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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION--U.S. CERTIFICATION FOR COLOMBIA

SUBHEADLINE--"COLOMBIA HAS APPLIED THE ANTI-DRUG
RECOMMENDATIONS (U.S. DIPLOMATIC NOTE SENT ON JUNE 29,
TEXT:

//////////////// INCOMPLETE MESSAGE //////////////////

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SUBHEADLINE--"COLOMBIA HAS APPLIED THE ANTI-DRUG
RECOMMENDATIONS (U.S. DIPLOMATIC NOTE SENT ON JUNE 29,
1994) AND IT EXPECTS THE CERTIFICATION. SAMPER WILL
PRESENT HIS SUMMARY TODAY."

HEADLINE (INSIDE PAGES-2)--"THE CONGRESS REJECTS FRECHETTE'S STATEMENTS"

QUOTE--"THE CONGRESS REJECTED U.S. AMBASSADOR MYLES FRECHETTE'S REMARKS, AND IT SUPPORTED PRESIDENT SAMPER'S FOREIGN POLICY.... THE DECLARATION HIGHLIGHTS THE HARD WORK DONE BY THE GOVERNMENT TO ERADICATE THE DRUG TRAFFICKING SCOURGE."

C. EDITORIAL IN "EL ESPECTADOR":

HEADLINE--"COLOMBIA AND THE UNITED STATES"

QUOTES--"... SINCE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE (FRIENDLY) FRECHETTE OF THOSE FIRST DAYS AND THE ONE AT THE COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAS IN NEW YORK IS NOTABLE, IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR HIM TO EXPLAIN THIS PUBLICLY."

"... THE CRUMBS THAT WE ARE GIVEN CANNOT BE THE OBJECT OF SO MANY EFFORTS TO HUMILIATE US. ALSO, THE SUGGESTION THAT A BLOCKADE MIGHT TAKE PLACE IF COLOMBIA DOESN'T GET THE PASSING GRADE IN CONDUCT, WHICH IS AT PRESIDENT CLINTON'S FINGERTIPS, IS AN UNFRIENDLY GESTURE THAT PRESIDENT SAMPER HAS TO REJECT IN THE NAME OF HIS COUNTRYMEN. IT IS TIME TO GO BACK TO OUR DIGNITY AND TO HAVE OTHERS RESPECT OUR SOVEREIGNTY."

D. OP-ED PIECE BY COLUMNIST MARIA JIMENA DUZAN IN "EL ESPECTADOR":

HEADLINE--"CREDIBILITY STARTS AT HOME"

QUOTES--"WHOSE FAULT IS IT? IS IT BILL CLINTON'S, WHO HAS DECIDED TO FIND A SCAPEGOAT IN ORDER TO MAKE THE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY HAPPY? IS IT THE FAULT OF OUR DIPLOMACY, WHICH SINCE THIS CRISIS STARTED, AND IT STARTED WITH THE GAVIRIA ADMINISTRATION, HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO ESTABLISH GOOD COMMUNICATION MECHANISMS THAT REESTABLISH WASHINGTON'S TRUST IN US? I THINK THERE IS A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING HERE...."

"ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT SAMPER DECIDED TO INITIATE ONCE MORE THE FUMIGATIONS OF ILLEGAL CROPS, IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT DURING THE LAST FOUR YEARS THE GAVIRIA ADMINISTRATION LET THEM BE TRIPLED, WITH THE ADDITIONAL PROBLEM THAT ALONG WITH THE COCA LEAVES WE NOW HAVE POPPIES. TODAY, THE TRUTH IS THAT IN ADDITION TO HAVING THE PROBLEM OF BEING THE CENTER OF THE MOST POWERFUL CARTELS IN THE WORLD, WE ARE NOW TURNING INTO IMPORTANT PRODUCERS...."

"THE SAMPER ADMINISTRATION INITIATED THE LARGEST NUMBER OF CORRECTIONS IN ORDER TO STRAIGHTEN THE COUNTRY'S POLICIES, WHICH HAD ENTERED INTO A DANGEROUS CRISIS OF INTERNAL CREDIBILITY. THOSE CORRECTIONS SHOULD HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO REESTABLISHING CREDIBILITY IN WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, THE CASE OF THE NARCO-TAPES, WHICH WAS NEVER SOLVED, HAS HELPED NEUTRALIZE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF SAMPER'S POLICIES. IF THERE ARE MANY COLOMBIANS WHO

BELIEVE THAT THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE SHOULD HAVE OPENED AN INVESTIGATION, WHAT CAN THE JESSE HELMS'S OF THE REPUBLICAN CONGRESS BE THINKING?"

E. ARTICLE IN CONSERVATIVE TABLOID "EL NUEVO SIGLO" (OPPOSITION, CIRC. 25,000):

SUBHEADLINE--"CLINTON AND CONGRESSMEN ARE STUDYING THE REPORT"

HEADLINE--"THE DEA RECOMMENDS A CONDITIONAL UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 04 BOGOTA 001622

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CERTIFICATION FOR COLOMBIA"

QUOTE--"A REPORT THAT WAS PREPARED BY THE DEA OFFICE IN OUR COUNTRY AND SENT TO THE UNITED STATES RECOMMENDS THAT COLOMBIA SHOULD GET A CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATION, BECAUSE THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING HAS NOT GENERATED THE EXPECTED RESULTS.... THE DEA INSISTS THAT THERE MUST BE BIGGER EFFORTS IN TERMS OF THE PERSECUTION AND PROSECUTION OF THE KINGPINS." (NOTE THAT THIS STORY HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY DENIED.)

F. ARTICLE IN LEADING WEEKLY MAGAZINE "SEMANA" (LIBERAL PARTY ORIENTED, CIRC. 120,000):
HEADLINE--"COLOMBIA IS IN CHECK"

QUOTES--"A HIGH OFFICIAL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WHO ASKED TO BE KEPT ANONYMOUS, SAID THAT 'THE BIG PROBLEM IS THAT THERE IS A CRISIS OF TRUST THAT HAS TURNED MORE SERIOUS OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. IT (THE CRISIS) INCREASED WITH EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED LAST YEAR, TAKING THE RELATIONS TO A POINT WHERE THEY ARE EXTREMELY FEEBLE.'"

"ALL OF THE BUREAUCRACY IN WASHINGTON THAT IS INTERESTED, BOTH AT THE EXECUTIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL LEVEL, IN THE ANTI-DRUG MATTERS OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND COLOMBIA, SEEM TO BE CONVINCED THAT THE COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES ARE DOING VERY LITTLE TO GO AFTER THE CALI CARTEL."

"... SOME SECTORS OF THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION AND THE U.S. CONGRESS SEEM TO BE OBSESSED WITH THE CONFUSING EPISODE OF THE NARCO-TAPES, WHICH DUE TO INTERPRETATIONS

MADE BY AGENCIES LIKE THE DEA, HAS NOT BEEN BURIED YET
IN THE U.S. CAPITAL." KOENGETER
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1. ON FEBRUARY 9, THE DAILIES CARRIED EXTENSIVE EDITORIAL REACTIONS TO PRESIDENT SAMPER'S PRESENTATION OF HIS NEW DRUG STRATEGY. MOST COMMENTARIES PRAISED SAMPER FOR PRESENTING THE FACTS ABOUT COLOMBIA'S EFFORTS IN THE DRUG WAR, AND THEY SAID THAT U.S. OFFICIALS SHOULD NOW REALIZE THAT THERE ARE ENOUGH ARGUMENTS TO GIVE COLOMBIA THE CERTIFICATION UNDER THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT. ALSO, THE PAPERS CONTINUED TO CARRY COVERAGE OF THE COLOMBIAN CABINET MEMBERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY VISITING THE U.S. IN AN EFFORT TO DESCRIBE COLOMBIA'S MANY ACTIONS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS. TODAY'S STORIES INCLUDED ATTORNEY GENERAL JANET RENO'S

NEGATIVE REMARKS ABOUT THE SENTENCE GIVEN TO THE NARCOS IN COLOMBIA. SOME STORIES (NOT QUOTED) ALSO SAID THAT SENATOR JESSE HELMS ALLEGEDLY STATED THAT HE WOULD "CUT OFF THE HEAD" OF ANYBODY WHO SUPPORTS COLOMBIA FOR CERTIFICATION.

2. HEADLINES AND QUOTES FOLLOW:

A. EDITORIAL IN LEADING DAILY "EL TIEMPO" (LIBERAL PARTY ORIENTED, CIRC. 245,000):

HEADLINE--"FACTS"

QUOTES--"AFTER READING THE TEXT OF THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS, WHICH CONSTITUTE A RESPONSE TO THE U.S. CRITICISMS ABOUT OUR COUNTRY'S FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING, WE CAN CONCLUDE THAT THEY ARE A CALM, DIGNIFIED ANSWER THAT SHOWS WITH FACTS COLOMBIA'S EFFORTS DURING PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THIS TERRIBLE SCOURGE...."

"THE IMPORTANT THING IS FOR THERE TO BE GOOD FAITH IN U.S. OFFICIAL AND CONGRESSIONAL CIRCLES, BECAUSE COLOMBIA'S POSITION WAS EXPRESSED CLEARLY REGARDING WASHINGTON'S DESIRES THAT COLOMBIA STRENGTHEN ITS FIGHT AGAINST THE DRUG TRAFFICKERS...."

B. ARTICLE IN "EL TIEMPO":

SUBHEADLINE (FRONT PAGE)--"THE U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL QUESTIONS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM"

HEADLINE--"DIFFICULT SITUATION FOR COLOMBIA IN THE U.S."

QUOTES--"MINISTER OF DEFENSE FERNANDO BOTERO SAID THAT THE U.S. HAS BECOME MORE DEMANDING IN TERMS OF THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS SINCE THE REPUBLICANS WON THE ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER. 'IN THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL FRONTS THERE HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANT CHANGES....'"

"IN THE MEANTIME, ATTORNEY GENERAL JANET RENO, ACCORDING TO A COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT SOURCE, IS 'VERY CONCERNED' ABOUT THE LACK OF EFFECTIVENESS OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND ABOUT THE 'TWO AND THREE YEAR' SENTENCES FOR CONFESSED DRUG TRAFFICKERS."

"... ABOUT THE CERTIFICATION, COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR CARLOS LLERAS SAID: 'IT'S NOT EASY, LIKE AMBASSADOR FRECHETTE WOULD SAY, BUT THE GOVERNMENT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT IT HAS WORKED HARD, OBVIOUSLY FEELS THAT COLOMBIA SHOULD GET FULL CERTIFICATION.'"

C. EDITORIAL IN SECOND LEADING DAILY "EL ESPECTADOR" (LIBERAL PARTY ORIENTED, CIRC. 145,000):

HEADLINE--"THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH"

QUOTES--"THE SPEECH GIVEN BY PRESIDENT SAMPER SUMMARIZES

AND POSITIVELY EXPRESSES THE NATIONAL SENTIMENT CONCERNING THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING, AND IT IS AN ACT OF INDEPENDENT POLITICAL AFFIRMATION."

"THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING IS A TWO WAY STREET. THIS SERIOUS PROBLEM IS AN INTERNATIONAL UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 BOGOTA 001769

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PROBLEM, AND IT INVOLVES IN EQUAL MANNER COLOMBIA AND THE UNITED STATES, AS WELL AS THE REST OF THE BIG CONSUMING COUNTRIES, WHICH BECOME MORE EVERY DAY...."

D. ARTICLE IN "EL ESPECTADOR":

HEADLINE--"COLOMBIA'S CERTIFICATION IS IN THE REPUBLICANS' HANDS"

SUBHEADLINE--"FOREIGN MINISTER PARDO WILL FOCUS HIS MISSION ON THE U.S. CONGRESS. MINISTER OF DEFENSE BOTERO SAID THAT, SINCE THE ELECTORAL DEFEAT IN NOVEMBER, THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION IS MORE DEMANDING WITH THE ANTI-DRUG FIGHT."

