significance of this move only when the first relief about the settlement of this conflict has eased and peace has become part of everyday life: Britannia has segregated Northern Ireland. Great Britain has become a little bit smaller even though only in theory. As of today, the 'ugly' province is the only part of the United Kingdom whose members can decide with a majority vote whether they want to stay or whether they want to leave."

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Marsha Scott (CN=Marsha Scott/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 3-DEC-1999 13:57:48.00

SUBJECT: Panama Delegation

TO: Stephen T. Sargeant (CN=Stephen T. Sargeant/OU=NSC/O=EOP@EOP [NSC])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Please put this person on the alternate list. Thanks.

----- Forwarded by Marsha Scott/WHO/EOP on 12/03/99 01:57
PM -----

HILDY KURYK
12/03/99 11:39:19 AM
Record Type: Record

To: Marsha Scott/WHO/EOP@EOP
cc:
Subject: Panama Delegation

I had another member request for the delegation going to Panama. Rep. Ackerman's (D-NY) guy, Dave Adams, on the International Relations Committee called and said that Ackerman would like to request that Bob McMillian, a former Panama Canal Commissioner, be included in the delegation. McMillian has already been invited by the Panamian government but Ackerman would like him included in the US delegation.

I hope that you are the right person to contact about this. If possible could you please let me know what I can tell Dave Adams when he bugs me again, which he will. Thanks a lot, I appreciate your help.

Have a good weekend,

Hildy

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: "Fernandez-Greczmiel, Maria" <maria.fernandez@mail.va.gov> ("Fernandez-Greczmiel, Maria" <maria.fernandez@mail.va.gov> [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 3-DEC-1999 10:21:01.00

SUBJECT: FW: Panama Canal

TO: Setti D. Warren (CN=Setti D. Warren/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Setti, any word on this. You might want to pass on the request to Goody Marshall. According to State, a draft list has been prepared by the White House. Maria

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Fernandez-Greczmiel, Maria

> Sent: Wednesday, November 24, 1999 11:47 AM

> To: 'Setti_D._Warren@who.eop.gov'

> Subject: Panama Canal

> Importance: High

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> Setti, Secretary West has asked to pass on his recommendation that Former

> Senator Bob Morgan (D-NC) be included in the presidential delegation
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> to Panama for the Canal 'hand-over' ceremony scheduled for Dec 14.

> Senator Morgan was an early and very strong supporter of the

> Carter-Torrijos Treaty. His presence would do much to enhance our

> bilateral relations with Panama.

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> Thanks. Maria

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CREATOR: Marsha Scott (CN=Marsha Scott/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 3-DEC-1999 14:07:03.00

SUBJECT: FW: WH Public Liaison updates

TO: Stephen T. Sargeant (CN=Stephen T. Sargeant/OU=NSC/O=EOP@EOP [NSC])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Here's another one for the back-up list. Where do we stand on the count?

What happened with Carter's request/ Thanks.

----- Forwarded by Marsha Scott/WHO/EOP on 12/03/99 02:06

PM -----

Brian A. Barreto

12/02/99 06:25:10 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Marsha Scott/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc: Christine A. Stanek/WHO/EOP@EOP

Subject: FW: WH Public Liaison updates

Christine Stanek asked that I forward this to you.

----- Forwarded by Brian A. Barreto/WHO/EOP on 12/02/99

06:24 PM -----

Christine A. Stanek

12/02/99 06:13:38 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Brian A. Barreto/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: FW: WH Public Liaison updates

Could you forward this to Marsha Scott in case, Podesta or the President
does not like the list and they are looking for additional ideas. thanks,

----- Forwarded by Christine A. Stanek/WHO/EOP on

12/02/99 06:12 PM -----

"Hanretta, Kevin" <kevin.hanretta@mail.va.gov>

12/02/99 08:03:32 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Christine A. Stanek/WHO/EOP
cc:
Subject: FW: WH Public Liaison updates

Christine - Secretary West had a recommendation for the Panama Delegation and anything you can do to include former Senator Robert Morgan is appreciated. This was the justification:
The Secretary is trying to help former Senator Robert Morgan (from North Carolina) be included in the delegation going to Panama. The Senator was an early and steadfast supporter for passage of the treaty and eventually lost his bid for reelection because of his vote on the issue and his loyalty to President Carter.

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Joyner, Janice
> Sent: Wednesday, December 01, 1999 6:57 PM
> To: Hanretta, Kevin
> Subject: RE: WH Public Liaison updates
>
> The Secretary is trying to help former Senator Robert Morgan (from North Carolina) be included in the delegation going to Panama. The Senator was
> an early and steadfast supporter for passage of the treaty and eventually
> lost his bid for reelection because of his vote on the issue and his
> loyalty to President Carter. Anything you can do to help get Senator
> Morgan included in the delegation would be appreciated.

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> -- Janice
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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Hanretta, Kevin
> Sent: Wednesday, December 01, 1999 6:11 PM
> To: Joyner, Janice
> Subject: WH Public Liaison updates
>
> Janice,
> Thought you would be interested - the official US - Panama Canal
> Transfer Ceremony will be December 10th in Panama. It does not appear
> that the President or Vice President will attend because WH Public
Liaison
> was talking about an Official Delegation and who should be Head of
> Delegation. The NSC was scheduling a meeting to discuss this topic
> sometime this week. I will keep you updated on anything I hear through
> Public Liaison.
> Also on Friday morning I was asked by WH Public Liaison (Jena
> Roscoe) to sit in a meeting they are having with The National Association
> for Black Veterans and Black Patriots Foundation. This group wants to
talk
> about their Day of Honor 2000 Project for May 2000. I informed Gunner

and

> just plan on listening to what they have to say.

> --Kevin

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Marsha Scott (CN=Marsha Scott/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 3-DEC-1999 17:53:43.00

SUBJECT: Senator Morgan

TO: Stephen T. Sargeant (CN=Stephen T. Sargeant/OU=NSC/O=EOP@EOP [NSC])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

If we can do this we probably should. Thanks.

----- Forwarded by Marsha Scott/WHO/EOP on 12/03/99 05:53

PM -----

Sean P. O'Shea

12/03/99 05:46:16 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Marsha Scott/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: Senator Morgan

Senator Morgan from NC was a former Senator who supported the Panama Canal during the Carter Administration. Secretary West feels strongly that he should be a part of the delegation. I realize we have the submitted the list to John, but we think he should be strongly considered in light of the Secretary's strong push. Thanks Marsha.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Nanda Chitre (CN=Nanda Chitre/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 3-DEC-1999 11:31:38.00

SUBJECT: December 3 NSC Press Guidance

TO: glynme@state.gov (glynme@state.gov [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: "RESIDE, JULIE" <residej ("RESIDE, JULIE" <residej @ PANET.US-STATE.GOV> [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

----- Forwarded by Nanda Chitre/WHO/EOP on 12/03/99 11:31
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Natalie S. Wozniak

12/03/99 11:23:09 AM

Record Type: Record

To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message

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Subject: December 3 NSC Press Guidance

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December 3, 1999

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DoD Report on Launch Failure Review

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Court Decision in Flatow Case (new)

RUSSIA/IMF

December 3, 1999

BACKGROUND: Recent comments by IMF chief Camdessus have been interpreted to mean that the West would condition further IMF disbursements to Russia on Russian behavior in Chechnya. Russian negotiator Livshits meets with Camdessus today.

Is it true that the IMF and/or the G-7 countries have decided to delay the next tranche of Russia's IMF program?

ú Russia is still completing economic conditions required by its program. As we have stated before, disbursement depends on fulfillment of these conditions.

ú We make our decisions on IMF support for Russia based on our national interest, including a democratic and stable Russia that is making real progress on economic reform.

If pressed on what issues remain to be resolved:

ú We commend Russia for the progress it has made thus far,

especially on macroeconomic issues.

ú Russia is still working on structural measures, central bank operations, transparency, and financial safeguards.

(2) If the Russians suggest publicly that the IMF is holding up the program due to Chechnya:

Is it true that the IMF and/or G-7 countries have decided to delay the next tranche of Russia's IMF program?

ú As we have stated before, disbursement should be based on fulfillment of conditions. Russia is still completing conditions required by its program.

ú These include structural measures and reforms related to central bank operations, transparency and financial safeguards.

The Russians have asserted that the West has delayed disbursement as a punishment for the war in Chechnya. Any reaction?

ú Russia is still completing economic conditions required by its program. As we have stated before, disbursement depends on fulfillment of these conditions.

ú We make decisions on Russia's IMF program based on our national interests, including a democratic, stable Russia that is making real progress on economic reform.

But Camdessus said in Paris last weekend that the tranche could not go forward if the West were against it because of Chechnya...

ú Not for us to speak for IMF management, but our assessment is that the economic conditions for the next tranche have not been met.

We understand that the G-7 orchestrated this delay and then got the IMF on board. Is that true?

ú Not for us to speak for IMF management, but there is certainly a widely held view among the G-7 that the program conditions must be met and that Russia needs to continue to work on program requirements.

Did your discussions with G-7 countries include consideration of the war in Chechnya?

ú Russia is still completing economic conditions required by its program. As we have stated before, disbursement depends on fulfillment of these conditions.

ú We make decisions on Russia's IMF program based on our national interests, including a democratic, stable Russia that is making real progress on economic reform.

ú Does Chechnya figure into United States government thinking on Russia's IMF loan?

ú Russia is still completing economic conditions required by its program. As we have stated before, disbursement depends on fulfillment of these conditions.

ú We make decisions on Russia's IMF program based on our national interests, including a democratic, stable Russia that is making real progress on economic reform.

RUSSIA/CHECHNYA
December 3, 1999

BACKGROUND: Press reports indicate Russians may have suffered a tactical defeat in fighting near Grozny, allegedly losing 250 dead, and separately, that they fired on a refugee column, killing 40 or more, reportedly because of unconfirmed technical problems. Press also report Russia has again closed the main border crossing from Chechnya into Ingushetia. Vollebaek went to Moscow Nov. 30, but reached no agreement with the Russians on a date for his visit to the North Caucasus.

POLICY:

ú U.S. believes a purely military solution to the conflict in the North Caucasus is not possible. Costs of such an approach are too high -- costs in humanitarian terms, damage to Russia's international reputation, and in making it harder to achieve a political solution.

ú We urge Russia to develop a political strategy to resolve the conflict either through direct dialogue, or to consider third party -- most likely, the OSCE -- as an intermediary.

ú Russia bears primary responsibility for dealing with humanitarian problems in North Caucasus -- allowing full freedom of movement for displaced persons and providing for their well-being. U.S. and international relief organizations committed to help. President has authorized \$10 million in emergency relief.

ú U.S. recognizes Russia's territorial integrity and right to protect its citizens. Share Russia's interest in stability and security in the North Caucasus.

Any reaction to reports of heavy Russian losses in Chechnya fighting, and of Russian attack on refugee column?

ú Have seen these reports and are looking into them, but have not seen confirmation. Fair to say they illustrate our underlying concern that there can be no purely military solution to Chechnya conflict; loss of

life and humanitarian costs too high.

ú Have also stressed importance to Russian of dealing with immediate humanitarian problems. Urge Russian authorities to allow full freedom of movement for people displaced by conflict, and to provide for their well-being.

ú Concerned by reports that Chechen-Ingush border was closed today. Still looking into reasons for closure. Important that civilians fleeing conflict can get out of Chechnya safely.

ú Believe that strong and consistent international response to Chechnya conflict is starting to put in place the tools needed to influence Russian actions. Urge Russians to pursue meaningful steps toward political solution, including role for OSCE.

ú Russia agreed at Istanbul to permit visit by OSCE Chairman-in-Office Vollebaek to North Caucasus. Expect Russia to live up to this agreement and respond positively to Vollebaek's request to visit North Caucasus in mid-December.

Why aren't you considering a cutoff of aid to Russia? Aren't you indirectly subsidizing Russia's military campaign?

ú Have made concerns about humanitarian situation clear to the Russians at all levels, emphasized dangers of Russian military escalation. Have urged Russians to open political dialogue with legitimate Chechen leaders.

ú U.S. assistance to Russia advances core national security interests. Two thirds of our bilateral assistance to Russia is aimed at reducing threat of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

ú Three fourths of remainder of our bilateral assistance is focused on promoting grassroots economic and democratic reform outside Moscow. These efforts include support for NGOs, regional independent media, exchange programs, small business development.

if asked -- Is Russia violating the Geneva Convention and its OSCE obligations in Chechnya?

ú Like other countries, Russia has assumed obligations under the Geneva conventions and commitments under the OSCE code of conduct on political and military aspects of security.

ú Russia is carrying out an intense bombing and artillery campaign in many areas of Chechnya. Indiscriminate use of force) which includes air and artillery attacks against Chechen insurgent forces that are intermingled among the civilian population) is not consistent with these commitments.

What are you doing about the humanitarian crisis in the North Caucasus?

ú Russia bears primary responsibility for dealing with humanitarian problems in the North Caucasus.

ú Have been pressing Russians to address these problems. Russians need to provide for well-being of nearly 200, 000 IDPs in neighboring regions. As ICRC official recently noted, &there is a very obvious need for a humanitarian operation of quite some substance 8.

ú Urging Russian authorities to allow full freedom of movement for people trying to escape conflict. Important that borders between Chechnya and neighboring regions remain open.

ú International community willing to do its part. UNHCR Sadako Ogata recently returned from visit to the North Caucasus. Understand that she was able to visit several displaced persons camps.

ú UNHCR and International Red Cross taking the lead. Important that Russians cooperate fully with these agencies , courageous efforts, provide for their security.

ú Administration contributing generously to these organizations , appeals for international support. Have authorized State Department to spend up to \$10 million on behalf of humanitarian relief efforts in North Caucasus. We have also sent several direct humanitarian relief flights to the region.

There are press reports Yeltsin was rushed to the hospital Nov. 30 with suspected pneumonia -- are you concerned?

ú Have heard the press reports. Wish him a speedy recovery.

If pressed:

ú President Yeltsin has been hospitalized for pneumonia and other respiratory ailments before *four times since January of 1997. In the past, recovery has taken two to three weeks, sometimes longer.

Did the Russians refuse to allow OSCE Chairman-in-Office Vollebaek to visit the Chechnya region?

ú Russia agreed at Istanbul to an OSCE mission to the North Caucasus. We expect that Russia will live up to all agreements reached during the Istanbul summit.

ú We understand that Vollebaek and Ivanov have not yet come to an agreement on when an OSCE mission to the North Caucasus.

