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OCEAN TRANSPORTATION

- * TWRA to allow individual service contracts
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- * International Shipholding posts lower profit
- * Maersk plans Singapore/east Australia link

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- * American Airlines Cargo has record revenue

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- * BTL completes refinancing

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- * Panama Canal to impose draft restrictions
- * Penang container volume rises 11%

*****OCEAN TRANSPORTATION*****

TWRA TO ALLOW INDIVIDUAL SERVICE CONTRACTS

The Transpacific Westbound Rate Agreement has reversed a longstanding policy and agreed to permit individual conference members to negotiate and sign service contracts for all dry-cargo commodities.

The TWRA's refusal to permit individual service contracting was cited as a reason for P&O Nedlloyd's recent announcement that it will leave the TWRA.

The TWRA said that under its new policy, individual contracts will be allowed, subject to broad conference guidelines that will be developed and adopted in early February. Individual contracting will begin about March 10.

Additionally, TWRA has designated all rates in its exempt-commodity tariff, including forest products, wastepaper, scrap metal and other major items,

as
"open" rates. Other than being subject to guidelines on the length of
service-contract terms or extensions, these exempt-commodity rates will
not be
filed in an internal tariff. Contracts not only will be negotiated
exclusively
by individual lines, but may be confidential if mutually agreed on by the
contracting parties. The 1984 Shipping Act exempts a handful of
commodities from
the requirement that contracts , essential terms be filed with the Federal
Maritime Commission.

TSA MEMBERS REAFFIRM PLANS FOR INCREASE

Members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement, representing
conference
and non-conference lines in the eastbound transpacific, have reaffirmed
their
plans to seek a \$300-per-FEU rate increase this spring.

When the planned increase was announced several months ago, it was met
with
the usual skepticism by shippers who have grown accustomed to announced
increases being decreased during negotiations.

This time, however, the conference lines say robust cargo volumes
fueled by
weak Asian currencies has strengthened their hand. At a meeting this week,
the
lines said they intend to make the eastbound increases stick -- especially

since

the westbound transpacific trade remains weak.

Shippers will begin negotiations in a couple of months on service contracts with members of the Asia North America Eastbound Rate Agreement and independent lines.

INTERNATIONAL SHIPHOLDING POSTS LOWER PROFIT

International Shipholding Corp., whose subsidiaries include Waterman Steamship, Central Gulf Lines and Forest Lines, reported lower profit for the quarter and year ending Dec. 31.

For the quarter, net income dipped to \$480,000 from \$837,000 a year earlier, despite an increase in revenue to \$98.2 million from \$95.5 million.

For the year, International Shipholding's net income fell to \$2.1 million from \$7.8 million, while revenue increased to \$391.1 million from \$378.9 million.

MAERSK PLANS DIRECT SINGAPORE/EAST AUSTRALIA LINK

Maersk Line says it will introduce direct service between Singapore and Melbourne in Australia and Burnie, Tasmania, in early March.

The four-ship service will also seek traffic between East Australia and the Mideast, the Indian Subcontinent and the Southeast Asia region, using

Maersk ,s

Singapore hub.

The new service will complement the existing weekly services between Singapore and Fremantle and between North Asia and East Australia.

*****AIR CARGO*****

FAA SAYS AMERIJET CAN RESUME FULL OPERATIONS

Amerijet International, the Fort Lauderdale, Fla.-based cargo airline, has been cleared by the Federal Aviation Administration for a full return to service.

Amerijet ceased operations on Dec. 24 after an FAA inspection found deficiencies in the carrier ,s cargo-handling operations. After Amerijet agreed to changes, the company was allowed to resume limited schedules.

The FAA said it cleared Amerijet for full operations after the carrier implemented new procedures for cargo loading, fire safety and operations.

AMERICAN AIRLINES CARGO HAS RECORD REVENUE

American Airlines Cargo said it had record revenue last year, topping the previous record year of 1996 by 0.8 percent.

Revenue figures weren ,t disclosed, but American said growth in Latin American markets and the company ,s priority parcel service resulted in increased volume

despite a slight reduction in capacity.

During the fourth quarter, American said, freight ton-miles increased 0.5 percent to 409.9 million. Overall cargo ton-miles, including mail shipments, were up 0.2 percent, to 525.3 million.

*****ROAD/RAIL/INTERMODAL*****

UNION PACIFIC REPORTS FOURTH-QUARTER LOSS

Union Pacific Corp., still struggling with congestion on its 36,000-mile western U.S. rail system, reported a fourth-quarter loss of \$152 million, compared with a year-earlier profit of \$229 million.

UP's results included a \$40-million after-tax loss on the planned sale of the company's Skyway Freight unit, and \$13 million in after-tax expenses associated with the UP/Southern Pacific merger.

Union Pacific's operating results were hit hard by the railroad's congestion, which began last summer and peaked in the fall. The company posted a fourth-quarter operating loss of \$57 million, compared with operating income of \$470 million a year earlier.

Railroad revenues were down 11 percent during the quarter, while operating costs increased 12 percent. Operating ratio -- expenses divided by revenue

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was 102.5 percent, compared with 81.6 a year earlier.

The railroad's poor results failed to offset one bright spot -- the company's trucking unit, Overnite Transportation, posted fourth-quarter net income of \$5.5 million, resulting in Overnite's first annual profit in two years.

*****CUSTOMS/FORWARDING/NVOS*****

BTL COMPLETES REFINANCING

BTL, the Gothenburg, Sweden-based logistics company, has signed new financing agreements with seven banks.

The new agreements were signed with seven banks and total more than SEK 3.3 billion (\$400 million). At the current interest rates, BTL's refinancing package will reduce its loan costs by SEK 20 million (\$2.5 million) a year.

*****PORTS/TERMINALS*****

PANAMA CANAL EXPECTS DRAFT RESTRICTIONS IN MARCH

The Panama Canal Commission says it expects to impose draft restrictions from mid-March until October because of a drought resulting from the El Nino weather

pattern.

Reduced rainfall has lowered water levels in the reservoir feeding the canal, which has a normal draft of 39.5 feet.

The canal commission said it will lower the allowable draft by six inches in mid-March and probably impose further reductions at the rate of six inches every week or two. Unless rainfall increases, ships could be restricted to 34 feet by June, the commission said.

The restrictions will be felt most severely by operators of bulk carriers and tankers that typically load to the maximum allowed by the canal locks.

PENANG CONTAINER VOLUME RISES 11%

Container volume at Penang, Malaysia's second largest container port, rose 11 percent last year, to 506,512 TEUs. Containerized exports went up 12 percent, to 275,103 TEUs, while imports increased 10 percent, to 231,409 TEUs.

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Citizens' Nuclear Information Center

For Immediate Release

21 Jan. 1998

CNIC Strongly Protests

High Level Radioactive Waste Shipment

from France to Japan

CNIC Protests the Government of France and Japan,
COGEMA of France and Japanese Utilities for enforcing,
amid world-wide concerns, the third shipment of Japanese
vitrified high level waste (VHLW), which left Cherbourg
today and is supposed to arrive at Mutsu-Ogawara port in
Rokkasho, Aomori, Japan in early March.

We believe that there are overwhelming unanswered

questions in regard to the safety of sea transport of highly radioactive materials. The freighter Pacific Swan carrying 60 glass logs of high level wastes, the largest amount ever transported, is most likely to pass through Panama Canal for the first time in a series of shipments of VHLW from Europe to Japan. The ship will have to pass close to densely populated regions of Central-America, and Caribbean and Pacific islands, making the shipment even more dangerous than the past shipments of VHLW which took routes round South America and South Africa. We are particularly concerned about the possibility of the current shipment setting precedence for the upcoming tens of VHLW shipments and also for the plutonium shipments which are also expected to.

On the occasions of the past two shipments, CNIC pointed out the danger of maritime transport of large amounts of RAM (radioactive materials), particularly that of VHLW transport in view of contamination of a canister found in the first shipment and urged the authorities of the related countries (Japan, France, U.K. and U.S.A.) to conduct and publish a full EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) before the shipment was carried out. But the shipments were carried out in utter disregard of our warnings and demands.

It is reported that a Panamanian-flag container ship Carla was broken into two under a stormy weather and the fore section of the ship sank into the bottom of Atlantic Ocean

north of the Azores on November 30. The ship carried three Cs-137 containers with a total amount of Cesium-137 of 330 terabecquerels and the accident of Carla is one of the most serious accidents which involved radioactive material transport.

The accident posed anew a serious question over safety of sea transport of RAM. We CNIC demand the Science and Technology Agency of Japan, Federation of Electric Power Companies (FEPCO), JNFL and COGEMA and that the related authorities investigate the cause of the ship damage and review the safety thoroughly based on the results of investigation before future shipments take place. We also urge the above-mentioned bodies to suspend the upcoming shipments until the safety concerns among the en-route countries are fully dissolved.

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[Take a look at this. EMPs not only from nukes. \$150,000 and it's yours?]

Canberra stays quiet on electronic bomb report

From AAP

23jan98

THE Federal Government yesterday declined to confirm or deny Swedish reports that the Australian Defence Force had purchased a Russian electronic "bomb" that uses high-power microwave signals to knock out jet fighters computers.

In a brief statement yesterday, Defence Minister Ian McLachlan, however, admitted that Australia had an interest in such technology.

"The Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) maintains close watching brief on developments in weapons technology including electromagnetic devices," he said.

"Beyond this, however, Defence will not discuss the details of ADF weapons technology."

Quoting the Swedish newspaper Svenska Dagbladet, the news agency AFP said the high-power microwave bomb could be bought on the Russian market for "several hundreds of thousands kronor" (less than \$150,000) and had already been bought by the Australian military among others.

It said the bomb was stored in a briefcase and emitted short, high-energy pulses reaching 10 gigawatts, which could destroy complex electronics systems.

Despite the science-fiction flavour, the electromagnetic bomb is close to reality. It has been the subject of extensive research in the US and presumably Russia for decades.

The concept arose through early nuclear testing when scientists realised that high altitude atomic blasts produced an electromagnetic pulse capable of destroying delicate electronics systems on the ground.

That was done through induced voltages that could burn out electronic systems.

Any thermonuclear war would have started with such ionospheric blasts. One consequence was that military computer and electronic systems were "hardened" to minimise such damage, but civil systems remain vulnerable.

Two types of non-nuclear EMP devices have been developed. One uses conventional explosives to induce the EMP; another uses a single-use,

high-power microwave generation device.

The ADF is well aware of the potential of EMP devices. Their capabilities were discussed in a paper published by the RAAF Air Power Studies Centre in 1996.

Its author, defence analyst Carlo Kopp, concluded that the design and deployment of electromagnetic warheads for bombs and missiles was technically feasible in the next decade.

Problems remained. The most fundamental is assessing whether the device has actually damaged or destroyed the target.

"Providing that satisfactory solutions can be found for these problems, electromagnetic munitions for bomb and missile applications promise to be an important and robust weapon in both strategic and tactical operations, offering significantly reduced collateral damage and lower human casualties than established weapons," he said.

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t builds for UN talks on nuclear disarmament

05:08 p.m Jan 22, 1998 Eastern

By Stephanie Nebehay

GENEVA, Jan 22 (Reuters) - In a bid to break a year-long logjam, states

including Japan and Canada on Thursday backed a South African proposal for the Conference on Disarmament to set up a committee to at least talk about nuclear disarmament.

Mexico, Ireland, Belgium and Chile also took the floor at the United Nations-backed talks to welcome Pretoria's proposal, arguing it offered a reasonable middle ground for dialogue.

But diplomats said the five known nuclear powers -- Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States -- would have great difficulty in accepting the compromise at the 61-member talks.

The five have blocked all previous moves by non-aligned states to set up a nuclear disarmament committee in Geneva, saying cuts should continue to be negotiated between the United States and Russia before widening the process to include the other three.

THE NUCLEAR POWERS SAY THE NEXT PRIORITY IN NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT SHOULD BE MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS IN THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TO HALT PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR BOMB-MAKING FISSILE MATERIAL. [emphasis added. A diversionary sleeper, instead of getting down to business?]

On Tuesday, South African ambassador Jacob Selebi presented a proposal to establish a committee to "deliberate" on ways to eliminate nuclear weapons and "identify if and when one or more steps should be the subject of negotiations in the conference."

"I suspect it will garner a lot of support. But I don't think the Americans or Russians will be able to accept it," one Western diplomat said. "It won't fly," predicted another envoy.

At the same time, Egypt -- a major voice among non-aligned countries -- repeated its call to set up a committee with a mandate to negotiate total elimination of nuclear weapons.

Pretoria's plan may also fail to satisfy India and Pakistan -- both nuclear "threshold" states and key non-aligned players -- who have also demanded negotiations on total nuclear disarmament within a fixed timetable, diplomats said.

The Conference on Disarmament began its 1998 session on Tuesday amid calls for launching substantive negotiations after a year of impasse.

In a message to the talks, U.S. President Clinton called for negotiating a landmines export ban and a halt to production of fissile material -- plutonium and highly enriched uranium.

On Thursday, Japan's ambassador Akira Hayashi and Canada's Mark Moher expressed support for South Africa's proposal and also called for launching negotiations on fissile material.

"Nuclear disarmament is Japan's invariable priority in disarmament. In this respect, my delegation welcomes very much the concrete proposal made by South Africa for the establishment of an ad hoc committee on

nuclear disarmament," Hayashi said.

Moher, noting there were more than 36,000 nuclear warheads on launchers or in storage worldwide, said the "stakes and interests" of non-nuclear weapon states should not be ignored.

However, he said Canada did not believe the conference should have a mandate to negotiate nuclear weapon reductions. Talks on nuclear weapon cuts should continue to be conducted bilaterally between the United States and Russia, he added.

Moher called South Africa's plan a "valuable contribution." He urged the conference to "proceed to substantive discussion of nuclear disarmament issues with a view to identifying one or more possible issues for multilateral negotiation."

Belgium's envoy Andre Mernier said South Africa's proposal could permit a new dialogue but said making nuclear disarmament an issue for multilateral talks was a "dangerous illusion."

Ambassador Antonio de Icaza of Mexico agreed with Pretoria's plan to set up a committee which he said was aimed at "promoting steps toward a progressive elimination of nuclear arms."

Egypt's ambassador Mounir Zahran said the committee should have a mandate to negotiate total elimination of nuclear weapons within a fixed timeframe. "It is indispensable to pursue the objective of complete and

general nuclear disarmament."

South Africa, the only country to build a secret arsenal of nuclear weapons and then dismantle them, was responsible for forging the compromise that led to an indefinite extension of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in 1995.

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Friday January 23, 1:31 am Eastern Time

Helms threatens to stall nuclear weapons treaty

WASHINGTON, Jan 22 (Reuters) - A powerful Republican Senator Thursday said he would stall action on a nuclear weapons test ban treaty until the White House submits a treaty to fight global warming that faces almost certain defeat.

North Carolina Republican Jesse Helms, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, also called on the White House to submit to the Senate amendments to the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty that face stiff Republican opposition.

"Mr. President, let me be clear: I will be prepared to schedule committee consideration of the (Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty) only after the Senate has had the opportunity to consider and vote on the Kyoto (global warming) Protocol and the amendments to the ABM Treaty," Helms said in a letter to Clinton. . . .

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Russia Today

Thursday, January 22, 1998

Russia Seeks Help for Nuclear Sub Clean Up

MOSCOW -- Russia urgently needs foreign help to clean up nuclear waste from more than 100 submarines sitting in northern and Far Eastern ports with aging nuclear reactors, a senior Atomic Ministry official said on Wednesday. . . .

In an interview, he said more than 100 scrapped nuclear submarines from the Northern and Pacific fleets with unremoved nuclear reactors were still stalled at their moorings.

The Barents Euro-Arctic Council of Nordic countries and Russia on Tuesday said the international community must intensify efforts to help clean up nuclear waste in northwest Russia and improve safety at its nuclear power reactors. . . .

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Thursday January 22 4:36 PM EST

Russia tightens weapons export controls

MOSCOW, Jan. 22 (UPI) _ Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin

("chair-noh-MEER-dyn") has ordered a tightening of export controls on weapons and materials used for their production.

The instruction covers all materials that have a dual purpose and could be used by other countries to build nuclear, biological or chemical weapons.

The move comes after reports by U.S. officials that Iran is receiving military technology from Russia.

U.S. Vice President Al Gore spoke with Chernomyrdin by telephone at the weekend to stress U.S. concern over Russian technical assistance to Iran. . . .

The directive says all private Russian companies exporting dual- purpose materials will have to clear the shipments with the government.

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Thursday January 22, 10:02 am Eastern Time

Russia tightens control over arms-linked exports

MOSCOW, Jan 22 (Reuters) - The Russian government on Thursday tightened control over the export of goods and services linked to the development of weapons of mass destruction, Itar-Tass news agency quoted a government spokesman as saying. . . .

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Senator: N.Korea Warlike but Poor

By John Diamond

Associated Press Writer

Thursday, January 22, 1998; 4:34 p.m. EST

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Describing scenes of desperate poverty in North Korea -- peasants scouring the landscape for firewood, four-lane highways devoid of cars, grandiose public buildings without heat -- Sen. Carl Levin returned from what he called "a basket-case country."

The Michigan lawmaker, ranking Democrat on the Senate Armed Services committee, said North Korea remains militaristic even though it's barely able to put food on its people's tables.

"Every conversation with the North Koreans was punctuated by their need for food," Levin told reporters Thursday. "This is a basket-case country."

Levin recounted haunting scenes of hourlong drives on a four-lane highway in which he and his escorts passed only a handful of cars. On one such trip, the group encountered teams of workers on foot using brooms to sweep snow from the highway. Levin said the scenes speak of desperate poverty amid an inflexible government that owns everything and

occupies its people with make-work jobs.

"There are no markets. You can't buy anything. There are no stores.

Everything is totally controlled by the government. Their public buildings are immense, very gaudy and totally unheated," Levin said. .

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Still, Levin said, the communist government's hold on power remains unshaken.

"Do I see any evidence of that society unraveling? No. I wish I did," Levin said. "I saw evidence of a society that, from my perspective, is in extremis. But I guess they're used to it." . . .

So strict and all-controlling is the government, Levin said, that only now have North Koreans been allowed to use bicycles freely. Up to now, he said, the government has viewed bicycles with suspicion, suspecting they provided a measure of freedom and independence.

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to open nuclear dump in New Mexico in May

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By Tom Doggett

WASHINGTON, Jan 22 (Reuters) - The U.S. Department of Energy said on

Thursday it would gather various types of radioactive waste from its defense operations in 15 states and begin moving it in May to a disposal site in New Mexico.

This would be first permanent storage site in the United State for nuclear waste. It would not accept material from commercial nuclear power plants.

The waste to be stored comes from the department's production of nuclear weapons and from its dismantling of them at the end of the Cold War. Some is also the result of research and development. The department said it needed to dispose of 6.18 million square feet (175,000 cubic metres) of waste.

Ranging from radioactive gloves and tools to solidified water contaminated with plutonium, the waste would be stored at the department's 16-square-mile (41-square-km) Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad in southeastern New Mexico. . . .

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Friday January 23, 12:13 am Eastern Time

Panama Canal ready for nuclear waste ship transit

By Paul de Bendern

PANAMA CITY, Jan 22 (Reuters) - The Panama Canal will be prepared for the passage of a Japan-bound freighter carrying the largest load ever

shipped of highly radioactive nuclear waste, canal authorities said on Thursday.

