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SUBJ: SYRIA REPLIES TO SENATOR HELMS

TEXT:
UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 02 DAMASCUS 001527

E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: PREL, OREP, SY, US
SUBJECT: SYRIA REPLIES TO SENATOR HELMS

1. ON THE HEELS OF SENATOR HELMS' COMMENTS ON SYRIA TO ISRAEL'S YEDIOT AHRONOT (NESA WF ITEM NFS102), SYRIA'S GOVERNMENT-OWNED ARABIC DAILY "TISHRIN" PRINTED A REPLY IN THE FORM OF A FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL SIGNED BY CHIEF EDITOR MUHAMMAD KHAYR AL-WADI MARCH 28.

2. THE EDITORIAL FOCUSED EXCLUSIVELY ON THOSE OF SENATOR HELMS' COMMENTS THAT DEALT WITH SYRIA. IN VIEW OF THE IMPENDING VISIT OF CODEL BROWN, WE PROVIDE THE FULL TEXT OF THIS EDITORIAL BELOW.

3. BEGIN TEXT.

HELMS AND THE ISRAELI GLASSES

MR. JESSE HELMS HARBORS A PEERLESS ANIMOSITY TOWARD SYRIA. FROM TIME TO TIME, HE FIRES OFF STATEMENTS INTENDED TO DISTORT DAMASCUS' POSITION. HE DOES NOT HESITATE TO HEAP ABUSE UPON IT, AND HE IS NOT STINGY IN USING THE MOST DEFAMATORY ATTRIBUTES TO DESCRIBE IT. SYRIA -- AS MR. HELMS ALLEGES -- IS OPPOSED TO PEACE AND ENTERED THE PEACE PROCESS ONLY BECAUSE OF ITS GREED TO OBTAIN WESTERN AID IN GENERAL AND AMERICAN AID IN PARTICULAR! AND SYRIANS -- THESE ARE HELMS' WORDS -- ARE MURDERERS, IMPLICATED IN ACTS OF TERRORISM, AND WORTHY OF NO

TRUST OR RESPECT! AND THE OCCUPIED GOLAN IS ISRAELI TERRITORY AND MUST NEVER BE RETURNED TO SYRIA!!

WE WOULD NOT HAVE CONCERNED OURSELVQESE VIEWS OF MR. HELMS OR WITH HIS HIDDEN MALICE HAD HE BEEN AN ORDINARY PERSON AND HELD NO OFFICIAL POSITION, SINCE THERE ARE MANY PERSONS IN ISRAEL WHO ARE HOSTILE TO SYRIA AND ITS POSITIONS RIGHT DOWN TO THE BONE. BUT, FIRST, MR. HELMS IS NOT AN ISRAELI BY CITIZENSHIP OR BIRTH; HE IS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN -- OR IS ASSUMED TO BE SO. SECOND, HE IS CURRENTLY CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS (SIC) AND SHOULD, ABOVE ALL, BE EXPRESSING THE INTERESTS OF HIS COUNTRY AND REFLECTING THE VIEWS OF THE AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO GAVE HIM THEIR TRUST AND ELECTED HIM TO REPRESENT THEM -- AND NO ONE ELSE -- IN THE AMERICAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (SIC).

WE SEARCHED FOR A CONVINCING REASON THAT MIGHT JUSTIFY MR. HELMS' ANIMOSITY TOWARD SYRIA AND COULD NOT FIND ONE. AFTER ALL, SYRIANS HAVE NO COMMERCIAL OR OTHER RELATIONS OR TIES WITH HIM. HE DOES NOT KNOW SYRIA AND CERTAINLY IS IGNORANT EVEN OF ITS GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION, POLITICAL WEIGHT, AND CIVILIZATIONAL ROLE IN HUMAN HISTORY.

SYRIA IS NOT BLACKMAILING THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER AND IS NOT SHARING IN HIS DAILY BREAD, AS ISRAEL DOES. SYRIA HAS NOT ASKED FOR AID FROM AMERICA AND DOES NOT GET BILLIONS OF DOLLARS EVERY YEAR FROM THE AMERICAN TREASURY, AS IS THE CASE WITH ISRAEL.