NORTHERN IRELAND

December 3, 1999

CONTEXT: Most of the pieces in the series of events choreographed by Senator Mitchell and the two governments to implement the Good Friday Accord fell into place yesterday, leaving the decommissioning issue as the main potential stumbling block to the start of "normal" politics in Northern Ireland. Yesterday saw Britain "devolve" power to the new Assembly in Belfast, the first meeting of Northern Ireland's new cross-community Executive (government), and end to the Republic of Ireland's territorial claim to the North, and the naming by the IRA of a representative to the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning chaired by Gen. De Chastelain. The next major event will be a meeting of the North/South Ministerial Council in Armagh, Northern Ireland on December 13 -- intended to take the first steps toward cross-border cooperation on issues such as agriculture, tourism and trade. David Trimble's threat to resign in February if no IRA decommissioning occurs by then remains in place. Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Mandelson has stated that the British government will seek to suspend the Executive if the IRA is in "default."

Is President Clinton planning to visit Ireland soon?

ú As the President said yesterday, he is prepared to travel to Northern Ireland any time the leaders feel it would be helpful for him to do so, but he has no immediate plans for such a trip.

Aren't people "rejoicing" too soon -- doesn't the decommissioning issue have to be resolved? Does the President view February as a deadline for the IRA to decommission weapons -- should Sinn Fein be put out of government if no weapons have been turned in by then?

ú As the President said yesterday, decommissioning remains an essential part of the peace process and should take place in the context of full implementation of the Agreement. All parties have a collective responsibility in this regard. What we should do now is give the agreed-upon process a chance to work. There is confidence in Gen. De Chastelain and his commission. The fact that the IRA has announced that it has appointed a representative to that commission is a significant step. We hope that the loyalists will do the same.

ú (If pressed): As the President said, now is a time to be hopeful. Let's just give the process a chance to work. We don't want to do anything that would be counterproductive.

CYPRUS

December 2, 1999

On the Talks

ú We are very pleased that the parties have come to New York to start proximity talks under U.N. auspices. The purpose of these talks is to prepare the ground for meaningful negotiations leading to a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem.

ú We expect the talks to proceed without preconditions. The parties can put any issue they want on the table. We expect the talks to deal with core issues -- for example governance, security, property and compensation -- and to be productive.

ú It is our hope that these talks will allow the parties to come to a better understand of their differences, as well as areas where they may not be so far apart.

[If Pressed]

ú We expect these talks to be the start of an ongoing process. Provided they are approached by all in a constructive manner, they should provide the basis to continue discussions early next year.

On Cyprus Accession

ú We strongly supported the EU's decision to start accession talks with Cyprus. We believe its future lies in Europe.

ú We also believe that no third party should have a veto over Cyprus's accession.

[If pressed on whether we would support a statement that says the absence of a settlement is not a bar to Cyprus accession].

ú As I said, we strongly supported making Cyprus a candidate for membership and we support its accession. As a non-EU country, it is not for us to say what the timing or criteria for accession should be..

[If asked why we support Turkish candidacy but are unwilling to say we support Cyprus accession even absent a settlement]

ú These positions are perfectly compatible. We supported the start of accession talks for Cyprus. We support candidacy status for Turkey. But as a non-EU country, it is not for us to speak to the timing or criteria for actual accession for either turkey or Cyprus.

SERBIA: EU HEATING FUEL

December 3, 1999

CONTEXT: EU finally gave up the ghost on heating fuel aid to opposition towns in Serbia and have turned their trucks back from the Serbian border, where they were being held up by Yugoslav authorities. It was an EU program; we had offered only verbal support while indicating our concern that Milosevic might use the fuel aid for his own purposes. If asked, we

want to say that the Yugoslav authorities' failure to allow the aid through is another demonstration that Milosevic does not care about the fate of ordinary Serbs and is actively trying to undermine the opposition.

How do you view the EU's decision to turn back its trucks of heating fuel from the Serbian border?

ú Milosevic's refusal to let the heating fuel through once again shows that he has no regard for the fate of ordinary Serb citizens.

ú It also shows that he is trying hard to undermine the position of the democratic Serbian opposition, which had asked the EU for the fuel aid and was standing by to accept it.

ú The EU has indicated that it will try again to get the fuel aid through to the opposition. We will be watching closely to see whether Milosevic continues his obstructionist policy.

MEXICO: ZEDILLO VISIT POSTPONED December 3, 1999

CONTEXT: Mexican U/S Juan Rebolledo called NSC very late last night to say that Zedillo had to postpone his visit to the United States because the lower house of the Mexican congress did not approve the travel.

ú Senior Mexican officials phoned us last night to say that President Zedillo has had to postpone his visit because the lower house of the Mexican Congress was balking at approving the travel. Both houses of the Mexican Congress must approve presidential travel outside of Mexico.

ú We are disappointed that the visit has had to be postponed. We would not speculate on why the lower house of the Mexican Congress did not approve the travel, but we certainly understand the principle of the separation of powers and the issue of work with opposition parties in Congress.

ú No new date has been set yet for the visit.

PANAMA: THE CHINESE AND THE CANAL November 30, 1999

CONTEXT: In response to reporters' questions, the President dismissed fears over Chinese control of the Panama Canal, asserting that the new government of Panama is committed to the successful operation of the Canal and that the Chinese will in fact be bending over backward to make sure they run it in a competent and able and fair manner. 8

Did the President say that the Chinese will control the Panama Canal following the December 31 transfer of the Canal to Panama?

ú Following the transfer of the Canal, responsibility for the operation of the Canal will rest with the government of Panama and the Panama Canal Authority. A Hong Kong-based private company, Hutchison-Whampoa, has the concession to run two container facilities at the Canal ports of Balboa and Cristobal. This company will have no control over or role in the operation of the Canal.

ú Hutchison-Whampoa is one of the largest port container operators in the world. There are four container facilities near the Canal. Two are operated by Hutchison-Whampoa. The largest of the container operations is run by a U.S. and Panamanian joint venture. The other facility is run by the Taiwan company Evergreen.

But the President referred to the Chinese running the Canal. Did he misspeak?

ú The President was making a broader point about Chinese engagement with the world through international commerce. It should be noted that the President also said, &I think the new government of Panama is committed to maintaining the canal in an appropriate manner and keeping it open and working with us to do so and having good relations. 8

MEXICO: JUAREZ INVESTIGATION December 2, 1999

BACKGROUND: On 29 November, the Mexican Attorney General announced an investigation into two possible drug trafficking-related mass burial sites near Juarez, Mexico not far from the border. The suspected sites first came to light more than a month ago when an informant told the FBI El Paso office that the Juarez cartel had committed numerous drug-related homicides, with many of the bodies buried in two mass graves. The informant's estimate was approximately 100 bodies, possibly including some U.S. nationals. Subsequent investigation by both the FBI and Mexican authorities confirmed aspects of the informant's claim, and on 29 November the Mexican Army moved to secure both locations for on-site investigations. The FBI will participate in this effort and has the lead with respect to the forensics work. The Mexican Attorney General's announcements and various media reports have linked this story to various U.S. missing persons cases along the border, but the FBI won't be able to evaluate this possibility until the investigation is further along.

What is your reaction to the Mexican Attorney General's announcement of mass graves in Mexico containing victims of the Juarez drug cartel?

ú This investigation is being led by the Mexican Attorney General's Office. Mexican Attorney General Jorge Madrazo has placed Jose Larrietta Carrasco in charge of the work at the scene. Mr. Larrietta is the chief of the Organized Crime Unit in the Office of the Attorney General.

ú The United States has asked to assist the Mexican authorities in recovering evidence for analysis and identifying victims. The FBI is providing its expertise in those areas.

ú This is a coordinated effort and we have a very effective working relationship with Attorney General Madrazo and Mr. Carrasco and his team.

ú There are 65 FBI employees and 4 Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP) personnel. (AFIP involvement is pursuant to a 1994 Memo of Agreement with the FBI.)

ú Agencies involved in investigation include the Mexican Office of the Attorney General, Mexican military, FBI, DoD.

ú All substantive questions about the investigation should be addressed to the Mexican Attorney General's office.

Is there any connection between this matter and the just-announced working visit by President Zedillo to Washington on December 9th?

ú No. While the shared drug problem is invariably among the many bilateral issues the two Presidents discuss during their regular working visits, the timing of the upcoming visit is not linked to this particular investigation.

ENERGY DEPARTMENT SECURITY
December 3, 1999

BACKGROUND: According to a Washington Post article, December 2, in a public forum November 30, Energy Department & Security Czar 8 GEN (Ret.) Eugene Habiger complained that DOE's plans to protect the national laboratories from espionage have fallen behind schedule due to Congress's failure to appropriate sufficient funds in the new budget. Congressional Republicans reportedly disputed this claim, countering that the Administration failed to produce a coherent plan to resolve the security failings at the labs.

POLICY:

ú Administration determined to strengthen security at DOE ,s national labs.

ú GEN Habiger appointed specifically to provide leadership and managerial talents needed to ensure that U.S. secrets are being protected and culture of security is strengthened at the labs.

ú DOE provided Congress a plan to strengthen security at our national laboratories on July 14, 1999. DOE has also been briefing Congress in detail on our cyber security initiatives.

Comments on Washington Post report (December 1) that DOE ,s &security Czar 8 General Habiger now says plans to protect nuclear weapons labs have fallen behind schedule?

ú The security of nuclear weapons information is a paramount obligation of government that must be adequately supported.

ú Administration determined to carrying out a sweeping review of security at the national nuclear weapons laboratories. This is underway.

ú Selection of retired Air Force General Eugene Habiger ensures that our effort will have the necessary leadership and managerial talent behind it to get it done right.

Funding adequate to do the job?

ú No.

ú We should address this problem in a manner that reflects a careful approach based on facts, rather than conjecture. Solutions must also protect the ability of the labs to do their work.

ú The budget just passed has an additional \$10 million to begin the process of which \$7 million is for cyber security and \$3 million is for physical security

ú We will work closely with Congress in the next session to address unmet needs for cyber security, protective equipment and staffing .

ú We certainly hope that the Congress will support a subsequent Administration request for additional funding.

VIEQUES
December 3, 1999

Points to be Made

ú The President accepted all of Secretary Cohen's recommendations for meeting Navy and Marine Corps readiness requirements. They are incorporated in the plan.

ú The plan is designed to ensure combat readiness of the Navy and Marine Corps, and to ensure safety and well being of the people of Vieques.

ú The plan has four parts:

ú First, Navy will cease training on Vieques within five years.

ú Second, the training done on Vieques during the transition period will be limited to inert ordnance only - no live fire.

ú Third, during the transition period, the amount of time the Navy and Marine Corps train at Vieques will be cut in half. Last year, they trained for 182 days on Vieques. For next five years, they will be authorized to train at Vieques for 90 days a year, which will provide for our essential training needs.

ú Fourth, we will address the economic, health, and environmental concerns of the people of Vieques. Measures include 1) development of a new commercial ferry pier and terminal; 2) an artificial reef to create new commercial fishing areas; 3) temporary compensation for fishermen; 4) expanding and improving roads; 5) a bioluminescent bay preservation program; 6) providing land to extend the airport runway; 7) and a Public Health Service Study.

ú The President left open possibility that if, in the future, the people of Vieques decide to continue a relationship with the Navy (beyond the five-year transition period), on the same terms as his decision or different terms, that is their right.

ú A working group composed of senior officials representing the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of Defense, led by newly appointed senior Naval representative to Puerto Rico, RADM Kevin Green, will meet as soon as possible to discuss with the people of Vieques implementation of this plan, to develop processes for consultation between the Navy and the people of Vieques about Naval activities there, and to establish a forum that may improve relations between the Navy and the people of the island.

ú President hopes that all sides will work together to implement this plan.

Questions and Answers

Will this plan meet Navy and Marine Corps readiness requirements?

ú President consulted with Secretary Cohen on Navy and Marine Corps readiness requirements. He met with Navy Secretary Richard Danzig, the

CNO, Admiral Johnson, and the Commandant, General Jones, to hear their views on their training requirements.

ú The President accepted all of Secretary Cohen's recommendations for meeting Navy and Marine Corps readiness requirements. They are incorporated in the plan.

Will the Eisenhower battle group train at Vieques?

ú The Eisenhower battle group will conduct its training at alternative locations.

ú I refer you to the Defense Department for the details of that training.

Will the Eisenhower battle group be unfit to deploy if it cannot train at Vieques?

ú The Eisenhower battle group's air wing, three of the surface combatants escorting Eisenhower, the USS Wasp amphibious ready group, and the 24th Marine expeditionary Unit will all deploy at a satisfactory level of readiness.

ú The Eisenhower battle group has one specific training requirement for three of its ships that will not be met before it deploys in February. The Defense Department is making arrangements to ensure that the remaining training requirements are met before the Eisenhower battle group relieves the John F. Kennedy battle group in the Gulf.

ú I refer you to the Defense Department for the details of the Eisenhower battle group's training requirements and alternatives for meeting those requirements.

Why isn't the Eisenhower battle group going to train at Vieques?

ú President has worked very hard to develop a plan that ensures satisfactory Navy and Marine Corps combat readiness while also ensuring the safety and well being of the people of Vieques.

ú In the current environment, many people have based their views on incomplete or misleading information.

ú Getting the word out on the Secretary's recommendations and the President's decision, ensuring that the people of Puerto Rico and Vieques understand it, and building mutual trust and understanding will take time.

ú That time simply is not available before the Eisenhower battle group deploys in February.

ú Rather than risk having a confrontation arise from misunderstanding, the President, accepted the recommendation of the Secretary of Defense to have the Eisenhower battle group complete its training at alternate locations.

Why only 90 days of training a year, when Rush Panel recommended 130?

ú Secretary Cohen carefully reviewed the Rush Panel's recommendations before submitting his recommendations to the President.

ú Navy and Marine Corps worked hard to find every feasible alternative to training at Vieques.

ú Secretary Cohen assured President that 90 days per year would be sufficient to meet Navy and Marine Corps training requirements. President accepted his recommendation.

ú I refer you to the Defense Department for details on those requirements and the alternatives for meeting them.

Will the people of Vieques support the President's plan?

ú President's plan addresses all their concerns:

ú They wanted Navy to cease training on Vieques) Navy will cease training there within five years.

ú They were concerned about use of live ordnance) Navy will only use inert ordnance.

ú They were concerned about how much the training range is used) Navy will cut its use in half.

ú They raised a number of economic, health, and environmental concerns) all will be addressed by specific initiatives, if training can resume in the transitional period.

ú And they wanted a voice in the future of the Navy facilities on Vieques. President stated that if the people of Vieques want to continue a relationship with the Navy beyond the five-year period, on the same or different terms, they can decide to do so.

Why a five year transition period? Why can't Navy stop using Vieques immediately?

ú Alternatives are not immediately available elsewhere for all Navy and Marine Corps training that currently must be done at Vieques.

ú Maximum use of alternatives available today will allow training to be limited to inert ordnance and only 90 days per year, as President directed.

ú President recognizes that this plan will not meet Puerto Rico's goals as immediately as some in the islands might have wished.