"We're ready for this transit," the administrator of the canal, Alberto Aleman, told a news conference.

The French state-run reprocessing company Cogema confirmed on Thursday that the British-registered "Pacific Swan" would travel to Japan by way of the Panama Canal.

The vessel left the French port of Cherbourg on Wednesday, carrying the third and largest load of highly radioactive waste to be shipped from Europe to Japan.

British Nuclear Fuels (BNFL), which operates the ship, said it is carrying 24 tonnes of reprocessed nuclear waste and is expected to arrive in Japan in early March. . . .

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SECTION: Opinion

France and India: towards nuclear realism

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[The writer is a research Fellow at the Institut de Relations Internationales et Strategiques (IRIS), Paris]

By Camille Grand

As the French President, Mr. Jacques Chirac, is about to start a long-awaited official visit to India, New Delhi and Paris will enhance their economic cooperation. . . .

. . . India and France are also two countries involved in international affairs; a fruitful debate on both countries' perspectives on the post-Cold War international order - or disorder - should, therefore, take place. The reform of the Security Council membership is a good example of an international issue that should be addressed. This strategic dialogue should, however, not be limited to broad and general discussions; it should also address the disagreements between both countries including nuclear issues.

As equal partners, both countries should first admit how far apart their positions are on this essential security issue. Having left aside in the Nineties its old criticism of the logic of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), France is now a full member of the existing international non-proliferation regimes and fully embraces their logic. It supports both the NPT and the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). It is, therefore, useless for India to expect France to return to its old views. The other way around, France could and should admit that for the time being, India will not sign the NPT or the CTBT. This being said and admitted, there remains plenty of room for a debate.

First, India has to access civilian nuclear technologies to meet its energy needs, and France is a major producer and exporter of nuclear

facilities. Both countries could explore the way to resume civilian nuclear cooperation. One initial point should be made clear: France is a member of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) and applies since 1992 the policy of "full scope safeguards" to its nuclear exports. In this difficult legal framework, Paris and New Delhi could, however, study what is feasible without abandoning the basis of their respective policies. Could India be associated with the NSG or become a full member (after all, France was a non-NPT member of the NSG for fifteen years and India has a good record of restraint in its nuclear exports)? Could India open more nuclear facilities to International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards? Could France and the other nuclear suppliers explore and define under which conditions an enhanced civilian nuclear cooperation is compatible with their non-proliferation commitments and regulations?

Secondly, both countries should also address the issue of the future of nuclear policies. Again, realism imposes on Paris and New Delhi to accept major disagreements, but both countries should work together on a reasonable path out of the present disarmament negotiations' dead-end.

It seems useless to repeat on the Indian side that the time-bound framework for disarmament is the only possible basis for negotiation.

Similarly, the Western nations should go one step further in reversing their affirmation that without prior signature of the CTBT and NPT by India, nothing can be achieved. The dialogue should focus on realist intermediate steps instead of diplomatic rhetorics. In the mid-term, a future Fissile Material Cut-off Agreement is an interesting legal way to address India's nuclear capable status. The international community (and not only the Western nuclear weapon States) can also expect India to

maintain its restraint in nuclear testing and possibly confirm such a policy by a unilateral declaration. The commitment of the five official nuclear weapon States (NWS) to nuclear arms control and disarmament should be clarified along the lines of the statement issued last spring during the 1997 NPT Prepcom. The NWS could admit that non-nuclear countries can expect more transparency and efforts on their part in this sensitive field. Altogether, the issue for India - and for the rest of the world - is whether India will or will not take its share in shaping the post-Cold War security system, including its nuclear dimension.

If France and India were to engage in a bilateral strategic dialogue addressing these issues and many related problems (as export controls on other high technology products and conventional arms transfers), it would benefit both countries' position. It has its place next to the present Indo-American grand bargaining. An Indo-French debate is likely to bring an original contribution to international security. The proper framework has yet to be defined; it can be official or informal, but it needs to be permanent and open-minded. As both countries have their own views of international security, such a dialogue could surely bring up new approaches and ideas. In spite of the present pre-electoral political situation in Delhi, the visit of Mr. Chirac is an obvious and rare opportunity to start discussions at the highest level.

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Robotic arm to probe nuclear waste

Thursday, January 22, 1998

...Engineers at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental
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RTRS-Panama Canal draft restrictions from mid-March

MIRAFLORES LOCKS, Panama,

Jan 22 (Reuters) - The Panama Canal Commission said Thursday it expected to im-
pose draft restrictions for vessels transiting the waterway from mid-March unt-
il October due to the effects of El Nino weather phenomenon.

"Because the

water level has fallen so much we are forecasting in total a 5.5 feet restrict-
ion," the administrator of the canal, Alberto Aleman, told a news conference.

Aleman said the Panama Canal Commission (PCC) would start introducing a six-
-inch draft restriction for vessels transiting the canal in mid-March.

"De

pending on how the lake levels behave, we plan to introduce six-inch restricti-
ons at one or two weeks intervals," he said.

Normal draft restrictions for vessels using the canal are 39.5 feet but the PCC said low water levels meant the restrictions were expected to reach a maximum of 34 feet in June, during the dry season.

The PCC said it would give a three-week notice to shippers before introducing each draft restriction.

Each one of them translates into less cargo a ship can carry. Panamax-sized ships, which have drafts in the order of 39.5 feet, were expected to be hardest hit by the measures.

The commission said the restrictions between March and October would probably affect 17 percent of vessels forecasted to use the canal during that period. Tankers, cargo ships and container ships would be the ships most affected.

The canal's water levels have dropped consistently over the past three months due to El Niño, a phenomenon caused by an unusual warming of Pacific waters off South America.

The PCC said it had been able to save between 10 and 15 percent of water normally used for vessels transiting the canal through several measures, such as better ships schedules or the use of tandem lockages and chamber lockages. This is when several ships move through each lock at the same time.

"Partially because of these measures we have been able to postpone introducing restrictions in the canal," PCC Director of Marine Operations Rene Van Hoorde said.

The U.S. Agriculture Department (USDA) has said that draft restrictions would affect U.S. corn shipments more than any other commodity because it is more often shipped on Panamax ships.

The PCC says about 30 percent of the 13,500 vessels that move through the 50-mile (82-km) canal each year are Panamax ships.

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140-0206 Transcript of White House Background Briefing by
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139-0206 Gore Press Schedule for Sunday, Feb. 8-Monday, Feb. 9

137-0206 Legal Foundation Launches 'Media Crusade' to Defend
Ken Starr

136-0206 Mexico and the United States Announce Bi-National
Drug Strategy

134-0206 USGS Names Harlow Public Affairs Officer

ADVANCE NOAA Chief Says Critical Disaster Information Needed

133-0206 AMA Supports HIV-Positive Patients in Supreme Court
Case

132-0206 Gore Press Schedule for Saturday, Feb. 7 (No Events)

131-0206 Defenders to Release Report on Habitat Conservation
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130-0206 DOL Announces \$4 Billion in Grants to States for
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129-0206 U.S. English Sends Open Letter to Utah Gov. Leavitt

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127-0206 National Archives Sponsors Workshop on Use of Federal
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126-0206 USGS Scientists Implicate Exotic Parasite in Wisconsin
Bird Deaths

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122-0206 Clinton Letter to the Federal Election Commission

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119-0206 Survey Says Public Satisfied With Main News Source
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118-0206 Nuclear Waste Shipment Enters Panama Canal Flying
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116-0206 Ambassador Reyes-Heroles Meets with Gov. George Bush
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BOMBING BUILD-UP

+ America, collecting full support from Australia and Canada as well as Britain, and qualified support from elsewhere, continued to build a vast arsenal of weapons for the bombing of IRAQ. Iraq confirmed that it was ready to open its 68 suspect sites but said the eight most sensitive ones should be examined by experts under the auspices of the Security Council, not UNSCOM. The Americans said they were not interested in deals or compromises. Turkey, concerned about Kurdish side-effects of a bombardment, was reported to have sent a force into northern Iraq. It denied this but confirmed reports of bombing.

+ Nigerian-led troops of the West African force trying to restore the elected government of SIERRA LEONE, overthrown in a coup last year, attacked the capital, Freetown. Thousands fled to Guinea.

+ Khamais Ksila, a TUNISIAN HUMAN-RIGHTS ACTIVIST, was sentenced to three years in prison for spreading false information and for other alleged crimes.

A RASH OF COUNSELS

+ Janet Reno, America's attorney-general, asked for an independent counsel to look into the role of the interior secretary, Bruce Babbitt, in a decision to stop an INDIAN CASINO PROJECT. The project is said to have been scotched at the instigation of other tribes that had made large donations to the Democratic Party. This is the fifth independent counsel requested to investigate members of the Clinton administration.

+ Sergeant-Major Gene McKinney, once the American army's top enlisted man, went on trial for SEXUAL MISCONDUCT and coercion against six female soldiers.

+ In a special poll, voters in Maine repealed a GAY-RIGHTS LAW that was due to go into effect this summer. It was the first time such a law had been repealed by popular vote.

+ In BRAZIL, two key reforms made progress. The Senate gave first-round backing to reform of the civil service; the lower house did the same for pensions reform.

- + Greenpeace activists tried, and failed, to stop a ship carrying reprocessed nuclear fuel through the PANAMA CANAL.
- + Foreign ministers from the Rio Group countries -- most of Latin America -- met those of the EUROPEAN UNION in Panama city. The two sides plan a grand summit next year, their first on such a scale.
- + A COLOMBIAN mayor revealed a massacre of 48 people by paramilitaries.

A REMOTE DISASTER

- + Rescuers estimate that up to 5,000 people have died in a remote province of northern Afghanistan after an EARTHQUAKE devastated the area. Many more people were made homeless. A week after the event, aid agencies were still having trouble reaching the area as fog and heavy snow hampered their efforts to deliver supplies.
- + Police in INDONESIA detained 140 people in Jakarta who were protesting at rising food prices. Other demonstrations, including some riots, have broken out across the country. President Suharto told the armed forces to suppress protests sternly and appointed a loyalist, General Wiranto, to be the country's new military chief.

- + A militant union group threatened a GENERAL STRIKE in South Korea unless the government renegotiated a plan to make it easier for companies to fire workers.

MURDER IN CORSICA

- + Claude Erignac, the chief representative of France's central government in CORSICA, was murdered in its capital, Ajaccio. Suspicion fell on separatist and mafia groups.
- + MAURICE SCHUMANN, a former French foreign minister, died aged 86.
- + France's parliament passed a law to reduce the WORKING WEEK from 39 to 35 hours starting in 2000.
- + More than 150 German economists called for an "ORDERLY POSTPONEMENT" of European monetary union, due to start on January 1st 1999. The German government said it would go ahead as planned.

+ The president of CYPRUS, Glafkos Clerides, and George Iakovou, a former foreign minister, were the two survivors of the first round of the country's presidential election. A run-off is being held on February 15th.

+ Yugoslavia's justice minister said citizens indicted for WAR CRIMES would not be sent for trial by the war-crimes tribunal in The Hague. Yugoslavia (Serbia & Montenegro) would try suspects itself.

+ Georgia's president, EDWARD SHEVARDNADZE, survived an attack on his motorcade that left three other people dead. It was the second attempt on his life in three years.

+ Russia's finance ministry proposed an overhaul of the TAX CODE that would reduce the overall tax burden, cut rates and simplify the system.

+ ALEXANDER LEBED, Russia's former national security adviser said he would run for the governorship of Krasnoyarsk, a region in Siberia. He is seen as a likely contender to succeed the president, Boris Yeltsin.

+ Bavarians voted in a REFERENDUM to discontinue the state's 50-year-old

appointed Senate, even though the ruling Christian Social Union had urged them to back it.

+ ARMENIA's justice minister ended a ban on the nationalist Dashnak party,
the main opposition group, before the presidential election, likely to be held in March. The outgoing president, Levon Ter-Petrosian, alleged that the party was involved in drug trafficking and terrorism.

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LA PRENSA

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Paper states Panama will have to pay \$250,000 monthly to the
concessionaire for the reports of Balboa and Cristobal if Gaillard
Highway is not re-routed within 30 months.

EL PANAMA AMERICA

Panama-datelined Reuters dispatch reports on a Panama Canal Commission
announcement that a draft restriction of 11.73 meters will be
implemented on March 18, with an additional reduction in the maximum
allowable draft expected March 24.

EL SIGLO

Paper cites Elida Diaz, director of Panama's National institute of
Aqueducts and Sewerage, as saying that the level of the lake supplying
the Chilibre water plant is dropping six to eight inches a day. Diaz

reportedly added that the minimum allowable level under the Panama Canal treaties is 190 feet and that, when this level is reached, service interruptions will have to be scheduled.

Paper reports that Panama's Interoceanic Region Authority (ARI) has announced that the Amador causeway will not be closed to the public during the construction period for different hotel and commercial projects, nor will it close after operations begin at these

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Subject: FW: 16-17 FEB PANAMA NEWS SUMMARY

LA PRENSA

MONDAY, 16 FEB 98

Opinion-section article by marine officer Carlos Meta condemns the recent boarding of the "Pacific Swan" by activists from the Greenpeace ecological group and argues that Canal operations are carried out safely and do not represent a threat to the nearby population.

Papers carry reports on an expected visit to Panama Tuesday by Uruguay President Julio Maria Sanguinetti.

Paper prints a press release in which U.S. Army doctor Michael D. Miller gives advice about viewing the solar eclipse.

LA ESTRELLA DE PANAMA

Papers print abridged versions of a PCC Public Relations (PR) press release announcing the need to implement draft restrictions because of El Nio. El Panama America carries separate articles reporting on the formation of work groups to review Canal Authority regulations and on progress in the Gaillard Cut widening program. (EL PANAMA AMERICA)

CRITICA LIBRE

Paper reports on a scheduled meeting Monday between Local 907 representatives and U.S. Ambassador to Panama William Hughes to discuss the possible hiring by the proposed antidrug center of employees who will be losing their jobs on U.S. military bases. The Union would be promising to support the drug center proposal with 100,000 referendum votes.

Papers carry various reports on tourism development projects for Amador. La Estrella de Panama states that the United Enterprise Trust Group consortium began demolition of barracks this month in connection with a "Fantasy Island" project. Stories in Critica Libre and La Prensa report that a separate project is expected to generate \$100 million for Panama over the next 10 years. La Prensa also runs a separate article citing ARI Administrator Ardito Barletta as saying that tourism projects will create 4,000 temporary and 3,500 permanent jobs. (LA ESTRELLA DE PANAMA, LA PRENSA)

EL UNIVERSAL DE PANAMA

"Pizarra Politica" column asks if it is true that the drug center agreement will turn Panama into a large U.S. military base.

Paper cites Panama Canal Authority board member Ahumada as saying that the PCC board will study the establishment of a toll rate for small boats and yachts. The report also notes that a consultant team headed by Nobel Prize-winning economist Lawrence Klein would be participating in the PCC board meeting.

EL PANAMA AMERICA TUESDAY, 17 FEB 98

Paper reprints El Nuevo Herald's article on the drug center. The article reports on a meeting today in which PRD leaders will study the progress in the negotiations. An unidentified source is cited as saying that Panama President Perez Balladares would attend the meeting.

Papers carry reports that a Colombian citizen was killed in Panama's Darien province after an armed band allegedly attacked the community of Capeti.

EL UNIVERSAL

"Pizarra Politica" column reports announcement by Panama antidrug center negotiator Ahumada that the U.S. position on the center is that it should include the establishment of bases in the Darien in addition to those already operating in areas such as Howard, Rodman and Clayton.

Paper reports that Organization of American States general secretary, Cesar Gaviria said that the organization is preparing a new instrument to certify those member countries in accordance with their contribution to fight against drug trafficking.

Opinion section carries the first part of an article in which attorney Simeon E. Gonzalez H. Comments on the provisions of the drug center agreement, arguing that it represents a concealed attempt to maintain a U.S. military presence in Panama after Dec 31, 1999.

Paper reports that Peru President Alberto Fujimori popularity increased 7 points thanks for his campaign to face disasters caused by meteorological phenomenon "El Nio."

Paper reports that international observers of Human Rights visit Chiapas State in Mexico in order to demand that the agreement signed two years ago between President Ernesto Zedillo government and the EZLN headquarters be complied and to guarantee security.

Paper reports that more than 70 per cent of the Argentinean disagree with the participation of the participation of their country if the U.S. decided a military attack in Iraq.

EL SIGLO

Paper reports on proceeding in a Panama drug-trafficking case against U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent Osman Mustafa.

Miami-dated EFE dispatch highlights an article by "El Nuevo Herald" columnist Andres Oppenheimer, who reported on the alleged concerns of several Latin American countries that the antidrug center could be used for U.S. military intervention.

LA PRENSA

DPA dispatch from Mexico City reports that Mexico's Democratic Revolutionary Party announced its opposition to the drug center proposal yesterday, saying the United States is seeking to maintain a military presence in Panama through its establishment.

Paper reports the University of Panama Professors Association opposes the drug center initiative because it contradicts the spirit of the Canal treaties, which specify that the administration of the Canal and

its adjacent areas should become the exclusive responsibility of Panamanians in the year 2000.

Opinion-section article by attorney Cesar Pereira Burgos discusses the history of the Panama Railroad and the concession that was recently granted for its modernization. The author claims that both the railway and a planned toll road along the same route will compete with the Canal, as is allegedly happening with the highway between Puerto Armuelles and Rambullu.

Opinion section article by attorney Jose Blandon Figueroa discusses allegations that the Saybolt company paid bribes to Panama officials and argues the company's quality-control work in Panama should be investigated to see if it meets standards. The author also questions the Panama government's contracting process with Saybolt, mentioning that he could not find any announcement of the contract in the Official Gazette.

LA ESTRELLA DE PANAMA

Paper cites ARI Administrator Ardito Barletta as saying that public access to the Amador causeway will be limited once work begins about the middle of this year to build hotels and other attractions.

Papers report that Panama Transit Police will invert the traffic of cars the following days, due to Carnival festivities: Friday the highway from Capira to Rio Mar will be inverted going to the interior from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. On Saturday the inversion will be from 1:30 p.m. up to 3:00 p.m. and from 4:30 p.m. up to 6:00 p.m. On Wednesday, it will be inverted coming toward the city starting from Rio Mar up to Capira, in three different schedules. From 8:00 a.m. up to 9:30 a.m.; then from 12:00 noon up to 2:30 p.m. and from 4:00 p.m. up to 6:00 p.m. Remember that Via Espaa Highway will be completely closed on Tuesday, starting from Via Brazil intersection up to the corner of El Panama and Costa del Sol Hotel.

Paper reports that Panama government has ordered the closing of public and municipal offices on Monday, February 23, and Wednesday, February 25, because of the carnival celebration. Also the banking institutions will be closed.

"Eventos" page reports that the U.S. Information Service and the U.S. Panamanian Cultural Center are sponsoring a presentation of Congo dances by the group "El Negro y sus Danzas del Sector Cativa" at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow

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TO: John A. Glodo (John A. Glodo@eop [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

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PANAMA CITY, Feb. 24 /PRNewswire/ -- Construction is scheduled to start in July on a new, \$60 million railroad which will impact the global shipping industry by significantly reducing the ocean-to-ocean transit time across Panama. The railroad, which is being built by Panama Canal Railway Company (PCRC), a joint venture between Kansas City Southern Industries, Inc. (NYSE: KSU) (KSU) of Kansas City and Mi-Jack Products, Inc. of Chicago, will relieve heavy traffic through the canal. The line will link Panama City on the Pacific and Colon on the Atlantic and make it possible to move freight in 1-1/2 hours.