SYRIA HAS NOT EMBROILED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN CONFLICTS, ENMITIES, AND POSITIONS THAT ARE IN FUNDAMENTAL CONTRADICTION WITH ITS INTERESTS, WHILE ISRAEL HAS PERSISTED IN DOING SO FOR FOUR DECADES.

SYRIA RESPECTS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND ASPIRES TO A BALANCED RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM. DESPITE THIS, MR. HELMS INSISTS ON INSULTING THE PEOPLE OF SYRIA, WHO CREATED THE FIRST CIVILIZED ALPHABET IN THE WORLD. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS DELIBERATELY SLANDERS THE REPUTATION OF DAMASCUS, THE OLDEST CONTINUOUSLY INHABITED CITY IN HISTORY, WHICH DEFENDS LIFE AND PEACE IN THE FACE OF THE LEGIONS OF MURDER, AGGRESSION, DESTRUCTION, AND BARBARISM.

AT ONE POINT MR. HELMS ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD NOT AGREE TO HAVE UNLIMITED AMERICAN AID POURING TO OTHER COUNTRIES AND WOULD STRIVE, FROM HIS CURRENT OFFICIAL POSITION, TO DIVERT THESE FUNDS TO INCREASING EQUALITY AMONG THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND HELPING THE POOR OF AMERICA.

WE IN TURN ASK: WHY DOES MR. HELMS -- WHO CARES SO

MUCH ABOUT AMERICA'S WEALTH -- NOT COMPLAIN ABOUT ISRAEL, WHICH HAS PILLAGED MORE THAN ONE TRILLION DOLLARS FROM THE

AMERICAN TREASURY FROM THE TIME OF ITS CREATION TO THE PRESENT DAY? THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE REAPED NOTHING FROM THIS BUT MORE UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 DAMASCUS 001527

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POVERTY, PROBLEMS, AND ENMITY ON THE PART OF OTHERS!

WHY DOES MR. HELMS NOT UTTER ONE DISTASTEFUL WORD TO ISRAEL AND THE ZIONIST PRESSURE GROUPS THAT INTERFERE IN ALL AMERICAN AFFAIRS LARGE AND SMALL!?

AND WHY DOES THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS, WHO IS FROM THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, KEEP SILENT ON THE POSITIONS OF ISRAEL, WHICH MADE HURRIED EFFORTS TO CRIPPLE THE AMERICAN PEACE INITIATIVE -- WHICH, BY THE WAY, IS THE PRODUCT OF THE FORMER REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION -- AND IS STILL WORKING TO DESTROY THE FOUNDATIONS UPON WHICH THIS INITIATIVE WAS BUILT? THE CURRENT AND FORMER AMERICAN ADMINISTRATIONS ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WERE SERIOUS ABOUT PEACEMAKING IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND IT HAS BECOME CLEAR TO ALL THAT ISRAEL IS THE ONE PREVENTING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACE AND PUTTING OBSTACLES IN ITS WAY. WE HAVE NOT HEARD MR. HELMS BESTIR HIMSELF TO DEFEND AMERICA'S POINT OF VIEW OR ADDRESS HIS STINGING WORDS AGAINST THOSE WHO ARE CRIPPLING THE MARCH TOWARD PEACE, PERSISTING IN AGGRESSION AND EXPANSIONISM, AND STOCKPILING NUCLEAR AND OTHER WEAPONS TO THREATEN OTHERS! IN CONTRAST, SYRIA HAS EMPHASIZED THAT PEACE IS ITS STRATEGIC CHOICE, OPENED THE DOOR TO THE CURRENT AMERICAN INITIATIVE, AND DID NOT THRUST THE AMERICAN PEOPLE INTO BLOODY CONFLICTS WITH OTHERS. FOR THIS REASON, SYRIA AND THE SYRIAN PEOPLE WERE EXPECTING MR. HELMS TO STATE THE TRUTH, IN HARMONY WITH OFFICIAL AMERICAN STATEMENTS, ALL OF WHICH CONFIRM SYRIA'S SERIOUSNESS, ITS EAGERNESS FOR PEACE, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF DAMASCUS' ROLE IN GUARANTEEING SECURITY, PEACE, AND STABILITY IN THE ENTIRE MIDDLE EAST. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT MR. HELMS WILL CHANGE THESE POSITIONS AND STATEMENTS OF HIS WHEN HE TAKES OFF THE ISRAELI GLASSES AND SEES THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND FACTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST THROUGH AMERICAN EYES THAT LOOK TO AMERICAN, NOT ISRAELI, INTERESTS FOR INSPIRATION.