ú President believes we must follow this course in order to provide the training necessary to ensure satisfactory Navy and Marine Corps combat readiness while also ensuring the safety and well being of the people of Vieques.

But if the Eisenhower battle group can deploy without training at Vieques, why is there a need for any other ships to train there in the future?

ú President made decision to deploy the Eisenhower battle group without training at Vieques only after receiving assurance from Secretary Cohen that a temporary work around could be found to complete unmet training requirements.

ú Only three ships out of twelve in the Eisenhower battle group and Wasp amphibious ready group were left with unmet training requirements due to this decision.

ú Impact of not training at Vieques will be much more serious for carrier battle groups and Marine Expeditionary Units deploying in the future.

ú The temporary work around for the three ships in the Eisenhower battle group would not necessarily be satisfactory for the much larger training requirements of future carrier battle groups and Marine Expeditionary Units.

Will Congress support this plan?

ú The plan provides the training necessary to ensure satisfactory Navy and Marine Corps combat readiness while also ensuring the safety and well being of the people of Vieques.

ú The President has paid close attention to the views expressed by Members of Congress about Vieques.

ú We will work with the Congress to gain the funding and authorizations needed to fully implement this plan, if training can resume at Vieques.

Do you expect protests to continue on the Vieques training range?

ú President's decision meets all the concerns raised by the people of Vieques.

ú President hopes he can count on cooperation from people of Vieques, and all Puerto Rico, to implement his plan.

ú President continues to believe that the concerns of both sides will best be met through mutual understanding, rather than through confrontation.

Will protestors on the Vieques training range be arrested?

ú We have been engaged in a dialogue with those concerned about this issue, and will continue that dialogue to try and avoid

confrontation.

ú When the Navy and Marine Corps need to train on Vieques, we will take appropriate action under U.S. law to keep the training range and surrounding security zone clear of unauthorized persons, vessels and aircraft.

ú We have ample authority under U.S. law to detain trespassers on federal property, seize vessels that violate the security zone around the training range, and take action against pilots of aircraft that violate the security zone.

ú We hope that such measures will not be needed, but we will not hesitate to use them if necessary.

ú I refer you to the Justice Department for details on law enforcement questions.

Is there danger to Protestors from unexploded ordnance on the training range?

ú President is very concerned that protestors are placing themselves in danger by remaining on the range.

ú We urge them to leave the training range for their own safety.

Does the President's decision mean he took sides with the Puerto Ricans against the Navy?

ú No, that is not accurate.

ú President is well aware of Navy and Marine Corps training requirements, the alternatives available for meeting those requirements, and the training that must be done at Vieques during the transition period.

ú Relying upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Defense, the President balanced Navy and Marine Corps training requirements along with the concerns of Puerto Rico and the people of Vieques.

EXECUTIVE ORDER: SAFEGUARDING WATERFRONT FACILITIES December 2, 1999

What was the purpose of the President's amendment to the E.O.?

ú The amendment provides the Coast Guard with expanded regulatory authority to establish security zones around naval installations.

Was the amendment intended to address protests at Vieques?

ú The amendment has general application to all waterfront facilities within its scope. It is not specific to Vieques.

ú The President, Secretary of Defense, and the Administration are very concerned that any training conducted at the Vieques installation/range be conducted without risk to those who might wish to protest against use of Vieques for military training. The E.O. amendment ensures that appropriate law enforcement officials have the authority necessary to do so.

What does the amendment do?

ú The amendment updates and expands the meaning of "waterfront facility" as originally defined in an executive order signed by President Truman in 1950, to include naval yards, stations, and installations, including ranges. (The previous definition was arguably limited to facilities with piers, wharves, and certain other equipment and structures.)

I understand that the Magnuson Act requires a finding of subversion in order to activate its authority. Does that mean the President thinks that the people of Vieques and Puerto Rico are subversives?

ú The President's order contains no such conclusion, nor has such a conclusion been reached.

ú If pressed. Use of authorities pursuant to the Magnuson Act does not require a specific finding of subversion, but rather may be based on a generalized finding. President Truman made such a generalized finding in 1950. In approving the present amendment by Executive order, President Clinton was obviously satisfied that such a generalized predicate was present on the basis of, for example, such threats as those posed by terrorism and proliferation.

Does that mean the Coast Guard intends to establish a Security Zone around Vieques? If so, how long will the Security Zone remain in effect? How will it operated?

ú The President's decision on Vieques has not been announced, and therefore I am not going to discuss possible implementation of that decision.

Doesn't the Magnuson Act provide for the forfeiture of vessels? Will the government seize boats that carry protesters to Vieques?

ú The Magnuson Act does provide forfeiture authority. However, I do not intend to address specific questions as to how this authority might be implemented.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Immediate Release

December 2, 1999

EXECUTIVE ORDER

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 10173, AS AMENDED,
PRESCRIBING REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE
SAFEGUARDING OF VESSELS, HARBORS, PORTS, AND
WATERFRONT FACILITIES OF THE UNITED STATES

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including 50 U.S.C. 191, I hereby prescribe the following amendment to the regulations prescribed by Executive Order 10173 of October 18, 1950, as amended, which regulations constitute Part 6, Subchapter A, Chapter I, Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations:

Section 6.01-4 is amended to read as follows:

§6.01-4 Waterfront facility. "Waterfront facility," as used in this part, means all piers, wharves, docks, or similar structures to which vessels may be secured and naval yards, stations, and installations, including ranges; areas of land, water, or land and water under and in immediate proximity to them; buildings on them or contiguous to them and equipment and materials on or in them.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

THE WHITE HOUSE,
December 1, 1999.

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DoD REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT ON LAUNCH FAILURE REVIEW

December 1, 1999

CONTEXT: Between August 1998 and May 1999, the U.S. experienced three Titan IV government launch failures and two Delta III commercial launch failures. In May 1999, the President requested the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Director of Central Intelligence and the NASA Administrator, to provide a 90-day interim report and a 180-day final report on the causes of these failures and the corrective actions needed to ensure our future access to space. The Department of Defense, through the Air Force, undertook a comprehensive review to develop recommendations on how to reduce such failures in the future and improve mission success. This DoD review has taken into account the separate independent reviews completed by Lockheed Martin in September and by Boeing in October. The Department of Defense presented their interim report to the White House staff on September 8 in the form of a briefing. On November 12, the Air Force presented a briefing to the White House staff on the status of the DoD review and the content of DoD report. On November 23, the Secretary of Defense signed the final report and sent it to the President. On November 30, the President saw the report and signed the memo back to the Secretary of Defense. The text of the memo was released on November 30 as a White House Press Statement and copies of the report were sent by DoD to Congressional committees, in response to tasking in the Defense Authorization Act for FY 2000.

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- ú Access to space is critical to achieving U.S. national security, scientific, technical, commercial, and foreign policy goals.
- ú According to the President's 1994 National Space Transportation Policy, "Assuring reliable and affordable access to space through U.S. space transportation capabilities is a fundamental goal of the U.S. space program."
- ú Five launch system failures out of 25 launches in ten months represents a significant departure from the average of only one failure per year over the past 12 years, with a total of 200 launches, and only 17 failures out of 777 launches since 1960.
- ú The total value of the launch vehicles and spacecraft lost in the recent series of launch failures is approximately \$3.5 billion: almost \$3 billion worth of government flight hardware, and more than \$500 million worth of commercial launch vehicles and satellites.
- ú DoD still has more than \$20 billion worth of assets to be launched on the current fleet of Titan, Atlas, and Delta launch vehicles before they are phased out and replaced with the Boeing and Lockheed Martin Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicles starting in 2002-2003.

Has the Secretary of Defense sent the final report to the President? Has the President seen the report? When will the report be available to the public?

- ú The Secretary of Defense signed the final report on November 23 and sent it to the President. The President saw the report on November 30

and signed a reply to the Secretary of Defense.

ú The report will be available to the public on December 1, posted on the world wide web at the following URL:
www.af.mil/lib/misc/spacebar99.htm

Are the conclusions and recommendations from the DoD review consistent with the independent reviews conducted for Lockheed Martin and Boeing? What are they?

ú Yes, the conclusions and recommendations from the DoD review are consistent with the findings of the industry reviews. The DoD review team included representatives from major U.S. aerospace companies, including Lockheed Martin and Boeing, and the team considered the results of the independent reviews commissioned by these two companies.

ú Both the DoD and industry reviews addressed similar issues and concerns, including the importance of retaining workers with critical skills, establishing clear accountability at all levels of the involved government and industry organizations, accurately translating engineering intentions into actual hardware and software, and establishing manufacturing processes that are resistant to human error. The DoD review also noted the importance of defining a clear transition plan, taking into account these lessons learned, for the operation of new launch systems.

What does the President plan to do now that he has received the final report?

ú The President has seen the report, and sent a reply to the Secretary of Defense. The reply thanks him for conducting the review, and asks Mr. Berger and Dr. Lane to review the report. It also asks DoD to implement appropriate actions to correct these failures and ensure the nation's ability to access space for the future. The text of the reply is publicly available in a White House press statement.

ú The Office of Science and Technology Policy and the National Security Council will follow up with DoD to monitor their progress in implementing the report's recommendations.

Why didn't DoD and NASA wait on the results of these reviews before resuming launches? What have DoD and NASA been doing to ensure the success of these launches?

ú DoD and NASA thoroughly reviewed each launch failure, identified the root cause, and implemented appropriate corrective actions to eliminate the chance of the same problem recurring. Our national security and civil sector interests require us to continue launching safely and successfully. DoD and NASA conduct thorough Launch Readiness Reviews before every launch.

NASA has had a string of problems lately, too, with the Mars Climate Orbiter, the X-33 tank being damaged in a test, and a series of delays in the upcoming Shuttle missions. What's going on here? Have we lost the recipe for success?

ú Space programs are complicated and technologically challenging by their nature. As we've seen, any number of seemingly insignificant problems can have serious consequences. The important point is, through these reviews, the responsible government agencies and the U.S. industry are working diligently to find and fix the specific problems, and address the systemic concerns. They have identified several ways to improve mission success and will be working to ensure full implementation of these improvements.

COURT DECISION IN FLATOW CASE

December 3, 1999

BACKGROUND: Late on December 2, The DC Circuit Court of Appeals ruled on a motion related to Stephen Flatow's attempt to attach U.S. funds owed to Iran for an award of the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal. The Court denied Flatow's emergency motion to stay the District Court's order. The District Court's order granted the U.S. motion to quash Flatow's attachment of the U.S. Judgment Fund payment. Therefore, at this time there are no more legal obstacles to the United States making the payment to Iran in compliance with the Tribunal's June 1998 award.

FYI on the underlying case: The June 1998 binding award of the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal (established by the Algiers Accords that ended the Iranian hostage crisis) requires the USG to pay Iran some \$6.5 million. (The Tribunal ordered the USG to pay a previous Tribunal award against a U.S. company (AVCO) that a U.S. court refused to order executed against AVCO.) Before processing the payment from the Judgment Fund, Justice determined in October 1998 that it was necessary, to avoid misunderstanding, to inform plaintiffs in the Flatow and Cicippio/Jacobsen/Reed cases and the respective U.S. courts that the payment would be made in the coming days. In response, Flatow served a writ of attachment on Treasury seeking all credits held by the USG for Iran, including specifically amounts due under the June 1998 Tribunal award. Justice filed a motion to quash the writ on sovereign immunity grounds. (Absent an express statutory waiver, a creditor cannot reach Federal funds owed to a judgment debtor.) Longstanding case law supported the USG position, and after a year of briefs and court arguments in the DC District Court, Judge Lamberth ruled on November 15, agreeing with the United States. Flatow's counsel sought reconsideration by the District Court, which was denied. The Circuit Court entered an administrative stay on November 30, but just two days later denied the motion, stating that Flatow's counsel & has not satisfied the stringent standards required for a stay pending appeal. 8

What is the effect of the DC Circuit's order on December 2 in the Flatow case?

ú The Circuit Court denied the emergency request for a stay pending

appeal of a DC District Court order. That order quashed the writ of attachment against a U.S. Judgment Fund payment owed to Iran.

ú It is our understanding that, at this time, there are no more legal bars to the United States paying the June 1998 award of the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal.

Why did the United States oppose having this payment made to the Flatows rather than Iran?

ú First, these are U.S. funds, not Iranian. The USG is required to pay the award as part of our obligations under the Algiers Accords, which ended the hostage crisis.

ú If the court had ordered the payment to go instead to Mr. Flatow, the United States would still owe the debt to Iran. Also, the Tribunal award is enforceable against the United States worldwide.

ú We sympathize with the Flatow family, and the Administration has been working for over a year and continues to try to assist Mr. Flatow in identifying any unblocked Iranian assets that may be available for attachment. However, there is no legal basis for payment of Mr. Flatow's judgment from the U.S. Judgment Fund.

ú If the court had agreed that these funds should go to Mr. Flatow, the United States would still owe the Tribunal award.

Does this mean that the payment to Iran will now be made?

ú As I said, it is my understanding that there is no longer a legal bar to making the award payment and fulfilling our obligation to the Tribunal. I am not aware of how that process will be carried out.

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**RUSSIA/IMF
December 3, 1999**

BACKGROUND: Recent comments by IMF chief Camdessus have been interpreted to mean that the West would condition further IMF disbursements to Russia on Russian behavior in Chechnya. Russian negotiator Livshits meets with Camdessus today.

Is it true that the IMF and/or the G-7 countries have decided to delay the next tranche of Russia's IMF program?

- Russia is still completing economic conditions required by its program. As we have stated before, disbursement depends on fulfillment of these conditions.
- We make our decisions on IMF support for Russia based on our national interest, including a democratic and stable Russia that is making real progress on economic reform.

If pressed on what issues remain to be resolved:

- We commend Russia for the progress it has made thus far, especially on macroeconomic issues.
- Russia is still working on structural measures, central bank operations, transparency, and financial safeguards.

(2) If the Russians suggest publicly that the IMF is holding up the program due to Chechnya:

Is it true that the IMF and/or G-7 countries have decided to delay the next tranche of Russia's IMF program?

- As we have stated before, disbursement should be based on fulfillment of conditions. Russia is still completing conditions required by its program.
- These include structural measures and reforms related to central bank operations, transparency and financial safeguards.

The Russians have asserted that the West has delayed disbursement as "punishment" for the war in Chechnya. Any reaction?

- Russia is still completing economic conditions required by its program. As we have stated before, disbursement depends on fulfillment of these conditions.
- We make decisions on Russia's IMF program based on our national interests, including a democratic, stable Russia that is making real progress on economic reform.

But Camdessus said in Paris last weekend that the tranche could not go forward if the West were against it because of Chechnya...

- Not for us to speak for IMF management, but our assessment is that the economic conditions for the next tranche have not been met.

We understand that the G-7 orchestrated this delay and then got the IMF on board. Is that true?