E. EDITORIAL IN CONSERVATIVE TABLOID "EL NUEVO SIGLO" (OPPOSITION, CIRC. 25,000):

HEADLINE--"THE COMEDY GOES ON"

QUOTES--"THE PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH, WITH AN AUDIENCE OF CABINET MEMBERS, JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES, CONGRESSMEN, AND A VERY SPECIAL GUEST, U.S. AMBASSADOR MYLES FRECHETTE, HAD SO MANY PROMISES THAT CHANCES ARE THAT NONE OF THEM WILL BE FULFILLED...."

"WITH ALL THE PROMISES THAT WERE MADE IN ORDER TO PERSUADE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ABOUT COLOMBIA'S PROGRESS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING, MR. FRECHETTE, AND HE MADE IT KNOWN, FELT HAPPY...."

F. ARTICLE IN "EL NUEVO SIGLO":

HEADLINE--"THE U.S. WILL GIVE THE CERTIFICATION"

QUOTE--"... THE U.S. WILL GIVE COLOMBIA THE CERTIFICATION FOR GOOD CONDUCT. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE SOURCES SAID THAT THERE IS AMPLE RECOGNITION OF

OUR COUNTRY'S EFFORTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING, BUT THAT, NEVERTHELESS, THERE IS CONCERN ABOUT THE INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF DRUG TRAFFICKERS."

3. A REPORT ON THE FEBRUARY 8 EVENING TV NEWSCAST "CM&" (EST. AUDIENCE 6.6 MILLION) SAID THAT THIS CRISIS STARTED LAST JUNE, WHEN THE U.S. SENT ADIP-NOTE TO THE GOC ASKING FOR SPECIFIC ACTIONS AND RESULTS AGAINST THE DRUG TRAFFICKERS, AND THE GOC IN TURN ANSWERED THAT IT WOULD NOT RESPOND TO VEILED THREATS AND ITS ANTI-DRUG POLICY WOULD NOT BE CONDITIONED OR DICTATED BY ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY. KOENGETER

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SUBJECT: ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY DELEGATION CONFIRMS WASHINGTON
VISIT, FEBRUARY 20-23, 1995

1. THE CONSUL GENERAL AND NIO OFFICIAL CHRIS MACCABE MET WITH ULSTER UNIONIST (UUP) LEADERS ON FEBRUARY 10 TO CONFIRM THAT THE UUP WILL INDEED SEND A DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19. PRESENT FOR THE UUP WERE PARTY SECRETARY JIM WILSON, PARTY CHAIRMAN AND M.E.P. JIM NICHOLSON, M.P. REV. MARTIN SMYTH, AND HONORARY SECRETARY JEFFREY DONALDSON.

2. THE UUP LEADERS CONFIRMED THAT THE TRIP WAS STILL ON. THE DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF MARTIN SMYTH, JIM NICHOLSON AND JEFFREY DONALDSON. (KEN MAGINNIS HAS DROPPED OUT). THE DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE ON FEBRUARY 18 OR 19. THE UK EMBASSY WILL HANDLE LOGISTICS. PER PREVIOUS TRIPS, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE DESK WILL ARRANGE EXECUTIVE BRANCH APPOINTMENTS AND THE UK EMBASSY WILL DO THE SAME WITH THE HILL. THE DELEGATION RECOGNIZES THAT FEBRUARY 20 IS A FEDERAL HOLIDAY AND APPOINTMENTS FOR THAT DAY WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT. THE UUP WOULD HOPE TO BUNCH ITS APPOINTMENTS IN THE TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21 TO THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23 TIMEFRAME. THE DELEGATION WILL DEPART THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 23.

3. ON THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH SIDE, THE DELEGATION WOULD HOPE TO SEE:

-- U/S TARNOFF

-- A/S HOLBROOKE (IF POSSIBLE) OR THE APPROPRIATE DAS
-- EUR/UBI OFFICIALS
-- S/IR, MARTHA POPE AND DAVID POZORSKI
-- NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR LAKE (IF POSSIBLE) AND NANCY
SODERBERG

4. ON THE HILL, THE DELEGATION WOULD HOPE TO SEE:

-- MAJORITY LEADER DOLE
-- SPEAKER GINGRICH
-- SEN. JESSE HELMS
-- REP. BEN GILMAN
-- REP. JAMES WALSH (D-NY), FRIENDS OF IRELAND
-- SEN. RICHARD LUGAR

THE UK EMBASSY WILL TRY AND ARRANGE ALL HILL MEETINGS, AND ALL
MEDIA APPOINTMENTS AS WELL.

5. THE NIO IN BELFAST HAS CONFIRMED TO THE UK EMBASSY IN
WASHINGTON THAT THE UUP DELEGATION IS ON THE WAY.

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1. THE MARCH 3 EDITION OF THE NEWSPAPER "LA TRIBUNA" CARRIES A FRONT-PAGE STORY ENTITLED "JESSE HELMS ANNOUNCES MORE CONDITIONS," WHICH DRAWS LIBERALLY FROM A LETTER PURPORTEDLY SENT FROM THE SENATOR TO THE MIAMI-BASED COMMITTEE FOR THE RECOVERY OF CONFISCATED PROPERTIES. -THE ARTICLE QUOTES SENATOR HELMS AS PROMISING TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO END THE CURRENT PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER (OF SECTION 527) AND PLEDGING TO BACK A LAW WHICH WOULD DENY VISAS TO NICARAGUANS INVOLVED IN PROPERTY CONFISCATIONS AND BAR ENTRY TO THE U.S. OF ANY SUCH VISA HOLDERS. "NEVER AGAIN WILL THESE THIEVES BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE U.S. FOR ANY REASON," SENATOR HELMS IS REPORTED AS WRITING.

2. THE ARTICLE QUOTES THE SENATOR AS AFFIRMING THAT ONLY 23 PERCENT OF THE SOME 1,600 U.S. CITIZEN CLAIMS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED, A STATE OF AFFAIRS CHARACTERIZED AS "MINIMAL PROGRESS." THIS LOW PERCENTAGE IS BLAMED UPON "THE LACK OF POLITICAL WILL OF THE CHAMORRO GOVERNMENT."

3. THE TRIBUNA ARTICLE ALSO REPORTS THAT THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE HICKENLOOPER-GONZALEZ AMENDMENT

THIS WEEK STOPPED THE DISBURSEMENT OF 118 MILLION
DOLLRS TO THE COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO
HE STORY, THE GOCR'S FAILURE TO ACT ON THE HAMILTO
CASE HAS LED TO THE LOSS OF WORLD BANK AND IDB
FUNDING, AND PUT AT RISK AN IMP PROGRAM, AS THE "TE
U.S. HAS THE RIGHT OF VETO IN THESE INTERNATIONAL
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SUMMARY:

1. PRESS SUMMARY:

-- ALL PAPERS ON MARCH 5 PROMINENTLY REPORTED ON THEIR FRONT PAGES THAT SENATOR JESSE HELMS HAS EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR MAINTAINING CURRENT U.S. AID LEVELS TO EGYPT.

-- OPPOSITION AL WAFD REPORTED THAT SIX MEMBERS OF THE MOSLEM BROTHERHOOD ORGANIZATION HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR DISTRIBUTING ANTI-GOVERNMENT LEAFLETS IN ASSUIT.

-- OPPOSITION AL WAFD REPORTED THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WAFD PARTY FOUAD SIRAG ELDIN CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENT TO FORM A "NEUTRAL" CABINET TO CONDUCT THE UPCOMING PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. HE ALSO CALLED ON PRESIDENT MUBARAK TO GIVE UP HIS CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE NDP.

2. PRESS ANALYSIS: PRESIDENT CLINTON'S MESSAGE CONGRATULATING THE MOSLEMS FOR THE EID OF IFTAR (ENDING THE HOLY MONTH OF RAMADAN) WAS REPORTED ON THE FRONT PAGES OF MOST MARCH 3 PAPERS. ON MARCH 1, ALL PRO-GOVERNMENT PAPERS QUOTED EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MOUSSA AS SAYING THAT SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER'S UPCOMING TOUR OF THE REGION WILL FOCUS ON THE PEACE PROCESS AND NPT; HE DENIED REPORTS THAT U.S. ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT WILL BE CUT. PRO-GOVERNMENT AL AHRAH ON THE SAME DAY QUOTED CHRISTINE SHELLY AS SAYING THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED OVER THE NUCLEAR ISSUE BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL; OPPOSITION AL WAFD REPORTED THAT IRAN HAS RETRACTED ITS POSITION AND IS NOW AGREEING TO SIGN NPT. ALL PAPERS OF MARCH 2 REPORTED THAT, UNDER U.S. PRESSURE, THE SECURITY COUNCIL ENDED ITS MEETING WITHOUT CONDEMNING ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS. SEVERAL PAPERS HIGHLY FEATURED WASHINGTON'S INTENSIVE EFFORTS TO MOBILIZE SUPPORT FOR THE NPT EXTENSION. PRO-GOVERNMENT PAPERS PUBLISHED PROMINENT REPORTS ON MARCH 3 ON PRESIDENT CLINTON'S SPEECH RESOLVING TO WITHDRAW 200 TONS OF PENTAGON'S NUCLEAR STOCK, AND, ON THE SAME DAY, ALL PAPERS QUOTED ANTHONY LAKE AS SAYING THAT SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER HAS CONDUCTED INTENSIVE CONTACTS WITH BOTH EGYPT AND ISRAEL ON NPT. MARTIN INDYK WAS DEPICTED IN ALL PAPERS AS "THE FIRST JEW" APPOINTED AS U.S. AMBASSADOR TO TEL AVIV. THE MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT CLINTON AND THE SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER WAS GIVEN BRIEF COVERAGE IN A FEW PAPERS. DEVELOPMENTS IN SOMALIA, PARTICULARLY THE AMERICAN SHELLING OF MOGADISHU AND THE PROSPECTS OF A CIVIL WAR AFTER THE WITHDRAWAL OF U.N. TROOPS, RECEIVED PROMINENT COVERAGE OVER THE WEEKEND.

END SUMMARY.

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3. PEACE PROCESS:

SUNDAY, MARCH 5:
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"AMERICAN-ISRAELI ALLIANCE TO ABORT LEGITIMACY!?"
SANAA AL SAID, CONTRIBUTOR, AL WAFD, OPPOSITION DAILY,
PAGE 5:

"...ALL CHRISTOPHER'S TOURS ARE (MERELY) SHOWING OFF.
HE ONLY COMES TO FIND OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING AND SUPPORT
ISRAEL'S POSITION. STRANGELY, DESPITE THE GLOOMY
PICTURE OF PEACE, THE U.S. SUPPORTS ISRAEL'S POSITION
ON SETTLEMENTS... THE OSLO AGREEMENT CAME TO BE AN
OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT OF ISRAEL'S TERMS, DISREGARDING
ALL THE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES OF THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE...
REGRETTABLY, THE ARABS HAVE COME FROM EVERYWHERE
THINKING THEY WERE APPROACHING PEACE UNDER THE AUSPICES
OF THE SOL
E SUPERPOWER OF THE WORLD, BUT THEY
DISCOVERED THEY HAVE FALLEN INTO THE TRAP OF ISRAEL'S
AMBITIONS. .. ALL THE CALCULATIONS OF ISRAEL AND THE
U.S. FOR THE REGION SHOW THEIR JOINT PLOTTING OF THE
USE OF FORCE, NOT OF LEGITIMACY.. THERE IS A GREAT
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MAINTAINING INTERESTS BY FORCE AND
BY JUSTICE, LEGITIMACY AND UNDERSTANDING. AMERICAN
INTERESTS CANNOT BE PROTECTED BY FORCE... THE ONLY
WAY FOR ISRAEL TO CONTINUE TO EXIST IS TO BE PART OF
THE ARAB NATION, NOT ITS LEADER... ISRAEL HAS TO WORK
ON CO-EXISTENCE WITH THE ARABS... IT HAS TO TAKE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE ITS GOOD CONDUCT... IF THE U.S.
IS CONCERNED ABOUT ITS INTERESTS, IT MUST WORK ON
PROTECTING THEM OR ELSE EVERYTHING WILL COLLAPSE."