Each year nearly 14,000 ships transit the canal, with a transit time of 8-12 hours. Large ships unable to utilize the canal can now move materials from ocean to ocean via rail. The system will allow containers to be unloaded at port terminals and be transshipped over land, in 1-1/2 hours, providing secure in-bond, port-to-port service.

The railroad will utilize the new ports already in operation around the Panama Canal, including Evergreen's Colon Container Terminal, Stevedoring Services of America's Manzanillo International Terminal and Hutchison's Balboa and Cristobal Ports link them in a single-line track with two-way traffic at strategic locations. PCRC expects to schedule 20

train runs per day, 320 days per year, handling up to 307,200 containers per year. At maximum operation capacity (100% load factor, 365 operating days), the company plans to move 397,120 containers per year by double-tracking and double-stacking.

The original railroad initiated service in 1855. Today the lines and equipment are in disrepair, though a minimal freight service is still in effect. The \$60 million investment plan includes new ties, continuously welded rails, new locomotives and rolling stock capable of 65-95 KM/hr, new intermodal facilities in Balboa and Colon, and improving signaling and communication systems. The construction is estimated at 18 months. The company also plans to crosstrain new employees as transportation specialists, who will handle locomotive maintenance, track work, and customer service.

The agreement was facilitated by several government agencies, including the National Port Authority and the Autoridad de la Region Interocanica (ARI). Led by Nicholas Ardito-Barletta, a former president of Panama, ARI is responsible for managing the reversion of the US military lands surrounding the Panama Canal by the year 2000. Almost \$1 billion in investments has been committed in the reverted areas in Panama during the next six years.

Kansas City Southern Railway Company, one of the eight major railroads in the US, was founded in 1887 as a passenger and freight line. Mi-Jack Products, Inc. is the US's largest manufacturer of intermodal equipment and the largest independent, intermodal terminal operator. SOURCE Kansas

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TO: Sara M. Latham (Sara M. Latham@eop [UNKNOWN])

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TEXT:

Payman,

Plus ?a change, plus c'est la m?me chose...

How about this quote from President Taft in 1912?!!!

"The day is not far distant when three Stars and Stripes at three equidistant points will mark our territory: one at the North Pole, another at the Panama Canal, and the third at the South Pole. The whole hemisphere will be ours in fact as, by virtue of our superiority of race, it already is ours morally."

I'm truly embarassed by people like Albright. Baker said something similar a couple of weeks ago, and now they're dragging in Richard Perle of all people. I wonder sometimes if I'm in the same country as these people...

... Paul (aka Smoky, attended '53-54, would've graduated '55)===== ATTACHMENT 1

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release March 4, 1998

PRESIDENT CLINTON NAMES JOSEPH W. WESTPHAL AS ASSISTANT

SECRETARY OF THE ARMY FOR CIVIL WORKS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

The President today announced his intent to nominate Joseph W. Westphal

to be

the next Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works at the Department

of

Defense.

Dr. Joseph W. Westphal, of Herndon, Virginia, is currently the Senior

Policy

Advisor to the Assistant Administrator for Water at the Environmental Protection Agency. From 1995 to 1997, he was Director of the

Congressional

Sunbelt Caucus in the Senate, and from 1988 to 1995, he was Executive Director

of the House Sunbelt Caucus. From 1987 to 1988, he was a visiting Scholar at

the Institute for Water Resources, and from 1975 to 1987, he was a Professor

and Department Head in the Political Science Department at Oklahoma State University. He has also been an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University since 1996.

Dr. Westphal received his B.A. from Adelphi University, his M.A. from Oklahoma State University, and his Ph.D. from the University of Missouri-Columbia, all in Political Science.

The Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works is responsible for overall supervision of the functions of the Department of the Army relating to civil works programs, including water resources development, environmental

programs

and policies, the Panama Canal, sea level canal affairs and the U.S. Army

Corps

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*** U.S. Rep. Kennedy says will not seek re-election

Rep. Joe Kennedy, whose family name is synonymous with U.S. politics, announced Friday he will not seek re-election to Congress. Kennedy, 45, said his brother Michael's recent death as well as other family responsibilities led him to the decision not to run for a sixth term. Quoting his uncle, the late President John F. Kennedy, the congressman said, "'Public service is an honorable profession.' It's been an extraordinary honor for me." He said he was determined to make a difference in the private sector by heading the not-for-profit

energy company he founded in 1980. For part 2, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=2553323246-01d>

*** U.S. Senate declares Saddam a war criminal

The U.S. Senate approved a nonbinding resolution Friday branding

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein a war criminal and calling for his indictment by an international tribunal to be set up under the authority of the United Nations. The measure approved by the Senate 93-0 calls on the United Nations to form an international tribunal for the purpose of "indicting, prosecuting, and imprisoning Saddam Hussein and other Iraqi officials who are responsible for crimes against humanity, genocide, and other violations of international law." See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=2553321670-be9>

*** Lawyers to lay out details of Paula Jones lawsuit

Paula Jones's lawyers were to lay out details of her sexual harassment lawsuit against President Clinton Friday to counter a motion by Clinton's lawyers to have the lawsuit thrown out. Jones's lawyers planned to make public a voluminous amount of documentary evidence and previously sealed depositions that they contend buttress her case, sources said, after filing the material with Judge Susan Webber Wright in Little Rock, Ark. Webber must rule on a motion for summary judgment filed by Clinton's lawyers in February that asked the judge to find there were no grounds for the lawsuit, scheduled for May 27. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=2553323724-dbf>

*** Cold snap damages U.S. crops

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman surveyed Georgia's dying

peach crop Friday as farmers in the Southeast battled to save peach and strawberry crops from the third night of frigid temperatures. Glickman was briefed by peach growers in Byron, Ga., about 120 miles south of Atlanta, about losses from three days of freezing weather similar to an arctic blast in 1996 that killed 90% of the state's peach crop. The thermometer Friday morning hit 22 degrees F in Byron and a killer frost clung to the peach blossoms at John Evans' sprawling orchard in the heart of the state's peach country, see

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*** Peach farmers weather cold snap, tally losses. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=2553322121-6e1>

*** U.S. says China stops nuclear sale to Iran

The United States said Friday China had halted - after a U.S. protest last month - a proposed sale to Iran of chemicals that could be employed to process uranium for nuclear use. President Clinton praised China's action as an example of cooperation between the two countries on proliferation issues since a breakthrough agreement reached in October. Some critics have reportedly questioned whether China had intended to live up to the pact. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=2553323636-83d>

*** Update: We are not all going to die after all - NASA

An asteroid that is headed toward Earth is not going to hit us after all, NASA said Thursday. It will miss the planet by 600,000 miles,

NASA researchers said. The International Astronomical Union (IAU), which keeps track of such objects, said Wednesday an asteroid would pass very close to the Earth in the year 2028 and might conceivably hit it. The IAU appealed for astronomers to have a look at the asteroid, dubbed 1997 XF1, and see if they could get more information about its size and orbit. NASA spokesman Don Savage said a team at the space agency's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) had done just that. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=2553323885-4e5>

Crime and Catastrophe

*** Swiss link Raul Salinas, drug traffickers - paper

Swiss officials have what they say is evidence that a former Mexican president's brother was a key intermediary for Colombian drug traffickers, the Wall Street Journal said Friday. The authorities also believe Raul Salinas de Gortari received tens of millions of dollars from the traffickers, the Journal said. The Swiss began their investigation in 1995 after freezing \$120 million in Swiss bank accounts controlled by Salinas. The potential evidence is being reviewed by lawyers for Salinas and includes depositions from U.S. drug agents and from Colombian and Mexican traffickers and financiers. See

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***** Public perception fuels JonBenet Ramsey case**

An announcement by Boulder, Colo., police that they want a grand jury investigation in the JonBenet Ramsey murder case shows how important public perception of this highly publicized case has become, legal analysts said Friday. Police formally asked District Attorney Alex Hunter Thursday to convene a grand jury, saying it was needed to assemble more evidence. That the request would be made public was unusual. Ramsey was strangled and suffered a blow to the head in her Boulder home, Dec. 26, 1996. The murder of the pretty, blue-eyed blond has captured worldwide attention. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=2553323735-a63>

***** James Earl Ray in coma with liver disease**

James Earl Ray, convicted assassin of Martin Luther King Jr., was in a coma Friday and listed in critical condition suffering from liver disease, prison officials said. Ray, 70, has been in a coma for "the last couple of days," a Corrections Department spokesman in Nashville, Tenn., said. Ray's prognosis was not clear, he said. Ray, serving a 99-year sentence for shooting King in Memphis in 1968, has been in and out of Columbia Nashville Memorial Hospital over the past two years whenever his liver problem has flared up. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=2553321343-5ec>

***** Truck drivers charged in deaths of 44 puppies**

Two truck drivers were charged with animal cruelty Friday in the deaths of 44 puppies in a truck fire on a Connecticut highway, officials said. The puppies were found late Thursday night after a tractor-trailer rig caught fire on Interstate 95 in Greenwich, Conn., state police said. Connecticut Humane Society President Richard Johnston said the truckers were part of a black market puppy trade. Drivers David Cook, 48, of Jonesboro, Ark., and Edward Earl Ruyle, 37, of Filley, Neb., were both charged with 68 counts of animal cruelty. See

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World Front Page Stories

*** Israelis wound 9 Palestinians in clashes

At least seven Palestinians were wounded in clashes Friday between Palestinians and Israeli soldiers and settlers in the West Bank town of Hebron, witnesses said. The violence flared hours after a bomb went off near Jerusalem's Old City, wounding four Palestinians fanning more tension following violent clashes over the killings this week of three Palestinian workers by Israeli troops. The witnesses said armed settlers threw stones at homes of Palestinians and beat Arabs in a neighborhood in the Israeli-controlled part of the town, injuring at least two Palestinians. See

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*** EU puts pressure on Serbs, Albanians over Kosovo

European Union foreign ministers stepped up pressure on both Serbia and ethnic Albanian leaders Friday to stop posturing and begin a real dialogue over autonomy for Kosovo. British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook dismissed a Serbian government offer of "open dialogue" with the Albanian community in the southern Yugoslav province as nothing new but also regretted that Albanian leader Ibrahim Rugova had rejected it so quickly. Kosovo Albanian leaders boycotted talks with Serbian government negotiators in Pristina for a second day Friday, denouncing them as a sham while a siege continued in areas where Serbian security forces killed at least 80 people last week. See

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*** Kosovo Albanians protest, shun talks again, see

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*** Albanians rally in Brussels, want West in Kosovo, see

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*** U.S. gives aid to tribunal probing Kosovo killings, see

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*** Saddam's palaces to be inspected about March 28

Chief U.N. weapons inspector Richard Butler, declaring himself satisfied with the recent spate of inspections, said Friday President Saddam Hussein's palaces would be surveyed about March 28. Butler,

chairman of the U.N. Special Commission (UNSCOM) in charge of Iraqi disarmament, will begin two days of talks with Iraq's deputy prime minister Tareq Aziz on March 22, his first trip to Baghdad since a crisis over U.N. arms inspections was defused last month. He said the new inspections of eight presidential compounds that include Saddam's palaces and about 1,000 other structures would begin "a couple of days" after he left the Iraqi capital on March 26. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=2553324139-c1d>

*** President grants S.Korea's largest amnesty

South Korean President Kim Dae-jung, himself a former political prisoner, granted amnesty on Friday to 5.5 million people ranging from political prisoners to drunk drivers whose licences had been revoked. "This is the biggest amnesty since the founding of the nation," Justice Minister Park Sang-cheon told a news conference. Park said the objective of the special amnesty was to create harmony among Koreans and help the nation overcome its current financial crisis. See

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Technology

*** Antitrust enforcer says no decision on Microsoft

The U.S. Justice Department's top antitrust enforcer said Thursday his agency had not yet decided how to proceed against Microsoft Corp. Assistant Attorney General Joel Klein said the agency was still gathering facts in its wide-ranging investigation of the Microsoft.

"We have made no determination what, if any, action we will take and no determination if we were to take action as to what remedy," Klein told reporters after a speech to an investor conference in Washington sponsored by Legg Mason Wood Walker Inc. Asked about a report in the Wall Street Journal that the department was unlikely to block the release of Microsoft's Windows 98 product, Klein said, "From our point of view, that story was way ahead of where we are." See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=2553313884-ce3>

*** Motorola to close N.C. semi-conductor plant

Motorola Inc. said it is closing its semi-conductor plant in Raleigh, N.C., with the phase out to be completed by the end of the year. "It is going to start relatively soon and our plan is to have the phase out completed by the end of the year," said Lawrence Hurst, regional communications director for the Americas for Motorola's semi-conductor product sector. The company employs 372 workers at the plant, some of which will be transferred to other plants. Hurst said equipment processors would be moved to other sites as the company develops its manufacturing campus concept. Hurst said the company did not yet know if it would taking a charge against earnings related to the closure. See

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*** Microsoft's Gates to write 2nd book - paper

Bill Gates, the chairman of Microsoft Corp., plans to write a new book that will showcase his talents as a technologist, The New York Times said Friday. Unlike Gates' "The Road Ahead," which was aimed at general readers, the new book is meant to reach Microsoft's millions of business customers and help an image that has been tarnished by a government lawsuit charging Microsoft with monopolistic practices, the Times said. The newspaper cites as its source publishing industry people who have seen a proposal for the book. The book will portray Gates as an innovator who built a company that changed the way the world does business, the Times said. See

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The Environment

*** UK anti-hunt bill finally runs out of time

A last-ditch effort to ban fox hunting failed in the British Parliament Friday, ending chances to pass an anti-hunting bill until after the next election. Opponents of the legislation to outlaw hunting with dogs successfully sabotaged the bill by introducing hundreds of amendments and making lengthy speeches on the details of the measure. But the members of Parliament who supported the ban,

mostly from the ruling Labor Party, said the issue would not go away.

See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=2553322480-a8d>

*** Brazil struggles against massive fires in Amazon

Officials in Brazil's Amazonian state of Roraima, where fires have raged out of control for two months, said Friday they hoped to use helicopters from neighboring Venezuela to fight the blazes. "We have never seen such intense fires," said Roraima governor Neudo Campos. "This is a major environmental disaster." About 1.24 million acres of savannah have been destroyed since January amid one of the most prolonged droughts ever in Brazil's northernmost territory. The last rains fell five months ago and the forecast is for further dry conditions until the end of April. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=2553323232-02a>

*** Nuclear waste ship allowed to dock

Anti-nuclear protesters lining the docks at Mutsuogawara Port in Rokkashomura, Japan have redoubled their efforts to hold off the nuclear waste cargo ship, Pacific Swan, but Aomori Governor Morio Kimura, has decided to allow the ship to dock. However, for the time being, the British-flagged ship will not be allowed to unload its cargo of 60 casks of vitrified high-level reprocessed nuclear waste. Governor Kimura had been refusing entry to the Pacific Swan because of concerns over possible threats to the environment and public health. The nuclear waste ship, which left the Cogema nuclear

reprocessing plant in Cherbourg, France on Jan. 21, is the first vessel carrying high-level nuclear waste to pass through the Panama Canal. (EnviroLink Network)

***** Mexico City suburb desperate for more water**

Officials in a Mexico City suburb said Friday they were scrambling to make sure residents have enough water to live on after a severe dry spell. In a city running out of water, about 150,000 people in the Ixtapalapa district depend each spring on trucks loaded with 1,560 gallons of water to come rumbling into their neighborhood once or twice a week. But a lack of rain that some blame on the El Nino weather pattern has forced officials to try to increase deliveries in the last two months, forcing many here to conserve water. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=2553322307-bc1>

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Russia slowing moves in northern dimension

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By Belinda Goldsmith

LULEA, Sweden, Jan 20 (Reuters) - Efforts by Nordic countries to help

Russia develop its natural resources and improve nuclear safety are

being hampered by Russian bureaucracy and other local difficulties, a

high-level international conference heard on Tuesday.

The Barents Euro-Arctic Council (BEAC) is battling to launch projects to

build transport networks across Russia, develop its vast natural

resources, secure nuclear power reactors in Russia's northwest and clear

up nuclear waste.

But officials at its fifth annual conference, held in Lulea just south

of the Arctic Circle in northern Sweden, said progress was slow.

"It is obvious that there is still a lack of tangible results in the

Barents co-operation," Finnish Foreign Minister Tarja Halonen told the

fifth annual meeting.

"In spite of the potential support (of international financial institutions) the crucial thing for reaching results is, however, the commitment of Russia." ...

European Commissioner for External Affairs Hans van den Broek said bureaucracy and difficulties in working in Russia was hampering progress.

"They are certainly contributing a fair share towards the difficulties we have," he told a news conference.

But despite the problems, the BEAC has taken on a new significance as the U.S. and EU look to boost their involvement in the northern region, reflected in the attendance of U.S. deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott

"The Barents region itself is a long way from the U.S. but the U.S. feels it has a considerable stake in what happens here," Talbott told a news briefing.

"This area represents a cross-roads...of different countries and different trends and we want to see the countries that live in this region do everything they can to harmonise relations."

In an eight-page communique, the BEAC said there remained an urgent need

to intensify international efforts to clear up Russia's nuclear waste and secure its reactors.

The Kola Peninsular in Russia's northwest, which borders on the Barents Sea and northern Europe, is home to the former communist superpower's ageing nuclear submarine fleet and nuclear reactors.

"There is an urgent need to further intensify international co-operation, in particular directed to problems of management, handling and storage of radioactive waste," BEAC said.

Talbott said the U.S. was pledging 500 million dollars towards a containment facility for operational nuclear waste and fuel. This would pay about a third of the costs and he hoped other countries would contribute the rest.

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work needed on Russian nuclear waste - BEAC

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By Belinda Goldsmith

LULEA, Sweden, Jan 20 (Reuters) - There is an urgent need to intensify international efforts to clear up nuclear waste in northwest Russia and improve safety at its nuclear power reactors, the Barents Euro-Arctic Council (BEAC) said on Tuesday.

At the end of the BEAC's fifth ministers' meeting in Lulea, northern Sweden, the Council said despite some positive developments, there was not enough being done in this critical area.

“There is an urgent need to further intensify international cooperation, in particular directed to problems of management, handling and storage of radioactive waste,” BEAC said in an eight-page communique.

Nuclear safety and pollution is a key focus of the BEAC, which was set up in 1993 to boost cooperation in the Barents Sea region between the five Nordic countries -- Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Iceland -- and Russia. . . .

The Kola Peninsular in Russia's northwest, which borders on the Barents Sea and northern Europe, is home to the former communist superpower's ageing nuclear submarine fleet and potentially disastrous nuclear reactors.

Finland's Foreign Minister Tarja Halonen said the extent of the problems in that region on the edge of the sensitive Arctic area should be of global concern.

“The magnitude of environmental problems in the Barents region requires continuous multilateral efforts, development of international financial institutions and undiminished attention,” she said in an address to the

council meeting.

The European Commissioner for External Relations, Hans van den Broek, said any efforts to clear up this waste or bring the nuclear plants up to western standards were extremely costly.

"The biggest obstacle is that it is so costly and it is so time consuming but we have to do it. There is no alternative," van den Broek told a news conference.

The BEAC also pledged to continue to try to boost economic cooperation in the region, to improve the transport network and to encourage cooperation on energy, environmental issues and health. . . .