- Not for us to speak for IMF management, but there is certainly a widely held view among the G-7 that the program conditions must be met and that Russia needs to continue to work on program requirements.

Did your discussions with G-7 countries include consideration of the war in Chechnya?

- Russia is still completing economic conditions required by its program. As we have stated before, disbursement depends on fulfillment of these conditions.
- We make decisions on Russia's IMF program based on our national interests, including a democratic, stable Russia that is making real progress on economic reform.

Does Chechnya figure into United States government thinking on Russia's IMF loan?

- Russia is still completing economic conditions required by its program. As we have stated before, disbursement depends on fulfillment of these conditions.
- We make decisions on Russia's IMF program based on our national interests, including a democratic, stable Russia that is making real progress on economic reform.

RUSSIA/CHECHNYA
December 3, 1999

BACKGROUND: Press reports indicate Russians may have suffered a tactical defeat in fighting near Grozny, allegedly losing 250 dead, and separately, that they fired on a refugee column, killing 40 or more, reportedly because of unconfirmed technical problems. Press also report Russia has again closed the main border crossing from Chechnya into Ingushetia. Vollebaek went to Moscow Nov. 30, but reached no agreement with the Russians on a date for his visit to the North Caucasus.

POLICY:

- U.S. believes a purely military solution to the conflict in the North Caucasus is not possible. Costs of such an approach are too high -- costs in humanitarian terms, damage to Russia's international reputation, and in making it harder to achieve a political solution.
- We urge Russia to develop a political strategy to resolve the conflict either through direct dialogue, or to consider third party -- most likely, the OSCE -- as an intermediary.
- Russia bears primary responsibility for dealing with humanitarian problems in North Caucasus -- allowing full freedom of movement for displaced persons and providing for their well-being. U.S. and international relief organizations committed to help. President has authorized \$10 million in emergency relief.
- U.S. recognizes Russia's territorial integrity and right to protect its citizens. Share Russia's interest in stability and security in the North Caucasus.

Any reaction to reports of heavy Russian losses in Chechnya fighting, and of Russian attack on refugee column?

- Have seen these reports and are looking into them, but have not seen confirmation. Fair to say they illustrate our underlying concern that there can be no purely military solution to Chechnya conflict; loss of life and humanitarian costs too high.
- Have also stressed importance to Russian of dealing with immediate humanitarian problems. Urge Russian authorities to allow full freedom of movement for people displaced by conflict, and to provide for their well-being.
- Concerned by reports that Chechen-Ingush border was closed today. Still looking into reasons for closure. Important that civilians fleeing conflict can get out of Chechnya safely.

- Believe that strong and consistent international response to Chechnya conflict is starting to put in place the tools needed to influence Russian actions. Urge Russians to pursue meaningful steps toward political solution, including role for OSCE.
- Russia agreed at Istanbul to permit visit by OSCE Chairman-in-Office Volleback to North Caucasus. Expect Russia to live up to this agreement and respond positively to Volleback's request to visit North Caucasus in mid-December.

Why aren't you considering a cutoff of aid to Russia? Aren't you indirectly subsidizing Russia's military campaign?

- Have made concerns about humanitarian situation clear to the Russians at all levels, emphasized dangers of Russian military escalation. Have urged Russians to open political dialogue with legitimate Chechen leaders.
- U.S. assistance to Russia advances core national security interests. Two thirds of our bilateral assistance to Russia is aimed at reducing threat of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.
- Three fourths of remainder of our bilateral assistance is focused on promoting grassroots economic and democratic reform outside Moscow. These efforts include support for NGOs, regional independent media, exchange programs, small business development.

if asked -- Is Russia violating the Geneva Convention and its OSCE obligations in Chechnya?

- Like other countries, Russia has assumed obligations under the Geneva conventions and commitments under the OSCE code of conduct on political and military aspects of security.
- Russia is carrying out an intense bombing and artillery campaign in many areas of Chechnya. Indiscriminate use of force -- which includes air and artillery attacks against Chechen insurgent forces that are intermingled among the civilian population -- is not consistent with these commitments.

What are you doing about the humanitarian crisis in the North Caucasus?

- Russia bears primary responsibility for dealing with humanitarian problems in the North Caucasus.
- Have been pressing Russians to address these problems. Russians need to provide for well-being of nearly 200, 000 IDPs in neighboring regions. As ICRC official recently noted, "there is a very obvious need for a humanitarian operation of quite some substance".

- Urging Russian authorities to allow full freedom of movement for people trying to escape conflict. Important that borders between Chechnya and neighboring regions remain open.
- International community willing to do its part. UNHCR Sadako Ogata recently returned from visit to the North Caucasus. Understand that she was able to visit several displaced persons camps.
- UNHCR and International Red Cross taking the lead. Important that Russians cooperate fully with these agencies' courageous efforts, provide for their security.
- Administration contributing generously to these organizations' appeals for international support. Have authorized State Department to spend up to \$10 million on behalf of humanitarian relief efforts in North Caucasus. We have also sent several direct humanitarian relief flights to the region.

There are press reports Yeltsin was rushed to the hospital Nov. 30 with suspected pneumonia -- are you concerned?

- Have heard the press reports. Wish him a speedy recovery.

If pressed:

- President Yeltsin has been hospitalized for pneumonia and other respiratory ailments before—four times since January of 1997. In the past, recovery has taken two to three weeks, sometimes longer.

Did the Russians refuse to allow OSCE Chairman-in-Office Vollebaek to visit the Chechnya region?

- Russia agreed at Istanbul to an OSCE mission to the North Caucasus. We expect that Russia will live up to all agreements reached during the Istanbul summit.
- We understand that Vollebaek and Ivanov have not yet come to an agreement on when an OSCE mission to the North Caucasus.

NORTHERN IRELAND
December 3, 1999

CONTEXT: Most of the pieces in the series of events choreographed by Senator Mitchell and the two governments to implement the Good Friday Accord fell into place yesterday, leaving the decommissioning issue as the main potential stumbling block to the start of "normal" politics in Northern Ireland. Yesterday saw Britain "devolve" power to the new Assembly in Belfast, the first meeting of Northern Ireland's new cross-community Executive (government), and end to the Republic of Ireland's territorial claim to the North, and the naming by the IRA of a representative to the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning chaired by Gen. De Chastelain. The next major event will be a meeting of the North/South Ministerial Council in Armagh, Northern Ireland on December 13 -- intended to take the first steps toward cross-border cooperation on issues such as agriculture, tourism and trade. David Trimble's threat to resign in February if no IRA decommissioning occurs by then remains in place. Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Mandelson has stated that the British government will seek to suspend the Executive if the IRA is in "default."

Is President Clinton planning to visit Ireland soon?

- As the President said yesterday, he is prepared to travel to Northern Ireland any time the leaders feel it would be helpful for him to do so, but he has no immediate plans for such a trip.

Aren't people "rejoicing" too soon -- doesn't the decommissioning issue have to be resolved? Does the President view February as a deadline for the IRA to decommission weapons -- should Sinn Fein be put out of government if no weapons have been turned in by then?

- As the President said yesterday, decommissioning remains an essential part of the peace process and should take place in the context of full implementation of the Agreement. All parties have a collective responsibility in this regard. What we should do now is give the agreed-upon process a chance to work. There is confidence in Gen. De Chastelain and his commission. The fact that the IRA has announced that it has appointed a representative to that commission is a significant step. We hope that the loyalists will do the same.
- **(If pressed):** As the President said, now is a time to be hopeful. Let's just give the process a chance to work. We don't want to do anything that would be counterproductive.

CYPRUS
December 2, 1999

On the Talks

- We are very pleased that the parties have come to New York to start proximity talks under U.N. auspices. The purpose of these talks is to prepare the ground for meaningful negotiations leading to a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem.
- We expect the talks to proceed without preconditions. The parties can put any issue they want on the table. We expect the talks to deal with core issues -- for example governance, security, property and compensation -- and to be productive.
- It is our hope that these talks will allow the parties to come to a better understand of their differences, as well as areas where they may not be so far apart.

[If Pressed]

- We expect these talks to be the start of an ongoing process. Provided they are approached by all in a constructive manner, they should provide the basis to continue discussions early next year.

On Cyprus Accession

- We strongly supported the EU's decision to start accession talks with Cyprus. We believe its future lies in Europe.
- We also believe that no third party should have a veto over Cyprus's accession.

[If pressed on whether we would support a statement that says the absence of a settlement is not a bar to Cyprus accession].

- As I said, we strongly supported making Cyprus a candidate for membership and we support its accession. As a non-EU country, it is not for us to say what the timing or criteria for accession should be..

[If asked why we support Turkish candidacy but are unwilling to say we support Cyprus accession even absent a settlement]

- These positions are perfectly compatible. We supported the start of accession talks for Cyprus. We support candidacy status for Turkey. But as a non-EU country, it is not for us to speak to the timing or criteria for actual accession for either turkey or Cyprus.

SERBIA: EU HEATING FUEL
December 3, 1999

CONTEXT: EU finally gave up the ghost on heating fuel aid to opposition towns in Serbia and have turned their trucks back from the Serbian border, where they were being held up by Yugoslav authorities. It was an EU program; we had offered only verbal support while indicating our concern that Milosevic might use the fuel aid for his own purposes. If asked, we want to say that the Yugoslav authorities' failure to allow the aid through is another demonstration that Milosevic does not care about the fate of ordinary Serbs and is actively trying to undermine the opposition.

How do you view the EU's decision to turn back its trucks of heating fuel from the Serbian border?

- Milosevic's refusal to let the heating fuel through once again shows that he has no regard for the fate of ordinary Serb citizens.
- It also shows that he is trying hard to undermine the position of the democratic Serbian opposition, which had asked the EU for the fuel aid and was standing by to accept it.
- The EU has indicated that it will try again to get the fuel aid through to the opposition. We will be watching closely to see whether Milosevic continues his obstructionist policy.

MEXICO: ZEDILLO VISIT POSTPONED
December 3, 1999

CONTEXT: Mexican U/S Juan Rebolledo called NSC very late last night to say that Zedillo had to postpone his visit to the United States because the lower house of the Mexican congress did not approve the travel.

- Senior Mexican officials phoned us last night to say that President Zedillo has had to postpone his visit because the lower house of the Mexican Congress was balking at approving the travel. Both houses of the Mexican Congress must approve presidential travel outside of Mexico.
- We are disappointed that the visit has had to be postponed. We would not speculate on why the lower house of the Mexican Congress did not approve the travel, but we certainly understand the principle of the separation of powers and the issue of work with opposition parties in Congress.
- No new date has been set yet for the visit.

PANAMA: THE CHINESE AND THE CANAL
November 30, 1999

***CONTEXT:** In response to reporters' questions, the President dismissed fears over Chinese control of the Panama Canal, asserting that the new government of Panama is committed to the successful operation of the Canal and that "the Chinese will in fact be bending over backward to make sure they run it in a competent and able and fair manner."*

Did the President say that the Chinese will control the Panama Canal following the December 31 transfer of the Canal to Panama?

- Following the transfer of the Canal, responsibility for the operation of the Canal will rest with the government of Panama and the Panama Canal Authority. A Hong Kong-based private company, Hutchison-Whampoa, has the concession to run two container facilities at the Canal ports of Balboa and Cristobal. This company will have no control over or role in the operation of the Canal.
- Hutchison-Whampoa is one of the largest port container operators in the world. There are four container facilities near the Canal. Two are operated by Hutchison-Whampoa. The largest of the container operations is run by a U.S. and Panamanian joint venture. The other facility is run by the Taiwan company Evergreen.

But the President referred to the Chinese running the Canal. Did he misspeak?

- The President was making a broader point about Chinese engagement with the world through international commerce. It should be noted that the President also said, "I think the new government of Panama is committed to maintaining the canal in an appropriate manner and keeping it open and working with us to do so and having good relations."

MEXICO: JUAREZ INVESTIGATION
December 2, 1999

BACKGROUND: On 29 November, the Mexican Attorney General announced an investigation into two possible drug trafficking-related mass burial sites near Juarez, Mexico not far from the border. The suspected sites first came to light more than a month ago when an informant told the FBI El Paso office that the Juarez cartel had committed numerous drug-related homicides, with many of the bodies buried in two mass graves. The informant's estimate was approximately 100 bodies, possibly including some U.S. nationals. Subsequent investigation by both the FBI and Mexican authorities confirmed aspects of the informant's claim, and on 29 November the Mexican Army moved to secure both locations for on-site investigations. The FBI will participate in this effort and has the lead with respect to the forensics work. The Mexican Attorney General's announcements and various media reports have linked this story to various U.S. missing persons cases along the border, but the FBI won't be able to evaluate this possibility until the investigation is further along.

What is your reaction to the Mexican Attorney General's announcement of mass graves in Mexico containing victims of the Juarez drug cartel?

- This investigation is being led by the Mexican Attorney General's Office. Mexican Attorney General Jorge Madrazo has placed Jose Larrietta Carrasco in charge of the work at the scene. Mr. Larrietta is the chief of the Organized Crime Unit in the Office of the Attorney General.
- The United States has asked to assist the Mexican authorities in recovering evidence for analysis and identifying victims. The FBI is providing its expertise in those areas.
- This is a coordinated effort and we have a very effective working relationship with Attorney General Madrazo and Mr. Carrasco and his team.
- There are 65 FBI employees and 4 Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP) personnel. (AFIP involvement is pursuant to a 1994 Memo of Agreement with the FBI.)
- Agencies involved in investigation include the Mexican Office of the Attorney General, Mexican military, FBI, DoD.
- All substantive questions about the investigation should be addressed to the Mexican Attorney General's office.

Is there any connection between this matter and the just-announced working visit by President Zedillo to Washington on December 9th?

- No. While the shared drug problem is invariably among the many bilateral issues the two Presidents discuss during their regular working visits, the timing of the upcoming visit is not linked to this particular investigation.

ENERGY DEPARTMENT SECURITY
December 3, 1999

BACKGROUND: According to a Washington Post article, December 2, in a public forum November 30, Energy Department "Security Czar" GEN (Ret.) Eugene Habiger complained that DOE's plans to protect the national laboratories from espionage have fallen behind schedule due to Congress' failure to appropriate sufficient funds in the new budget. Congressional Republicans reportedly disputed this claim, countering that the Administration failed to produce a coherent plan to resolve the security failings at the labs.

POLICY:

- Administration determined to strengthen security at DOE's national labs.
- GEN Habiger appointed specifically to provide leadership and managerial talents needed to ensure that U.S. secrets are being protected and culture of security is strengthened at the labs.
- DOE provided Congress a plan to strengthen security at our national laboratories on July 14, 1999. DOE has also been briefing Congress in detail on our cyber security initiatives.

Comments on Washington Post report (December 1) that DOE's "security Czar" General Habiger now says plans to protect nuclear weapons labs have fallen behind schedule?