"CHRISTOPHER'S TOUR AND THE WORRY"
SAYED MUSTAFA, COLUMNIST, AL AKHBAR, PRO-GOVERNMENT
DAILY, PAGE 2:

"CHRISTOPHER'S UPCOMING TOUR IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE
AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION... THIS NEW IMPORTANCE IS
DERIVED FROM A CAREFUL STUDY CONDUCTED BY THE STATE
DEPARTMENT ON THE SETBACKS IN THE PEACE PROCESS..."

WASHINGTON IS CONCERNED BECAUSE THE STUDY CONCLUDED THAT THE PEACE PROCESS IS COLLAPSING AND AMERICAN STRATEGIC INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES IN THE MIDDLE EAST ARE THREATENED... THE STUDY SEES...THAT THE PLO IS FACING A REAL DILEMMA BECAUSE OF ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER RABIN'S STUBBORNNESS AND STIFF DEMANDS. THE STUDY CONCLUDES THAT IT IS NOT IN ISRAEL'S INTERESTS FOR ARAFAT TO FALL...A MATTER WHICH WOULD INEVITABLY LEAD TO A WORSE SITUATION THAN BEFORE THE OSLO AGREEMENT. THE STUDY CONFIRMS THAT IF RABIN CANNOT REACH PEACE WITH SYRIA, THE ISRAELI AGREEMENTS WITH JORDAN AND THE PALESTINIANS MAY FALL... "

"A HOAX!"

MUSTAFA BAKRI, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, AL AHRAR, OPPOSITION DAILY, FRONT PAGE:

"...OBVIOUSLY, KING HUSSEIN HAS TAKEN THE BAIT AND AGREED IMMEDIATELY ON LEASING LAND...AND OPENING THE ZIONIST ENEMY'S EMBASSY... SUDDENLY, THE U.S. FOUND IT UNNECESSARY TO DROP JORDAN'S DEBTS... HOWEVER, IMMEDIATELY, THE PROTECTOR OF ARABISM - RABIN - USED HIS INFLUENCE AS THE COURAGEOUS LEADER OF THE FORMERLY UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 06 CAIRO 003085

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CALLED ARAB NATION, AND ASKED CLINTON'S MERCY IN HIS DECISION AFTER JORDAN SUCCEEDED IN THE TEST OF NORMALIZATION!... RABIN DELIBERATELY LEAKED THE INFORMATION TO THE PRESS SO THAT THE ARABS WOULD KNOW THAT ISRAEL, AND NOT EGYPT, IS THEIR WAY TO THE U.S. . . . THIS IS A GAME. . . RABIN IS THE INSTIGATOR OF THE NEW AMERICAN POSITION, AND IT IS A MISTAKE TO THINK OTHERWISE, BECAUSE IT IS NOT IN ISRAEL'S INTEREST THAT JORDAN OR ANY ARAB COUNTRY OVERCOME ITS ECONOMIC PROBLEM. WHEN WILL THE NATION WAKE AND LEARN THE LESSON?! WHEN WILL THE RULERS KNOW THAT PEACE WITH THE ZIONISTS IS NOTHING BUT ILLUSIONS AND DECEIT?!"

"WHY ARE WE NUCLEARLY BACKWARD?

SALAMA AHMED SALAMA, COLUMNIST, AL AHRAM, PAGE 8:

"...WE HAVE DISCOVERED VERY LATE THAT EGYPT'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM IS POOR. . .AND THAT LESS IMPORTANT COUNTRIES WERE EAGER TO DEVELOP THEIR NUCLEAR PROGRAMS. . . .AT LEAST TO LAY CLAIM TO THIS FIELD... NO COUNTRY CAN CLAIM THAT IT CAN ENTER THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

WITHOUT POSSESSING A STRONG SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL BASE IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR RESEARCH... ALTHOUGH EGYPT HAS PROVED...ITS COMMITMENT TO THE PEACE ISSUE AND THE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS BANNING THE USE OF NUCLEAR POWER FOR NON-PEACEFUL PURPOSES, THE U.S. HAS EXERTED ITS UTMOST EFFORT TO PREVENT EGYPT FROM ENTERING THIS FIELD, EVEN IF IT WAS ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERATING ELECTRICITY. NEEDLESS TO SAY, ISRAEL'S STUBBORNNESS AND INSISTENCE NOT TO SIGN NPT IS MAINLY BECAUSE OF ITS TOTAL CONFIDENCE THAT NONE OF THE REGION'S COUNTRIES POSSESS NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY... THE FACT IS THAT OUR BEING LATE IN ENTERING THE FIELD OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH...ESPECIALLY NUCLEAR POWER, LASER...AND DATA TECHNOLOGY, WILL COST US A GREAT DEAL AND PUT US ON THE MARGIN OF THE FUTURE, HOWEVER WE TRY TO CLAIM OTHERWISE!"

SATURDAY, MARCH 4:

"CHRISTOPHER AND THE WHEEL OF PEACE!"
MOHAMMED SALMAWI, CONTRIBUTOR, AL
AHRAM, PAGE 9:

"SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER WILL ARRIVE IN THE REGION TO FIND THE WHEEL OF PEACE...HAS' NEARLY STOPPED. THE ATMOSPHERE RECEIVING CHRISTOPHER IS THAT OF A COLD WAR, NOT PEACE. EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI RELATIONS ARE IN TENSION...BECAUSE OF ISRAEL'S REFUSAL TO SIGN NPT. THE PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT HAS COMPLETELY STOPPED PROGRESSING, AND THE POSSIBILITIES OF A SYRIAN AGREEMENT ARE FADING... IT WAS EXPECTED THAT ISRAEL, WHICH MADE A FUSS ABOUT ITS SECURITY REQUIREMENTS,...WOULD BE MORE UNDERSTANDING OF THE ARAB POSITION THAT ACCEPTED PEACE AND NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT. HOWEVER, THE ARAB PARTY IS FINDING THE OTHER SIDE MORE INSISTING ON MAINTAINING ITS NUCLEAR ARMS, A MATTER WHICH RAISES FEARS ABOUT ISRAEL'S REAL INTENTIONS.... WILL CHRISTOPHER FIND A WAY TO CONVINCE ISRAEL TO SIGN NPT? OR WILL HE CONVINCE EGYPT THAT THE NUCLEAR ARMS ON ITS BORDERS ARE NOT IMPORTANT? WILL HE SUCCEED IN UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 06 CAIRO 003085

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ENLIVENING THE GAZA-JERICHO AGREEMENT?... THE MOST THAT CHRISTOPHER'S TOUR CAN ACHIEVE IS GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT...THE WHEEL OF PEACE IS STILL TURNING..."

FRIDAY, MARCH 3:

"EGYPT AND THE U.S: NEW PUSH TO RELATIONS"
AHMED NAFIE, CONTRIBUTOR, AL AHRAH, PAGE 5:

"EGYPTIAN AND ARAB POLITICAL CIRCLES ARE NOTICEABLY INTERESTED IN SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER'S UPCOMING TOUR...AS TO ITS TIMING AND THE ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED... WASHINGTON HAS BECOME...UNSATISFIED WITH THE SLOW PACE OF THE PEACE PROCESS, AND IT WISHES TO MAKE A FRESH LEAP... EGYPT AND THE U.S. HAVE SIMILAR POSITIONS ON SPECIFIC PRIORITIES...ESPECIALLY ACHIEVING A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE, SECURITY AND STABILITY IN THE GULF, AND REGIONAL COOPERATION... BOTH CAIRO AND WASHINGTON AGREE ON ELIMINATING OBSTACLES TO THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE RECENT AMERICAN MOVES ON THE PROBLEMS OF SETTLEMENTS AND JERUSALEM ARE EXAMPLES... EGYPT AND THE U.S. ARE NOW TRYING TO CONVINCE ISRAEL THAT THE PALESTINIAN TRACK NEEDS A STRONG PUSH... THE AMERICAN PARTY IS REQUIRED TO PLAY A BIGGER ROLE GIVEN THE SPECIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND TEL AVIV. . . THE AMERICAN PARTY CAN CONVINCE ISRAEL THAT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN SOUTHERN LEBANON IS TROUBLESOME... EGYPT AND THE U.S. HAVE SIMILAR POSITIONS...THAT REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION CANNOT OCCUR WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CONCERNED PARTIES... U.S.- EGYPTIAN BILATERAL RELATIONS ARE STRONG AND ACTIVE... THERE ARE NO...POLITICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CAIRO AND WASHINGTON ON EGYPT'S POSITION ON NPT...BUT CAIRO'S APPROACH TO THE SITUATION OF ISRAEL'S REFUSAL TO SIGN THE TREATY DIFFERS FROM THE U.S. APPROACH... THOSE WHO CLAIM THAT U.S. ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE DIFFERENCE IN VIEWS FORGET THAT ASSISTANCE IS ESSENTIALLY BASED...ON EGYPT'S KEY ROLE IN THE SECURITY AND STABILITY OF THE REGION, ITS LEADING ROLE IN THE ARAB, ISLAMIC AND THIRD WORLDS, ITS EFFECTIVE ROLE IN THE PEACE PROCESS, AND ITS ECONOMIC REFORM ACHIEVEMENTS. THEREFORE, LINKING AID WITH EGYPT'S POSITION ON ISRAEL'S NUCLEAR OPTION IS UNLIKELY... IN APPRECIATION OF EGYPT'S ROLE, VP AL GORE IS VISITING EGYPT... THE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP...WILL UNDOUBTEDLY GIVE A FRESH DRIVE TO THE GROWTH OF U.S.-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS..."

4. ISLAM AND THE WEST:

SUNDAY, MARCH 5:

"THE DUTY OF ISLAMIC COUNTRIES NOW"
RAGAB EL BANNA, CONTRIBUTOR, AL AHRAH, PAGE 9:

"THE WEST IS INCREASINGLY INTERESTED IN ISLAM THESE DAYS. THE INTEREST SEEMS TO BE ANTAGONISTIC, DEPICTING ISLAM AS THE WEST'S NEW ENEMY AFTER COMMUNISM... IT SEEMS THAT THE SUPPORTERS OF THIS VIEW ARE RISING IN NUMBER. EVEN THE NATO SECRETARY GENERAL HAS NOT UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 06 CAIRO 003085

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OBSERVED THE CONSIDERATIONS OF HIS POSITION AND
HEEDLESSLY WARNED AGAINST THE SPREAD OF ISLAM, WHICH
IMPLIED THE SPREAD OF BARBARISM, KILLING, AND CHAOS...
THE ISLAMIC WORLD SHOULD REALIZE THAT...THE SUPPORTERS
OF THE NEW THEORY ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE VIOLENT
EVENTS IN THE NAME OF ISLAM IN MANY PLACES AROUND THE
WORLD TO CONFIRM THEIR THEORY.... HOWEVER, IT IS A
MISTAKE TO...THINK THAT THE WHOLE WEST I
S TAKING THIS
POSITION... DURING THE MUFTI'S VISIT TO THE U.S., I
DISCOVERED THAT THE MOSLEMS ARE FAILING TO DEPICT THEIR
RELIGION IN A WAY THAT COPE WITH THE WESTERN
MENTALITY;...MOST OF THE EFFORTS OF ISLAMIC
ORGANIZATIONS IN THE U.S. ARE LIMITED AND ROUTINE... I
ALSO DISCOVERED THAT ISLAM HAS FRIENDS IN THE WEST WHO
ARE WILLING TO ASSIST IN EXPLAINING THE REAL PICTURE. . .
THERE ARE GROUPS IN THE U.S....COMBINING INTELLECTUAL
ELITES AND RELIGIOUS PROFESSORS...WHO WANT TO MEET WITH
THEIR MOSLEM COUNTERPARTS IN EFFECTIVE DIALOGUES TO
SHOW REAL ISLAM... THESE PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW...BUT
FIND NO SUFFICIENT ANSWERS FROM MOSLEMS. IF THE
MUFTI'S TOUR ACHIEVED A GREAT SUCCESS, MORE EFFORTS ARE
NEEDED... ALL ISLAMIC COUNTRIES SHOULD MOVE..."