ISRAEL AND ZIONIST PROPAGANDA HAVE MISLED HUNDREDS OF AMERICAN OFFICIALS, AMONG THEM MR. HELMS, AND IMPELLED THEM TO TAKE INEQUITABLE POSITIONS THAT DO NOT SATISFY THE DESIRES AND ASPIRATIONS OF AMERICANS. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE PAID A VERY

HIGH PRICE BECAUSE OF THIS, AND THEY ARE STILL
PAYING. A DAY WILL COME IN WHICH THE HUGE LOSSES
THAT ISRAEL HAS CAUSED AMERICA ALL OVER THE WORLD
WILL BE REVEALED.

WE HAVE ONE LAST WORD TO SAY: SYRIA IS NOT MOVED BY
SUCH ACCUSATIONS AND WILL NOT DETERMINE ITS
POSITIONS TOWARD THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ON THE BASIS
OF INEQUITABLE STATEMENTS MADE BY THIS OR THAT
OFFICIAL. WE ARE FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT TO THE
EXTENT MR. HELMS GETS TO THE TRUTH AND SEES REALITY
AS IT IS -- NOT AS ISRAEL PAINTS IT FOR HIM -- HE
WILL DOUBTLESSLY ABANDON THESE PREMATURELY FORMED
AND CONVULSIVE POSITIONS TOWARD SYRIA. HE WILL
THEN SEE HOW MUCH THE GREAT SYRIAN PEOPLE, WHO HAVE
INSPIRED WORKS OF GENIUS AND FOUNDED CIVILIZATIONS,
ARE GOOD, DEEPROOTED, PEACE-LOVING, AND WORTHY OF
RESPECT.

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E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: OPRC
SUBJECT: ARA GUIDANCES, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1995

1. ARA PRESS OF APRIL 5, 1995:

(IF ASKED)

-U.S.-CUBA MIGRATION TALKS-

Q. HAS A DATE BEEN SET FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF THE U.S.-CUBA MIGRATION TALKS?

A. U.S. AND CUBAN DELGATIONS WILL MEET IN NEW YORK, APRIL 17-18 TO REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION OF THE U.S.-CUBA MIGRATION AGREEMENT. THIS WILL BE THE THIRD SESSION TO REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS SIGNED IN NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1994. THE TWO DELEGATIONS MET MOST RECENTLY JANUARY 18-19, IN NEW YORK. AS ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, DISCUSSION WILL BE LIMITED TO MIGRATION ISSUES.

Q. WHY ARE THE TWO SIDES AGAIN MEETING IN NEW YORK?

A. THE REVIEW SESSION WILL BE HELD IN NEW YORK FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE DELEGATIONS.

2. INL PRESS GUIDANCE OF APRIL 5, 1995

-COLOMBIA: SAMPER AND PRESS REPORTS-

Q: DO YOU BELIEVE THE PRESS REPORTS LINKING SAMPER TO THE DRUG CARTELS?

A: HESE ALLEGATIONS FIRST SURFACED SHORTLY AFTER THE ELECTIONS LAST JUNE WITH THE BROADCAST OF TAPES SAID TO RECORD PLEDGES BY TWO LEADERS OF THE CALI SYNDICATE, THE RODRIGUEZ OREJUELA BROTHERS, TO DONATE 3.75 MILLION TO THE SAMPER CAMPAIGN. THE ALLEGATIONS WERE NEVER CONFIRMED.

IN ONGOING TALKS WITH THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT, THE US HAS REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT DECISIVE ACTION BY COLOMBIA AGAINST NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING AND THE CALI CARTEL IS KEY TO OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THIS ADMINISTRATION. THE STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION ACCOMPANYING THE PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATION DECISION ON MARCH 1 EMPHASIZED THIS AS WELL.

RECENT ALLEGATIONS OF INTIMIDATING THE PRESS IN COLOMBIA ALARM US. ALL DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES MUST HAVE THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND FREE PRESS.

3. INL PRESS GUIDANCES OF APRIL 4, 1995:

-MEXICO: NARCO-CORRUPTION-

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON DOUG FARAH'S ARTICLE IN THE WASHINGTON POST TODAY ON DRUG CORRUPTION IN MEXICO?