- The security of nuclear weapons information is a paramount obligation of government that must be adequately supported.
- Administration determined to carrying out a sweeping review of security at the national nuclear weapons laboratories. This is underway.
- Selection of retired Air Force General Eugene Habiger ensures that our effort will have the necessary leadership and managerial talent behind it to get it done right.

Funding adequate to do the job?

- No.
- We should address this problem in a manner that reflects a careful approach based on facts, rather than conjecture. Solutions must also protect the ability of the labs to do their work.
- The budget just passed has an additional \$10 million to begin the process of which \$7 million is for cyber security and \$3 million is for physical security

- We will work closely with Congress in the next session to address unmet needs for cyber security, protective equipment and staffing .
- We certainly hope that the Congress will support a subsequent Administration request for additional funding.

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VIEQUES
December 3, 1999

Points to be Made

- The President accepted all of Secretary Cohen's recommendations for meeting Navy and Marine Corps readiness requirements. They are incorporated in the plan.
- The plan is designed to ensure combat readiness of the Navy and Marine Corps, and to ensure safety and well being of the people of Vieques.
- The plan has four parts:
 - First, Navy will cease training on Vieques within five years.
 - Second, the training done on Vieques during the transition period will be limited to inert ordnance only - no live fire.
 - Third, during the transition period, the amount of time the Navy and Marine Corps train at Vieques will be cut in half. Last year, they trained for 182 days on Vieques. For next five years, they will be authorized to train at Vieques for 90 days a year, which will provide for our essential training needs.
 - Fourth, we will address the economic, health, and environmental concerns of the people of Vieques. Measures include 1) development of a new commercial ferry pier and terminal; 2) an artificial reef to create new commercial fishing areas; 3) temporary compensation for fishermen; 4) expanding and improving roads; 5) a bioluminescent bay preservation program; 6) providing land to extend the airport runway; 7) and a Public Health Service Study.
- The President left open possibility that if, in the future, the people of Vieques decide to continue a relationship with the Navy (beyond the five-year transition period), on the same terms as his decision or different terms, that is their right.
- A working group composed of senior officials representing the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of Defense, led by newly appointed senior Naval representative to Puerto Rico, RADM Kevin Green, will meet as soon as possible to discuss with the people of Vieques implementation of this plan, to develop processes for consultation between the Navy and the people of Vieques about Naval activities there, and to establish a forum that may improve relations between the Navy and the people of the island.
- President hopes that all sides will work together to implement this plan.

Questions and Answers

Will this plan meet Navy and Marine Corps readiness requirements?

- President consulted with Secretary Cohen on Navy and Marine Corps readiness requirements. He met with Navy Secretary Richard Danzig, the CNO, Admiral Johnson, and the Commandant, General Jones, to hear their views on their training requirements.
- The President accepted all of Secretary Cohen's recommendations for meeting Navy and Marine Corps readiness requirements. They are incorporated in the plan.

Will the Eisenhower battle group train at Vieques?

- The Eisenhower battle group will conduct its training at alternative locations.
- I refer you to the Defense Department for the details of that training.

Will the Eisenhower battle group be unfit to deploy if it cannot train at Vieques?

- The Eisenhower battle group's air wing, three of the surface combatants escorting Eisenhower, the USS Wasp amphibious ready group, and the 24th Marine expeditionary Unit will all deploy at a satisfactory level of readiness.
- The Eisenhower battle group has one specific training requirement for three of its ships that will not be met before it deploys in February. The Defense Department is making arrangements to ensure that the remaining training requirements are met before the Eisenhower battle group relieves the John F. Kennedy battle group in the Gulf.
- I refer you to the Defense Department for the details of the Eisenhower battle group's training requirements and alternatives for meeting those requirements.

Why isn't the Eisenhower battle group going to train at Vieques?

- President has worked very hard to develop a plan that ensures satisfactory Navy and Marine Corps combat readiness while also ensuring the safety and well being of the people of Vieques.
- In the current environment, many people have based their views on incomplete or misleading information.
- Getting the word out on the Secretary's recommendations and the President's decision, ensuring that the people of Puerto Rico and Vieques understand it, and building mutual trust and understanding will take time.
- That time simply is not available before the Eisenhower battle group deploys in February.

- Rather than risk having a confrontation arise from misunderstanding, the President, accepted the recommendation of the Secretary of Defense to have the Eisenhower battle group complete its training at alternate locations.

Why only 90 days of training a year, when Rush Panel recommended 130?

- Secretary Cohen carefully reviewed the Rush Panel's recommendations before submitting his recommendations to the President.
- Navy and Marine Corps worked hard to find every feasible alternative to training at Vieques.
- Secretary Cohen assured President that 90 days per year would be sufficient to meet Navy and Marine Corps training requirements. President accepted his recommendation.
- I refer you to the Defense Department for details on those requirements and the alternatives for meeting them.

Will the people of Vieques support the President's plan?

- President's plan addresses all their concerns:
- They wanted Navy to cease training on Vieques – Navy will cease training there within five years.
- They were concerned about use of live ordnance – Navy will only use inert ordnance.
- They were concerned about how much the training range is used – Navy will cut its use in half.
- They raised a number of economic, health, and environmental concerns – all will be addressed by specific initiatives, if training can resume in the transitional period.
- And they wanted a voice in the future of the Navy facilities on Vieques. President stated that if the people of Vieques want to continue a relationship with the Navy beyond the five-year period, on the same or different terms, they can decide to do so.

Why a five year transition period? Why can't Navy stop using Vieques immediately?

- Alternatives are not immediately available elsewhere for all Navy and Marine Corps training that currently must be done at Vieques.
- Maximum use of alternatives available today will allow training to be limited to inert ordnance and only 90 days per year, as President directed.
- President recognizes that this plan will not meet Puerto Rico's goals as immediately as some in the islands might have wished.

- President believes we must follow this course in order to provide the training necessary to ensure satisfactory Navy and Marine Corps combat readiness while also ensuring the safety and well being of the people of Vieques.

But if the Eisenhower battle group can deploy without training at Vieques, why is there a need for any other ships to train there in the future?

- President made decision to deploy the Eisenhower battle group without training at Vieques only after receiving assurance from Secretary Cohen that a temporary work around could be found to complete unmet training requirements.
- Only three ships out of twelve in the Eisenhower battle group and Wasp amphibious ready group were left with unmet training requirements due to this decision.
- Impact of not training at Vieques will be much more serious for carrier battle groups and Marine Expeditionary Units deploying in the future.
- The temporary work around for the three ships in the Eisenhower battle group would not necessarily be satisfactory for the much larger training requirements of future carrier battle groups and Marine Expeditionary Units.

Will Congress support this plan?

- The plan provides the training necessary to ensure satisfactory Navy and Marine Corps combat readiness while also ensuring the safety and well being of the people of Vieques.
- The President has paid close attention to the views expressed by Members of Congress about Vieques.
- We will work with the Congress to gain the funding and authorizations needed to fully implement this plan, if training can resume at Vieques.

Do you expect protests to continue on the Vieques training range?

- President's decision meets all the concerns raised by the people of Vieques.
- President hopes he can count on cooperation from people of Vieques, and all Puerto Rico, to implement his plan.
- President continues to believe that the concerns of both sides will best be met through mutual understanding, rather than through confrontation.

Will protestors on the Vieques training range be arrested?

- We have been engaged in a dialogue with those concerned about this issue, and will continue that dialogue to try and avoid confrontation.
- When the Navy and Marine Corps need to train on Vieques, we will take appropriate action under U.S. law to keep the training range and surrounding security zone clear of unauthorized persons, vessels and aircraft.
- We have ample authority under U.S. law to detain trespassers on federal property, seize vessels that violate the security zone around the training range, and take action against pilots of aircraft that violate the security zone.
- We hope that such measures will not be needed, but we will not hesitate to use them if necessary.
- I refer you to the Justice Department for details on law enforcement questions.

Is there danger to Protestors from unexploded ordnance on the training range?

- President is very concerned that protestors are placing themselves in danger by remaining on the range.
- We urge them to leave the training range for their own safety.

Does the President's decision mean he took sides with the Puerto Ricans against the Navy?

- No, that is not accurate.
- President is well aware of Navy and Marine Corps training requirements, the alternatives available for meeting those requirements, and the training that must be done at Vieques during the transition period.
- Relying upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Defense, the President balanced Navy and Marine Corps training requirements along with the concerns of Puerto Rico and the people of Vieques.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER: SAFEGUARDING WATERFRONT FACILITIES
December 2, 1999

What was the purpose of the President's amendment to the E.O.?

- The amendment provides the Coast Guard with expanded regulatory authority to establish security zones around naval installations.

Was the amendment intended to address protests at Vieques?

- The amendment has general application to all waterfront facilities within its scope. It is not specific to Vieques.
- The President, Secretary of Defense, and the Administration are very concerned that any training conducted at the Vieques installation/range be conducted without risk to those who might wish to protest against use of Vieques for military training. The E.O. amendment ensures that appropriate law enforcement officials have the authority necessary to do so.

What does the amendment do?

- The amendment updates and expands the meaning of "waterfront facility" as originally defined in an executive order signed by President Truman in 1950, to include naval yards, stations, and installations, including ranges. (The previous definition was arguably limited to facilities with piers, wharves, and certain other equipment and structures.)

I understand that the Magnuson Act requires a finding of subversion in order to activate its authority. Does that mean the President thinks that the people of Vieques and Puerto Rico are subversives?

- The President's order contains no such conclusion, nor has such a conclusion been reached.
- If pressed. Use of authorities pursuant to the Magnuson Act does not require a specific finding of subversion, but rather may be based on a generalized finding. President Truman made such a generalized finding in 1950. In approving the present amendment by Executive order, President Clinton was obviously satisfied that such a generalized predicate was present on the basis of, for example, such threats as those posed by terrorism and proliferation.

Does that mean the Coast Guard intends to establish a Security Zone around Vieques? If so, how long will the Security Zone remain in effect? How will it operated?

- The President's decision on Vieques has not been announced, and therefore I am not going to discuss possible implementation of that decision.

Doesn't the Magnuson Act provide for the forfeiture of vessels? Will the government seize boats that carry protesters to Vieques?

- The Magnuson Act does provide forfeiture authority. However, I do not intend to address specific questions as to how this authority might be implemented.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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For Immediate Release

December 2, 1999

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 10173, AS AMENDED,
PRESCRIBING REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE
SAFEGUARDING OF VESSELS, HARBORS, PORTS, AND
WATERFRONT FACILITIES OF THE UNITED STATES

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including 50 U.S.C. 191, I hereby prescribe the following amendment to the regulations prescribed by Executive Order 10173 of October 18, 1950, as amended, which regulations constitute Part 6, Subchapter A, Chapter I, Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations:

Section 6.01-4 is amended to read as follows:

\$6.01-4 Waterfront facility. "Waterfront facility," as used in this part, means all piers, wharves, docks, or similar structures to which vessels may be secured and naval yards, stations, and installations, including ranges; areas of land, water, or land and water under and in immediate proximity to them; buildings on them or contiguous to them and equipment and materials on or in them.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

THE WHITE HOUSE,
December 1, 1999.

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DoD REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT ON LAUNCH FAILURE REVIEW

December 1, 1999

CONTEXT: *Between August 1998 and May 1999, the U.S. experienced three Titan IV government launch failures and two Delta III commercial launch failures. In May 1999, the President requested the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Director of Central Intelligence and the NASA Administrator, to provide a 90-day interim report and a 180-day final report on the causes of these failures and the corrective actions needed to ensure our future access to space. The Department of Defense, through the Air Force, undertook a comprehensive review to develop recommendations on how to reduce such failures in the future and improve mission success. This DoD review has taken into account the separate independent reviews completed by Lockheed Martin in September and by Boeing in October. The Department of Defense presented their interim report to the White House staff on September 8 in the form of a briefing. On November 12, the Air Force presented a briefing to the White House staff on the status of the DoD review and the content of DoD report. On November 23, the Secretary of Defense signed the final report and sent it to the President. On November 30, the President saw the report and signed the memo back to the Secretary of Defense. The text of the memo was released on November 30 as a White House Press Statement and copies of the report were sent by DoD to Congressional committees, in response to tasking in the Defense Authorization Act for FY 2000.*

General

- Access to space is critical to achieving U.S. national security, scientific, technical, commercial, and foreign policy goals.
- According to the President's 1994 National Space Transportation Policy, "Assuring reliable and affordable access to space through U.S. space transportation capabilities is a fundamental goal of the U.S. space program."
- Five launch system failures out of 25 launches in ten months represents a significant departure from the average of only one failure per year over the past 12 years, with a total of 200 launches, and only 17 failures out of 777 launches since 1960.
- The total value of the launch vehicles and spacecraft lost in the recent series of launch failures is approximately \$3.5 billion: almost \$3 billion worth of government flight hardware, and more than \$500 million worth of commercial launch vehicles and satellites.
- DoD still has more than \$20 billion worth of assets to be launched on the current fleet of Titan, Atlas, and Delta launch vehicles before they are phased out and replaced with the Boeing and Lockheed Martin Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicles starting in 2002-2003.

Has the Secretary of Defense sent the final report to the President? Has the President seen the report? When will the report be available to the public?

- The Secretary of Defense signed the final report on November 23 and sent it to the President. The President saw the report on November 30 and signed a reply to the Secretary of Defense.

- The report will be available to the public on December 1, posted on the world wide web at the following URL: www.af.mil/lib/misc/spacebar99.htm

Are the conclusions and recommendations from the DoD review consistent with the independent reviews conducted for Lockheed Martin and Boeing? What are they?

- Yes, the conclusions and recommendations from the DoD review are consistent with the findings of the industry reviews. The DoD review team included representatives from major U.S. aerospace companies, including Lockheed Martin and Boeing, and the team considered the results of the independent reviews commissioned by these two companies.
- Both the DoD and industry reviews addressed similar issues and concerns, including the importance of retaining workers with critical skills, establishing clear accountability at all levels of the involved government and industry organizations, accurately translating engineering intentions into actual hardware and software, and establishing manufacturing processes that are resistant to human error. The DoD review also noted the importance of defining a clear transition plan, taking into account these lessons learned, for the operation of new launch systems.

What does the President plan to do now that he has received the final report?

- The President has seen the report, and sent a reply to the Secretary of Defense. The reply thanks him for conducting the review, and asks Mr. Berger and Dr. Lane to review the report. It also asks DoD to implement appropriate actions to correct these failures and ensure the nation's ability to access space for the future. The text of the reply is publicly available in a White House press statement.
- The Office of Science and Technology Policy and the National Security Council will follow up with DoD to monitor their progress in implementing the report's recommendations.

Why didn't DoD and NASA wait on the results of these reviews before resuming launches? What have DoD and NASA been doing to ensure the success of these launches?