THURSDAY, MARCH 9:

"U.S.-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS AND THE TWO 'SABOTEURS',
BRITAIN AND ISRAEL!!"
MAHFOUZ AL ANSARI, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, AL GOMHOURIYA, PRO-
GOVERNMENT DAILY, FRONT AND PAGE 3:

"...IN FACT, THERE ARE MANY ISSUES AND PROBLEMS IN
EGYPTIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS, MOST OF WHICH ARE BASED ON
DIFFERENT VIEWS AND ANALYSES, DERIVED FROM DIFFERENT
CULTURES,...INTERESTS, AND HISTORY. THE MOST IMPORTANT
OF ALL IS THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUE;...(T)HEN
COMES HUMAN RIGHTS; (AND) THE TWENTY PERCENT REMAINING
OF THE FORGIVEN DEBTS...TO BE USED AS A PRESSURE TOOL
TO DEVALUE THE EGYPTIAN POUND. ALSO, THE STALEMATE ON
THE SYRIAN AND LEBANESE PEACE TRACKS, AND THE
RETRACTION OF THE PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT BECAUSE
OF ISRAEL'S POLICIES ON JERUSALEM, SETTLEMENTS AND
REPRESSION. MOST OF THESE ISSUES WERE NEVER POINTS OF
DIFFERENCE... LOOKING AT THE HISTORY OF EGYPTIAN-
AMERICAN RELATIONS,...WE DISCOVER THAT IT IS A HISTORY

OF 'LOVE' AND EACH TIME THERE IS DIRECT CONTACT,...A SABOTEUR APPEARS...NAMELY BRITAIN OR ISRAEL... BESIDES, THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN 'MISUNDERSTANDING'. WHILE EGYPT HAS ALWAYS SOUGHT LIBERATION AND INDEPENDENCE,...THE AMERICA HAS ALWAYS SOUGHT SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND ALLIANCES. EVEN THOUGH THIS FACT STILL REMAINS, THERE IS MATURITY IN THE RELATION THAT HAS SUPPLANTED CONFRONTATION AND ENMITY WITH UNDERSTANDING AND DIALOGUE, WHICH WE HOPE CONTINUE TO PREVAIL..."

5. U.S.-CHINA:
THURSDAY, MARCH 2:

"LANGUAGE OF INTERESTS"
SAMIR FOUAD RAMZI, AL AKHBAR, PAGE 2:
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"FINALLY, THE LANGUAGE OF INTERESTS WON IN THE TRADE DISPUTE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CHINA... THE AGREEMENT REALIZES AMERICAN INTERESTS BY STOPPING THE HUGE LOSSES SUFFERED BY AMERICAN FACTORIES... IT CREATES NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES BY OPENING CHINESE MARKETS FOR AMERICAN COMMODITIES. IT ACHIEVES CHINESE INTERESTS AT THE SAME TIME... ALTHOUGH PRESERVING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS IS WIDELY SOUGHT BY ALL COUNTRIES, THE CHINESE STUBBORN POSITION TO IMPOSE MUTUAL SANCTIONS SOFTENED THE AMERICAN POSITION. THE AMERICAN POLICY SUCCEEDED IN ENDING THE DISPUTE BY MEANS OF THE CARROT AND STICK, ALTHOUGH IT WAS UNEXPECTED OF CHINA TO GIVE CONCESSIONS OR COMPROMISE. ALTHOUGH WASHINGTON THREATENED TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS, IT SOUGHT NOT TO WORSEN THE TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THIS WAS EVIDENT WHEN AFTER DECLARING THE IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS, THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF LABOR DECLARED HIS INTENTION TO TRAVEL TO BEIJING TO STRIKE TRADE DEALS... WE HOPE THAT DAYS WILL PROVE THAT THE AGREEMENT WHICH THE AMERICANS DESCRIBE AS MOST COMPREHENSIVE, WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN PRACTICE AS WELL." RANSOM
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COLOMBIA

1. OVER THE WEEKEND, THE NATIONAL DAILIES CARRIED 12
EDITORIAL COMMENTARIES ON PRESIDENT CLINTON'S
RECOMMENDATION TO GIVE COLOMBIA A CERTIFICATION BASED ON
A NATIONAL INTEREST WAIVER FOR ITS EFFORTS AGAINST
NARCOTICS. SOME PIECES TALK ABOUT THE U.S.'S ALLEGED
DUPLICITY REGARDING DEMANDS ON COUNTRIES LIKE COLOMBIA
IN THE FACE OF THE U.S. CONSUMPTION PROBLEM. OTHERS
TALK ABOUT INTERVENTIONISM. ONE OF THEM SAYS THAT

COLOMBIANS SHOULD KEEP CALM SO THAT RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. ARE NOT JEOPARDIZED.

2. REPRESENTATIVE HEADLINES AND QUOTES FOLLOW:

A. OP-ED PIECE BY COLUMNIST GLORIA HELENA REY IN MARCH 4 LEADING DAILY "EL TIEMPO" (LIBERAL PARTY ORIENTED, CIRC. 245,000):

HEADLINE--"THE RETURN TO THE CAVES"

QUOTE--"THE ACTIONS OF REPUBLICAN SENATOR JESSE HELMS, CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. SENATE'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, ARE NOT ONLY THREATENING TO EMBITTER EVEN MORE THE RELATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON, BOGOTA, AND LATIN AMERICA OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. THEY ALSO SEEM TO BE AIMED AT PUSHING US TO THE DARK AND GLOOMY MCCARTHY ERA OF THE 1950'S...."

B. OP-ED PIECE BY COLUMNIST ABDON "ESPINOZA" VALDERRAMA IN MARCH 4 "EL TIEMPO":

HEADLINE--"THE STORMY PROCESS OF CERTIFICATION"

QUOTES--"THE VERBAL WAR THAT HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT BY THEIR (U.S.) OFFICIALS AND DISTINGUISHED CONGRESSMEN HAS BEEN WORSE THAN THE U.S. CERTIFICATION ON THE GROUNDS OF THEIR OWN NATIONAL INTERESTS. EVER SINCE THE OUTSPOKEN AMBASSADOR FRECHETTE MADE HIS APOCALYPTIC (SIC) SPEECH IN NEW YORK, A SERIES OF HARSH STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN HARRASSING THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF COLOMBIA. NATURALLY, RESPONSES WITH THE SAME TONE HAVE NOT BEEN LOCKING."

"... THE TRUTH IS THAT BY ACTING LIKE THAT, WITH EXTREME SUPERFICIALITY, THERE IS NO MUTUAL RESPECT AND CONSIDERATION, WHICH MUST EXIST IN THE DEALINGS BETWEEN TWO SOVEREIGN NATIONS. THE DANGER OF PROMOTING NATIONALISTIC FEELINGS AROUND THE ISSUE OF DRUG TRAFFICKING IS THAT IT MIGHT END UP BEING COVERED UP WITH THE IRRITATING MANTLE OF PATRIOTISM...."

C. OP-ED PIECE BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR AND COLUMNIST RAFAEL "SANTOS" CALDERON IN MARCH 5 "EL TIEMPO" (SUNDAY CIRC. 460,000):

HEADLINE--"ODDS AND ENDS, HERE AND THERE"

QUOTES--"AFTER SWALLOWING THE BITTER CUP OF THE CERTIFICATION, WHAT SEEMS TO BE COMING IS A RACE AGAINST THE CLOCK IN ORDER TO COME UP WITH THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE NUMBER OF RESULTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS. FROM THE ACADEMIC PROBATION THAT WAS GIVEN TO US WE CAN CONCLUDE THAT IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME --ONE OR TWO YEARS-- CLINTON EXPECTS US TO DISMANTLE THE DRUG CARTELS STARTING WITH CALI, TO ERADICATE EVERY SINGLE PLANT OF COCA AND OPIUM POPPY, AND TO PUT AN END TO NARCO-CORRUPTION. ALMOST NOTHING. IT SEEMS THAT THE

NEXT TWELVE MONTHS WILL BE ENTIRELY DESTINED TO FIGHTING KINGPINS AND NARCO-GUERRILLAS. AS IF WE DIDN'T HAVE OTHER FRONTS TO CONSIDER AND WORRY ABOUT. THE TRUTH IS THAT EVEN IF THIS MARVELOUS GOAL IS ACCOMPLISHED, SO LONG AS THE PROBLEM IS NOT ATTACKED ON OTHER FRONTS, THE UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 03 BOGOTA 002945

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RESULTS WILL BE THE SAME. WHAT TIMETABLE HAVE THE AMERICANS ESTABLISHED TO DIMINISH THEIR VORACIOUS CONSUMPTION?"

"IF IT HAS SOLID EVIDENCE --AND IF IT FOLLOWS ITS QUESTIONABLE MORAL CONVICTIONS-- THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION HAS THE OBLIGATION OF MAKING PUBLIC THE LIST OF CONGRESSMEN WHO HAVE BEEN DENIED VISAS UNDER THE SUSPICION THAT THEY ARE FRIENDS OR THEY SERVE THE NARCOS. IT IS NOT FAIR TO CAST A SHADOW OF DOUBT OVER A WHOLE CONGRESS WHEN IT IS KNOWN--OR THE AMERICANS KNOW-- WHO THE ROTTEN APPLES ARE. THEY MAY THINK IT WOULD BE GOOD TO SEE THE RODRIGUEZ OREJUELA BROTHERS BEHIND BARS, BUT IT IS OF MUCH MORE USE TO US TO KNOW WHO RUNS RRRANDS FOR THE DRUG TRAFFICKERS FROM THE CONGRES."

D. OP-ED PIECE BY FORMER PRESIDENT AND COLMNIST ALFONSO "LOPEZ" MICHELSEN IN MARCH 5 "EL TIEMPO":

HEADLINE--"A DIFFERENT NATION: THE UNITED STATES"

QUOTE--"THE DISAPPEARANCE OF COMMUNISM HAS PUT ON THE TABLE THE QUESTIONABLE LEGITIMACY OF THIS TYPE OF INTERVENTION. WHEN IT WAS DEALING WITH THE THREAT OF TOTALITARIANISM, THE AMERICAN INTEREST WAS CLEAR. BUT NOW, WHEN THE UNION IS A SUPERPOWER WITHOUT RIVALS, WHAT CAN JUSTIFY THE INSISTANCE ON INTERVENTIONISM? HUMANITARIAN REASONS? ECONOMIC INTERESTS? MORAL REASONS? DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY? THIS SEEMS TO BE WHY THE AMBIVALENCE, IN TERMS OF THE U.S.'S ROLE IN THE WORLD, IS AGAIN ON THE TABLE...."

E. EDITORIAL IN MARCH 5 CONSERVATIVE TABLOID "LA PRENSA" (OPPOSITION, CIRC. 25,000):

HEADLINE--"BALANCE AFTER THE ATTACK OF NERVES"

QUOTE--"THE 'PROVINCIAL' PROPOSAL TO REJECT THE AID DOESN'T CEASE TO BE HILARIOUS, AS IF WHAT WAS AT STAKE WAS A FEW DOLLARS AND NOT THE DIGNITY OF A COUNTRY IN RELATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THERE ARE THOSE WHO PROPOSE THAT FOR COLOMBIA, BUT THEY THINK IT IS DIGNIFIED TO RECEIVE 20 MILLION DOLLARS WITH ALL KINDS OF CONDITIONS. DIGNITY IS BASED ON QUANTITY."

F. EDITORIAL IN MARCH 6 SECOND LEADING DAILY "EL ESPECTADOR" (LIBERAL PARTY ORIENTED, CIRC. 145,000):

HEADLINE--"FOR THE FAVORS OF A FORTUNE TELLER"

QUOTE--"... THE COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES SAY THAT OTHER KINGPINS (IN ADDITION TO JORGE RODRIGUEZ OREJUELA) WILL BE CAPTURED SOON. IF THIS IS TRUE, THE GOOD THING IS NOT THAT THE AUTHORITIES ACT SO THAT THE U.S. CONGRESS RATIFIES THE CERTIFICATION IN A 45 DAY PERIOD. THE GOOD THING IS FOR THE COUNTRY TO REST AND FOR ITS SOCIETY TO FEEL THAT IT CAN 'DE-NARCOTIZE' ITSELF...."