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China Won't Continue Helping Iran

By Elaine Kurtenbach

Associated Press Writer

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BEIJING (AP) -- Chinese President Jiang Zemin has promised not to sell more anti-ship cruise missiles to Iran or help its military develop a home-grown version, Secretary of Defense William Cohen said today.

"There will be no new sales, no transfers of technology, no technical

cooperation that could given Iran an ability to upgrade current systems," Cohen told reporters after his 65-minute meeting with Jiang.

Cohen said Jiang's assurances on Iran went beyond those he had given President Clinton at their meeting in Washington last October when he stated that China had ``no intention" of selling more cruise missiles to Iran. Cohen had entered his Beijing talks hoping to clarify the Chinese stance and extract a firmer promise.

In the American view, the Chinese missiles Iran already has -- apparently numbering up to 200 -- pose a threat to U.S. Navy ships and oil tankers in the Persian Gulf. Much of the industrialized world depends on oil from the gulf, and Cohen said the Chinese recognize the gulf is important to their own energy needs.

``They are going to become net importers of energy, and to the extent their technology transfers would in any way contribute to a crisis in the gulf, interrupting the flow of energy, that would be adverse to their own self-interest," he said. . . .

While in Beijing, Cohen and several top aides were invited to tour a regional aid defense command center, which protects a 200-mile radius around Beijing from air threats.

It was the first time Westerners had been allowed inside the secret facility, located in southeastern Beijing.

The command center monitors air activity with radar and also controls surface-to-air missiles designed to shoot down hostile planes or missiles, employing a mixture of technology dating from the late 1950s to the '80s, aides to Cohen said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

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PARIS, Jan 20 (Reuters) - Activists recalled the sinking of the Titanic on Tuesday to warn about the dangers of shipping nuclear material as a freighter docked in the French port of Cherbourg to load reprocessed nuclear waste bound for Japan.

Some 20 Greenpeace activists displayed outside the port terminal cut-outs of seven ships which sank with severe loss of life or environmental damage, with the slogan: "Those shipments too were safe."

The environmental group was protesting against the voyage of the British-registered Pacific Swan which is due to sail for Japan on Wednesday with some 30 tonnes of reprocessed nuclear waste.

"Greenpeace wants to recall that there is no such thing as zero hazard

in maritime shipping," it said.

Among the outlines of ships displayed by the activists were the Titanic, on which some 1,700 people died in 1912, and of oil tankers Torrey Canyon, Amoco Cadiz and Exxon Valdez whose sinking caused disastrous oil spills.

Environmental groups say the waste shipment from the French state-run nuclear firm Cogema will for the first time pass through the Panama Canal, . . .

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THQ Inks Deal to Publish Two Popular Electronics Arts Games on Nintendo 64

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CALABASAS, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 20, 1998--THQ Inc. (Nasdaq NMS:THQI) Tuesday announced that it has entered into an agreement with Electronic Arts (EA) to develop and publish two of EA's top-selling games, "Road Rash" and "Nuclear Strike" on the Nintendo 64 game system. "Road Rash," a motorcycle racing and combat game, AND "NUCLEAR STRIKE," THE LATEST ACTION GAME IN EA'S STRIKE SERIES, ARE SCHEDULED FOR WORLDWIDE LAUNCH IN 1999. . . . [It is hard to know what to make of this. The game is obviously popular because millions of dollars are being spent on it. On one hand, this seems to indicate that there is an

interest in the issue. But on the other, it suggests that the methods for dealing with it are simplistic. It may create an immunity or something of a psychic numbing. Or, the notion of nuclear weapons may be allocated to the realm of fantasy. No news here, it would probably have been better to delete this. But we don't live in the best of worlds; so it stands.]

"Nuclear Strike" drops players into the jungles of Southeast Asia in a fight to stop a tyrant who is holding the world hostage with a nuclear threat. Players must complete detailed missions within five levels of play in order to neutralize the tyrant, LeMonde, before he unleashes a nuclear weapon on the world.

"We are delighted to be expanding our product line to include such high-profile titles as 'Road Rash' and 'Nuclear Strike'," said Brian J. Farrell, president and CEO, THQ. "By furthering our already long-standing, successful relationship with Electronic Arts, THQ will give gamers these sought-after titles on one of the hottest game systems." . . .

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Proposed West Texas nuke dump approaching final hurdle

By Eduardo Montes

Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas -- The battle lines over a proposed state radioactive

waste dump were drawn years ago, but only now are opponents getting a chance to take their case directly to the people who matter.

A series of hearings was scheduled to begin Wednesday in Sierra Blanca, an isolated town of 600 about 90 miles southeast of El Paso.

The proceedings, to be conducted by the State Office of Administrative Hearings, will pit supporters and opponents in a trial-like setting to hash out whether the hotly debated dump should be built in Sierra Blanca.

At the end, two state hearings officials will recommend that the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission either grants a license for the facility or denies it. A final decision could come by year's end.

If the license is granted, critics would have to take their fight to court or the Legislature. Thus, opponents are putting their all into the upcoming hearings. . . .

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TIGHT SECURITY FOR LOADING OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE SHIPMENT IN FRANCE

Wednesday 21 January, 1998 (12:16pm AEDT)

French security forces have formed a tight security cordon around a

freighter in the port of Cherbourg as it prepares for a voyage to Japan with 20-tonnes of re-processed, radioactive waste.

Greg Wilesmith reports.

"Only about 20 environmental campaigners wearing black and white funeral masks braved the chill of the Cherbourg docks to protest the shipment of nuclear waste. Several hundred police and soldiers kept the demonstrators hundreds of metres away from the freighter, the Pacific Swan. Three huge white protective casks containing the reprocessed radioactive waste were being loaded onto the ship at midnight. The route of the voyage is being kept secret for another 24-hours or so but it's likely the Pacific Swan will sail through the Panama Canal and across the Pacific to Japan.

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REACTORS' DYING GASP MAY BREATHE LIFE INTO ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

By Peter Kendall, Tribune Environment Writer. Tribune staff writers Mike Cetera and Sallie L. Gaines contributed to this report

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When Commonwealth Edison said last week that Zion Nuclear Power Station would never produce another spark of electricity, it marked a literal power shift in Illinois.

After all, as Edison shuts Zion and considers doing the same to other

nuclear plants, something eventually has to be built to replace these electrical behemoths. Surprisingly, part of the solution to replacing a sprawling nuclear plant can fit inside a box the size of a refrigerator.

This summer, a Bensenville McDonald's restaurant will be equipped with its own high-tech, natural-gas-fired generator that will allow it to make its own electricity for less than it could buy it off the power grid.

With a miniature jet-engine turbine spinning inside it, the device sitting next to the trash bins out back will be a harbinger. But burning natural gas, a fossil fuel, it also is something of a throwback.

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THE FIRST TV CAMPAIGN ADS

The selling of presidential candidates on TV began in 1952. Back then Dwight D. Eisenhower used ads to present himself as a regular guy, "the Man from Abilene."

Soon politicians got more creative. One famous ad came from Lyndon Johnson's 1964 race. The ad paired a girl counting daisy petals with the countdown to a nuclear blast. It reminded voters that Johnson's opponent, Barry Goldwater, had once talked of nuking Russia

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Terrorism: Fears that CIS nuclear sites will become black market supply zones for rogue states. . . .

Incidents: France to introduce event scale for nuclear material transport incidents. Italian irradiation event of 9/97 classed at INES level '3'. Raised radiation level leads to shut down one unit of Kashiwazaki-Kariwa NPP; no radiation release. Minor incidents affect Ukrainian NPPs. . . .

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ABC World News Tonight

1 Tobacco Deal With Govt Falls Apart As RJR Quits Talks

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|---|----------------|------------|------|
| | Barry Serafin | Washington | 3:00 |
| 2 Clinton Attacks RJR, Tobacco, Says A Deal Will Be Reached | | | |
| | Sam Donaldson | Washington | 1:25 |
| 3 Gore Discusses Administration's Role In Tobacco Talks | | | |
| | Peter Jennings | New York | 2:00 |
| 4 What Will Happen Next Without A Tobacco Deal? | | | |
| | Peter Jennings | New York | 1:20 |
| 5 Study Says Americans Need To Take Folic Acid Vitamins | | | |
| | Peter Jennings | New York | 0:15 |
| 6 Low Gas Prices This Summer Mean Lots Of Traveling | | | |
| | Peter Jennings | New York | 0:10 |
| 7 Ford To Offer Side Air Bags In All Vehicles | | | |
| | Lisa Stark | Washington | 1:25 |
| 8 Sonny Bono's Widow Wins Her Husband's Seat | | | |
| | Peter Jennings | New York | 0:10 |
| 9 Navy Names Submarine After Jimmy Carter | | | |
| | Peter Jennings | New York | 0:10 |
| 10 Study Says College Graduates Earn More, Have Better Health | | | |
| | Peter Jennings | New York | 0:20 |
| 11 "Dog Book" Says Many Breeds Unsuitable For Kids, Angering Many | | | |
| | Antonio Moro | New York | 1:25 |
| 12 One In Eight Plant Species Facing Danger Of Extinction | | | |
| | Peter Jennings | New York | 0:15 |
| 13 Drought & Fires Leave Rare Orangutan In Trouble In Indonesia | | | |
| | Peter Jennings | New York | 0:15 |
| 14 El Nino Making Panama Canal Too Shallow | | | |
| | Peter Jennings | New York | 0:15 |

15 ML King's Family Meets With Reno To Discuss New Evidence

Peter Jennings New York 0:15

16 Ireland Talks Close To Bringing Peace But People Are Jaded

Jim Wooten Belfast 2:10

17 Two Bosnian War Criminals Arrested By NATO Troops

Peter Jennings New York 0:20

18 WW II Criminal Who Ran Concentration Camp Outed In Argentina

Peter Jennings New York 0:35

19 McCoy Septuplets All Home; A Look At Their Complicated Life

Peggy Wehmeyer Carlyle, IA 2:35

CBS Evening News

20 RJR-Reynolds Repudiates Tobacco Agreement

Jim Stewart Washington 2:15

21 Clinton's Reaction To Tobacco Pull-Out Swift And Critical

Bill Plante Washington 0:55

22 Ford Becomes First To Offer Side-Impact Airbags In Its Cars

Bob Orr Washington 1:55

23 Govt Proposing Utility Vehicle's Carry Rollover Warning Labels

Dan Rather New York 0:20

24 Kenneth Starr Issues Flat Denial That He's Wrapping Up

Dan Rather New York 0:20

25 How Did Known Soldier End Up In Vietnam Unknown Soldier Tomb

Eric Engberg Washington 3:25

26 After 2 Elections, Women Now Have Record Presence In House

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| | Dan Rather | New York | 0:30 |
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- 27 Texas Gov. Bush & Elizabeth Dole Lead 2000 GOP Presidential Race
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| | Dan Rather | New York | 0:25 |
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- 28 Low US Gas Prices Expected To Boost Summer Travel
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| | Sandra Hughes | Los Angeles | 1:40 |
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- 29 Honda Rolls Out First Mass-Produced Natural-Gas Car
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| | Dan Rather | New York | 0:10 |
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- 30 Top IMF Official Says Worst Of "Asian Contagion" Should Be Over
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| | Dan Rather | New York | 0:10 |
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- 31 Blacks Less Invested In Stock Market Than Whites
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- 32 Deadline Is Tomorrow For Northern Ireland Peace Deal
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- 33 Yeltsin's Mental State Being Questioned
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| | Richard Threlkeld | Moscow | 2:20 |
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- 34 20-Year Study Finds 1 In 8 Plant Species Facing Extinction
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| | Dan Rather | New York | 0:30 |
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- 35 Women Often Ordered By IRS To Pay Ex-Spouses' Tax Bills
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| | Ray Brady | Sievert, VA | 3:35 |
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NBC Nightly News

- 36 Biggest Tobacco Company Pulls Out Of National Settlement
- | | | | |
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| | Bob Kur | Washington | 3:00 |
|--|---------|------------|------|
- 37 Clinton Unhappy At Tobacco Pullout, But Resolves To Push Ahead
- | | | | |
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| | Tom Brokaw | New York | 1:05 |
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38 Study Finds Folic Acid Reduces Risk Of Heart Disease & Stroke

Robert Bazell New York 2:15

39 Study Says Vitamin C Could Be Harmful In Very Large Doses

Tom Brokaw New York 0:25

40 With Gas Cheap, Record Summer Road Travel Expected

Robert Hager Washington 2:05

41 Study Finds Youthful Good Habits Can Bring Good Health In Old Age

Bob Faw Morristown, TN 3:10

42 Sonny Bono's Widow Wins Right To Complete His Term In Congress

Tom Brokaw New York 0:15

43 IRS Lost Man's Payment, Treated Him Poorly

Tom Brokaw New York 0:35

44 \$90 Million Lottery Jackpot Up For Grabs In California

Tom Brokaw New York 0:10

45 George Mitchell Brings Possibility For Peace Real In N. Ireland

Ron Allen Belfast, N. Ireland 2:15

46 California Elephant Seals Being Decimated By El Nino

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PRESIDENT CLINTON NAMES THE MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON THE CELEBRATION OF WOMEN IN AMERICAN HISTORY

The President today announced his intent to appoint eleven members to the President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in American History.

Ann Lewis, White House Director of Communications, and Beth Newburger, Associate Administrator for Public Affairs, General Services Administration, are Co-Chairs of the Commission. Other members named by the President are Johnnetta B. Cole, J. Michael Cook, Barbara Goldsmith, Ladonna Harris, Gloria Johnson, Elaine Kim, Ellen Ochoa, Frances Preston and Anna Roosevelt.

Ms. Ann Lewis is the Director of Communications at the White House. Prior to her work at the White House, Ms. Lewis was Vice President for Public Policy at the Planned Parenthood Federation of America and headed two consulting companies- Politics, Inc., and Ann F. Lewis, Inc. From 1978 to 1981, she was Chief of Staff to then-Congresswoman Barbara Mikulski of Maryland. In 1992, Ms. Lewis led a study group on "Going First: Women as Leaders in Contemporary Politics" for the Institute of Politics at the Kennedy School of Government,

and in 1998, she participated in the First International Jewish Feminist Conference in Jerusalem. Ms. Lewis has been Chair of the Commission for Women's Equality of the American Jewish Congress and a national officer of the National Women's Political Caucus.

Ms. Beth Newburger is the General Services Administration's Associate Administrator for Communications and chief spokesperson of the agency.

Before joining GSA, Ms. Newburger was outreach coordinator at the White House Office

of Women's Initiatives and Outreach. Between 1984 and 1995, Ms.

Newburger

founded and was President and CEO of OWLCAT, Inc. and Corabi Internal Telemetrics, Inc. She has also served as Marketing Manager at the Washington

Post and Publisher of the Washington Woman Magazine. Ms. Newburger is currently Chairman of the Board of the Capital Children's Museum and is a member of the Board of Directors of BOAT/U.S. and Arena Stage.

Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole, of Atlanta, Georgia, is President Emerita, Spelman College and Presidential Distinguished Professor of Anthropology, Women's Studies and African American Studies at Emory University. Also an active author, Dr. Cole has written and edited several textbooks in use today.

Her

most recent book is Dream the Boldest Dreams: And Other Lessons of Life.

She

serves on the Board of Trustees of The Rockefeller Foundation and Galludet University and on the Advisory Board of The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for

Nonviolent Social Change. Dr. Cole also serves on the board of the Center for

Research on Women at Wellesley College and is a Fellow of the American Academy

of Arts and Sciences. She is a Director of Merck & Co., Coca-Cola Enterprises,

and Home Depot. Dr. Cole has received numerous awards, including honorary

degrees from 41 colleges and universities and the first Eleanor Roosevelt

Education Award on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the Women's National Democratic Club.

Mr. J. Michael Cook, of Greenwich, Connecticut, is the Chairman and CEO of

Deloitte & Touche. He originally joined the firm in 1964, and became a partner

in 1974. Mr. Cook is also a Member of the Executive Committee of the Securities Regulation Institute, the Conference Board, and the U.S.

Council for

International Business. In the public sector, Mr. Cook is Chairman of the

Board of Governors of the United Way of America and Chairman of the Board of

Catalyst, the nation's leading organization for the advancement of women in

business. In 1994, he was given the Director's Choice Award by the National Women's Economic Alliance Foundation.

Ms. Barbara Goldsmith, of New York, New York, is an author and social historian. Her latest book, *Other Powers--The Age of Suffrage, Spiritualism and the Scandalous Victoria Woodhull*, was published in March of 1998. Her other books include *Johnson v. Johnson*, *Little Gloria...Happy at Last*, and *The Straw Man*. Ms. Goldsmith was a Founding and Contributing Editor of *New York magazine* and Senior Editor of *Harper's Bazaar*. During her successful literary career, Ms. Goldsmith has been the recipient of numerous book awards and several doctorate degrees. Among her public service memberships, she has served on the New York State Council on the Arts and as a Trustee of the New York Public Library and a director of the National Dance Institute.

Ms. LaDonna Harris, of Bernalillo, New Mexico, is the President of Americans for Indian Opportunity. An enrolled member of the Comanche Nation, Ms. Harris is an ardent advocate for American Indians. For more than three decades, she has served as a national leader for the advancement of basic human rights

for
all Americans as an active participant in the civil rights, environmental,
women's and world peace movements. Ms. Harris was a founding member of
the
National Urban League and Common Cause. She was an original convener of
the
first Women's Political Caucus and helped organize the Global Tomorrow
Coalition and Women for Meaningful Summits. During her career, Ms. Harris
has
served on many national boards, such as Girl Scouts USA, National
Organization
of Women, Save the Children, and the Independent Sector. She has founded
several influential Native American organizations, including the National
Indian Housing Council, the Council of Energy Resource Tribes and the
National
Tribal Environmental Council. She also served on other Presidential
commissions, including Carter's Commission on Mental Health and Johnson's
National Council on Indian Opportunity. She was appointed by President
Clinton to the American Indian Arts Board, by Vice President Gore to the
Advisory Council on the National Information Infrastructure and by
Secretary of
Energy O. J. Leary to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board.

Ms. Gloria T. Johnson, of Camp Springs, Maryland, has served as President
of

the Coalition of Labor Union Women since 1993. She has also served for the past ten years as Chair of the IUE Women's Council and Director of the Union's Department of Social Action. Ms. Johnson was elected a Vice-President of the AFL-CIO in 1993, to become the second African American woman to ever hold that position, and is a member of the AFL-CIO Executive Council. A long-time advocate of women's and civil rights, Ms. Johnson has received several awards, including the PUSH Award for Outstanding Women in the Labor Movement and the NAACP's First Annual Pathway to Excellence Award "Women of Labor." She has represented the American Labor Movement on labor and women's issues at many international conferences, including Africa, Taiwan, Japan, Haiti, Brazil, Israel and Europe. Ms. Johnson was appointed by President Carter to serve on the National Advisory Council on Vocational Education.

Ms. Elaine H. Kim, of Oakland, California, is a Professor of Asian American Studies and Chair of the Comparative Ethnic Studies Department at the University of California, Berkeley. In addition to teaching, Dr. Kim has written and co-authored numerous works including Asian American Literature: An Introduction to the Writings and Their Social Context and East to

America:

Korean American Life Stories. She has also been active in television, as

the

Associate Producer for Slaying the Dragon: Asian Women in U.S. Television

and

as Co-Producer of Sa-I-gu: From Korean Women's Perspectives. Dr. Kim

served as

President of the Association for Asian American Studies and as a member of

the

National Council of the American Studies Association. She is a Co-Founder

and

member of the Board of Directors of the Asian Women United of California,

and a

Co-Founder of Asian Immigrant Women Advocates.