- DoD and NASA thoroughly reviewed each launch failure, identified the root cause, and implemented appropriate corrective actions to eliminate the chance of the same problem recurring. Our national security and civil sector interests require us to continue launching safely and successfully. DoD and NASA conduct thorough Launch Readiness Reviews before every launch.

NASA has had a string of problems lately, too, with the Mars Climate Orbiter, the X-33 tank being damaged in a test, and a series of delays in the upcoming Shuttle missions. What's going on here? Have we lost the recipe for success?

- Space programs are complicated and technologically challenging by their nature. As we've seen, any number of seemingly insignificant problems can have serious consequences. The important point is, through these reviews, the responsible government agencies and the U.S. industry are working diligently to find and fix the specific problems, and address the systemic concerns. They have identified several ways to improve mission success and will be working to ensure full implementation of these improvements.

COURT DECISION IN FLATOW CASE
December 3, 1999

BACKGROUND: Late on December 2, The DC Circuit Court of Appeals ruled on a motion related to Stephen Flatow's attempt to attach U.S. funds owed to Iran for an award of the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal. The Court denied Flatow's emergency motion to stay the District Court's order. The District Court's order granted the U.S. motion to quash Flatow's attachment of the U.S. Judgment Fund payment. Therefore, at this time there are no more legal obstacles to the United States making the payment to Iran in compliance with the Tribunal's June 1998 award.

FYI on the underlying case: The June 1998 binding award of the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal (established by the Algiers Accords that ended the Iranian hostage crisis) requires the USG to pay Iran some \$6.5 million. (The Tribunal ordered the USG to pay a previous Tribunal award against a U.S. company (AVCO) that a U.S. court refused to order executed against AVCO.) Before processing the payment from the Judgment Fund, Justice determined in October 1998 that it was necessary, to avoid misunderstanding, to inform plaintiffs in the Flatow and Cicippio/Jacobsen/Reed cases and the respective U.S. courts that the payment would be made in the coming days. In response, Flatow served a writ of attachment on Treasury seeking all credits held by the USG for Iran, including specifically amounts due under the June 1998 Tribunal award. Justice filed a motion to quash the writ on sovereign immunity grounds. (Absent an express statutory waiver, a creditor cannot reach Federal funds owed to a judgment debtor.) Longstanding case law supported the USG position, and after a year of briefs and court arguments in the DC District Court, Judge Lamberth ruled on November 15, agreeing with the United States. Flatow's counsel sought reconsideration by the District Court, which was denied. The Circuit Court entered an administrative stay on November 30, but just two days later denied the motion, stating that Flatow's counsel "has not satisfied the stringent standards required for a stay pending appeal."

What is the effect of the DC Circuit's order on December 2 in the Flatow case?

- The Circuit Court denied the emergency request for a stay pending appeal of a DC District Court order. That order quashed the writ of attachment against a U.S. Judgment Fund payment owed to Iran.
- It is our understanding that, at this time, there are no more legal bars to the United States paying the June 1998 award of the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal.

Why did the United States oppose having this payment made to the Flatows rather than Iran?

- First, these are U.S. funds, not Iranian. The USG is required to pay the award as part of our obligations under the Algiers Accords, which ended the hostage crisis.

- If the court had ordered the payment to go instead to Mr. Flatow, the United States would still owe the debt to Iran. Also, the Tribunal award is enforceable against the United States worldwide.
- We sympathize with the Flatow family, and the Administration has been working for over a year and continues to try to assist Mr. Flatow in identifying any unblocked Iranian assets that may be available for attachment. However, there is no legal basis for payment of Mr. Flatow's judgment from the U.S. Judgment Fund.
- If the court had agreed that these funds should go to Mr. Flatow, the United States would still owe the Tribunal award.

Does this mean that the payment to Iran will now be made?

- As I said, it is my understanding that there is no longer a legal bar to making the award payment and fulfilling our obligation to the Tribunal. I am not aware of how that process will be carried out.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Stephen T. Sargeant (CN=Stephen T. Sargeant/OU=NSC/O=EOP [NSC])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 3-DEC-1999 17:39:22.00

SUBJECT: Re: Panama Delegation

TO: Marsha Scott (CN=Marsha Scott/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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Marsha Scott

12/03/99 01:57:40 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Stephen T. Sargeant/NSC/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: Panama Delegation

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CREATOR: Gerard Powers <GPowers@nccbuscc.org> (Gerard Powers <GPowers@nccbuscc.org> [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 3-DEC-1999 10:18:39.00

SUBJECT: Re: Question -Reply -Reply

TO: Maureen T. Shea (CN=Maureen T. Shea/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: tquigley@nccbuscc.org (tquigley@nccbuscc.org [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: jcarr@nccbuscc.org (jcarr@nccbuscc.org [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Maureen:

Thanks for thinking of us.

My initial reaction is that, while we were deeply engaged in the Panama Canal Treaty debate, we do not think we'd be able to get a bishop to go down on such short notice.

If you get more details and a more definite proposal, let me know and we can make a final decision.

Hope all is well with you.

Jerry Powers

P.S. I attach our latest missive on NI.

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A New Beginning for Northern Ireland

**Reverend Clifton Kirkpatrick
Stated Clerk
Presbyterian Church USA**

**Bernard Cardinal Law
Archbishop of Boston
Chairman, International Policy
Committee
U.S. Catholic Conference**

December 2, 1999

Political leaders in Northern Ireland, who have shown determination and courage in enabling the momentous developments of the week of November 30, deserve the support of all people of good will as they seek to carry out their popular mandate by implementing last year's Good Friday Agreement.

We join religious leaders in Northern Ireland who have welcomed the renewed commitments of the political leaders to implement all aspects of the Good Friday agreement in full. We note, particularly, the Church and Government Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland welcoming "the progress made in the Review of the Good Friday Agreement and the opportunity which now exists to move forward together." We also concur with Archbishop Sean Brady of Armagh, who cites recent efforts to overcome a prolonged impasse as "offering genuine hope for the new beginning for Northern Ireland called for by the Agreement and strongly endorsed by the people of both parts of this island."

Despite the delay in carrying out its terms, the Good Friday Agreement remains the best hope in a generation of resolving thirty years of conflict and of building a more just and peaceful society in Northern Ireland. This week's establishment of the political institutions provided for in the Agreement marks a most welcome and essential step toward a brighter future for Northern Ireland.

As religious leaders who have worked closely with our Presbyterian and Catholic counterparts in Northern Ireland in search of peace and

reconciliation, we are well aware that much remains to be done. We urge Northern Ireland's political leaders, as well as those in the Republic of Ireland and in Britain, to confirm the critical decisions that have now been made by continuing to fulfill all of their remaining responsibilities under the Agreement. We pledge them our support as they take the essential next steps toward a new set of relationships for which so many have yearned, worked, prayed and even given their lives.

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CREATOR: Hildy Kuryk (CN=Hildy Kuryk/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 3-DEC-1999 12:32:37.00

SUBJECT: Panama Delegation

TO: Janelle E. Erickson (CN=Janelle E. Erickson/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Here you go...

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CREATION DATE/TIME: 3-DEC-1999 17:45:09.00

SUBJECT: Re: Panama Delegation

TO: Aisha J. McClendon (CN=Aisha J. McClendon/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Steve said that Maria has been waiting for 6 phone numbers from you since this morning. What's up?

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Stephen T. Sargeant
12/03/99 05:01:43 PM
Record Type: Record

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CREATOR: Sean P. O'Shea (CN=Sean P. O'Shea/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 3-DEC-1999 17:46:22.00

SUBJECT: Senator Morgan

TO: Marsha Scott (CN=Marsha Scott/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Senator Morgan from NC was a former Senator who supported the Panama Canal during the Carter Administration. Secretary West feels strongly that he should be a part of the delegation. I realize we have the submitted the list to John, but we think he should be strongly considered in light of the Secretary's strong push. Thanks Marsha.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Mickey Ibarra (CN=Mickey Ibarra/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-DEC-1999 22:10:24.00

SUBJECT: Re: Panama Canal Delegation

TO: Ray Martinez (CN=Ray Martinez/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Please check in with Marsha to see if any of our electeds received final okay. Not likely she will let us know unless we ask---my exprience.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Ray Martinez (CN=Ray Martinez/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-DEC-1999 22:18:35.00

SUBJECT: Re: Panama Canal Delegation

TO: Mickey Ibarra (CN=Mickey Ibarra/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I have an email into Marsha Scott who is handling the list -- I'll call Marsha/Maria to confirm -- but I'm nearly certain they made the cut. I'll find out about the phone call to Cruz/Sylvia as well.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Mickey Ibarra (CN=Mickey Ibarra/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-DEC-1999 22:35:50.00

SUBJECT: Re: Panama Canal Delegation

TO: Ray Martinez (CN=Ray Martinez/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

great. thanks. see you in the morning. hope all went well for you in Miami.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jack Otero <global@jackotero.com> (Jack Otero <global@jackotero.com> [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-DEC-1999 15:43:13.00

SUBJECT: FW: Re AID-Latin America

TO: Sharon A. Liggett (CN=Sharon A. Liggett/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Sharon,

Great to talk with you. Enclosed is the message I sent earlier to Francisco but rejected on the basis that "the address not listed in the main book of addresses" (whatever that means!). Thanks. Let me know if this message gets through. Regards,

Jack Otero

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Jack Otero

> Sent: Monday, December 06, 1999 2:40 PM

> To: 'francisco-j.-sanchez@who.eop.gov'

> Subject: Re AID-Latin America

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> Francisco,

> Hope you had a great weekend in Boston. As requested, I have come up with several names of qualified Hispanics for the matter related to the title. Let me know how if it's OK to e-mail the list to you. If you prefer a different approach, just say so.

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> By the way, the White House Office of Protocol called Friday confirming the President's invitation to be part of the U.S. delegation to the Panama Canal Transfer ceremony on December 14. With great elation, I have accepted. Thanks for the role you and Buddy played in the invitation. I await to hear from you. Saludos,

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> Jack Otero

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CREATOR: Rebecca L. Walldorff (CN=Rebecca L. Walldorff/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-DEC-1999 14:46:15.00

SUBJECT: Panama Canal

TO: Leslie Bernstein (CN=Leslie Bernstein/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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Subject: Global Status Watch News and Next Test: 8-9
December

Creator: John A. Koskinen CN=John A.
Koskinen/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO]

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Leslie Bernstein (CN=Leslie Bernstein/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-DEC-1999 14:47:26.00

SUBJECT: Re: Panama Canal

TO: Rebecca L. Walldorff (CN=Rebecca L. Walldorff/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

if you come over you can make a copy of the (t) itinerary for the turnover stuff

Rebecca L. Walldorff
12/06/99 02:46:11 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Leslie Bernstein/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: Panama Canal

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CREATOR: y2newsdesk <y2newsdesk@rendon.com> (y2newsdesk <y2newsdesk@rendon.com> [UNKNOWN])

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READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Abigail C. Smith (CN=Abigail C. Smith/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: John Rendon <jrendon@rendon.com> (John Rendon <jrendon@rendon.com> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Peter Petrihos <Peter.Petrihos@y2k.gov> (Peter Petrihos <Peter.Petrihos@y2k.gov> [UNKNOWN])
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TO: Lisa Pellegrin <pellegrin@iy2kcc.org> (Lisa Pellegrin <pellegrin@iy2kcc.org> [UNKNOWN])
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TO: John A. Koskinen (CN=John A. Koskinen/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Bradley D. Kofoed (CN=Bradley D. Kofoed/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: General Kind <peter.kind@y2k.gov> (General Kind <peter.kind@y2k.gov> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: John A. Gribben (CN=John A. Gribben/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Hali Gernon <Gernon.hali@tbs-sct.gc.ca> (Hali Gernon <Gernon.hali@tbs-sct.gc.ca> [UNKNOWN])
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TO: Doug Dodson <ddodson@rendon.com> (Doug Dodson <ddodson@rendon.com> [UNKNOWN])
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TO: Helen Chapman <helen.chapman@y2k.gov> (Helen Chapman <helen.chapman@y2k.gov> [UNKNOWN])
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1. Europe's air controllers expect bug-free Y2K

MAASTRICHT, Netherlands, Dec 6 (Reuters) - Aircraft flying over Europe on New Year's Eve will be required to fly further apart as an added precaution against the effects of the millennium bug, controllers said on Monday.<BR>

Fred Koneman, assistant to the director at Eurocontrol's air traffic control centre in Maastricht, on the Dutch border with Germany and Belgium, said normally aircraft flying at the same altitude have to stay five nautical miles (8 km) apart. "But around the millennium, they will be required to stay 30 miles apart," he said.

The measure will come into force at around 2100 GMT (2200 central European time) on December 31 until 0500 GMT the following morning. It is the final touch to a four-year, 3.5 million euro (\$3.5 million) millennium compliance programme.<BR>

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CREATOR: David L. Evans ( CN=David L. Evans/OU=WHO/O=EOP [ WHO ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-DEC-1999 10:50:29.00

SUBJECT: Op-ed clearance

TO: Natalie S. Wozniak ( CN=Natalie S. Wozniak/OU=NSC/O=EOP@EOP [ NSC ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I will call about this.

Embargoed until December 12, 1999.

Panama Canal Transfer Broadens U.S. Power

by

Kenneth H. & Buddy MacKay Jr.

Television this week will cover live the United States , transfer of the Panama Canal to Panama. It is the last chapter of an old era and the beginning of a new ) with the United States strengthening, not diminishing, its power.

Journalists and other observers should resist drawing easy but fallible parallels to the setting of the sun over British power in Hong Kong. Hong Kong was returned as mandated by an original agreement. Unlike the British, the United States voluntarily agreed to give the canal to the Panamanian people in an unprecedented expression of wisdom and moral leadership.

The United States is not a retreating power; it is a maturing power. We are proud and confident that our partnerships with democratic neighbors ) partnerships that without the 1977 treaties promising Panamanian dominance over the canal would not have been possible ) will result in a more secure and prosperous hemisphere.

America is getting back more than it is giving up. In return for a canal that is rightfully the pride of the American nation, the United States is receiving measures of respect and mutual trust that will far outdistance by many times over the future physical value of the canal.

And that is critical as day-to-day relations between Latin America and the United States change. Heretofore, before the days of an interconnected world and a burgeoning Latin American population, the United States was the unquestioned power in the Western Hemisphere and often used its power unilaterally in the region ) much to its detriment.

Over the years, anti-democratic parties in Latin America rallied around a common grievance against perceived American aggression. Ironically, the concept of perpetuity included in the original canal treaty and designed to protect the waterway by allowing the U.S. to act &as if sovereign 8

within the Canal Zone created a hostile environment for operating the canal.

But due to the courage and insight of the Johnson, Nixon, Ford and Carter Administrations, the U.S. relationship with Latin America has changed. Partly due to the signal sent by the bipartisan Senate approval of the 1977 treaty paving the way for next week's transfer, every nation except Cuba -- is democratic and generally pro-American.