G. OP-ED PIECE BY FORMER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE AND COLUMNIST RODRIGO LLORENTE IN MARCH 6 ECONOMIC DAILY "LA REPUBLICA" (CONSERVATIVE, CIRC. 20,000):

HEADLINE--"GOOD REASONS"

QUOTES--"... LET US HOPE THAT THIS EPISODE BASED ON HALF-LIES DOESN'T WEAKEN THE LINKS OF FRIENDSHIP THAT FOR MANY COLOMBIANS HAVE BEEN THE CENTRAL FACTOR IN THEIR FOREIGN POLICY. THE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN BOTH NATIONS HAS BEEN NOTORIOUS IN THE ARENA OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS...."

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"... COLOMBIA HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN AT THE SIDE OF THE UNITED STATES. THESE FRIENDLY RELATIONS MUST NOT BE ALTERED BECAUSE IT IS SOMETHING THAT IS INGRAINED IN OUR NATION. THAT IS WHY, NOW MORE THAN EVER, WE MUST KEEP A COOL HEAD...." KOENGETER

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SUMMARY:

1. PRESS SUMMARY:

-- PRO-GOVERNMENT AL AHRAH'S LEAD STORY WAS THAT U.S. SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER WILL DEPART WASHINGTON THIS WEEK FOR CAIRO WHERE HE WILL HOLD TALKS WITH PRESIDENT MUBARAK ON THE POSSIBILITY OF REMOVING ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST.

-- PRO-GOVERNMENT AL GOMHOURIYA QUOTED PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR OSSAMA EL-BAZ IN A STATEMENT TO REPORTERS AFTER RETURNING FROM A PEACEKEEPING CONFERENCE IN VIENNA REITERATING THAT EGYPT'S POSITION ON NPT IS FIRM.

2. ANALYSIS: PRO-GOVERNMENT AL AKHBAR HIGHLY FEATURED A RADIO ISRAEL REPORT THAT IRAQ IS SEEKING PEACE WITH ISRAEL, WITH ARAFAT PROPOSING TO MEDIATE. ALL PAPERS QUOTED ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER RABIN, HOURS BEFORE CHRISTOPHER'S TOUR, AS PROPOSING A PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL FROM THE GOLAN IN EXCHANGE FOR FULL NORMALIZATION WITH SYRIA. IRAN'S WARNING OF A PROBABLE THIRD WORLD WAR OVER NUCLEAR ARMS WAS REPORTED IN ALL PAPERS. ALL PAPERS REPORTED ON A QUADRILATERAL MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF EGYPT, PALESTINE, ISRAEL AND JORDAN IN AMMAN ON MARCH 7. PRO-GOVERNMENT AL AKHBAR ANNOUNCED ON ITS FRONT PAGE THAT VP GORE WILL VISIT EGYPT ON MARCH 19; OPPOSITION AL AHRAR REPORTED ON ITS FRONT PAGE THAT CONGRESS HAS ASKED THE ADMINISTRATION TO SUSPEND ECONOMIC COOPERATION VIA THE PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT UNTIL EGYPT SIGNS NPT. OTHER INTERNATIONAL NEWS INCLUDED REPORTS THAT, WITH THE U.S. THREATENING TO USE ITS VETO, IRAQ HAS RULED OUT THE LIFTING OF THE SANCTIONS IN THE NEXT SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING. THERE WAS LIMITED REPORTING ON THE PARTICIPATION OF NATO IN THE WITHDRAWAL OF INTERNATIONAL TROOPS FROM BOSNIA. END SUMMARY.

BLOCK QUOTES

3. NPT:

SUNDAY, MARCH 5:

"BIAS WITH THE PEOPLE"
TALAAT EL MAGHAWRI, CONTRIBUTOR, AL WAFD, OPPOSITION DAILY, PAGE 8:

"IT SEEMS THAT ISRAELI PRESSURES ON EGYPT TO SIGN NPT WILL SUCCEED DESPITE THE OFFICIAL POSITION AND THE PEOPLE'S FIRM POSITION NOT TO SIGN IT... HOWEVER, THE U.S. AND EUROPE HAVE STARTED TO THREATEN SUSPENSION OF ECONOMIC PROJECTS AND DECREASED ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT. REGRETTABLY, THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT TENDS TO MARGINALIZE THE PUBLIC ROLE IN DECISION-MAKING, WHICH IS THE REAL CATASTROPHE. THE GOVERNMENT MAY SUCCUMB TO

FOREIGN PRESSURES TO SIGN UNDER THE PRETEXT THAT ISRAEL HAS PROMISED TO SIGN THE TREATY LATER AND THAT EGYPT IS IN NEED OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE... ISRAEL HAS BEGUN TO INSTIGATE THE U.S. AND EUROPE AGAINST US... THE UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 03 CAIRO 003163

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EGYPTIAN PEOPLE HAVE SACRIFICED EVERYTHING...AND ARE WILLING TO SACRIFICE MORE FOR THEIR COUNTRY. BUT, WILL THE GOVERNMENT PREVENT THEM FROM SHARING IN DECIDING THEIR FATE IN THIS CRUCIAL MOMENT?... OR WILL THE GOVERNMENT...SUBMIT TO JEWISH PRESSURES TO FURTHER HUMILIATE EGYPTIAN PRIDE?... THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE MISTAKEN TO THINK THAT THE U.S., EUROPE AND ISRAEL CAN STARVE US... THE WHOLE ISSUE MUST BE PROPOSED TO THE PEOPLE TO GIVE THEIR OPINION; THIS IS THE GAME OF DEMOCRACY THAT ISRAEL PLAYS. EGYPT MUST DO THE SAME THING AND THE PEOPLE MUST CARRY THE RESPONSIBILITY...AND SUPPORT THEIR GOVERNMENT WHATEVER THE CHALLENGES MAY BE."

4. U.S.-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS:

"AMERICAN ASSISTANCE"

AL AHRAH, PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY, UNSIGNED, PAGE 9:
"DRIVEN BY INTERESTS AND POLITICAL CALCULATIONS, THE FIRST ENEMY OF U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE HAS ALSO BECOME THE FIRST DEFENDER OF MAINTAINING EGYPT'S AND ISRAEL'S SHARES IN THIS ASSISTANCE WITHOUT DECREASE. SENATOR JESSE HELMS...HAS INVENTED A REASONABLE SOLUTION TO DEFEND THE MAINTENANCE OF ASSISTANCE FOR EGYPT AND ISRAEL...AT A TIME WHEN HE INSISTS ON REJECTING THE WHOLE IDEA OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE... HELMS IS NOT, AND WILL NOT BE, THE FIRST POLITICIAN TO CHANGE HIS MIND AFTER HE ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY. INTERESTS AND POLITICAL CALCULATIONS...IMPOSE THEMSELVES ON DECISION-MAKING, REGARDLESS OF PERSONAL VIEWS AND ELECTION PROMISES... NO ONE CAN SAY THAT AMERICAN FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IS A CHARITY;...RATHER IT IS AND WILL ALWAYS BE A MEANS TO ACHIEVE AMERICAN INTERESTS... THERE IS NO SHAME IN THAT AS LONG AS THE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES DO NOT RELINQUISH THEIR SOVEREIGNTY OR INDEPENDENCE...FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE... NATURALLY, EGYPT'S ROLE IN PEACE MAKING AND SUSTAINABILITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS ALSO IN AMERICA'S INTEREST. IN THIS WAY AMERICAN INTERESTS AGREE WITH EGYPTIAN INTERESTS. THUS WE WELCOME THE CHANGE IN SENATOR HELMS' POSITION, EVEN THOUGH WE

REALIZE THAT THE ASSISTANCE WILL NOT CONTINUE
FOREVER..."

"THE JAPAN TRIP AND GETTING OUT OF THE 'AMERICAN
CIRCLE'"

MAHMOUD EL MARAGHI, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, AL ARABI,
OPPOSITION WEEKLY, FRONT PAGE:

"WILL THE AMERICAN ERA IN EGYPT END? WILL AMERICAN
'ASSISTANCE' STOP?... WILL THIS SPECIAL
RELATIONSHIP...END?... THESE QUESTIONS ARE RAISED
BECAUSE OF PRESIDENT MUBARAK'S VISIT TO JAPAN. JAPAN
IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE U.S., BUT IS AMONG OTHER
CIRCLES THAT CAN BALANCE EGYPTIAN FOREIGN POLICY...
JAPAN IS A U.S. ALLY, ALTHOUGH THEY DIFFERED OVER
OPENING JAPAN'S MARKETS TO AMERICAN RICE, CARS...AND
SENDING JAPANESE TROOPS TO THE GULF WAR... THEN JAPAN
IS THE COMPETITOR ALLY... CAN EGYPT BENEFIT FROM
THIS?... IT IS TIME THE 'SPECIAL' EGYPTIAN-AMERICAN
RELATIONSHIP ENDED, THE RELATIONSHIP ON WHICH SADAT
LAID THEIR BASES....AND BY WHICH HE PUT ALL THE EGGS IN
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ONE BASKET... NOW IS THE CHANCE FOR A POLITICAL AND
ECONOMIC MATURITY IN WHICH WE RELINQUISH WASHINGTON'S
UNIQUE POSITION AND START LOOKING FOR ALTERNATIVE AXES,
EITHER NORTH TO EUROPE...SOUTH TO AFRICA, OR EAST TO
CHINA, JAPAN... OVER ALL, WE SHOULD ENRICH OUR
RELATIONS WITH THE ARABS. IT SHOULD BE A POLICY OF
VARIATION OF INTERESTS AND RELATIONS, TO GET OUT OF THE
AMERICAN CAPTIVITY WHICH LEAVES ITS IMPRINTS ON OUR
ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL OPTIONS... I DO NOT SAY THAT WE
SHOULD CUT ALL COOPERATION WITH SUCH A BIG COUNTRY LIKE
THE U.S., BUT ALL THE NATIONAL CIRCLES IN EGYPT ARE
ASKING FOR A BALANCE IN FOREIGN RELATIONS... IT IS
HIGH TIME FOR THIS..."

6. U.S.-FRENCH RELATIONS:

"ARMS AND ESPIONAGE!"

SALAMA AHMED SALAMA, COLUMNIST, AL AHRAM, PAGE 8:

"...NOBODY EXPECTED THAT MATTERS BETWEEN FRIENDS AND
ALLIES WOULD COME TO THE POINT THAT ONE WOULD SPY ON
THE OTHER... SUCH CASES HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY TACKLED IN
SECRECY...WHICH MEANS THAT ESPIONAGE BETWEEN FRIENDS IS
WELL KNOWN... WHAT HAPPENED THIS TIME? THE DECLARED

REASONS WERE NOT THE REAL ONES. . . AMERICA'S ANGER WAS NOT BECAUSE OF THE LEAKING OF THE NEWS TO THE PRESS... IT SEEMS THAT THE REAL REASON IS ASCRIBED TO THE WIDE ECONOMIC ESPIONAGE OPERATIONS CONDUCTED BY AMERICAN AGENCIES WHICH HARMED THE FRENCH ECONOMY, ESPECIALLY IN THE SECTOR OF ARMS AND AIRCRAFT SELLING. THERE IS A HARSH COMPETITION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES OVER...ARMS SALES AND EXPORTS TO ARAB MARKETS... AFTER THE GULF WAR, COMPETITION AND CLASHES INCREASED BETWEEN ALLIES OVER ARMS MARKETS... A CONGRESSIONAL REPORT REVEALS THAT THE U.S. SEIZED 73 PERCENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ARMS MARKET. IT IS THE MOST PROFITABLE TRADE AND COUNTRIES ARE NOT AS HAMED TO USE THE DIRTIEST MEANS TO ACHIEVE IT. OUR ARAB COUNTRIES ARE THE ONES PAYING!! THIS IS THE NEW WORLD ORDER." RANSOM
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1. (U) THE CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS DENOUNCED THE U.S. DECISION TO PERMIT FAMILY VISITS WITH REFUGEES CURRENTLY STAYING IN GUANTANAMO AS ILLEGAL, DECLARED AS UNNEEDED OUTSIDE MEDIATION IN ARRANGING MEETINGS WITH OVERSEAS CUBANS, AND INSISTED THAT PROPOSED U.S. LEGISLATION WOULD NOT IMPACT ON CUBAN-RUSSIAN RELATIONS. THE STATEMENTS WERE MADE IN A SECTION TITLED "DECLARATIONS BY THE PRESS SPOKESMAN" IN A NEW PUBLICATION, "DIPLOMATIC BULLETIN," WHICH THE CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS CIRCULATED TO THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY. ITS FIRST EDITION WAS DATED FEBRUARY 24, 1995.