Ms. Ellen Ochoa, of Houston, Texas, is a Mission Specialist Astronaut at

the

NASA Johnson Space Center. Dr. Ochoa joined NASA in 1988 and assumed her

astronaut role in 1990. Her flight mission assignments have been as

Payload

Commander on STS-66 atmospheric research flight in November, 1994,

responsible

for all science payloads and robotic arm operator; and as Mission

Specialist on

STS-56 atmospheric research flight in April 1993, responsible for primary

science payload and robotic arm operator. Her current technical

assignment is

spacecraft communicator in Mission Control Center. Additionally, Dr.

Ochoa has

delivered more than 120 talks for schools and educational groups on

astronaut

careers, space science experiments and the importance of education, and

logged

over 500 hours flight time in jet aircraft. Before joining NASA, Dr.

Ochoa

worked for Sandia National Laboratories. She has received numerous

awards,

including several NASA Space Flight Medals, the Women in Aerospace

Outstanding

Achievement Award and the Albert Baez Award for Outstanding Technical

Contribution to Humanity from Hispanic Engineer National Achievement

Awards.

Dr. Ochoa is a Member of the Stanford University School Engineering

Advisory

Council and the Board of Directors of the Manned Space Flight Education

Foundation, Inc.

Ms. Frances W. Preston, of Nashville, Tennessee, is President and CEO of

Broadcast Music, Inc (BMI). After working in the music and broadcasting

industries in Nashville, Ms. Preston joined BMI in 1958, progressing to

become

Senior Vice President, Performing Rights in 1985, and President and CEO in

1986. Ms. Preston also serves on the National Academy of Recording Arts

and

Sciences President, U.S. Advisory Council, the Boards of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, and the Rhythm & Blues Foundation, and is a Vice President of the National Music Council and an Honorary Trustee of the National Academy of Popular Music (Songwriters Hall of Fame). She also serves on the Vanderbilt University Medical Center Board of Overseers. Ms. Preston received the American Women In Radio and Television U.S. Outstanding Achievement Award in 1988. She also became the first non-performing woman invited to join the New York Friar U.S. Club, and the first woman appointed to their Board of Directors. She was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1992. Ms. Preston is a member of Vice President Gore U.S. National Information Infrastructure Advisory Council and served as a member of President Carter U.S. Panama Canal Study Committee.

Ms. Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, of Wilmette, Illinois, is a granddaughter of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt. Following graduation from Stanford and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Ms. Roosevelt served on the faculty of Western Kentucky University, teaching museum studies and working on the staff of The Kentucky Museum for eight years. She moved to Chicago in 1983,

as a freelance collection consultant. Feeling the tug of her family's roots, in 1987, Ms. Roosevelt became actively involved in politics, serving as the Manager of Senator Paul Simon's Chicago office and his 1990 re-election campaign. Currently, she is the Director of the The Mayor's Office of Program Development for the City of Chicago and serves on the Boards of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, The White House Fellows Selection Committee, and the Cardinal Bernardin Center. In addition to these roles, Ms. Roosevelt is the Chairman of the Roosevelt Warm Springs Foundation and Vice President of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute in New York.

President Clinton has established the Commission to consider how best to acknowledge and celebrate the roles and accomplishments of women in American History. It will hold meetings to consider ideas for such celebration, including a focal point for women's history in Washington, D.C., and the use of technology to connect existing and planned historical sites, museums and libraries. The first meeting of the Commission will be held on July 16, 1998, during the celebrations for the 150th anniversary of the first Women's

Rights

Convention in America. The meeting will be held at the Canandaigua County Courthouse, the site where Susan B. Anthony was tried and convicted for voting.

The Commission's recommendations will be reported to the President.

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TEXT:

Definitional Mission, Desk Studies and New Projects

The following projects have been identified by TDA as good prospects for U.S. exports. Many are being assessed by TDA-funded Definitional Missions or Desk Studies.

Small firms that are interested in competing for a contract to conduct a Definitional Mission can access TDA's DM Hotline at (703) 875-7447. Solicitations over \$25,000 are published in the Commerce Business Daily (CBD).

In addition, small or minority U.S. firms that wish to be included in TDA's consultant database and considered for future Desk Study solicitations should contact TDA's Contract Office.

Upon completion of these assessments, many of these projects will be approved for a TDA-funded feasibility study. U.S. engineering and construction firms can use this information as a "heads up" on future feasibility study bidding opportunities, which will be announced in the CBD. Suppliers and manufacturers should continue to monitor these projects for possible future sales. Note: items marked with an asterisk (*) are new

listings for this section.

* Africa & Middle East

Africa/ME Regional

Environmental

Funding for a Definitional Mission to Tunisia, Jordan, and Yemen to assess feasibility study and technical assistance opportunities for TDA's involvement pertaining to wastewater treatment plants has been approved.

Status: The competition is announced on the DM Hotline and close July 6.

Agribusiness

A Definitional Mission to develop fertilizer projects in Egypt and Yemen has been approved by TDA.

Status: RKR & Associates was selected to perform the mission. The final report is expected to be available by mid-August.

Transportation

A Definitional Mission to develop African and Middle Eastern aviation projects for TDA support has been approved.

Status: Montgomery Consulting Group was selected to perform the study. The final report is expected to be available by late August.

Telecommunications

Approval of funding for a Definitional Mission to assess telecommunications projects for TDA support in Namibia and Angola has been granted.

Status: Jerry Freibaum was selected to conduct the mission. The final report is expected to be available by mid-July.

Telecommunications

TDA is funding a Definitional Mission to identify and evaluate potential telecommunications projects in Cote d'Ivoire and Mozambique.

Status: Global Resources was selected to perform the study. The final report is expected to be available by mid-July.

Energy and Power

At the request of SONELGAZ, the Algerian gas and electricity corporation, TDA has approved a Definitional Mission to evaluate a feasibility study and technical assistance request for two projects in the power sector and to also examine a gas-fired generation project in Mozambique.

Status: Energy and Environmental Consulting Engineers was awarded the contract to perform the mission. The final report is expected to be available by late July.

Ghana

* Energy and Power

TDA approved funding for a Definitional Mission consultant to accompany a U.S. government-led mission to Ghana to explore opportunities to assist in the development of new power generation projects.

Status: The Definitional Mission will be advertised on the DM Hotline when solicitation packages are available.

Yemen

Infrastructure

Approval for a Definitional Mission has been granted by TDA to examine several health care sector projects in Yemen.

Status: Eccles Associates, Inc. was selected to perform the mission. The final report is expected to be available by mid-August.

* East Asia & Pacific Islands

Malaysia

Computer Technology

Funding for a Desk Study has been approved by TDA to assess a request from the Tenaga Nasional Berhad, the state utility company of Malaysia, for a feasibility study on geographical information systems applications in the power industry.

Status: Toro International was selected to conduct the Desk Study. The final report is expected to be available by mid-July.

Philippines

Computer Technology

A Desk Study to assess whether or not TDA should provide a technical assistance package to Meralco, the largest private utility in the Philippines, for a distribution automation, telecommunications, and power quality project has been approved.

Status: James Reilly was selected to perform the Desk Study. The final report is expected to be available by mid-July.

South Korea

Environmental

A Definitional Mission to South Korea to develop environmental sector projects for possible TDA funding has been approved.

Status: Advanced Waste Management Systems, Inc. was awarded the contract to perform the mission. The final report is expected to be available by early August.

Vietnam

* Energy and Power

TDA is exploring the option of providing a technical assistance package to Electricity Vietnam for procurement advisory assistance and a Desk Study to evaluate the transmission, distribution, and disaster reconstruction project funded by the World Bank which has been approved.

Status: Contractor selection for the Desk Study is in progress.

Telecommunications

Funding for a Definitional Mission has been approved by TDA to assess project opportunities in Vietnam's telecommunications sector.

Status: Telematics Engineering was awarded the contract to perform the mission. The final report is expected to be available by mid-July.

* Central & Eastern Europe

Bosnia & Herzegovina

Telecommunications

TDA approved funding for a Desk Study to evaluate TDA assistance for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and its Telecoms Emergency Reconstruction project in Bosnia.

Status: Richard Jackson was selected to consult TDA on this matter. The final report is expected to be available by mid-July.

Energy & Power/Minerals & Mining

Funding for a Definitional Mission to Bosnia & Herzegovina has been approved by TDA to investigate project opportunities in mineral and oil and gas development.

Status: Gustavson Associates was selected to conduct the mission. The final report is expected to be available by mid-July.

Europe Regional

Energy and Power

TDA is funding a Definitional Mission to Slovak Republic and southern Poland to review several coal-to-gas conversion projects.

Status: Econergy International Corporation was awarded the contract to perform the mission. The final report is expected to be available by mid-July.

Industry

TDA is funding a Definitional Mission to review opportunities in the chemical sector in both Bulgaria and Romania.

Status: Advanced Engineering Associates International was selected to perform the mission. The final report is expected to be available by early August.

Poland

Telecommunications

A Definitional Mission is being funded by TDA to evaluate opportunities in Poland's telecom service sector.

Status: Telecommunications Management Group was selected to perform the mission. The final report is expected to be available by mid-July.

Slovenia

Environmental

A Definitional Mission to Slovenia was approved to assess possible project opportunities for TDA in the water and waste treatment sector.

Status: Millennium Science & Engineering, Inc. was selected to perform the mission. The final report is expected to be available by mid-July.

Turkey

* Telecommunications

Approval for a Desk Study has been granted by TDA to evaluate a request

from the Ministry of Transport and Communications for a study that will review the current state of the telecommunications sector and develop a regulatory framework in Turkey.

Status: Contractor selection for the Desk Study is in progress.

*** Agribusiness**

TDA will conduct a Definitional Mission to the Southeastern Anatolian region of Turkey to assess a phosphate mining and fertilizer production project.

Status: The Definitional Mission will be advertised on the DM Hotline when solicitation packages are available.

*** Latin America & the Caribbean**

Argentina

Transportation

Funding for a Definitional Mission has been approved by TDA to identify and evaluate prospective projects in the rail sector in Argentina and the Buenos Aires area and evaluate requests for feasibility study funding for the Southern Transandean Rail and the General Belgrano Rail project.

Status: ZECH-TECH Associates, Inc. was selected to perform the mission. A final report is expected to be available by mid-July.

Bolivia

Transportation

TDA has approved funding for a Definitional Mission to evaluate two railroad project feasibility study proposals that were submitted by the Bolivian Vice Ministry of Transportation.

Status: It is currently being competed on the DM Hotline. The closing date is July 7

Brazil

Energy and Power

TDA has approved funding for a Desk Study on a coal-fired power plant proposed by the Brazilian coal mining company Carbonifera Criciuma, in Santa Caterina State.

Status: TDA has selected Commonwealth Power Corporation to perform the Desk Study. A final report is expected to be available by mid-July.

Ports

As a result of TDA's orientation visit for Brazilian port officials and several requests for feasibility study funding, TDA has approved a Definitional Mission to Brazil to assess port project opportunities in the states of Parana, Pernambuco, and Salvador.

Status: Leonard Sugin was selected to perform the mission. A final report is expected to be available by mid-July.

Jamaica

Environmental

At the request of the Inter-American Development Bank, TDA has approved

funding for a Desk Study consultant to evaluate a proposal for a landfill site selection and solid waste management project in Jamaica.

Status: Bhate Environmental Associates, Inc. was selected to perform the study. A final report is expected to be available by mid-July.

Latin America Regional

Energy and Power

TDA has approved funding for a Definitional Mission to evaluate a request from ANCAP for a feasibility study on a refinery project in Uruguay and to identify prospective energy project in Argentina.

Status: Intratech, Inc. was selected to perform the mission. The final report is expected to be available by mid-August.

Mexico

* Ports

The objective of this Definitional Mission is to pursue additional information related to preliminary project leads in the port sector identified by TDA and to evaluate these projects for possible TDA funding action.

Status: It is currently being competed on the DM Hotline. The closing date is July 16.

Transportation

TDA approved funding for a Definitional Mission to evaluate transportation logistics projects, including intermodal facilities and projects using

intelligent transportation technologies.

Status: The competition was announced on the DM Hotline and closed July 1.

Contractor selection is underway.

Infrastructure

Funding for a Definitional Mission team to evaluate the INFORMED information management project and other medical infrastructure projects with IMSS has been approved.

Status: Stephen Dachi was awarded the contract to perform the

Definitional

Mission. The final report is expected to be available by mid-July.

Energy and Power

At the request of the Electricity Commission and the Light and Power Company of the Center in Mexico, TDA is funding a Definitional Mission to evaluate two power generation projects.

Status: Power Tech Associates was selected to conduct the mission. A final report is expected to be available by late June.

Panama

Transportation

TDA is funding a Definitional Mission to Panama to look at project opportunities relating to the operations of the Panama Canal.

Status: James R. McCarville was selected to perform the mission. A final report is expected to be available by late July.

Peru

* Energy and Power

Approval of funding for a Definitional Mission to evaluate electricity power projects for TDA support in Peru has been granted.

Status: It is currently being competed on the DM Hotline. The closing date is July 16.

Environmental

The Special Project for the National Water and Sewage Program within Peru's Ministry of the Presidency requested TDA funding for a Definitional Mission to evaluate opportunities in the water and wastewater sector.

Status: Environmental Engineering & Remediation, Inc. was selected to perform the mission. The final report is completed but will be temporarily restricted until mid-July.

Venezuela

Transportation

TDA has received several Venezuelan rail transportation proposals that collectively warrant investigation through a Definitional Mission to analyze possible TDA feasibility study opportunities in the surface transportation sector.

Status: TransTech Management was selected to perform the mission. A final report is expected to be available by mid-July.

* New Independent States (NIS)

Armenia

* Environmental

TDA approved funding for a Definitional Mission to evaluate new projects in the water/wastewater sector.

Status: Millennium Science & Engineering has been selected to do the Definitional Mission. The final report is expected to be available by late July.

Azerbaijan

Energy and Power

At the request of the President of Azerenerji JSC, Azerbaijan's national energy company, TDA is funding a Definitional Mission to evaluate the development of the Nakhichevan Autonomous Republic power system and identification of potential energy projects outside the Republic.

Status: Power Project Financing was selected to conduct the mission. A final report is expected to be available by mid-August.

Kazakstan

Computer Technology

At the request of the President of Kazaktelecom, TDA approved funding for a Definitional Mission to evaluate the development of the Kazakstani national integrated information system.

Status: Contractor selection is underway.

Ukraine

Infrastructure

TDA approved funding for a Definitional Mission to Kharkiv, Ukraine, to identify potential projects with selected commercial and industrial firms in Kharkiv, including Turboatom.

Status: Commonwealth Power Corporation was selected to conduct the mission. A final report is expected to be available by mid-July.

Completed Definitional Missions and Desk Studies

The following TDA-funded Definitional Mission and Desk Study reports recently have been received by TDA.

These reports contain information on the nature of the project; its priority to the host government; its likely total cost; the likelihood of project financing; the need for a feasibility study; the scope of work for the study; U.S. export potential; and the U.S. companies that could compete in procurement of goods and services for the project.

Many of the projects described in the final reports will be approved for a TDA-funded feasibility study. U.S. engineering and construction firms can use this information as a "heads up" on future feasibility study bidding opportunities, which will be announced in the Commerce Business Daily. Suppliers and manufacturers can use these reports for basic market information and to discover potential projects with sales

opportunities for their specific products.

These reports are available free of charge from the TDA library by calling (703) 875-4357. Note: items marked with an asterisk (*) are new listings for this section.

Philippines - Passport Automation System (DS)

A Desk Study that assessed whether or not TDA should fund a technical assistance package to the Department of Foreign Affairs for a machine-readable passport and visa project.

Country: Philippines
TDA No: 98-30035A
Prepared by: Global Technology Management, Inc.
Document Date: 6/5/98

Brazil - Industrial and Sludge Waste Projects (DM)

TDA funded a Definitional Mission to Brazil that investigated feasibility study proposals for an industrial waste management facility in the State of Pernambuco and a sludge treatment facility in the State of Rio de Janeiro.

Country: Brazil
TDA No: 98-50023A
Prepared by: ECODIT, Inc.
Document Date: 6/8/98

Latin America Regional - Geodetic Airport Survey (DS)

Funding to hire a Desk Study consultant to analyze a technical assistance request from the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission for a Latin

America regional geodetic airport survey was approved by TDA.

Country: Latin America Regional

TDA No: 98-50024A

Prepared by: Satnav Resource

Document Date: 4/1/98

Feasibility Study Opportunities Advertised in The Commerce Business Daily

The following is a listing of bidding opportunities for TDA-approved feasibility study funding. A grant has been signed directly with the foreign country project sponsor and is offered on the condition that a U.S. firm is contracted to conduct the study. The foreign country sponsor selects the American firm.

Foreign country project sponsors are accepting proposals from U.S. firms interested in undertaking these studies. Specifics on what is required by U.S. bidders can be found in the Commerce Business Daily (CBD), including the scope of work and the foreign contact overseeing the bidding process. (See back page of this publication for details on how to contact the CBD.)

Requests for the bid package can be faxed to TDA's Information Resource Center at (703) 875-4009. TDA cannot process requests for bid packages prior to publication in the CBD. Note: items marked with an asterisk (*) are new listings for this section.

* Latin America Regional - Geodetic Airport Surveys

The grantee, the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission, invites submission of qualifications and proposal data from interested U.S. firms which are qualified on the basis of experience and capability to execute FAA and ICAO-compliant airport surveys referenced to WGS-84 at numerous international airports in Latin America. The U.S. firm selected to perform the survey will be paid in U.S. dollars from a grant of \$195,000 to the Grantee from TDA. The overall budget for completing the technical assistance survey has been estimated by TDA to be \$285,000, and the remaining costs of \$90,000 necessary to complete the study will be contributed in-kind by the U.S. company selected to perform the technical assistance. In addition, it is anticipated that most local lodging expenses will be covered by each respective Civil Aviation Authority, and the cost of airline flights will be covered by U.S. air carriers. Among the primary tasks of the technical assistance project will be the following

fieldwork tasks: 1) establishing geodetic control stations on or near the airport; 2) determining the coordinates and elevation of thresholds and centerlines; 3) identifying and determining coordinates of airport obstructions; and 4) completing a planimetric survey including all additional items needed to produce an aerodrome chart and aerodrome obstacle chart. These tasks will be conducted at 19 principal airports, located in Argentina, Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Venezuela. Other countries within the region have recently completed, or are currently conducting, such surveys on their own.

TDA No: 98-50024B

TDA Grant: \$195,000

Est. U.S. Exports: \$46 million

Published: 6/29/98

Closing Date: 7/31/98

*** Venezuela - La Vultosa Hydroelectric (Phase I) Project**

The grantee, C.A. de Administraci3n y Fomento El3ctrico (CADAFE), a major Venezuelan electric utility, received a grant from TDA for a U.S. firm to develop the first phase of a feasibility study on the La Vultosa 480 MW hydroelectric project in Venezuela. Phase I of the project involves: 1) technical review and capital cost estimates; 2) analysis of electric load projections; 3) detailed review of the environmental impact assessment; 4) review and analysis of transmission and distribution system upgrade; 5) development of BOOT financial model; 6) development of BOOT financing strategy; and 7) bid process structuring. At the completion of Phase I, the feasibility study contractor will submit the Phase I final report to the grantee and TDA. TDA will then decide whether to make additional TDA grant funding available for a Phase II study.