A: WE BELIEVE MEXICO FACES A SERIOUS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUDICIAL PROBLEMS WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE ZEDILLO GOVERNMENT IS CONFRONTING THIS SITUATION HEAD-ON.

CORRUPTION CASES THAT HAVE BEEN EXPOSED IN THE LAST FOUR MONTHS HAVE BEEN INITIATED BY PRESIDENT ZEDILLO AND HIS ATTORNEY GENERAL LOZANO -- NOT BY OPPOSITION CHARGES, THE MEDIA, OR PRESSURE FROM FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY RECENT SUCCESSES IN THE MEXICAN COUNTERNARCOTICS EFFORT. FOR EXAMPLE, THE MEXICAN POLICE HAVE SEIZED OVER THREE TONS OF COCAINE IN THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS. MEXICAN PROSECUTORS HAVE ALSO INITIATED INVESTIGATIONS AGAINST HIGH PROFILE INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING FORMER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND ISSUED A NUMBER OF INDICTMENTS.

THESE ARE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS AND COMPLEX CASES, BUT WE ARE CONFIDENT OF THE ZEDILLO ADMINISTRATION'S DETERMINATION TO RESOLVE THEM. MEXICO IS ONE OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS IN THE WORLD; WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THEM TO FIGHT THE CORRUPTING INFLUENCES OF DRUG TRAFFICKERS.

-COLOMBIA: NARCO-DEMOCRACY-

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON JESSE HELMS' OP-ED PIECE IN TODAY'S WALL STREET JOURNAL?

A: LIKE SENATOR HELMS AND MR. BENNETT, WE ARE ALSO NOT SATISFIED WITH THE COUNTERNARCOTICS PERFORMANCE OF THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT. THE PRESIDENT MADE HIS CONCERNS CLEAR IN HIS CERTIFICATION DECISIONS ON MARCH 1. COLOMBIA WAS AWARDED CERTIFICATION BASED ON THE VITAL U.S. NATIONAL INTERESTS OF CONTINUED COOPERATION IN THE EFFORT AGAINST NARCOTICS -- NOT THE PAST YEAR'S PERFORMANCE.

PRESIDENT SAMPER NOTIFIED SENIOR U.S. CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS OF A PROGRAM OF AMBITIOUS ANTI-DRUG REFORMS LAST SUMMER. IT IS A GOOD PROPOSED PROGRAM, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO ITS IMPLEMENTATION. IF THERE IS NO CHANGE IN COLOMBIA'S COUNTERNARCOTICS PERFORMANCE IN 1995, WE BELIEVE THAT EXISTING LEGISLATION PROVIDES SUFFICIENT MEANS TO ACCOMPLISH THE PENALTIES RECOMMENDED IN THE OP-ED PIECE.

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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION--SENATE HEARING ON
INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL

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1. ON APRIL 4 AND 5, THE MEDIA CARRIED EXTENSIVE
COVERAGE, BASED MOSTLY ON WIRE SERVICES, OF THE APRIL 4
HEARING THAT THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE
CONDUCTED ON THE CONTROL OF INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS.
MOST REPORTS PLAYED UP HOW THE EXPECTED FIREWORKS
FIZZLED, NAMELY, THERE WERE NO MYSTERY WITNESSES SUCH AS
A COLOMBIAN WHOSE ALIAS IS "MARIA" ACCORDING TO THE
LATEST EDITION OF LEADING WEEKLY MAGAZINE "SEMANA"
(LIBERAL PARTY ORIENTED, CIRC. 130,000). SEMANA STATES
THAT "MARIA" ENTERED THE U.S. FEDERAL WITNESS PROTECTION
PROGRAM AFTER PASSING INSIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CALI

KINGPINS TO THE USG.