2. (U) STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY

SPOKESMAN WERE SEEMINGLY MADE AT DIFFERENT TIMES AND COMBINED HAPHAZARDLY FOR THE BULLETIN. FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF RELEVANT PARAGRAPHS FROM THIS SECTION OF THE NEWSLETTER:

VISITS BY U.S. CITIZENS TO RAFTERS IN GUANTANAMO

"THE ACTING PRESS SPOKESMAN OF THE CHANCERY, LUIS DELFIN PEREZ, DECLARED THE FOLLOWING IN LIGHT OF THE NORTH AMERICAN DECISION TO PERMIT CITIZENS OF THAT COUNTRY TO VISIT THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS CONCENTRATED IN THE NORTH AMERICAN NAVAL BASE OF GUANTANAMO.

"1. THIS ACTION CONSTITUTES ONE MORE EXAMPLE OF THE VIOLATION OF CUBAN SOVEREIGNTY OVER THAT PORTION OF ITS TERRITORY ILLEGALLY AND FORCIBLY OCCUPIED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

"2. THIS RESULTS IN AN ACT OF HYPOCRISY BY THE (U.S.) GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS PROHIBITED AND PLACED OBSTACLES IN THE WAY OF RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN CITIZENS OF CUBAN ORIGIN THAT RESIDE IN U.S. TERRITORY AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS IN CUBA. IT IS KNOWN THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR POLITICAL REASONS, PERSISTS IN IMPEDING TRAVEL, PLACING OBSTACLES IN THE WAY OF COMMUNICATION, AND ERODING FAMILY TIES AMONG PERSONS OF CUBAN ORIGIN."

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CUBANS NOT TO BE ALLOWED TO VISIT GUANTANAMO

"ASKED ABOUT WHETHER CUBA WOULD ALLOW CUBAN FAMILY MEMBERS TO VISIT THE RAFTERS CONFINED IN THE NORTH AMERICAN NAVAL BASE OF GUANTANAMO, (HE) SAID THAT SINCE THIS ENCLAVE IS ILLEGAL AND (HE) DOUBTS THAT THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE GIVEN THE CUBAN POSITION ON THE MATTER."

NO OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE IN BROKERING INTRA-CUBAN TALKS NEEDED

"ABOUT THE PROJECTED MEETING KNOWN AS "ESQUIPWAS III" HE SAID THAT OFFICIALLY NO ONE HAS PROPOSED THIS TO CUBA, THE INFORMATION HAVING ARRIVED VIA THE PRESS AND SPECULATION. HE RESTATED THAT OUR COUNTRY DOES NOT NEED THE MEDIATION OF ANYONE IN ITS RELATIONS WITH EMIGRANTS, FOR THIS IS FLUID, AND EVEN THOUGH A DATE FOR THE NEXT GATHERING WITH EMIGRANTS HAS NOT BEEN SET, THERE WILL BE ONE."

HELMS BILL WILL NOT AFFECT CUBAN-RUSSIAN RELATIONS

"UPON BEING ASKED IF THE NEW DRAFT LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SENATOR JESSE HELMS WOULD AFFECT CUBA'S RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA AND CHINA, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IF THE STATEMENTS MADE TO THE PRESS BY AN UNIDENTIFIED RUSSIAN

OFFICIAL ARE CORRECT, "AND THERE IS NO REASON NOT TO BELIEVE SO," THE LEGISLATION SHOULD NOT AFFECT SUCH RELATIONS. IN THE CASE OF CHINA, HE RECALLED THE RECENT AGREEMENTS SIGNED IN BEIJING BY MINISTER CABRISAS. HE NOTED THAT THE PROJECT OF MR. HELMS IS AIMED AT DISCOURAGING RELATIONS BY THOSE WHO WOULD DO BUSINESS UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 HAVANA 001898

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VISIT BY SPANISH MILITARY DELEGATION

"A REPORTER ASKED IF THE VISIT THAT THE SPANISH MILITARY DELEGATION TO THE ISLAND MARKED THE BEGINNING OF A COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE TWO ARMED FORCES. THE SPOKESMAN INDICATED THAT THE RELATIONS BETWEEN CUBAN AND SPAIN ARE EXTENSIVE AND THEREFORE THERE IS NOTHING UNUSUAL THAT THE TWO MILITARY INSTITUTIONS SHOULD COLLABORATE. THE VISIT OF THE SAID DELEGATION, HEADED BY COL. JOSE IGNACIO PASTOR, ARMY, NAVY AND AIR ATTACHE OF HIS COUNTRY IN MEXICO AS WELL IN HAVANA, OCCURRED SATISFACTORILY AND THAT THE (SPANISH) MILITARY WAS HOSTED BY THE (CUBAN) REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES."
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1. I AM FAMILIAR WITH THE OLD ADAGE: "DON'T KICK A DEAD HORSE." BUT IT IS HARD FOR ME TO BELIEVE THAT THE BUDGET SAVINGS IN CLOSING SEYCHELLES ARE SIGNIFICANT. THE THREE CLOSURES KNOWN TO ME AT PRESENT ARE THE TWO TINY ISLANDS OF SEYCHELLES AND COOK, WHICH TOGETHER TOTAL LESS THAN A HALF-MILLION DOLLARS; AND NIGERIA, IN WHICH WE ARE -- OR SHOULD BE -- WITHDRAWING EVERYTHING. WHAT ARE THE "MAJOR" BUDGET SAVINGS CUTS IN SEYCHELLES AND COOK ISLANDS VIS-A-VIS PEACE CORPS' OVERALL BUDGET? DOES ONE REALLY BELIEVE THAT JESSE HELMS WILL REGARD THIS AS A SIGNIFICANT BUDGETARY REDUCTION?

2. THERE IS ANOTHER ARGUMENT BEING MADE TO JUSTIFY THE CLOSURE WHICH I THINK CAN BE OFF-SET: "THAT THE PER CAPITA INCOME IN THE SEYCHELLES, USD 6,300 A YEAR IS MANY TIMES ABOVE THE AVERAGE IN MOST COUNTRIES THE AGENCY SERVES." THAT MAY BE TRUE. BUT IT IGNORES THE BALANCING FACTOR THAT THE CITY OF VICTORIA -- WHERE THE MAJORITY OF SEYCHELLOIS LIVE -- HAS THE 13TH HIGHEST COST OF LIVING OF ALL CAPITAL CITIES IN THE WORLD -- AHEAD OF PARIS. THAT

MEANS THE SEYCHELLOIS HAS NO MORE, OR NOT MUCH MORE, REAL DISPOSAL INCOME THAN HIS/HER COUNTERPART ELSEWHERE IN SUB-SAHARA AFRICA. ADDITIONALLY, FOR 21 YEARS, PEACE CORPS HAS RECOGNIZED THAT THE ACTUALITY OF THE NEEDS HERE RADICALLY OFFSET THE MISLEADING FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

3. IN A FINAL EFFORT TO PERSUADE PEACE CORPS TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION TO CLOSE ITS PROGRAM HERE, I HAVE REQUESTED THE DIRECTOR, SABINA DUNTON, TO GIVE ME THE ACTUAL DOLLAR FIGURES THAT SHE WOULD NEED TO KEEP HER PROGRAM GOING TO SEPTEMBER, 1996. THE FULL TEXT OF DUNTON'S RESPONSE FOLLOWS:

4. BEGIN TEXT: FOR FY96 THE PROGRAM COULD OPERATE ON ABOUT \$175,000, WHICH IS ABOUT \$92,000 LESS THAN THE FY95 BUDGET.

CURRENTLY THERE ARE 14 VOLUNTEERS SERVING SEYCHELLES. SIX OF THESE WOULD END THEIR SERVICE IN JANUARY 1996, THE OTHER 8 WOULD END THEIR SERVICE AT THE END OF 1996. THE AVERAGE COST PER VOLUNTEER FOR FY96 IS ABOUT \$13,000.

BACKGROUND INFO:

THIS YEAR'S, FY95, OPERATING BUDGET IS \$266,800, WHICH INCLUDED A LARGE PST (PRE-SERVICE TRAINING) AND THE ADDITION OF 8 TRAINEE/VOLUNTEERS. THE FY96 BUDGET OF \$175,000 REPRESENTS A REDUCTION OF ALMOST \$92,000 FROM THE FY95 BUDGET DUE TO THE FACT THAT NO ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS WOULD COME IN, NO PST TRAINING WOULD OCCUR, NO NEW EQUIPMENT WOULD BE PURCHASED, AND ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES WOULD BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM.

DURING FY96, ALL OF OUR CURRENT 14 PCVS WOULD END THEIR VOLUNTEER SERVICE. THEREFORE, WE HAVE INCLUDED AN AVERAGE OF \$3,000 FOR EACH FOR AN AIRLINE TICKET HOME (14 VOLS X \$3,000 - \$42,000) FOR A TOTAL OF \$42,000. I MENTION THIS, BECAUSE WITH THE FY96 CLOSURE, EIGHT OF OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE ENDING THEIR SERVICE ABOUT THREE MONTHS EARLY (NORMALLY THEY WOULD LEAVE DEC. 96 MAKING THIS A FY 97 EXPENSE), THEREBY INFLATING THIS COS (CLOSE OF SERVICE) EXPENSE AND TO EMPHASIZE THAT \$42,000 OF THE \$175,000 IS JUST TO GET VOLUNTEERS BACK HOME.

THE ABOVE FIGURES ARE AS EXACT AND REALISTIC AS POSSIBLE AT THIS POINT IN TIME. END TEXT.

5. I HOPE THE ABOVE FIGURES WILL GIVE YOU CAUSE TO FAVORABLY RECONSIDER THE DECISION TO CLOSE SEYCHELLES PEACE CORPS IN SEPTEMBER 1995.

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TRIP TO MOSCOW; BOSNIA FIGHTING

1. THE MAJOR, PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY "POLITIKA" (MAR 22) CARRIES A FRONT-PAGE COMMENTARY BY NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT DUSAN PESIC ON PRESIDENT CLINTON'S TRIP TO MOSCOW ON MAY 9. UNDER THE HEADLINE "CLINTON TRAVELS TO MOSCOW, AFTER ALL," PESIC WRITES THAT "AFTER MANY MONTHS OF HESITATION PRESIDENT CLINTON DECIDED TO VISIT RUSSIA IN MAY," AND ADDS: "THE WHITE HOUSE'S RESTRAINT TOWARD YELTSIN'S INVITATION HAS MOSTLY BEEN DUE TO THE CHECHNYA CONFLICT, WHICH SERIOUSLY DIVIDED U.S. PUBLIC OPINION AND REDUCED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE RUSSIAN PRESIDENT."

2. PESIC STRESSES: "HOWEVER, AT THE VERY LAST MINUTE, SOME DEEPER AND MORE IMPORTANT POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC ARGUMENTS PREVAILED. U.S. OFFICIAL ASSESSMENTS ARE THAT THE RUSSIAN PRESIDENT SHOULD BE HELPED IN OVERCOMING HIS CURRENT DOMESTIC PROBLEMS, BECAUSE HE IS STILL THE ONE MOST DECISIVELY COMMITTED TO DEMOCRATIC REFORMS IN RUSSIA. WHAT ACTUALLY DECIDED THE ISSUE WAS YELTSIN'S ADDITIONAL GESTURE OF GOOD WILL, WHEN HE INFORMED PRESIDENT CLINTON THAT THE PARADE ON RED SQUARE WILL BY NO MEANS BE A

DEMONSTRATION OF RUSSIA'S MILITARY POWER."