TDA No: 98-50026B

TDA Grant: \$260,000

Est. U.S. Exports: \$65 million

Published: 6/30/98

Closing Date: 8/14/98

*** Egypt - Borg El-Arab Airport Conversion and Modernization**

A TDA grant was signed with the Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority to provide partial funding to develop a feasibility study for the expansion and modernization of the Borg El-Arab Airport near Alexandria, Egypt. Located just west of Alexandria, this military airport will replace the

existing civilian airport, Al-Nuzha, which sits downtown, only three miles from the harbor and four miles from the city's center. The project will enhance the prospects of the city and the region by: 1) removing the current restraints to the growth of air traffic; 2) vacating prime urban space for much-needed residential/commercial mixed-use development within Alexandria; 3) vitalizing an otherwise unutilized part of Alexandria in the direction of future growth to the west; 4) inducing growth in sectors of the economy that are directly affected by airport activity (e.g., tourism, cargo-dependent and service industries); and 5) alleviating negative environmental impacts associated with the existing airport site (e.g., traffic congestion, aircraft noise, emissions, etc.). The total cost for this study is estimated to be \$485,550. The remaining \$85,550 to complete the study will be borne by the U.S. firm selected. The objective of this project is to develop the permanent facilities required for the region's only commercial airport. Tasks examined will include data collection and facility inventory for both the existing Al-Nuzha airport and the Borg El-Arab military airport, air traffic forecasts, airspace plans, airbase/airport demand/capacity and current conditions analysis, airport requirements, airport conceptual planning, environmental overview, airport master plan and development program, schedule of airport development, and financial and economic analysis. The project will also include the recommendations for equipment and services to suit the determinations of the study.

TDA No: 98-10037A

TDA Grant: \$400,000

Est. U.S. Exports: \$30 million

Published: 7/6/98

Closing Date: 8/17/98

*** Morocco - Khouribga Co-Generation and Phosphate Drying Plant**

The grantee, Groupe Office Chérifien des Phosphates (OCP), received a grant from TDA and invite submission of qualifications and proposal data from interested U.S. firms which are qualified on the basis of experience and capability to develop a feasibility study for the installation of a unified co-generation power plant and phosphate drying facility in Khouribga, Morocco. The electrical power plant would supply both electrical energy and process heat for OCP's phosphate rock production plant in Morocco. Specific tasks will include the following: (1) review the operations of plants and mines at the Khouribga site to gather pertinent production and processing information, as well as data needed to provide a basis for the analysis of the project; (2) evaluate energy requirements for plants and mines and establish electricity prices; (3) develop purchasing plan for energy; (4) develop feasibility study plans and design basis; (5) prepare plant heat balances; (6) prepare preliminary plant layouts; (7) prepare equipment lists and preliminary specifications; (8) conduct technical and economic studies; (9) develop conceptual design documents; (10) develop capital costs and investment requirements; (11) perform financial and risk analysis; (12) evaluate management plan for plant maintenance; and (13) prepare and submit final feasibility study report.

TDA No: 98-10052A

TDA Grant: \$252,000

Est. U.S. Exports: \$12 million

Published: 7/7/98

Closing Date: 8/17/98

Argentina - Technical Analysis of 24 Airports

The grantee, Organismo Regulador del Sistema Nacional de Aeropuertos (ORSNA), received a technical assistance grant from TDA for a U.S. firm to determine the critical needs and capital improvement plan for the 24 airports in Argentina that are outside the scope of the concession contract awarded to Aeropuertos Argentina 2000. The focus of the assessment is to identify improvements to meet existing needs and the criteria of ICAO. Forecasting for future activities would not be included. Specific tasks include: 1) create a checklist of information to comprise a standardized inventory for the airports, including the documentation of existing facilities, condition of facilities, and analysis of needs based on Argentine regulations and ICAO standards; 2) provide an inventory of the 24 airports that contains the required information for each airport; 3) assess and prioritize the needs at the 24 airports based on meeting existing demand and in conformance with Argentine regulations and ICAO standards; 4) provide detailed criteria for consideration as well as a priority system that can be systematically applied to the remaining airport system; 5) based on the individual needs for each airport, develop a comprehensive capital improvement plan with investment requirements and prioritize the specific improvements in descending priority for the 24 airports; and 6) provide a summary report documenting the information developed.

TDA No: 98-50017D

TDA Grant: \$288,000

Published: 6/15/98

Closing Date: 7/15/98 (Date changed from 7/6/98)

Argentina - Strategic Planning Consultancy for the Regulatory Body for the National Airport System

TDA is providing funding to the Argentine Government to enable Organismo Regulador del Sistema Nacional de Aeropuertos (ORSNA) to contract with a U.S. company/individual to provide technical assistance, including the development of a strategic plan for the recently-established regulatory body for Argentina's National Airport System for ORSNA. The consultant will specifically develop draft documents for ORSNA in the following areas:

1) organizational structure, authority, functions, mission, and proposed modifications that would assist ORSNA to better achieve its objectives; liaison and/or coordination with la Fuerza Aerea Argentina and the Concessionaire; 2) management staffing plan; 3) establish the basis and criteria for calculating the rates and charges for the tariffs for the airports; 4) development of regulations for the evaluation of airports standards, quality of services, and compliance to guidelines; and 5) assist

ORSNA in detailing the mechanisms and procedures related to the airport users.

TDA No: 98-50017C

TDA Grant: \$442,000

Published: 6/15/98

Closing Date: 7/15/98 (Date changed from 7/8/98)

Brazil - Seival Coal Mine

TDA, at the request of Copelmi Mineracao S.A., provided funding for a U.S. firm to develop a feasibility study on the Seival coal mine in Rio Grande

do Sul, Brazil. Firms that are experienced in mine engineering and design with respect to surface coal mining, and which will commit specific experienced personnel to work on the project with Copelmi, will be preferred. The total cost of the study is set at \$700,000. The U.S. firm selected will be paid in part from a \$140,000 grant to the Grantee from TDA with the balance \$560,000 being paid by the Grantee itself. Specific tasks will include the following: 1) independent confirmation of coal resource estimates to include geologic data from existing and planned coreholes; 2) assist in the analysis of mining methods and the development of a mine plan; 3) assist Copelmi with equipment definition in order to determine the most appropriate equipment fleet for the mine; 4) prepare coal processing studies for defining the optimum technique that delivers quality end coal product to a proposed power plant; and 5) prepare cost engineering and economic analyses for inclusion in a bankable feasibility study report.

TDA No: 98-50046A

TDA Grant: \$140,000

Est. U.S. Exports: \$20 million

Published: 6/2/98

Closing Date: 7/10/98 (Date will be extended)

Note: The grantee has requested modifications to the terms of reference and, therefore, also requested an extension of the deadline of submission of proposals. It is expected that the new deadline for submission will be July 28, 1998. Next week, TDA will publish an announcement in the CBD to officially notify U.S. firms of the new deadline and the modified terms of reference.

Brazil - Continuous Miner Technology

The Santa Catarina Coal Producers Association (SIECESC), a consortium of major Brazilian coal producers, received a grant from TDA for a U.S. firm to conduct a technical assistance consultancy on the use of continuous miner technology in the Brazilian coal industry. A pilot mine will be used located near the city of Crici ma in the State of Santa Catarina, Brazil. Firms that are experienced in continuous miner technology with respect to underground coal mining, and which will commit specific experienced personnel to work on the project with SIECESC, will be preferred. Specific tasks will include the following: 1) assist in the modification of the existing mine design at the Fontanella pilot coal mine to reflect the use of continuous miner technology on the Bonito seam; 2) assist the mine's Operations Manager in defining the operational and performance parameters of a continuous miner with respect to mining the Bonito seam; 3) assist the mine managers in developing and quantifying operation and maintenance cost schedules for the continuous miner at the Bonita seam for budgeting purposes; and 4) assist the mine managers in understanding and quantifying the cost reductions that are directly attributable to the use of a continuous miner.

TDA No: 98-50038A

TDA Grant: \$87,000

Est. U.S. Exports: \$20 million

Published: 6/8/98

Closing Date: 7/17/98

Europe Regional - Balkans Regional Aviation Sector

TDA wishes to announce an opportunity for a small business to bid on a

Competitive Total Set-Aside for the Balkans Regional Aviation Definitional Mission (DM). This DM will visit Tirana, Albania; Sofia, Bulgaria; and Strumica, FYR Macedonia to examine potential aviation and airport projects. During a recent visit of transportation officials from Albania and Macedonia, a project proposal for linkages in regional air traffic control (ATC) systems was jointly suggested. The Deputy Ministers requested that TDA examine how to improve the air connectivity of the three Corridor countries. Among the other airport/aviation projects presented by officials from the SBDI countries are the following: Sofia International Airport Passenger and Cargo Terminal Projects; Rinas (Tirana) International Airport Passenger Terminal Project; Burgas Airport Cargo Terminal Project; and Strumica Airport Regional Cargo Terminal Project. Many of the projects would likely be developed on a BOT-basis. The aviation infrastructure in the South Balkan countries is not sufficient to meet the demand of their developing economies. Passenger facilities in the larger cities are lacking, especially when compared with the increasing passenger flows. Cargo facilities are virtually non-existent and air traffic control systems are out-dated. Passenger and cargo flights between the three corridor countries are relatively infrequent. The Request for Proposal (RFP) will be issued on/about (15) fifteen days after the publication date of this synopsis. Because of the urgency of this request, the closing date for receipt of proposals will be twenty-one (21) days thereafter. Only written requests for the RFP that indicate the company's size will be honored. U.S. eligible small businesses interested in receiving the RFP should send a fax or a letter by U.S. mail requesting it to:

Contact: Della Glenn

Contracts Unit

USTDA

1621 N. Kent Street, Suite 300

Arlington, VA 22209-2131

Fax: (703) 875-4009

Published: 6/05/98

Closing Date: 7/13/98

Notice of U.S. Firms Selected for Feasibility Studies

The following U.S. firms have been selected by the foreign country project sponsor to perform TDA-funded feasibility studies.

Suppliers and manufacturers can contact these firms as the study is underway to ensure they understand the relevance of their products to a specific project. Note: items marked with an asterisk (*) are new listings for this section.

* Senegal - Chemical Plants Expansion and Upgrade (FS)

TDA provided a grant to Industries Chimiques du Senegal (ICS), which is the former parastatal responsible for minerals beneficiation and chemical production, for a U.S. firm to develop a feasibility study to examine the technical, financial, environmental, and other critical aspects for the enhancement of existing operations at the Darou Chemical Plant and expansion of diammonium phosphate production capacity at the M'Bao phosphate plant. The terms of reference for this project represent activities at two different sites, both of which are owned by ICS and require similar skills and capabilities. Specific tasks to be completed at

the Darou project consist of the following: 1) evaluate available treatment

options and analyze the application of each treatment system to the product and production facility at ICS; 2) investigate and make recommendations on water balance improvement and water usage reduction, conservation, and recycle systems; and 3) analyze and develop techniques for sludge reduction

from merchant grade phosphoric acid production. Specific tasks to be completed at the M'Bao plant consist of the following: 1) examine the existing plant and design a modification program to maximize economically feasible production; 2) specify a modification process; 3) perform an economic analysis; and 4) prepare a final report with recommendations, equipment specifications, and cost/benefit analysis.

TDA No: 98-10022A

TDA Grant: \$298,000

Est. Project Cost: \$39 million

Est. U.S. Exports: \$23 million

Est. Start Date: 6/30/98

Est. Completion Date: 11/30/98

Contact: Dan Gaa

Director

Jacobs Engineering, Inc.

(941) 665-1511

* Malaysia - KTMB Railway Modernization (FS)

TDA, at the request of the Keretapi Tanah Melayu Berhad (KTMB), provided funding for a feasibility study on the proposed railway modernization

project in Malaysia. KTMB seeks assistance in three areas: 1) locomotive availability, improvement of locomotive availability and a design for a new workshop for locomotives and other equipment; 2) signal, communications, and dispatch system improvements and use of the improvements to increase system capacity and reduce operating expenses; and 3) intermodal business development. The result of the feasibility study will be a set of plans which, when implemented, will create the following outcomes: 1) the backlog of locomotives currently in the main shop will be cleared; locomotive availability will reach 80% to 90%; maintenance of locomotives, EMUs, wagons and coaches will be professionally managed by, or outsourced to, a qualified equipment maintenance contractor; and a new shop will be built; 2) KTMB will have an internal communications network created by linking the company to the fiber optic network installed along its right-of-way; powered switches will be installed where they do not now exist; a modified form of train control using the new internal communications network will be in place in areas such as between Rawang and Ipoh where capacity has been reached and, as a result, system capacity will be increased; and opportunities to reduce operating expenses because of the availability of the new communications network will have been identified and implemented; and 3) intermodal business will have dramatically increased primarily through large increases in container business to and from Port Klang; KTMB will have an excellent container service offering; good container terminal facilities will have been designed and constructed; container car supply will be adequate; and hardware and software systems will be in place to manage container operations.

TDA No: 98-30028A

TDA Grant: \$500,000

Est. Project Cost: \$125 million

Est. U.S. Exports: \$72 million

Est. Start Date: 6/12/98

Est. Completion Date: 12/31/98

Contact: John Bergerson

Senior Vice President

ICF Kaiser Engineers, Inc.

(510) 419-6000

*** Venezuela - La Electricidad de Caracas El Sitio Combined Cycle Power Plant (FS)**

The grantee, La Electricidad de Caracas, received a grant from TDA and invited submission of qualifications and proposal data from interested U.S. firms which are qualified on the basis of experience and capability to develop a feasibility study of the "El Sitio" Combined Cycle Power Plant in Venezuela. The plant will be located on land at the Hacienda El Sitio, in the vicinity of the urban center Santa Lucía, Paz Castillo municipality, State of Miranda. The site is about 40 kilometers south of Caracas, near the 230 kV transmission line Santa Teresa - Convento and the Santa Lucía - Petare highway. A natural gas trunk pipeline is about 20 kilometers from this site. The project will be developed in six phases. Since there is abundant and cheap natural gas, the plant will be built first as simple cycle gas turbine generator units which require lower investment. At a later date when gas prices have increased, conversion to combined cycle will be made to take advantage of the waste heat and improve overall fuel use by increased cycle efficiency. The feasibility study will include a site visit and data collection; a review of the supply and demand for

electricity to determine the need and timing for the plant; a conceptual design of the plant; preparation of capital and operating cost estimates; an assessment of risks and means to mitigate them; preparation of a report; preparation of technical specifications for the simple cycle phases of the plant development; and at TDA's option, participation in a briefing for potential US suppliers of goods and services for the project. All portions of the study should address the phased development plan for the project.

TDA No: 98-50006A

TDA Grant: \$385,000

Est. Project Cost: \$130 million

Est. U.S. Exports: \$74 million

Est. Start Date: 6/26/98

Est. Completion Date: 4/30/99

Contact: Steve Garrett

Black & Veatch Int'l Corporation

(913) 458-2000

*** Turkey - DSI Water Infrastructure GIS (FS)**

TDA, at the request of the General Directorate of State Water Works (DSI), provided funding for a feasibility study on a geographic information system (GIS). DSI is the state water agency responsible for planning and implementing all water, irrigation, and hydropower projects in Turkey. DSI is currently planning to implement a GIS system that will collect and store data on DSI's reservoirs, dams, transmission systems and treatment plants across the country. The scope of work for this feasibility study will cover the following tasks: 1) needs assessment; 2) data and applications identification; 3) database map definition; 4) technological assessment; 5)

organizational assessment; 6) implementation strategy; 7) selecting GIS software, hardware, and communications; 8) schedule; 9) financial analysis; 10) develop a pilot project; 11) terms of reference for project implementation; and 12) preparing the feasibility study report.

TDA No: 97-752A

TDA Grant: \$195,000

Est. Project Cost: \$19 million

Est. U.S. Exports: \$11 million

Est. Start Date: 6/30/98

Est. Completion Date: 12/31/98

Contact: Sheron Bealer

Contact Manager

Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc.

(909) 793-2853

Brazil - Petroflex Rubber Factory Combined Cycle Power Plant (FS)

Petroflex Industria e Comercio S.A. received a grant for partial funding from TDA for a feasibility study on a combined cycle power plant project at the Petroflex rubber factory near Recife, Brazil. Total study costs are \$280,000, of which the U.S. sponsor, Wellhead Electric Company, Inc., would cost-share the remaining \$140,000 to complete the study. The overall terms of reference for the project are to develop a bankable feasibility study and financing plan for a power plant of either 50 MW or 100 MW nominal output supplying electrical power and steam to the Petroflex factory in Cabo, Pernambuco State, Brazil, and supplying surplus electrical power to either or both the state, Companhia Energetica de Pernambuco or the federal power agency Companhia Hidro Electrica Do Dao Francisco. The detailed

terms of reference will include: Petroflex factory energy analysis; design concept; electrical systems studies; environmental impact study; land, fuel, steam, and power purchase agreements; capital cost estimate; operating cost study; economical and financial evaluation; financing memorandum; and a final report.

TDA No: 97-50068B

TDA Grant: \$140,000

Est. Project Cost: \$37 million

Est. U.S. Exports: \$24 million

Est. Start Date: 12/15/97

Est. Completion Date: 12/31/99

Contact: Kevin C. Smith

Int'l Business Dev'l Manager

Wellhead Electric Company, Inc.

(916) 447-5171

Bosnia & Herzegovina - Leasing Joint-Venture Company (FS)

BH Leasing Company of Delaware was selected to perform a partially TDA-funded feasibility study on the establishment of a joint-venture leasing company in Bosnia & Herzegovina (BiH) for Unioninvest. The overall budget for completing the feasibility study has been estimated by TDA to be \$231,640, and the remaining costs of \$61,106 necessary to complete the study will be contributed in-kind by BH Leasing Company. The scope of work will contain the following tasks: market survey and needs agreement; survey of equipment needs for IFI projects; interview of key decision makers in project implementation units of the World Bank, IFC, other financing institutions; project and customer identification; project and

equipment profiling; equipment specification; U.S. vendor identification and potential competition; assessment of U.S. vendors; determine legal structures for operations in BiH; determine size, organization, locations and capacity of leasing company; equipment maintenance and distribution plan; financing options; political risk coverage options/casualty insurance/default recourse; environmental impact; and prepare a final report.

TDA No: 98-70002B

TDA Grant: \$170,534

Est. U.S. Exports: \$50-\$100 million

Est. Start Date: 5/29/98

Est. Completion Date: 9/30/98

Contact: Sheikh Rahman

Managing Partner

BH Leasing Company

(703) 660-8565

Turkey - Diyarbakir Water-Loss Management Project (FS)

A TDA grant was signed with the Turkish Undersecretariat of Treasury on behalf of the Municipality of Diyarbakir for partial funding for a feasibility study on a water-loss management project. Harza Engineering Company International LP will cost-share the remaining \$192,750 in costs for the \$385,500 study. The objectives of the City of Diyarbakir DISKI water loss reduction and water distribution extension feasibility study proposed herein are to: review the design, prepare a phased construction plan, and accelerate the construction, of the water distribution system; prepare analyses, prepare a water loss master plan, and determine economic

benefits of the master plan for the Diyarbakir water distribution system; evaluate commercialization needs; and determine the modifications needs for, and prepare corrections to, water system standards based upon the causes of water loss. In order to accomplish these objectives, the following five tasks will be performed: 1) preliminary activities; 2) accelerate water piping construction; 3) water loss and commercialization; 4) environmental impact assessment; and 5) report preparation.