And Latin America is gaining warranted geopolitical importance relative to the United States and the world as nations realign into trading blocs and regional partnerships in order to compete in the global marketplace.

A stable, vibrant, productive, democratic Latin America is essential to the interests of the United States. The transfer of the canal will help forge important beneficial partnerships with our Latin American neighbors.

The pride that Americans feel for the canal will be greatly complemented by the political benefits the U.S. gains. With the United States and Panama obligated to defend the canal, it can be the cornerstone of the ongoing development of the hemisphere into a group of democratic, progressive nations that can stand together in the next century.

The sun rising over the canal next week when it becomes Panama's is not setting on American power. Rather, it is the light of a new day in which America and its partners can continue to shine.

MacKay is President Clinton's special envoy to the Americas.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Rebecca L. Walldorff ( CN=Rebecca L. Walldorff/OU=WHO/O=EOP [ WHO ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-DEC-1999 14:51:25.00

SUBJECT: Re: Panama Canal

TO: Leslie Bernstein ( CN=Leslie Bernstein/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [ WHO ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

you rock. I'll be there.

LESLIE

BERNSTEIN

12/06/99 02:47:22 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Rebecca L. Walldorff/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

bcc:

Subject: Re: Panama Canal

if you come over you can make a copy of the (t) itinerary for the turnover stuff

Rebecca L. Walldorff

12/06/99 02:46:11 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Leslie Bernstein/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: Panama Canal

what do you know about dates/times/US delegation for the Panama Canal turnover? and this is not a quiz, but an actual Stevie question.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: "Alexander Arnista" <AArnista@smtpgate.mac.whca.mil> ( "Alexander Arnista"  
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CREATION DATE/TIME: 7-DEC-1999 18:14:18.00

SUBJECT: Airlift Ops Daily Inputs - 7 Dec

TO: Joseph J. Simmons ( CN=Joseph J. Simmons/OU=WHO/O=EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Nancy E. Brown ( CN=Nancy E. Brown/OU=WHO/O=EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Diana C. Donnelly ( CN=Diana C. Donnelly/OU=WHO/O=EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

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CC: CMariano@smtpgate.mac.whca.mil ( CMariano@smtpgate.mac.whca.mil [ UNKNOWN ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

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CC: AReynold@smtpgate.mac.whca.mil ( AReynold@smtpgate.mac.whca.mil [ UNKNOWN ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:  
Sir,

1) FLOTUS Actual Times for 6 Dec:

|                   | Scheduled | Actual  |
|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| Depart Andrews    | 6/2200L   | 6/2305L |
| Arrive La Guardia | 6/2245L   | 6/2345L |

2) Latest plan for Transfer of the Panama Canal  
Delegation:

| Date Itinerary                         | Aircraft | Pax |
|----------------------------------------|----------|-----|
| 13 Dec Andrews * Tocumen Intl, Panama  |          |     |
| C-32 SECSTATE + 41                     |          |     |
| Andrews * Robbins AFB, GA              |          |     |
| C-9 Delegation (39)                    |          |     |
| Souther Field, GA * Robbins AFB, GA    | C-21     | Fmr |
| President Carter                       |          |     |
| Robbins AFB, GA - Tocumen Intl, Panama | C-9      | Fmr |
| President Carter + 40                  |          |     |

14 Dec Tocumen Intl \* Brussels C-32

SECSTATE + 41

Tocumen Intl \* Robbins AFB, GA C-9 Fmr  
President Carter + 40  
Robbins AFB, GA \* Souther Field, GA C-21 Fmr  
President Carter  
Robbins AFB, GA \* Andrews  
C-9 Delegation (39)

Have been working this mission with Col Sargeant (NSC), State Dept  
Protocol, Jason Rodriguez, and Fmr President Carter's rep Nancy  
Konigsmark..

3) AF-1 Crew Rest Issue for Orlando (10-11 Dec):

The crew is currently scheduled for 13 hrs and 50 minutes of crew rest,  
instead of the required 15 hrs. We have gone back to the staff and asked  
for ground time to meet the crew rest requirements.

V/R

Col Arnista

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: "Bruce W. McConnell" <mcconnell@iy2kcc.org> ( "Bruce W. McConnell" <mcconnell@iy2kcc.org> [ UNKNOWN ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME: 7-DEC-1999 15:49:31.00

SUBJECT: US Participation in IYCC Test 8-9 December

TO: Valerie E. Wallick ( CN=Valerie E. Wallick/OU=WHO/O=EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Janet B. Abrams ( CN=Janet B. Abrams/OU=WHO/O=EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Roslyn Docktor <docktor@iy2kcc.org> ( Roslyn Docktor <docktor@iy2kcc.org> [ UNKNOWN ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:  
Presumably John has forwarded these to you, but just in case --

The first message is about logging into Global Status Watch (GSW) again for this test. In brief, and presuming that our ICC buddies get the system cleared out in time, the US should log on to GSW tomorrow at noon and at COB, and Thursday at noon. Please input some failure scenarios on Wednesday and report all green on Thursday.

The second message is about the test of the IYCC Steering Committee conference calls. They occur at 2:00 pm on Wednesday and at 6:00 am on Thursday. JAK or whoever plans to participate can call in from anywhere. It's a local call.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Date: Mon, 06 Dec 1999 19:47:40 -0500  
From: "Bruce W. McConnell" <mcconnell@iy2kcc.org>  
Subject: Global Status Watch News and Next Test: 8-9 December  
To: y2kcoord@undp.org  
Cc: Diane Fountaine <fountain@iy2kcc.org>  
MIME-version: 1.0  
X-MIMEOLE: Produced By Microsoft MimeOLE V4.72.2106.4  
X-Mailer: Microsoft Outlook 8.5, Build 4.71.2173.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1  
Content-transfer-encoding: QUOTED-PRINTABLE  
Importance: Normal  
X-Priority: 3 (Normal)  
X-MSMail-priority: Normal  
Dear National Y2K Coordinators,

Congratulations and thanks to all of you, from 83 countries, who participated during the 8 November to 1 December test of the International Y2K Global Status Watch. We received many beneficial suggestions from you

on  
how to make the GSW system better. These countries tested the system  
during  
that period:

Albania, Angola, Anguilla, Argentina, Aruba, Australia, Austria,  
Azerbaijan,  
Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria,  
Burundi, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, El  
Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Guatemala, Hungary,  
Iceland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Latvia, Lebanon,  
Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania,  
Mauritius,  
Mexico, Moldova, Montserrat, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, New  
Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar,  
Republic of Korea, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovenia,  
South  
Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tanzania, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda,  
Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, Vietnam,  
Yugoslavia.

During the period December 8-9, we will conduct a second test of the system  
and will ask that each of you input country information during that time.

Please provide three reports during this test --  
- one at noon (your local time) on Wednesday, 8 December.- one at the close of your business day on Wednesday, 8  
December.- one at noon on Thursday, December 9. Countries should report all "green"  
on this report.

This e-mail includes:

1. A current set of instructions for the test. Those persons who  
participated in the previous test will be familiar with these procedures.
2. A list of possible infrastructure failure scenarios. Please choose one  
or more of them when you test the system this time.
3. A list of "Frequently Asked Questions" for your information. Please  
feel  
free to provide comments to me on these.

Regards,

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1. Instructions for participating in Global Status Watch, 8-9 December.

Each National Y2K Coordinator has already received the userid and password for login into Global Status Watch. If you have not received your userid and

password, please e-mail Diane Fountaine at fountain@iy2kcc.org or Ros Docktor at docktor@iy2kcc.org. If you wish to change your password before

1 January, please Diane know as soon as possible, but not later than 20 December, 1999.

Instructions:

Step 1. When your browser prompts for "location", your input should be "http://12.29.160.62". You will then see a screen that says "Please Login"; click on "International Application". At that point, it is likely that you will see a message that says, "Certificate Is Expired"; just click "Continue" and you will get the Userid and Password prompts. Click on "Userid" to move the prompt and type in your userid. Click on "Password" to move the prompt and type in your password. Once you have filled in both fields, click on "SUBMIT".

Step 2. At the next screen you can review Incoming Reports or enter a New Report. For the test, please click on "New Report". You can choose your country by scrolling down through the "Reporting Station" list, and clicking on the country you are providing a report for. Then by clicking on the "Green" status box beside any infrastructure, you can change it to "yellow" or "red" and then add remarks to indicate the reason for the change in status. [Note that "Futbol" has been replaced with "Food" and a category for "Customs/immigration" has been added immediately after "Government Services".]

Step 3. After completing the report, click on "SEND" at the bottom of the page, wait until the report has been entered, and then click on "Close Report" to return to the "Incoming Reports" screen.

Step 4. When you have finished, click on "LOGOFF". When the Userid/Password screen appears, log out of the browser or select a different bookmark.

If you have any problems during the test, please e-mail Diane Fountaine at fountain@iy2kcc.org. If you have any questions about the test, please e-mail me or Diane.

All interactive connections will be supported through the worldwide web and can be accessed using Netscape 4.1 or Internet Explorer 4.0 (or subsequent versions).

A facsimile (FAX) capability will be available on December 8 & 9. If you would like to send a fax, the number is (+1)202.589.3660. If this number does not work, send the fax to (+1)202.466.5464. To receive a blank reporting form for faxing, go to <http://www.iy2kcc.org/GlobalStatus.htm>. These numbers and forms will be available only for the 8-9 December test

period.

This test will be for internal use of the Global Status Watch system, and country reports will NOT be made available to the public or the press.

## 2. Scenarios to include in 8-9 December test reports.

Please consider using one or more of the incidents below in your report during 8-9 December. If you participate, please report all "green" in your last report on 9 December.

### Energy:

- 1) Natural gas lines out in eastern portion of your country.
- 2) Oil production stopped in your country.
- 3) Power station feeding three major metropolitan areas has severely limited capacity.
- 4) Electric service out to a major hospital.
- 5) Coal shipment halted indefinitely due to rail closure.

### Communications:

- 1) Local telephone exchange switches in one city are inoperative.
- 2) Long distance severely congested.
- 3) Power to major network operations center is degraded.
- 4) INMARSAT congested; Iridium inaccessible or inoperable.
- 5) Cellular service overloaded in your capital.
- 6) Local end offices in one of your cities reporting excessive quick busy; long distance calls being rejected due to congestion/heavy load.
- 7) All international long distance inoperative.

### Finance:

- 1) Major bank is halting service indefinitely.
- 2) Automatic Teller Machines in four major cities out of service.
- 3) Unexpected "bank holiday" declared in your country.
- 4) International monetary exchange at airport closed unexpectedly.

### Air Transport:

- 1) National airline is delaying all departures from capital.
- 2) Air Traffic Control out of service in major city.
- 3) All arrivals into your country rerouted.
- 4) Boeing 727 and Cessna 182 collide at major airport.
- 5) All United Parcel Service (UPS) air transport halted until further notice.

### Sea Transport:

- 1) Harbors at one of your cities closed.
- 2) Suez Canal delaying all transit for 6 hours.
- 3) Panama Canal closing for 12 hours.
- 4) Shipping line announces major delay of all transoceanic shipping.
- 5) Ship under abc flag reports near collision with ship under xyz flag.

### Land Transport:

- 1) Major roads in/out of capital are closed.

- 2) Trucking company announces severe delays.
- 3) Ice storms or sand storms major arteries.
- 4) All draw bridges over major river are unable to close.

Health/Hospitals:

- 1) Major hospital is reporting major computer problems.
- 2) CNN reports all hospitals in the south of your country are overloaded with patients.
- 3) Outbreak of unknown virus reported in three major cities in your country.
- 4) All hospitals within 25 mile radius of the capital are on backup power.
- 5) All health care facilities in your country rejecting electronic payments and are demanding cash.

Government Services:

- 1) Phones at social services offices in your country inoperable.
- 2) Waste removal/trash pickup in capital halted for 3 days.
- 3) CBS reporting riots and demonstrations at government buildings in your country.
- 4) Social welfare offices throughout a major city failed to open on 3 Jan 00.
- 5) Department of Finance announces it will be closed indefinitely.

Customs/Immigration:

- 1) All customs stations on one border closed for 12 hours.
- 2) Automated customs data systems out of service indefinitely.
- 3) Passport/visa processing halted for 72 hours.
- 4) Customs desks at capital city airport closed.

Water:

- 1) Water supply to one of your country's cities severely restricted, reason unknown.
- 2) Sewage plant in one of your country's cities closed indefinitely.
- 3) Container ship carrying water to your country detained in the Suez Canal.
- 4) CNN reports bacteria content of all water supplying one of your country's cities unsafe for human consumption.

Other:

- 1) ABC & CBS report catastrophic computer outage in your country.
- 2) Internet subscribers worldwide reporting "busy" on 8 out of 10 attempts to connect to anything.
- 3) CNN reports unverified report that all food markets in your country will not open on 3 Jan 00.
- 4) No mail delivery scheduled until 5 Jan 00.
- 5) 7.8 Earthquake in your country.
- 6) President announces extended government holiday until further notice!

3. Frequently Asked Questions about Global Status Watch

Procedural Questions:

Q: How often will the public information site be updated during the rollover.

A: As soon as the IY2KCC staff has reviewed a country report, it will be posted to the public web page. We expect this to occur in less than an hour after you send it.

Q: When should I submit my first report?

A: As soon as possible after midnight, even if you just let the UN staff know that you are there and able to communicate.

Q: How often should I "send" a report?

A: Twice a day, or whenever a major change occurs.

Q: How will members of the public and the press get access to the country reports?

A: They will go to [www.iy2kcc.org](http://www.iy2kcc.org) for the public information. In addition, the IYCC will conduct briefings for the international press corps twice a day.

Q: Will the IYCC run a private website where governments may share information in a confidential manner?

A: No. When information is shared with the Global Status Watch, it will be made public after IYCC review. Government-to-government communications will occur through normal, official channels.

#### Reporting Format and Content Questions:

Q: What do I do if there is not a problem but a known, planned outage?

A: If there is no problem for a sector, or you would like to add a general comment, simply use the Remarks capability and place the information in the first block headed "What is the Problem?" saying that you are just making a General Comment.

Q: What if I don't have a significant input yet or don't know the status of a sector yet, but want to show that "I'm here, nothing to report yet."

A: Simply use the Remarks capability and place "I'm here, but have nothing to report yet" in the first block headed "What is the Problem?"

Q: What is included in each of the Sectors?