3. THE INDEPENDENT, CENTRIST BELGRADE DAILY "NASA BORBA" (MAR 22) CARRIES A REPORT BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT SLOBODAN PAVLOVIC REGARDING THE SAME TOPIC. PAVLOVIC WRITES: "HERE IN WASHINGTON, YOU CAN HEAR VARIOUS EXPLANATIONS WHY THE ALLIES IN GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE WERE BYPASSED BY THE U.S. PRESIDENT IN HIS DECISION TO GO TO MOSCOW. THE PREDOMINANT IMPRESSION IS THAT THE SO-CALLED SPECIAL U.S.-BRITISH RELATION HAS RECEIVED ANOTHER HEAVY BLOW IN THE PAST WEEK. THE FIRST OCCURRED WHEN THE U.S. GAVE AN ALMOST-HEAD-OF-STATE TREATMENT TO THE IRA LEADER GERRY ADAMS."

4. PAVLOVIC CONTINUES: "IN THE MEANTIME, HEAVY ARTILLERY REPUBLICANS HAVE TURNED AGAINST PRESIDENT CLINTON BECAUSE OF HIS DECISION TO VISIT RUSSIA. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE JESSE HELMS DESIGNATED THIS TRIP AS A 'GREAT MISTAKE AT A TIME WHEN CHECHNYA IS IN ASHES, AND WHILE RUSSIA IS SIGNING NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH IRAN.' HE AND OTHER REPUBLICANS HAVE NOT ACCEPTED THE WHITE HOUSE EXPLANATION THAT THE TRIP IS MOTIVATED BY AN EARLIER AGREEMENT TO HOLD THE REGULAR SUMMIT IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1995, AND THAT THE VICTORY DAY CELEBRATION IS ONLY A REASON FOR STARTING TALKS ON URGENT BILATERAL ISSUES, LIKE DISARMAMENT, CHECHNYA, NATO, AND BILATERAL DIFFERENCES OVER IRAQ AND BOSNIA."

5. THE INDEPENDENT, CENTRIST BELGRADE DAILY "NASA BORBA" (MAR 22) CARRIES A FRONT-PAGE REPORT BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT SLOBODAN PAVLOVIC ON THE U.S. POSITION ON THE CURRENT ESCALATION OF FIGHTING IN BOSNIA AND THE BOSNIAN CRISIS IN GENERAL. UNDER THE LEAD "WASHINGTON LOOKS UPON THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE BOSNIAN CRISIS WITH SKEPTICISM," PAVLOVIC WRITES: "SINCE LAST WEEKEND THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA HAS SUCCESSFULLY MADE PRIME-TIME NEWS AGAIN, THANKS TO MARTIC'S REFUSAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLAN FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF UN FORCES ON THE KRAJINA BORDERS WITH BOSNIA AND SERBIA, AND THE RENEWAL OF FIGHTING IN THE TUZLA REGION."

6. PAVLOVIC CONTINUES: "THE LATTER HAS ALREADY BEEN DESCRIBED BY BOTH WASHINGTON AND THE UN AS THE MOST SERIOUS VIOLATION YET OF THE 'CARTER AGREEMENT.' THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE MEDIA AND THE INTERNATIONAL MONITORS IN TREATING THIS MATTER IS THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT REFRAINS FROM PINPOINTING THE MAIN CULPRIT, CALLING INSTEAD ON BOTH WARRING PARTIES TO RESPECT THE CEASE FIRE AGREEMENT AND MAKE A

'NEW EFFORT' TOWARD THE SETTLEMENT THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS."

7. PAVLOVIC ADDS: "BUT THIS NEW EFFORT CAN ONLY BE SEEN ON THE BATTLEGROUND, WHICH CONSPICUOUSLY COINCIDES WITH LAST WEEK'S CELEBRATION OF THE FIRST

'WASHINGTON-BOSNIAN FEDERATION' ANNIVERSARY, I.E.,
WITH THE MUSLIMS' REFUSAL OF THE U.S. INITIATIVE TO
EXTEND THE CEASE FIRE AGREEMENT BEYOND MAY 1, EVEN IF
THE BOSNIAN SERBS ARE NOT READY TO ACCEPT THE CONTACT
GROUP PEACE PLAN BY THAT TIME."

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1. THE MARCH 22 EDITION OF THE LISBON DAILY "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" CONTAINS AN INTERVIEW WITH JONAS SAVIMBI CONDUCTED BY WELL-KNOWN POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT JOSE FREIRE ANTUNES. THE INTERVIEW REPORTEDLY TOOK PLACE ON MARCH 17-18 IN BAILUNDO.

2. THE INTERVIEW HEADLINE WAS "THE WAR MUST NOT START AGAIN." QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST CONCERNING THE LUSAKA PROCESS AND RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. FOLLOW (INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION):

Q - HOW DO YOU INTERPRET THE PRESENT POSITION OF THE U.S. IN TERMS OF THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION'S RECENT STATEMENTS?

SAVIMBI - THE WHITE HOUSE STATEMENTS ARE REFLECTED IN THE LETTER SENT TO ME BY PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON'S SECURITY ASSISTANT WHICH REVEALED CONCERN OVER THE EVOLUTION OF EVENTS IN ANGOLA. AS A RESULT OF INFORMATION HE HAS RECEIVED, CLINTON IS CONCERNED THAT THE PROCESS WILL RUN OFF TRACK. BUT I HAD A LONG DISCUSSION WITH THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR, WHO CAME HERE WITH HIS STAFF. AND I AM CONVINCED THAT THERE ARE GROUNDS FOR THE U.S.'S CONCERN.

THERE HAS BEEN GREAT PROGRESS AND MY OWN WORDS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BY STATEMENTS MADE BY ALIOUNE BEYE, REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS, WHO SAID TODAY THAT SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE THIS WEEK. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A COMPLICATED PROCESS. THE WAR LASTED A LONG TIME AND THE PROGRESS BEING MADE IS FIRM. BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THERE IS REASON TO WORRY THAT SOMEONE WANTS TO INTERRUPT THE PROCESS. THIS IS MY OPINION.

Q - DO YOU NOTICE ANY CHANGE IN THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION'S APPRECIATION OF THE ANGOLAN PROBLEM?

S - OF COURSE I DO BECAUSE, AS EVERYONE KNOWS, UNITA WAS SUPPORTED BY THE REPUBLICANS WHO HAVE REGAINED CONTROL OF CONGRESS. I AM IN CONTACT WITH THEM. THERE IS NOW A BALANCE WHICH WE ADMIRE. PERHAPS BECAUSE HE WAS UNAWARE OF THE ANGOLAN PROBLEM, PRESIDENT CLINTON ASSUMED POSITIONS WHICH WERE SLIGHTLY MORE AGAINST UNITA.

BUT, WITH THE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IN CONGRESS, THERE IS A BALANCE WHICH WE ADMIRE. WE ARE EVEN ATTEMPTING TO SENSITIZE CONGRESS TO UNBLOCK FUNDS FOR THE ANGOLAN PEACE PROCESS.

Q - IS THERE ALSO A CLOSER OBSERVATION ON THE GROUND BY THE U.S.?

S - YES, THERE HAS ALSO BEEN PROGRESS IN THE OBSERVATION ON THE GROUND. THE TRUTH IS THAT, IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION, ONE DOESN'T WANT TO BURN HIS FINGERS. I CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT SETBACKS WILL NOT OCCUR NOW AND THEN. BUT THERE IS A VERY STRONG CONVICTION, AT LEAST ON OUR PART, FOR THE AGREEMENTS TO BE CARRIED OUT. ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT, I DON'T SEE ANY ADVANTAGE IN RESTARTING THE WAR AND BEING PENALIZED BY INTERNATIONAL OPINION. ALL OF THIS MAKES ME BELIEVE NOT ONLY IN THIS BALANCE, IN U.S. PRESSURE, BUT ALSO IN THE REALITIES ON THE GROUND.

Q - AND HOW WOULD YOU CHARACTERIZE THE ARRIVAL OF BLUE HELMETS IN ANGOLA? DO YOU BELIEVE THEY WILL BE A STABILIZING FORCE?

S - PHILOSOPHICALLY, I BELIEVE THE ANGOLANS SHOULD BE MATURE ENOUGH TO RESOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS THEMSELVES. THAT IS NOT THE CASE. NOW THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT THERE BE SOMEONE WHO CAN ASSIST THE ANGOLANS IN SOLVING THEIR PROBLEMS. AND THEREFORE I AM A SUPPORTER OF THE BLUE HELMETS. I HAVE EVEN TELEPHONED AND WRITTEN MY FRIENDS IN THE U.S. CONGRESS ASKING THEM TO ACCELERATE THIS PROCESS, BECAUSE THE AMERICANS PAY BETWEEN 30 AND 40 PER CENT

OF THE EXPENSES FOR THE FORCES OF PEACE.

Q - WHO ARE YOUR FRIENDS IN CONGRESS?

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S - I HAVE MANY. JESSE HELMS, ROBERT DOLE, NANCY KASSEBAUM, ALL THOSE WHO NOW HEAD THE COMMITTEES ARE MY FRIENDS AND IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS SUCH. THEY TELEPHONE ME. THIS PLEASES ME.

Q - DO YOU COUNT ON, THEN, A CHANGE IN THE AMERICAN POSITION?

S - I DON'T THINK THAT THE AMERICANS ARE DISPOSED TO BEGIN AGAIN AT THIS TIME TO ASSIST UNITA, WITH ANY SORT OF AID. BUT THEY UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR PARTY IN ANGOLA TO STABILIZE THE COUNTRY. ON THE OTHER HAND, AMERICA IS A VERY COMPLICATED COUNTRY. NOW IT HAS A CONGRESS WITH A REPUBLICAN MAJORITY AND A DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION. WE RETURN AGAIN TO THAT QUESTION OF THE CLARK AMENDMENT.

PRESIDENT CLINTON NOW DOES NOT HAVE SO MUCH FREEDOM OF DECISION, AS A DEMOCRAT, AS TO DECIDE AS HE WISHES IN FAVOR OF THE MPLA. THERE IS A BALANCE THAT I THINK IS VERY USEFUL FOR ANGOLA. NOT TO HELP UNITA AS SUCH, BUT FOR A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE OF UNITA FOR PEACE AND STABILITY.

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1. THE INDEPENDENTLY PUBLISHED STABROEK NEWS PUBLISHED THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE HEADLINED "HARASSING CUBA" IN ITS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22 EDITION.

2. BEGIN QUOTE. SENATOR JESSE HELMS, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, HAS INTRODUCED A BILL WHICH SEEKS TO EXTEND THE U.S. EMBARGO ON CUBA. THIS BILL AND ANOTHER INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WOULD INSTRUCT THE PRESIDENT TO DENY ENTRY INTO THE U.S.A. OF SUGAR AND MOLASSES FROM ANY COUNTRY THAT IMPORTS SUCH PRODUCTS FROM CUBA. THE BILLS PROPOSE THAT THE U.S.A. REDUCES ITS CONTRIBUTION TO ANY INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTION THAT APPROVES ASSISTANCE TO CUBA; INSTRUCT U.S. OFFICIALS TO VOTE AGAINST CUBAN ADMISSION TO ANY SUCH INSTITUTION; INSTRUCT THE PRESIDENT THROUGH ALL U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO SUBMIT REPORTS TO CONGRESS DESCRIBING ANY BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO CUBA BY THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, THEIR COMMERCE, THE NAMES OF THE COMPANIES INVOLVED, THE LOCATION AND NATURE OF ANY JOINT VENTURE, THE AMOUNT OF DEBT OWED, FORGIVEN OR REDUCED AND A DESCRIPTION OF RAW MATERIALS OR SEMI-FINISHED GOODS FROM CUBA THAT MIGHT EVENTUALLY ARRIVE IN THE U.S.A.;

REDUCES LEVELS OF AID TO FORMER STATES OF THE SOVIET UNION IF THEY TRADE WITH OR BARTER PRODUCTS WITH CUBA AND INSTRUCTS THE U.S.A. TO VOTE AGAINST CUBAN ENTRY INTO THE ORGANISATION OF AMERICAN STATES.