TDA No: 98-70018B

TDA Grant: \$192,750

Est. Project Cost: \$80 million

Est. U.S. Exports: \$36 million

Est. Start Date: 5/22/98

Est. Completion Date: 6/1/99

Contact: John Velon

Harza Engineering Company Int'l LP

(312) 831-3000

Russia - Oil Spill Prevention Association (FS)

At the request of the Ministry of Fuel and Energy of Russia, TDA provided partial funding for the U.S. firm, OMS Environmental Corporation (OMS), to conduct a feasibility study to develop an oil spill prevention and remediation association in Russia, which would provide a coordinated response to an oil spill, with pre-positioned cleanup equipment at various sites. The total cost for this study is estimated to be \$681,191. OMS will cost-share \$331,191 to complete the study. The terms of reference for the feasibility study will include: establishing government and industry organizations; presenting project descriptions to joint committees;

administering questionnaire and conduct surveys; reassessment of the feasibility study; report writing and presentation, bidding preparation; and oil spill prevention association implementation.

TDA No: 98-80020B

TDA Grant: \$350,000

Est. U.S. Exports: \$375 million

Est. Start Date: 6/3/98

Est. Completion Date: 5/31/99

Contact: Patrick Brady

President

OMS Environmental Corporation

(407) 777-3830

Other Activities

The following other activities (Technical Assistance Studies, Training, or Technical Symposia) are underway or recently completed and provide contacts on good project prospects to further assist U.S. firms in their pursuit of specific procurement opportunities. Note: items marked with an asterisk (*) are new listings for this section.

* Mexico - Veracruz Rail-Port Integration Project (TA)

TDA agreed to partially fund a technical assistance package to the grantee, Administracion Portuaria Integral de Veracruz, for the U.S. firm, Kingsley Group, Inc., to evaluate alternatives for the optimization of rail operations at the Port of Veracruz, in particular in the context of rail privatization. The total cost for the study is estimated at \$30,000. The

grantee shall provide the additional \$6,000 funding necessary for the study. The scope of work will include the following tasks: interviews; inspection of facilities; data collection; analysis and evaluation of information; developing alternatives; and preparing a final report.

TDA No: 98-50030A

TDA Grant: \$24,000

Est. U.S. Exports: \$13 million

Est. Start Date: 4/16/98

Est. Completion Date: 6/30/98

Contact: H. Declan Brown

Partner

Kingsley Group, Inc.

(415) 291-9395

Philippines - Land Titling Computerization (TA)

TDA, at the request of the Administrator of the Land Registration

Authority, provided funding for a technical assistance package for the land

titling computerization project in the Philippines. The objective of the

project is to preserve the integrity and stability of land ownership

through accurate, efficient, secure, and highly reliable registration of

lands. Specifically, it aims to achieve the following objectives: land

titling processes that are more reliable; enhanced integrity of land

titles; faster service delivery; accurate land information; preservation of

land records; and new client/customer services and products. The scope of

work for the technical assistance will include: 1) functional

specifications of the total information system requirement at the Registry

of Deeds level (land title office) with emphasis on integrating document

imaging/electronic workflow in land registration transaction processing; 2) functional specifications of the total information system requirement at the Central Office addressing transaction processing in original titling both in ordinary and cadastral proceedings, with emphasis on document imaging/electronic workflow and automated parcel plotting geared towards land information system development; 3) hardware/network configuration requirements for establishing a nationwide network of land title offices; 4) benchmarking methodology for 1) & 2), excluding automated parcel mapping for no. 2); and 5) assistance in developing the RFP and evaluation criteria.

TDA No: 98-30019B

TDA Grant: \$236,000

Est. Project Cost: \$81 million

Est. U.S. Exports: \$33 million

Est. Start Date: 6/8/98

Est. Completion Date: 11/1/99

Contact: Dr. Lynnette Wood

Associates in Rural Development, Inc.

(802) 658-3890

Completed TDA-Funded Feasibility Studies

When U.S. engineering firms conduct TDA-funded studies, recommendations and specifications can be written to American codes and standards. The result: U.S. suppliers stand an increased chance of winning the implementation contracts that follow.

Completed feasibility studies contain the detailed data used to determine whether to proceed with the implementation of a project and if so, how best to proceed. These project plans contain essential information for investors, developers, and providers of goods and services expanding their export market. Studies are often hundreds of pages in length. They typically include contact information, technical data, financial information, market studies, and procurement plans, including the advice that was offered to foreign country sponsors about U.S. equipment and services that meet project requirements.

Upon review of the completed feasibility study, suppliers and manufacturers can contact the U.S. contractor and/or the project sponsor to market specific products and services.

The following studies have been recently completed. They can be reviewed at TDA's library or purchased through the National Technical Information Services (NTIS). (For NTIS contact information, see the back page of this publication.) Note: items marked with a asterisk (*) are new listings for this section.

Jordan - Aqaba Hazardous Waste Management (FS)

This partially TDA-funded feasibility study evaluated a private sector hazardous waste management project in Aqaba, Jordan.

Country: Jordan

TDA No: 96-103B

Prepared by: EBA Wastechologies

Document Date: 7/1/97

Est. U.S. Exports: \$18 million

"Aqaba Hazardous Waste Management"

NTIS No.: PB98-143621

Mozambique - Alto Malema Hydroelectric Plant (FS)

Duke Engineering & Services conducted a partially-funded TDA feasibility study on the development of the Alto Malema hydropower plant (60 MW).

Country: Mozambique

TDA No: 96-002B

Prepared by: Duke Engineering & Services

Document Date: 7/1/97

Est. U.S. Exports: \$36.55 million

"Alto Malema Hydroelectric Project: Executive Summary for Pre-Feasibility Study Including Environmental Screening Assessment"

NTIS No.: PB98-143639

"Alto Malema Hydroelectric Project: Terms of Reference for Feasibility Study Including Environmental Impact Statement"

NTIS No.: PB98-143647

"Alto Malema Hydroelectric Project: Technical Report for Pre-Feasibility Study Including Environmental Screening Statement"

NTIS No.: PB98-143654

"Alto Malema Hydroelectric Project: Technical Drawings for Pre-Feasibility

Study"

Note: Report contains oversized drawings that cannot be reproduced at NTIS. They are available for viewing at TDA's library.

Thailand - U-Taphao Airport Improvement (FS)

The purpose for this TDA-funded feasibility study was to aid in the conversion of the facility, U-Tapao airport, the former naval base in Rayong Province, from strictly military operations to a civilian/military joint use facility.

Country: Thailand
TDA No: 96-316C
Prepared by: TAMS Consultants, Inc.
Document Date: 1/1/98
Est. U.S. Exports: \$200 million

"Global Transpark at U-Taphao Airport: Volume I - Business Plan"

NTIS No.: PB98-143753

"Global Transpark at U-Taphao Airport: Volume II - Implementation Plan"

NTIS No.: PB98-143761

"Global Transpark at U-Taphao Airport: Executive Summary of the Master Plan"

NTIS No.: PB98-143779

Chile - Santiago Commuter Train System (FS)

At the request of the Suburban Train Company and its parent company, the

Chilean State Railroad Company, TDA-funded a feasibility study that would serve as a systems integration and implementation plan for a commuter train system operating in the suburbs of Santiago, Chile.

Country: Chile
TDA No: 96-519B
Prepared by: Parsons Brinckerhoff International
Document Date: 1/28/98
Est. U.S. Exports: \$90-\$131 million

"Santiago Commuter Rail Study"

NTIS No.: PB98-143738

Peru - Yura Cement Plant Expansion (FS)

TDA partially funded a feasibility study for Yura, S.A., a private Peruvian cement company, to implement their proposed plant expansion project.

Country: Peru
TDA No: 96-549B
Prepared by: Penta Engineering Corporation
Document Date: 2/1/98
Est. U.S. Exports: \$45-\$60 million

"Plant Expansion (for Kiln 2 Expansion Project): Executive Summary"

NTIS No.: PB98-132145

"Plant Expansion (Kiln 3 Expansion Project): Volume I"

NTIS No.: PB98-132152

"Plant Expansion: Volume III"

NTIS No.: PB98-132178

"Plant Expansion: Volume IV"

NTIS No.: PB98-132160

"Plant Expansion: Volume VI"

NTIS No.: PB98-132186

Venezuela - Guasare Coalfield Mine Expansion (FS)

Partial funding was provided by TDA to evaluate the expansion of the Socuy and Paso Diablo coalfields located in the state of Zulia.

Country: Venezuela

TDA No: 96-536B

Prepared by: Morrison Knudsen Corporation

Document Date: 6/1/97

Est. U.S. Exports: \$154 million

"Socuy Coal Mine: Phase I - Engineering Services (Volume I)"

NTIS No.: PB98-132194

"Socuy Coal Mine: Phase I - Engineering Services Exhibits (Volume IIA)"

Note: Volume IIA contains exhibits that cannot be reproduced, but are available for viewing at TDA's library.

"Socuy Coal Mine: Phase I - Engineering Services Exhibits (Volume IIB)"

Note: Volume IIB contains exhibits that cannot be reproduced, but are

available for viewing at TDA's library.

Europe Regional - SBDI South Balkan East-West Corridor (FS)

This partially TDA-funded feasibility study on the economic viability of the South Balkan east-west corridor was conducted by Bechtel.

Country: Europe Regional
TDA No: 96-729A
Prepared by: Bechtel International, Inc.
Document Date: 4/1/98
Est. U.S. Exports: \$7.4 million

"East-West Transport Corridor: Phase I, Volume I - Existing

Characteristics"

NTIS No.: PB98-143787

"East-West Transport Corridor: Phase I, Volume II - Development Plans"

NTIS No.: PB98-143795

TDA-Assisted Multilateral Development Bank (MDB) Funded Projects

TDA provides support to Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) such as the World Bank, the African Development Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), and others. This broadens our ability to identify projects with viable export potential for U.S. firms.

The following projects are at the appraisal and loan preparation stage.

Contacts are provided on good project prospects to further assist U.S.

firms in their pursuit of specific procurement opportunities. Note: items marked with a asterisk (*) are new listings for this section.

MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS (MDBs)

World Bank	(202) 458-0110
International Finance Corporation (IFC)	(202) 458-0110
Inter-American Investment Corporation	(202) 623-3900
Inter-American Development Bank	(202) 623-1000
African Development Bank, Abidjan	225-33-14-34
European Bank for Reconstruction & Development (EBRD)	44-171-338-6503

Argentina - Desler, S.A. Industrial Waste Facility (TA)

At the request of the Inter-American Investment Corporation, TDA approved funding from its Evergreen Trust Fund at the Bank to hire Dames & Moore for technical assistance in the appraisal of the proposed Desler, S.A.

industrial waste project in Argentina. The objective of the project is to offer industrial and medical waste treatment and disposal services to companies operating in Argentina and as such will have a net positive impact. The technical assistance scope of work will include the following:

- 1) review and determine adequacy of corporate strategy; 2) review and determine the adequacy of company's operations (design, capacity, and process); 3) review and determine the adequacy of management and labor and project implementation; 4) review and determine the adequacy of the environmental, occupational health and safety compliance; 5) review and determine the adequacy of the capital cost and operating cost projections;
- 6) review and determine the adequacy of the marketing strategy; 7)

identify

project and company risks, and indicate possible measures to mitigate risk;
and 8) prepare a final report.

TDA No: 98-50055B

TDA Grant: \$68,000

Bank Contact: Philip A. James

Inter-American Investment Corporation

(202) 623-3925

Consultant: Julian Rueda

Dames & Moore

(847) 228-0707

Upcoming Orientation Visits

TDA sponsors visits to the United States by foreign officials and procurement and technical specialists who are interested in procuring American goods and services for specific projects. These reverse trade missions are called "orientation visits" (or "OVs") since they orient industry officials from foreign countries to American technology and capabilities. U.S. suppliers and manufacturers who participate in OVs are given the unique opportunity to showcase their products and expertise and at the same time make valuable international contacts.

Upcoming OVs are listed on the attached TDA Calendar and questions regarding a specific visit should be directed to the listed contact.

Through a competitive bidding process, TDA contracts with a group of outside firms and organizations to coordinate the itinerary and

arrangements for individual visits. The pool of contractors is as follows:

CONFERENCE AND ORIENTATION VISIT CONTRACTORS

Agland Investment Services, Inc.	Alexis
International, Inc.	
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Suite 240	Suite 304
Larkspur, CA 94939	Washington, DC 20006
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Project Manager	President & General Counsel
(415) 461-5820	(202) 508-3890
fax: (415) 461-6803	fax: (202) 364-3229
email: agland@aglandinvest.com	email: alexisint@aol.com
website: www.aglandinvest.com	

APCO TRADEC	CG/LA Infrastructure
1904 Third Avenue	1835 K Street NW.
Suite 405	Suite 805
Seattle, WA 98101	Washington, DC 20006
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Project Manager	Managing Director
(206) 224-4340	(202) 776-0990
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website: www.apcoassoc.com	website: www.laic.com

Chemonics International, Inc.

1133 20th Street, NW.

Suite 600

Washington, DC 20036

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Contract Manager

(202) 955-3467

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email: bcomer@chemonics.com

website: www.chemonics.com

Computer Frontiers, Inc.

20929 Tewkesbury Terrace

Germantown, MD 20876

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Hunt Valley, MD 21031

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(410) 527-2425

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website: www.eaest.com

ICF Kaiser Int'l, inc.

9300 Lee Highway

Fairfax, VA 22031-1207

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Director, Business Dev'l

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(703) 506-9600

fax: (202) 429-9574

fax: (703) 506-4646

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Louis Berger International, Inc.

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1819 H Street NW., Suite 900

1624 Crescent Place NW.

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website: www.meridian.org

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Midland Standard, Inc.

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275-277 Forest Avenue

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7918 Jones Branch Drive 8550 Arlington Blvd.
Suite 500 Fairfax, VA 22031
McLean, VA 22102 Ms. Alynne Landers
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Manager International (703) 560-9477 ext. 291
(703) 761-4100 fax: (703) 573-9026
fax: (703) 761-4105 email: alynne_landers@soza.com
website: www.soza.com

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Rockville, MD 20852 Washington, DC 20007
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Upcoming Conferences

Attending TDA-sponsored conferences is another way U.S. suppliers can make their products known to foreign procurement officials. TDA conferences bring together U.S. engineers, developers, financiers, and suppliers. They are geared to providing details on major multi-million dollar project opportunities in specific regions of the world, typically covering one or more industry sectors. Some also focus on the results of recently completed TDA-funded feasibility studies.

The attached TDA Calendar lists upcoming conferences. Questions regarding a specific conference can be directed to the contact listed or to TDA.

Russia World Bank Energy Efficiency Orientation Visit - Ten Russian

officials will travel to the U.S. to meet with manufacturers of metering equipment and energy efficiency retrofits.

June 29-July 10, 1998

Minneapolis, MN; Milwaukee, WI; Chicago, IL; Columbia, SC; Buffalo, NY; New York, NY

JoAnne Dixon

Institute of International Education

(202) 326-7706

Note: A business briefing will be held on July 9 in Columbia, SC from

8:30-5:00 pm at:

University of South Carolina

Daniel Mgt. Center

Columbia, SC

Budapest Metro Orientation Visit - Five Hungarian officials involved in the Budapest Metro expansion project will visit metro systems in the U.S. and meet with U.S. suppliers of transportation services and equipment.

July 13-22, 1998

Washington, DC; Baltimore, MD; Atlanta, GA; Los Angeles, CA; San Francisco, CA

David Elliott

Koeppen, Elliott & Associates

(202) 429-5245

Note: A business briefing will be held on July 14 in Washington, DC from

8:15-4:00 pm at:

L'Enfant Plaza Hotel

480 L'Enfant Plaza SW.

Washington, DC

©Bosnia & Herzegovina Environmental Officials Orientation Visit - Five delegates presenting BOT water/waste projects in Bosnia will travel to the U.S. to meet with potential suppliers and investors.

July 20-27, 1998 (Tentative Dates)

Washington, DC; New York, NY; Los Angeles, CA

Hannelore Starr

Meridian International Center

(202) 939-5571

Brazil Rail Maintenance Officials Orientation Visit - The purpose of this orientation visit is to expose Brazilian railroad officials to the latest U.S. technologies relating to railroad maintenance.

July 20-31, 1998

Jacksonville, FL; Philadelphia, PA; Cherry Hill, NJ; Chicago, IL

(Tentative)

Lynn Harmon

Transportation & Economic Research, Inc.

(703) 860-3467

Note: A business briefing will be held in Chicago, IL.

*Thailand Information Technology (IT) Banking Orientation Visit - Ten representatives from Thailand's banking sector will visit the U.S. and meet

with U.S. medium sized banks, IT equipment and software providers, and IT integrators.

Early August 1998

To Be Determined

Richard Abizaid

U.S. Trade & Development Agency

(703) 875-4357

1998 Americas Conference on Aviation - In cooperation with the FAA, the Miami International Airport, and the Air Traffic Control Association, TDA is proud to participate in the 1998 Americas' Conference on Aviation, to be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Miami, Florida. This conference will focus on "Improving Safety Through Systems Integration and Training," and will feature speakers from aviation authorities, the user community (airlines, pilots, aviation associations), and U.S. industry. In addition,

TDA is helping to bring together more than 130 senior aviation officials from foreign civil aviation authorities and major airlines from Latin America and the Caribbean. TDA will present a special report identifying several major aviation projects in the region, and invite the foreign project sponsors to discuss their modernization plans at the conference.

August 31-September 3, 1998

Miami, FL

Bunny Schreiber

Miami-Dade County Aviation Department

(305) 876-0173

Argentine Multi Province Irrigation Projects Orientation Visit - The purpose of this orientation visit is to introduce Argentine provincial officials to U.S. suppliers of irrigation equipment.

August/September 1998

To Be Determined

Anne McKinney

U.S. Trade & Development Agency

(703) 875-4357

Argentina Forestry Sector Orientation Visit - Argentine government officials and representatives of private companies will travel to the U.S. to present opportunities in the forestry and wood processing industries.

August/September 1998

To Be Determined

Anne McKinney

U.S. Trade & Development Agency

(703) 875-4357

*Venezuela PDVSA Outsourcing Seminar - TDA will host a seminar on outsourcing opportunities for officials from the Petroleos de Venezuela S.A. (PDVSA). PDVSA will present project opportunities to U.S. companies and participate in one-on-one meetings. A mini-project profile book describing each project and implementation timelines will also be developed.

Late Summer/Early Fall

Houston, TX (Tentatively)

Nathan Younge

U.S. Trade & Development Agency

(703) 875-4357

©Railroad Express Worldwide Rail Opportunities Symposium/Orientation Visit

- In conjunction with the Rail Supply Association's (RSA) Annual Convention in Chicago, TDA is organizing the "Railroad Express" Symposium. This event will highlight 60 of the most lucrative railroad opportunities around the world that offer potential business for U.S. equipment manufacturers, suppliers, engineering and consulting companies and investors.

Approximately 50 foreign project sponsors will participate and will come from Angola, Ghana, Kenya, Namibia, South Africa, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Bulgaria, FYR Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Turkey, Argentina, Brazil, India, Kazakstan, Russia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan. In addition, the foreign delegates will participate in an orientation visit, including a stop in Omaha.