A: Suggested areas are:

- Energy: Oil, natural gas, electric power, substations, control systems;
- Communications: Telecommunications switches, both local and long distance;

cellular systems; Internet service providers; radio and television broadcasting;

- Finance: Banking and securities & exchanges. Insurance, banks, automated teller machines;

- Air Transport: Airlines; airports; air traffic control; air shipping;

- Sea Transport: Shipping lines; ports; canals;- Land Transport: Roads; traffic systems; trucking & land shipping;- Health/hospitals: Health care; clinics; hospitals;- Government Services: Social and emergency services at all levels of government (for example, benefit payments, government payroll, and municipal

services like 911- emergency service);

- Customs/immigration: border crossing stations; visa/passport processing systems;

- Food: Markets; distribution systems;- Water: Drinking water; waste water processing systems;- Overall Assessment: the country's estimate of how things are generally going.

Q: What does "UNK" mean in the "Y2K Related" question of the New Report form?

A: Unknown. "UNK", means it is not known whether the problem is or is not Y2K related at this time.

Q: What does "When will it be operational" mean in the New Report form?

A: The expected time for the system to be back up and operating.

Q: What does the status "Unread/Read" mean in the Sent Reports window?

A: If the IY2KCC staff has accessed and read the report, it will be marked "Read".

Q: What does "Overall Assessment" mean throughout the various windows of GSW?

A: "Overall Assessment" is the country's estimate of how things are generally going.

Q: How do we reset the descriptive information entered?

A: At the International Input form, select "New Report". [Note: this is not operational yet, but will be for the rollover.]

Technical Questions:

Q: What do I do if the Internet goes down or is congested?

A: Fax input information to the IY2KCC staff at (+1)202.599.3660 or (+1)202.466.5451. If IY2KCC needs to get information to you, it will be faxed also.

Q: What if I cannot enter the GSW site?

A: Please download a higher version of the browser you are using. You can do this for free by going to <http://www.netscape.com> or <http://www.microsoft.com>. If you have the highest version of the browser, the problem may be with your firewall, and you should contact your firewall administrator.

Q: If you are having a problem with remote access through a firewall not allowing a certificate document to pass through what should you do?

A: Contact your firewall administrator and ask them to change the code to allow for certificates.

Q: What do I do if I have a submission error or the comment field is not saved? What do I do if the page does not fully load? What can I do if I encounter a technical problem?

A: If you do encounter any error or problem, please bring up the Java console window and copy the exact text of the error into an email message. Send the message to [fountain@iy2kcc.org](mailto:fountain@iy2kcc.org). To get the Java console window with Netscape Navigator, select communication, select tools, and then select Java console. With Internet Explorer, select view, and then select Java console.

Q: How do I save a report to upload onto my web page?

A: Click on the "Sent Reports" view. Under file, select "save as" and choose your destination. You can keep the file in html format and forward it to your webmaster for easy uploading. You can also open excel, and open this file in excel. A quick modification to column sizes and format enables you to print a nice report to share with others. This same process can be used with the "Analyze Region" view as well.

Date: Mon, 06 Dec 1999 18:27:26 -0500  
From: "Bruce W. McConnell" <[mcconnell@iy2kcc.org](mailto:mcconnell@iy2kcc.org)>  
Subject: Steering Committee Conference Calls -- 8-9 December  
To: [y2ksteer@undp.org](mailto:y2ksteer@undp.org), David Henry <[David.Henry@y2k.govt.nz](mailto:David.Henry@y2k.govt.nz)>, John Machin <[john.machin@y2k.govt.nz](mailto:john.machin@y2k.govt.nz)>, "Page, Susan" <[Susan.Page@OGO.GOV.AU](mailto:Susan.Page@OGO.GOV.AU)>, Bob Davis <[robert.davis@dfat.gov.au](mailto:robert.davis@dfat.gov.au)>  
Cc: Roslyn Docktor <[docktor@iy2kcc.org](mailto:docktor@iy2kcc.org)>, Diane Fountaine <[fountain@iy2kcc.org](mailto:fountain@iy2kcc.org)>  
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Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1  
Content-transfer-encoding: QUOTED-PRINTABLE  
Importance: Normal  
X-Priority: 3 (Normal)  
X-MSMail-priority: Normal  
Dear Steering Committee Colleagues:

As part of our test of the Global Status Watch on 8-9 December, we have scheduled two conference calls. This note explains how to join the call

and

the agenda we will cover. In brief, we will test the procedures for reporting during the rollover. As discussed, we have added Australia and New Zealand to the mailing list for this message.

More details about the 8-9 December GSW test are contained in a separate message to <y2kcoord>.

Regards,

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IYCC Steering Committee and Selected Countries  
Rollover Conference Call  
Procedures and Script  
8-9 December Test

Call-In Procedure

Wednesday, 8 December at 19:00 GMT  
Dial-in to the US -- +01.334.240.1633. Enter the access code -- 135961.

Thursday, 9 December at 11:00 GMT  
Dial-in to the US -- +01.334.240.1633. Enter the access code -- 135961.

General Call Procedures

ú Each participant is expected to dial-in to participate in the call. If needed, the Center can reimburse a member for the call at a later date.

ú Each participant should call as close the appointed time as possible. However, the ports will remain open for the duration of the call so that you can join the call as your schedule permits.

ú If a participant enters the call in-progress, all participants will hear a "beep". At a convenient time, the IYCC host will ask the newcomer to identify him/herself and present their situation.

ú If participants should get disconnected, they should dial back in using the same procedure as they did to enter the call. All other participants will hear a "beep" and know there has been a disconnection. The IYCC host will try to identify who has been lost, but it is the responsibility of the

participant to attempt to dial back into the call.

ú At times, there is a continual beeping on the line. If this occurs, the IYCC host will call the operator and have that line disconnected. All participants should remain on-line (and perhaps decrease their receiver volume.)

ú If there is a problem with the call-in numbers, the participant should call the AT&T operation center at in the US at 01.205.206.2301, and give them the conference id# HRD3916.

ú If the AT&T service is inoperable and/or there are extreme communications failures, the participant should plan to dial-in for the next call in 8 hours when the situation should have improved. In the meantime, the IYCC host will contact each country individually via alternative means (etc. satellite phones, fax, email) as necessary.

ú Each participant should be prepared to answer the questions in the script below.

ú Each participant should do their best to ensure background noise and disturbances are kept to a minimum to avoid excess noise and interference on the line.

## Call Script/Agenda

### 1. Roll Call and Status (5 min)

ú IYCC host to welcome participants with a brief status on:

- a. How many countries have rolled over and reported in on the GSW
- b. How many/which countries have reported incidents
- c. Media update/external sources indicators/Global Status/Infrastructure?

ú The IYCC host will lead participants in a roll call by stating the names of the countries, starting with those that have most recently rolled over.

ú The participants will respond by saying their name and then "red", "yellow" or "green" based on their overall status. Please follow the same rules as in the GSW in which if there is no information indicating a problem, you color is "green".

ú Sector Leaders will be called next, and they too should respond with their name and then "red", "yellow" or "green".

### 2. Red/Yellow Report (0-15 minutes, if no red or yellow reports, skip to step 4.)

ú The IYCC host will call on each of those who responded red.

ú They will provide a brief summary (less than 1 minute) on:

- a. The nature of the problem,
- b. Actions being taken to remedy the problem, and
- c. Projected time until completion.

ú The yellows will be acknowledged next to give a more brief report answering the same three questions.

### 3. Red/Yellow Discussion (0-5 minutes)



ú IYCC host will facilitate a discussion where those with helpful suggestions for managing the problem and/or sharing information this information responsibly with the public should speak up by announcing their name.

ú IYCC will acknowledge the speaker by name for them to proceed.

#### 4. Green Report (0-15 minutes)

ú The IYCC host will call one-by-one on each of those who responded green.

ú For those who do not have sufficient information yet, they will share:

- a. The obstacles to getting information
- b. The effective strategies to getting information
- c. When they expect to have sufficient/better information

#### 5. Green Discussion (0-5 minutes)

ú IYCC host will facilitate a discussion where those with helpful suggestions for getting additional information and/or press strategies based

on the information at hand will state their name.

ú IYCC will acknowledge the speaker by name for them to proceed.

#### 6. Conclusion (2-5 minutes)

ú Any closing remarks, questions and/or concerns can be mentioned depending on the relevance and time remaining.

ú The IYCC host will conclude with a proposed a strategy/statement for the media regarding the reds.

#### 19:00 GMT Roll Call Order

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NOTE: Congress has adjourned for the year. House and Senate events, if any, are listed at the bottom of this message.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Center for Security Policy (CSP)

Panel discussion on "After the Hand-Over: The Future of the Panama Canal and United States Hemispheric Interests."

Location: CSP, Suite 210, 1920 L St., NW. 1:30 p.m.

Contact: Alicia Therrien, 202-835-9077 ext. 226

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House Committees

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HOUSE BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Panama Canal

Domestic and International Monetary Policy Subcommittee first of two hearings on the transfer of control over the Panama Canal.

Witnesses: Tomas Cabal, professor, Universidad Nacional de Panama; Robert Mazur, president, Chase and Associates; Patrick Hall, senior vice president, Cooper Smith

Location: 2128 Rayburn House Office Building. 10 a.m.

Contact: 202-225-7502 <http://www.house.gov/banking>

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CREATOR: Jason E. Rodriguez ( CN=Jason E. Rodriguez/OU=OA/O=EOP [ OA ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME: 7-DEC-1999 10:47:57.00

SUBJECT: Panama Canal

TO: Dawn M. Chirwa ( CN=Dawn M. Chirwa/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [ WHO ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I checked into the helicopter option that you mentioned last night. Because it turns out to be more expensive and more logistically complex, a new plan of action has emerged.

A small plane will be deployed from a South Carolina base to pick-up the person that we discussed. The person will be airlift to an AF base in Georgia (with a runway long enough to support the C-9). Then, the person will travel to Panama on board the same plane that will carry the delegation.

This new scenario has eliminated the additional airplane going into Panama and has also eliminated the need for the person to be flown all the way to Andrews to pick up the delegation.

What is your read on this proposed scenario? (In reality, it is similar to what you originally signed before proposed changes began to be discussed)

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Maria Echaveste ( CN=Maria Echaveste/OU=WHO/O=EOP [ WHO ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME: 7-DEC-1999 20:26:52.00

SUBJECT: Re: Panama Canal trip delegation request

TO: Mark D. Magana ( CN=Mark D. Magana/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Robert A. Bradtke ( CN=Robert A. Bradtke/OU=NSC/O=EOP@EOP [ NSC ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: JSARGENT@PR\_L=SMTPGATE@MRP@OPUS@VAXGTWY ( PR\_U=JSARGENT@PR\_L=SMTPGATE@MRP@OPUS@VAXGTWY [ UNKNOWN ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Arturo A. Valenzuela ( CN=Arturo A. Valenzuela/OU=NSC/O=EOP@EOP [ NSC ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

This is an excellent request and we should accomodate it, Steve where are we on the invites on this and can we do it---how many people are going, who's regretted??

Mark D. Magana  
12/07/99 04:42:30 PM  
Record Type: Record

To: Maria Echaveste/WHO/EOP@EOP  
cc: Marjorie Tarmey/WHO/EOP@EOP  
Subject: Panama Canal trip delegation request

Maria,

Rep. Major Owens (D-NY) has requested to be part of the delegation to attend the Formal Transfer Ceremony of the Panama Canal on Dec. 14th. He wants a response ASAP to this request.

The House Legislation office thinks that this request should be accomidated if possible.

NSC indicated to me that you were handling this, so that is why I am forwarding this request to you.

Thanks

Mark

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: David L. Evans ( CN=David L. Evans/OU=WHO/O=EOP [ WHO ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME: 7-DEC-1999 09:18:18.00

SUBJECT: Press Clips for Dec. 7, 1999

TO: David L. Evans ( CN=David L. Evans/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [ WHO ] )  
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TO: Maria Alexandra Arriaga ( CN=Maria Alexandra Arriaga/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [ WHO ] )  
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TO: Sharon A. Liggett ( CN=Sharon A. Liggett/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [ WHO ] )  
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TO: Melissa M. Murray ( CN=Melissa M. Murray/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [ WHO ] )  
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TO: Francisco J. Sanchez ( CN=Francisco J. Sanchez/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Richard Denniston ( CN=Richard Denniston/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Winners of our new press clips quiz at cob will receive an all-expense paid trip.....

1. Clinton remark on child labor irks Brazil  
<http://www.nytimes.com/library/world/americas/120799brazil-trade.html>
2. FBI in new Cuba drama  
<http://www.herald.com/content/today/news/americas/digdocs/005416.htm>
3. Mexicans worry about economy in 2000 voting  
<http://www.herald.com/content/today/news/americas/digdocs/002383.htm>
4. Energy minister named to replace Ecuador's Ortiz  
<http://www.herald.com/content/today/news/americas/samer/digdocs/039224.htm>
5. A big comeback for Entel Chile. Now can it last?  
<http://www.herald.com/content/today/news/americas/samer/digdocs/053665.htm>
6. Mexico police accused of torture  
<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/i/AP-Mexico-Police-Torture.html>

7. Did Clinton take a dive in Seattle (WP)

[http://oc.usia.gov/stories/\\_today/summary/011WP01\\_\\_Did\\_Clinton\\_Take\\_A\\_Dive\\_In\\_Seattle-.htm](http://oc.usia.gov/stories/_today/summary/011WP01__Did_Clinton_Take_A_Dive_In_Seattle-.htm)

8. Central America: OAS called in to mediate

[http://oc.usia.gov/stories/\\_today/summary/103FT02\\_\\_C\\_America-\\_OAS\\_Called\\_In\\_To\\_Mediate.htm](http://oc.usia.gov/stories/_today/summary/103FT02__C_America-_OAS_Called_In_To_Mediate.htm)

9. U.S. rejects Castro's three day deadline for return of Cuban boy refugee

[http://oc.usia.gov/stories/\\_today/summary/102WSJ01\\_\\_U.S.\\_Rejects\\_Castro's\\_3-Day\\_Deadline\\_For\\_Ret.htm](http://oc.usia.gov/stories/_today/summary/102WSJ01__U.S._Rejects_Castro's_3-Day_Deadline_For_Ret.htm)

10. U.S. says ordnance cleanup in Panama completed

<http://cnn.com/1999/US/12/06/us.panama.ap/index.html>

11. Hundreds of Czech tourists mobbed, robbed in Venezuela

<http://cnn.com/1999/WORLD/americas/12/06/bc.czech.venezuela.ap/index.html>

12. Pope advises Panama on canal

[http://dailynews.yahoo.com/h/ap/19991206/wl/pope\\_panama\\_canal\\_1.html](http://dailynews.yahoo.com/h/ap/19991206/wl/pope_panama_canal_1.html)

13. Venezuela's Chavez predicts big referendum win

[http://dailynews.yahoo.com/h/nm/19991207/wl/venezuela\\_chavez\\_3.html](http://dailynews.yahoo.com/h/nm/19991207/wl/venezuela_chavez_3.html)

14. Lessons of the WTO summit (Slate)

<http://www.slate.com/InterNatPapers/99-12-06/InterNatPapers.asp>