3. THESE BILLS HAVE FAR REACHING IMPLICATIONS FOR CARIBBEAN AND OTHER NATIONS DOING BUSINESS WITH CUBA. THEIR WIDE RANGING EXTRA-TERRITORIAL PROVISIONS GIVE SOME IDEA OF THE KIND OF EXTREMIST POLICIES AND LEGISLATION LIKELY TO FLOW FROM HELMS AND HIS ILK IN THE U.S. SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THEY WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY PROVOKE OPPOSITION FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION AND CANADA AND OTHER NATIONS AND THEY SHOULD CERTAINLY EVOKE THE STRONGEST PROTEST FROM CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES AND CARICOM.

4. AMERICAN POLICY ON CUBA IS ARCHAIC AND DEEPLY FLAWED. THE BOYCOTT IS A COLD WAR RELIC SPRINGING FROM CASTRO'S EXPROPRIATION OF AMERICAN BUSINESS AND HIS SUBSEQUENT ALLIANCE WITH THE SOVIET UNION. AMERICA NOW TRADES AND DEALS WITH COUNTRIES THAT ARE FAR MORE REPRESSIVE THAN CUBA. THE POLICY IS PARTLY DRIVEN BY THE LARGE CUBAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY WHICH IS VIRULENTLY ANTI-CASTRO AND LARGELY BASED IN FLORIDA, AN IMPORTANT ELECTORAL PRIZE. IT IS ALSO DRIVEN BY THE OLD DOCTRINE OF THE AMERICAN BACKYARD AND THE MONROE DOCTRINE WHICH TURNED FROM BEING A SHIELD INTO A SWORD.

5. THE CLINTON GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET DECIDED ON ITS APPROACH TO THESE BILLS AND CARIBBEAN GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING GUYANA, SHOULD LEAD THE WAY IN SPEAKING OUT STRONGLY AGAINST THEM. IN THE FIRST PLACE, THEY COULD AT SOME STAGE CONCEIVABLY AFFECT OUR SUGAR EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. BUT MORE FUNDAMENTALLY, THE DEBATE ON CUBA IS BETWEEN EXTREMISTS LIKE HELMS WHO BELIEVE THAT THE WAY TO GO IS TO SEEK TO DISLODGE CASTRO BY ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PRESSURE AND THOSE WHO CONTEND THAT INCREASING CONTACT WITH CUBA, FOREIGN INVESTMENT (JAMAICAN BUSINESSMEN ARE AMONG THE PIONEERS) AND THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REFORMS WILL HELP CUBA TO ACHIEVE A GRADUAL TRANSITION TO A MORE OPEN SOCIETY.

6. OUR OWN GOVERNMENT HAS HAD LONG AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH CUBA WHICH HAS PROVIDED MEDICAL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE. ITS VOICE SHOULD BE HEARD IN SPEAKING OUT AGAINST THE BIZARRE LAWS PROMOTED BY SENATOR HELMS AND HIS ASSOCIATES WHICH TAKE US BACK TO ANOTHER ERA WHICH WE ALL HOPED HAD ENDED. END QUOTE.

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1. SUMMARY: THE MEETINGS BETWEEN FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR NEAR EAST AFFAIRS RICHARD MURPHY AND SENIOR SYRIAN OFFICIALS IN DAMASCUS WERE HIGHLIGHTED IN ALL MEDIA OUTLETS. TODAY'S MAJOR EDITORIAL WAS A DIRECT REBUTTAL TO SENATOR JESSE HELMS' INTERVIEW WITH ISRAELI MAGAZINE YEDIOT AHRONOT, STRESSING THAT HELMS, UNDULY INFLUENCED BY ISRAELI PROPAGANDA, HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF SYRIA, ITS PEOPLE OR POSITIONS. [END SUMMARY]

2. EDITORIAL BLOCK QUOTES:

TISHREEN: (PAGE 1) "HELMS AND THE ISRAELI GLASSES"

BY MOHAMAD KHAIR AL-WADI, GENERAL DIRECTOR - "MR. JESSE HELMS HARBORS MATCHLESS ANIMOSITY FOR SYRIA. EVERY NOW AND THEN HE DELIBERATELY LAUNCHES DEROGATORY STATEMENTS TO RUIN SYRIA'S POSITION, AND HE DOES NOT HESITATE TO USE PROFANE LANGUAGE AGAINST SYRIA. SYRIA, MR. HELMS CLAIMS, IS ANTI-PEACE AND ITS ONLY PURPOSE FOR ENTERING THE PEACE PROCESS WAS TO RECEIVE WESTERN AID IN GENERAL AND FROM THE U.S. TO BE MORE SPECIFIC! SYRIANS -- THESE ARE HELMS' WORDS -- ARE MURDERERS, INVOLVED IN TERRORIST ACTS, AND UNWORTHY OF RESPECT AND TRUST! AND THAT THE OCCUPIED GOLAN IS ISRAELI LAND AND MUST NEVER BE RETURNED TO SYRIA!!

"WE WOULD NOT HAVE CONCERNED OURSELVES WITH MR. HELMS'S OPINION OR HIS HATRED TOWARDS SYRIA IF HE WAS AN ORDINARY PERSON AND DID NOT HOLD AN OFFICIAL POSITION. THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE IN ISRAEL WHO ARE AGAINST SYRIA AND ITS POSITIONS, BUT MR. HELMS IS NOT AN ISRAELI. HE IS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, OR AT LEAST HE IS SUPPOSED TO BE ONE, AND SECONDLY, HE IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS AND SHOULD, ABOVE ALL, REFLECT THE INTEREST OF HIS COUNTRY AND THE VIEWS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO GAVE HIM THEIR TRUST AND ELECTED HIM TO REPRESENT THEM, AND NOT OTHERS, IN THE U.S. SENATE.

"WE SEARCHED FOR ONE CONVINCING REASON WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY MR. HELMS'S ANIMOSITY TOWARDS SYRIA, BUT WE DID NOT FIND ONE. SYRIANS DO NOT HAVE ANY RELATIONS WITH HIM, AND HE DOES NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT SYRIA. HE DOES NOT KNOW ITS GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION, NOR ITS POLITICAL WEIGHT, NOR ITS ROLE IN HUMAN HISTORY.

"SYRIA DOES NOT BLACKMAIL THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER, NOR DOES IT TAKE FROM HIM HIS DAILY BREAD AS ISRAEL DOES. SYRIA NEVER ASKED FOR AID FROM THE U.S. AND, UNLIKE ISRAEL, DOES NOT RECEIVE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS EVERY YEAR FROM THE U.S. TREASURY, AS IS THE CASE WITH ISRAEL.

"SYRIA HAS NOT INVOLVED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN CONFLICTS, ENMITIES AND POSITIONS THAT CONTRADICT THEIR INTEREST, UNLIKE ISRAEL WHICH HAS BEEN DOING SO FOR THE LAST FOUR DECADES.

"SYRIA RESPECTS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND ASPIRES TO CREATE MUTUAL RELATIONS WITH THEM. DESPITE THAT, MR. HELMS INSIST ON INSULTING THE SYRIAN PEOPLE, THE INVENTORS OF THE FIRST CIVILIZED ALPHABET IN HISTORY. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE DELIBERATELY TRIES TO RUIN THE REPUTATION OF DAMASCUS, THE OLDEST CAPITAL CITY IN HISTORY WHICH HAS SURVIVED AND DEFENDED LIFE AND PEACE IN THE FACE OF THE LEGIONS OF KILLING, AGGRESSION, DESTRUCTION AND BARBARISM.

"MR. HELMS ONCE SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT APPROVE THE FLOW OF THE UNLIMITED AMERICAN AID TO OTHER COUNTRIES AND THAT HE WOULD SEEK...INSTEAD TO USE THESE FUNDS TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF LIVING FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND TO HELP AMERICA'S POOR.
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"WE ASK MR. HELMS, WHO CARES SO MUCH ABOUT AMERICAN MONEY? WHY DOESN'T HE COMPLAIN ABOUT ISRAEL WHICH, SINCE ITS CREATION, PILLAGED MORE THAN 1000 BILLION DOLLARS FROM THE AMERICAN TREASURY, FOR WHICH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE RECEIVED NOTHING IN RETURN BUT MORE POVERTY AND PROBLEMS AND THE ANIMOSITY OF OTHERS?

"WHY DOESN'T MR. HELMS SAY A BAD WORD TOWARDS ISRAEL AND ITS LOBBYING GROUPS WHO INTERFERE IN ALL U.S. AFFAIRS?

"WHY DOES THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATES FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, WHO IS A REPUBLICAN, STAY SILENT REGARDING THE ISRAELI POSITIONS WHICH TRIED THE IMPOSSIBLE TO RUIN THE AMERICAN PEACE INITIATIVE WHICH WAS INITIATED BY THE FORMER REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION, AND WORKS UNTIL NOW TO UNDERMINE THE PRINCIPLES OF THIS INITIATIVE? THE CURRENT AND THE FORMER AMERICAN ADMINISTRATIONS ANNOUNCED THAT THEY ARE SERIOUS ABOUT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT HAS BECOME OBVIOUS THAT ISRAEL IS THE ONE BLOCKING PEACE AND CREATING OBSTACLES IN FRONT OF IT...WE DID NOT HEAR MR. HELMS DEFEND THE AMERICAN POINT OF VIEW NOR DID HE USE HIS INSULTING WORDS AGAINST THOSE WHO ARE RUINING PEACE AND WHO INSIST ON USING AGGRESSION AND EXPANSION, AND WHO CONTINUE TO STOCK PILE NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO THREATEN OTHERS!

"IN RETURN, SYRIA AFFIRMED THAT PEACE IS ITS STRATEGIC CHOICE AND OPENED ITS DOORS FOR THE CURRENT AMERICAN INITIATIVE...AND PROTECTED IT FROM ISRAELI BOMBS...SYRIA DID NOT ROB THE AMERICAN TREASURY, NOR DID IT INVOLVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN BLOODY CONFLICTS WITH OTHERS. SYRIA AND ITS PEOPLE WAITED FOR MR. HELMS TO SAY VIRTUOUS WORD THAT MATCHES THE OFFICIAL AMERICAN

STATEMENTS, WHICH AFFIRM SYRIA'S SERIOUSNESS AND CONCERN FOR PEACE...WE ARE CONVINCED THAT MR. HELMS WILL CHANGE HIS POSITION AND HIS STATEMENTS WHEN HE REMOVES HIS ISRAELI GLASSES AND STARTS SEEING THE FACTS AND VIEWS THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST WITH AN AMERICAN EYE...CONCERNED WITH AMERICAN INTERESTS AND NOT THE ISRAELI ONES.

"ISRAEL AND THE ZIONIST CAMPAIGNS MISLED HUNDREDS OF AMERICAN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING MR HELMS, PUSHING THEM TO TAKE UNJUST POSITIONS THAT DO NOT MATCH THE DESIRES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE PAID DEARLY BECAUSE OF THAT, AND THEY ARE STILL PAYING...THE DAY WILL COME WHEN THE DREADFUL CASUALTIES CAUSED BY ISRAEL TO AMERICA AND THE WORLD WILL BE REVEALED.

"ONE FINAL WORD: SYRIA IS UNAFFECTED BY SUCH ACCUSATIONS. IT WILL NOT DECIDE ITS POSITION TOWARDS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BASED ON UNFAIR STATEMENTS MADE BY THIS OR THAT OFFICIAL. WE ARE SURELY CONVINCED THAT THE CLOSER MR. HELMS GETS TO REALITY AND SEES THE FACTS AS THEY ARE AND NOT AS IT IS PORTRAYED BY ISRAEL, HE WILL NO DOUBT ABANDON HIS PREVIOUS PREFABRICATED POSITIONS TOWARDS SYRIA AND WILL DISCOVER WHAT A GREAT AND PEACE-LOVING NATION SYRIA IS..."

3. SELECTED HEADLINES:

TISHREEN: (PAGE 1) "ARAFAT RESPONDS TO RABIN'S DEMANDS AND SUGGESTS A PLAN TO PRESERVE ISRAEL'S SECURITY"

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