September 21-23, 1998

Chicago, IL; Omaha, NE

Lynn Harmon

TERA, Inc.

(703) 860-3467

Africa Regional Forestry and Downstream Industries Orientation Visit -

Representatives of Sub-Saharan African forestry, hardwood timber processing, and pulp/paper opportunities will travel to a number of states on the east and west coast to conduct a series of site visits and meetings with U.S. companies.

September 1998

To Be Determined

J. Michael Newell

U.S. Trade & Development Agency

(703) 875-4357

Egyptian Privatization Conference - With the support of the Agency for International Development, TDA will organize an Egyptian Privatization Conference, to be held in Cairo, Egypt, in October. The conference will complement and assist the efforts of the Gore-Mubarak Partnership for Growth and Development and will provide useful and timely information regarding 50 specific, upcoming business opportunities in Egypt. Projects profiled will fall into two categories: those which will be privatized by the Egyptian government and those which are being developed by private Egyptian companies. Sectors highlighted may include: telecommunications; transportation; energy; and natural resources & the environment.

October 13-15, 1998 (Tentative Dates)

Cairo, Egypt

Danielle D. Camner

U.S. Trade & Development Agency

(703) 875-4357

Sub-Saharan Africa Telecommunications and Information Technology Conference

- Get "plugged-in" with TDA's upcoming Sub-Saharan Africa

Telecommunications and Information Technologies Conference, to be held in Cape Town, South Africa in October. This conference will bring together U.S. telecommunications and IT companies and approximately 40 African officials developing projects which include: wireline and wireless voice and data transmission; utility regulation; information technology projects

such as telemedicine; management information systems for electrical utilities; intelligent transportation systems; and information resources management programs for government ministries. All of these business deals represent opportunities for U.S. companies to highlight their goods and services to the key decision makers. The Conference will focus on projects identified in a prepared briefing book highlighting the 50 most attractive project opportunities for U.S. exporters in these sectors.

October 20-22, 1998 (Tentative Dates)

Cape Town, South Africa

J. Michael Newell

U.S. Trade & Development Agency

(703) 875-4357

Mexico Infrastructure Project Opportunities Conference - This business opportunities conference, held in Cancun, Mexico, will highlight the best 50 major infrastructure projects in the energy, transportation, environmental, telecommunications, and industrial sectors. TDA will host more than 50 foreign delegates to present their projects and meet privately with U.S. business executives. This conference is a follow-up to TDA's successful Mexico Infrastructure Conference held in Kansas City in 1996.

November 12-14, 1998 (Tentative Dates)

Cancun, Mexico

Anne McKinney

U.S. Trade & Development Agency

(703) 875-4357

©Korea Civil Aviation Air Traffic Control Orientation Visit - Five

representatives of the Korean Civil Aviation Bureau (KCAB) will visit U.S.
air traffic control manufacturing firms technology and equipment for an
upcoming ATC procurement in Korea.

Early November 1998

Los Angeles, CA; Washington, DC

David Elliott

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WEATHER

1. US: WHAT RIDGE?: Angela Smith

The ridge that was supposed to stagnate over the Midwest and keep the region hot and dry this week now appears to be retrograding back to the west, allowing instability in the upper atmosphere and other weather patterns (rain) to move over it (the ridge). The result is that there was no excessive heat this past weekend and rain fell over a large chunk of the region--from South Dakota and Minnesota into Ohio, Michigan, and parts of Kentucky. More rain and cooler temps are expected across much of the Midwest this week, which will support normal crop development.

Although some areas (most notably the Central Plains) did have record heat over the weekend that put stress on crops, relief will probably arrive by Wednesday. Rain over the weekend in the Red River Valley area of the Northern Plains kept the soil moist enough to support the spread of head blight, while dryness elsewhere in the region has soil moisture very low, and some crop stress has started. Rain fell in the Southeast over the weekend, and additional rain is expected this week. Crop conditions will continue to improve. Despite periodic showers in the Southern Plains, no relief from drought conditions is likely.

2. WORLD: WEEKEND RAIN IMPROVES CONDITIONS: Angela Smith

Weekend showers in northern areas of EUROPE kept winter grain maturation and harvesting a little slow, but dryer weather today and early

this week will support better harvest progress. Southern INDIA received some needed rain over the weekend and planting conditions have improved, although more rain is needed. Southeastern CHINA also got needed rain over the weekend, bringing topsoil moisture levels back to the adequate range after substantial drying last week. Rain also fell in southern wheat areas of SOUTH AFRICA this past weekend, although much more is needed to support good plant establishment. Winter wheat planting advanced swiftly in ARGENTINA over the weekend, and late summer harvesting is winding down. Rain is expected later this week in winter wheat areas. Winter wheat areas of BRAZIL had rain over the weekend, although areas where sugar cane and cotton harvesting is still underway were mostly dry. Coffee areas should have mild temps again this week. Showers and thunderstorms increased in northern and central MEXICO over the weekend, and summer crop conditions improved, but the rain may be too late to have much impact on production potentials.

CROP PROGRESS

3. LITTLE TO GO ON: Gregg Doud

Weekly by-state numeric ratings of crop conditions are not the best way to measure a crop's progress for someone setting behind a computer screen but they're one of the key signals many traders and analysts use at this time each week. This week, however, we see just how suspect these numbers can sometimes be as the Texas corn crop improved from 22 to 24 pct good to excellent this week. If you've watched any television or listened to the news at all in the US during the past two weeks, you probably realize that this is an inaccurate depiction of the situation. Today is

the 15th day in a row that Dallas, Texas has been over 100 degrees.

Overall, 66 pct of the US corn crop was rated as being in good to excellent shape this week, down 2 pct from last week. This is now 2 pct below the crop's yr-ago rating.

This writer just returned from his farm in NC Kansas where temps are well into the 100 degree range for the 4th straight day. All I will say is that the crops looked dramatically better on Wednesday than they did when I left yesterday. A corn crop's condition under this kind of stress does not improve EVER (the Kansas corn crop supposedly improved 3 percentage points this week).

Therefore, we would have to ask what the overall rating would look like if Nebraska hadn't added 9 percentage points to its excellent category this week. Colorado was down 9 pct in these top two categories, Illinois and Iowa were down 4 pct, and Missouri was down 7 pct. North Carolina took another serious hit down another 10 pct this week to only 23 pct good/excellent. We were also quite surprised to see Michigan's rating fall by 19 points this week to 46 pct good/excellent.

The soybean crop stayed put at 61 pct good to excellent this week. The Kansas crop improved 4 pct to 85 pct good/excellent. Unquestionably, this year's Kansas soybean crop is the best anyone has ever seen. The Nebraska bean crop was up 2 pct at 81 pct good/excellent, and the South Dakota crop was up 3 pct this week to 87 pct good/excellent. Although 100 degree heat is not desirable, these temps are not likely to hurt this crop unless they persist for another 5 days or so and today's weather forecasts suggest

that they won't. Also surprising here was to see the Michigan soybean rating drop from 67 pct good/excellent last week to 52 pct this week.

After climbing rapidly during the last couple of weeks, the Montana spring wheat crop is once again on the decline. The US spring wheat crop fell from 67 to 63 pct good to excellent this week behind a 8 pct decline (56 to 48 pct) in Montana. North Dakota fell from 69 pct to 65 pct good/excellent this week as well with little change seen in Minnesota and South Dakota. The Idaho spring wheat crop also fell from it near perfect 97 pct rating to "only" 93 pct this week.

MARKETS

4. CLOSING FUTURES PRICES:

WU	275 3/4	+ 2	CKU	232 1/4	- 4 3/4
WZ	290 1/2	+ 1 3/4	CNZ	236 1/4	- 5 3/4
KCU	295	+ 1 3/4	SQB	625 3/4	- 16 1/2
KCZ	309 3/4	+ 2 3/4	SXB	582 1/4	- 21 3/4
MPU	342 1/2	+ 2	SMQ	169.4	- 1.8
MPZ	350	+ 3 3/4	BOQ	24.20	- 0.49

5. COMMENTARY: SHORT SESSION: Bob Kohlmeyer

On Fri we predicted that the soybean market would either be up 20 cts or down 20 cts depending on the ridge and whether or not weather models confirmed it over the weekend and Mon AM. Suffice it to say that they did not confirm it, and soybeans were thus 20 cts lower.

In fact, it seemed like a short session. Trading ranges were pretty much established in the 1st 20 mins at which point corn was down 6, soybeans down 20 and wheat was up 2. That is pretty much where they finished up. Those fearless traders -- and there were a few -- who went long Fri were forced to dump those positions today. Once again, weather models displayed the kind of inconsistency which has so frustrated commodity traders since early June.

Wheat essentially ignored the weakness around it to stay modestly positive on the strength of the weekend announcement that USDA/CCC would buy 2.5 mmt of US wheat for export to needy foreign countries (see our Special Report of this AM and below).

6. EUROPE: WHEAT HARVEST TO RESUME: Bob Kohlmeyer

It is not just the US grain trade which focuses on weather. In the EU weather has also been on traders' minds. With wheat just about ready to harvest in France, along came almost 2 weeks of cold, wet weather to hold things up. Then abruptly over the weekend, came a switch to hot and dry conditions. If these conditions hold, wheat harvest should resume in western France.

Farmers, handlers and traders will be watching closely to see if any quality deterioration has occurred.

Turns out that the total amount of French export wheat paper which traded on Fri was an impressive 90,000 mt with an additional quantity done at

105.00 dlrs mt for Nov/Dec beyond what we reported on Fri. There was no trade today that we are aware of. Bids for Nov/Dec were 104.00 but sellers had moved their ideas higher to 107.00.

Besides the weather, traders were also watching Egypt's wheat buyer (see below). The tender for French wheat announced for next week is the only business facing the market at this time.

FRIDAY; EGYPTIAN RESULTS AWAITED; PAPER TRADE: Results are still awaited on Egypt's wheat tender for Aug/Sept. US offers were said to be rejected as being too high. That is not hard to understand with reports that almost 400,000 mt of French wheat has been offered to Egypt at prices between 94.75 and 96.50 dlrs mt FOB. However, the Ministry of Supply later announced that it was canceling the French wheat tender because offers were "unsuitable". We assume that the unsuitability has to do with something other than price. Perhaps with the recent and ongoing wet weather, quality concerns have been raised.

What, if anything, may have been offered from Turkey is not clear. It is also not clear if the Egyptians would accept optional origin including Turkey since they have not dealt with Turkish white wheat before.

Meanwhile, the French export wheat paper market broke out into trade today. Nov/Dec traded for 30,000 mt at 105.00 dlrs mt FOB, then again for 20,000 mt at 104.00. Also, 20,000 mt of Oct/Nov changed hands at 103.00 dlrs. With 70,000 mt in trades that we can count, it has been the biggest day for the French paper market in many months.

Looking at the paper trades and the reported offers to Cairo, we are struck by the wide price spread between Egypt offers for Aug/Sept at around 95.00 dlrs and French paper wheat for Nov/Dec at about 10.00 dlrs higher. Actually, the spread is probably wider than 10 dlrs because there are some transaction costs included in the Egypt prices. In any event, that spread looks awfully wide to us.

ANALYSIS

7. "THE MARKET IS BIGGER THAN ME AND THEE": Bob Kohlmeyer

Earlier today we put out a special report outlining the program under which CCC would buy 250 mln dlrs worth of US wheat for donation to needy destinations overseas using authorities under the CCC Charter Act. We cited some of that language in our report of last Tues (see WPI 7/14). Essentially, those authorities allow the Admin and USDA to sidestep legislative and budgetary limitations imposed on USDA's foreign aid programs such as PL 480. CCC has permanent authority to purchase commodities for concessional sales to foreign countries, and it has permanent authority to borrow money to pay for the purchases.

Under terms of the 1990 Farm Bill, the president can by executive order establish a Food Aid Advisory Committee. The Committee soon fell into disuse as food aid authorities and budgets shrank, but Pres Clinton has established a new version, chaired by Ag Under Secy Gus Schumacher, to oversee this latest food aid initiative.

Neither Pres Clinton nor Secy of Ag Dan Glickman left any doubt that the

primary reason for the program is an attempt to prop up sagging wheat prices, that the humanitarian aspects of the program are nice, but they are not the reason for it. USDA estimated that it could mean an additional 10-15 cts bu in US wheat prices. If true, this would obviously benefit farmers who still own wheat, but would not do much for those who have already sold.

Some in the grain trade probably see this announcement as another example of govt meddling in the market that is doomed to fail in terms of the desired price impact. They will point out that the reduction in the estimated carryout down to say, 790 mln bu (assuming that the program can in, fact, be executed in 98/99) is only a 10 pct reduction and therefore marginal at best. Critics will also point out that talking about 2.5 mmt of humanitarian wheat donations is far easier than executing such a plan. There will, they say, be difficulties in reaching agreements with recipients, logistics, US flag vessel problems, distribution problems, etc that will inevitably slow the program even though USDA has declared it will try to get all of the wheat shipped over just the next 3-4 months.

If CCC were to buy the wheat on an as-needed basis, say some critics, the price impact of the purchases will be mitigated because purchases will be so spread out. But if CCC buys wheat well in advance of later shipment schedules, they will inevitably generate criticism for tying up storage capacity and rail transport capacity badly needed for fall crops.

Others criticize the plan because it will, they say, inevitably replace some commercial sales, no matter how hard USDA tries to avoid it. This

may possibly be the case for Indonesia (the Aussies are already bitterly complaining that the program will replace THEIR commercial sales to their 2nd largest market), but it's hard to imagine commercial sales being made to the other destinations enumerated. On the other hand, it is hard to imagine all 2.5 mmt of wheat going to just the destinations listed by USDA in a single crop cycle.

Another criticism sure to surface soon will come from other US commodity interests complaining about the attention and money focused on wheat. Corn and soybean interests and some of their congressional supporters will no doubt begin the "what about us" routine. In truth, the 98/99 S and D forecasts from USDA make cases for corn and soybeans at least as good as that for wheat.

All of these points may have some validity. We confess to being quite dubious that the program can be executed as it was advertised by the President and Secy Glickman. But we think that such criticisms may miss the point. It is, after all, the political season with congressional elections only 3 months off, and control of the House up for grabs. For the past week/10 days the 2 political parties have been playing "can you top this" with plans to aid farmers. It seems to us that this plan to buy and export wheat for humanitarian purposes is likely to be less market distortive than many other ideas and schemes that were tossed around with total seriousness last week.

We think there are 2 risks stemming from the announcement. The 1st is that the program is oversold to producers in terms of its price impact.

One can say that it had some impact today because wheat futures prices would have closed lower without it. This is undoubtedly true. But at the end of the 98/99 crop year we suspect it will be difficult to identify the price impact from the program.

The 2nd risk is that USDA, in its anxiety to boost US wheat prices, succeeds too well. We need to remember that the main reason wheat prices are so low is that the 200 dlr-plus mt wheat prices of 2 years ago encouraged every wheat importing nation in the world to step up wheat production. More than any other factor, in our opinion, the increases in wheat production during the past 2 years among usual importers and the resulting stagnation of wheat trade has been responsible for current low world wheat prices.

We note for example the Pakistan Min of Ag today said it expects Pakistan to be self-sufficient in wheat production next year. The worst thing that could happen to US wheat farmers long-term is for that trend toward higher world production and self-sufficiency be reinforced by wheat prices this year that are too high. If that happens, the next CCC wheat buying/exporting program really will not make much difference.

8. EGYPT PONDERES NEXT MOVE: Gregg Doud

The Egyptian public sector (GASC) is still negotiating with Turkey's TMO over price and terms of some of that country's white wheat though it probably isn't close to the 700,000 mt quantity recently publicized by Egypt.

Egypt is still negotiating with the TMO for white wheat, but Turkey can export white wheat from only one port with a max vessel size of 25,000mt. Since Egypt only accepts Panamax (50-54,000 mt) there would have to be an exemption, thus the ongoing negotiations. Translation: it comes down to price and logistics, however, we would assume that quantities of Turkish white wheat purchases by Egypt would be limited. Egypt probably won't consider buying any Turkish white wheat.

It is rumored that Egypt was recently offered French wheat at 94.75-96.50 dlr/mt and turned it down. Late last week, GASC tried to buy US white wheat at the same 100 dlr/mt level Pakistan was recently able to obtain, but it was not able to talk exporters down.

WPI ANALYSIS: We're told that GASC has instituted some new rules in its tendering process to make the process more like a public tender and less like a private negotiation. In other words, GASC is said to only be able deal with those making the lowest initial offer. We are not sure of the details other than to conclude that this may be why GASC does not seem to be acting like its usual self. GASC will be tender for French wheat again on July 28 for September shipment.

POLICY

9. A LEGITIMATE SHOT AT (SOME) JONES ACT REFORM: Gregg Doud

Some time ago when US rail transportation problems were at issue, we mentioned that one of the best ways to introduce a more competitive environment in the US grain transportation industry was to reform the

Jones Act. It seems this widely held view is finally rearing its head in the form of legislation by way of HR 4236 introduced by Rep. Nick Smith (R-MI).

Among other things, the Jones Act requires that all grain transported from a US port to a US port via ocean must be done using a US flagged vessel. Despite repeated reform efforts over the years and the fact that there has not been a new US flagged dry bulk vessel introduced in over 35 years, this law remains intact today. The result is that US rail shippers have a virtual lock on all grain movement within the contiguous 48 states.

It also means that often times it is more cost effective for Hawaii to buy wheat from Canada than it is from the US. Another example recently relayed to us is that producers of alfalfa pellets near Toledo, Ohio actually find it cost effective to sell their product to brokers in Canada who legally import the product into Canada before turning around and exporting the pellets right back to end-users in North Carolina. All this in the name of circumventing the exorbitantly expensive US flag requirement and uncompetitive US rail costs.

While the initial response to this might be this is just another futile attempt at Jones Act Reform, which will never go anywhere, we would submit that at the very least this bill is a very new approach to the problem.

What makes the Smith bill different is that it simply would permit US shippers to buy new or used foreign built ocean going vessels for their fleet. The law currently states that Jones Act vessels must also be built in the US. To clarify, if a bulk vessel were to be built in the US today

, it was cost several times more than what the same vessel goes for on the international market.

This bill's new or used foreign built exemption would apply only to dry bulk (grain) vessels including those that hold timber products.

Another key component of the bill is that all vessels moving grain from US port to US port would be required to enter international waters before returning. This consideration was included to protect the US barge transportation industry and others who might, for example, be transporting grain short distances along just the East or West Coasts of the US.

WPI ANALYSIS: Rep. Smith essentially wants his bill to apply to large ocean going vessels transporting grain out of the Lakes and/or through the Panama Canal. It is being offered completely and for the dual purposes of stimulating Great Lakes traffic and generating some competition for coast-to-coast US rail shipments.

In other words, this is a bill to address current US rail transportation shortcomings, not cargo preference.

Since this is not another in a long line of long called for but never enacted sweeping reforms, Rep. Smith hopes the Transportation Cmte will take a look at this as an honest attempt at progress. Early co-sponsors include Rep. David McIntosh (R-IN), Rep. Bob Schaffer (R-CO), Rep. Charlie Stenholm (D-TX), and Rep. Cal Dooley (D-CA). We will keep clients

posted on its progress as rail transportation problems in the US are still one of the US grain industry's biggest concerns.

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