2. HEADLINE TREATMENT FOLLOWS:

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

SUBHEADLINE--"IN THE U.S. SENATE"

HEADLINE--"THE DEBATE AGAINST COLOMBIA WAS 'DEFLATED'"

B. SECOND LEADING DAILY "EL TIEMPO" (LIBERAL PARTY ORIENTED, CIRC. 145,000):

HEADLINE (FRONT PAGE)--"HELMS' POWDER GOT WET"

SUBHEADLINE--"THE U.S. SENATOR DIDN'T COME UP WITH THE WITNESSES OR THE EVIDENCE AGAINST COLOMBIA THAT HE HAD ANNOUNCED (SIC). HE GAVE THE COUNTRY (COLOMBIA) THE DEADLINE OF FEBRUARY OF 1996 TO PUT AN END TO DRUG TRAFFICKING, WITH THE THREAT OF PROMOTING A BILL OF LAW THAT WOULD CARRY ECONOMIC SANCTIONS."

HEADLINE (INSIDE PAGES-1)--"JESSE HELMS' RECORD GOT SCRATCHED"

SUBHEADLINE--"THE REPUBLICAN SENATOR ATTACKED COLOMBIA ONCE MORE, BUT HE DIDN'T PRODUCE EVIDENCE OR WITNESSES. HE SAID HE DOESN'T CARE HOW HIS CRITICISMS ARE PERCEIVED, AND HE GAVE A DEADLINE FOR THE VIRTUAL ERADICATION OF DRUG TRAFFICKING FROM THE MAP. ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROBERT GELBARD SAYS THAT SAMPER IS DOING NOTHING TO PREVENT MONEY LAUNDERING OR CORRUPTION."

HEADLINE (INSIDE PAGES-2)--"'COLOMBIA HAS SURRENDERED TO THE NARCOS'"

SUBHEADLINE--"IN AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED YESTERDAY BY THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, JESSE HELMS AND WILLIAM BENNETT SAY THAT COLOMBIA HAS BECOME A 'NARCO-DEMOCRACY'"

C. CONSERVATIVE TABLOID "EL NUEVO SIGLO" (OPPOSITION, CIRC. 25,000):

SUBHEADLINE--"THEY WILL PRESENT A BILL OF LAW TO THE CONGRESS"

HEADLINE--"HELMS AND BENNETT ARE PREPARING MORE SANCTIONS AGAINST COLOMBIA"

D. CONSERVATIVE TABLOID "LA PRENSA" (OPPOSITION, CIRC. 25,000):

SUBHEADLINE--"SENATOR JESSE HELMS AND FORMER DRUG CZAR WILLIAM BENNETT WILL PRESENT A BILL OF LAW TO TAKE AWAY ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL, AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE BENEFITS FOR COLOMBIA, UNLESS PRESIDENT SAMPER CLARIFIES BEFORE FEBRUARY 6, 1996, THE SCANDAL OF THE NARCO-TAPES AND

CAPTURES THE CARTEL KINGPINS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS TWO
POSSIBILITIES: TO CONTINUE BEING AN ALLY OF THE CARTELS
AND TURN INTO A PARIAS STATE LIKE LYBIA AND IRAN, OR TO
RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY OF CIVILIZED NATIONS, THEY SAY."

HEADLINE--"CLARITY OR BLOCKADE"
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SUBHEADLINE--"HELMS AND BENNETT SAY THAT THE CALI CARTEL
IS FREE TO 'EXPLOIT COLOMBIA'S BANKING SYSTEM' AND IT
CAN 'LAUNDER GREAT SUMS OF MONEY WITH IMPUNITY' IN THE
COUNTRY. THEY STATE THAT THE COLOMBIAN PROSECUTOR
GENERAL'S OFFICE IS INEFFICIENT IN SOLVING CASES OF
CORRUPTION OF HIGH OFFICIALS." KOENGETER

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CRITICISM OF SENATE ANTI-NARCOTICS HEARINGS AND SENATOR
HELMS

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1. SUMMARY: THE LEAD EDITORIAL OF THE APRIL 7 EDITION OF THE LEADING QUITO DAILY "EL COMERCIO" (CENTER, CIRC. 130,000) LOOKS ASKANCE AT THE HEARINGS BEING HELD BY SENATOR HELMS ON NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. IT QUESTIONS SENATOR HELMS OBJECTIVITY AND ASKS CONSUMING NATIONS TO DO MORE TO REDUCE DEMAND. IT MUST BE NOTED THAT NEARLY ALL ECUADORIAN PAPERS MAINTAIN STRONG ANTI-DRUG POSITIONS. HEADLINE AND BLOCK QUOTES FOLLOW:

2. HEADLINE: "COLOMBIA UNDER PRESSURE"

QUOTE: "THE WORK OF COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT ERNESTO SAMPER IS BEING OBSTRUCTED BY A SERIES OF ACCUSATIONS THAT ARE ARISING, ESPECIALLY FROM THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE....THERE IS SOMETHING WORRYING IN THIS CASE. THE CHAIRMAN OF THIS COMMITTEE, SENATOR JESSE HELMS, IS KNOWN FOR HIS EXTREMIST POSITIONS, AND ONE CANNOT DISCARD THE POSSIBILITY THAT THERE IS SOME EXAGGERATION IN HIS OPINIONS. A KEY WITNESS HAS ALREADY BEEN IMPUGNED EVEN IN THE UNITED STATES. ALSO, IT WOULD BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR A COUNTRY LIKE COLOMBIA, INFECTED WITH NARCOTRAFFICKING, TO ERADICATE THIS EVIL BY FEBRUARY, 1996, OR SOME FIXED DATE. DRUG TRAFFICKING IS A BUSINESS LARGELY DRIVEN BY CONSUMPTION IN THE UNITED STATES. EQUAL TO THE DEMANDS PLACED UPON PRODUCING COUNTRIES, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE MORE ACTION TO REDUCE CONSUMPTION..."

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MS. SHELLY: GOOD AFTERNOON. I ACTUALLY HAVE
SOMETHING TO BEGIN WITH TODAY. CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT? I
WAS REALLY GETTING KIND OF FRUSTRATED IN NOT HAVING
SOMETHING TO START WITH AND LETTING THE BRIEFING UNFOLD
TOTALLY IN RESPONSE TO YOUR QUESTIONS RATHER THAN IN THE
PIECES OF INFORMATION I WISH TO PUT OUT.

Q (INAUDIBLE).

MS. SHELLY: I WOULD NEVER SUGGEST THAT WE MIGHT BE
MANAGING THE NEWS. HOWEVER, THAT BEING SAID, I'M GOING
TO PROCEED WITH THE TWO THINGS THAT I WANT TO LEAD WITH.

ONE IS ACTUALLY JUST AN ANNOUNCEMENT, AND THAT IS,
FOR THOSE OF WHO ARE NOT YET AWARE, TO NOTE THAT
SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE
CONFERENCE ON THE REVIEW AND EXTENSION OF THE NUCLEAR
NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY.

TO UNDERScore THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE U.S. PLACES ON
THE CONFERENCE ON REVIEW AND EXTENSION OF THE NPT,
CONVENING IN NEW YORK, AS YOU KNOW, ON APRIL 17TH,
SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER PLANS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE

OPENING CEREMONIES OF THE CONFERENCE. THE SECRETARY

WILL BE IN NEW YORK FROM APRIL 17TH THROUGH 18TH TO MEET WITH A NUMBER OF FOREIGN LEADERS WHO WILL ALSO ATTEND UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 14 STATE 086349

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THE CONFERENCE. HE WILL DELIVER WELCOMING REMARKS TO THE MANY PARTICIPANTS IN LINE WITH THE U.S. ROLE AS HOST GOVERNMENT TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

I DON'T HAVE OTHER DETAILS TO REPORT YET ON HIS SCHEDULE UP THERE, AND I CERTAINLY WILL SHARE THEM WITH YOU AS SOON AS I.M IN A POSITION TO DO SO.

THE SECOND THING, SINCE YOU'VE ASKED ME NEARLY EVERYDAY, SINCE THE 27TH OF MARCH, ABOUT WHEN THIS PAUSE THAT I HAD REFERRED TO IN THE U.S.-DPRK TALKS MIGHT BE ENDED, I CAN REPORT TO YOU ON A COUPLE OF DEVELOPMENTS ON THAT SCORE.

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FIRST OF ALL. THERE WAS A MEETING TODAY OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE GOVERNMENTS IN NEW YORK. THAT'S. OF COURSE, THE U.S., THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, AND JAPAN. THAT'S ANOTHER ONE OF MANY SUCH MEETINGS TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO THE AGREED FRAMEWORK AND ALSO TO AGREE ON COMMON POSITIONS. FOLLOWING THIS TRILATERAL. THERE WILL ALSO BE A MEETING OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION -- THE KEDO -- OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

THE THIRD ROUND OF THE U.S.-DPRK DISCUSSIONS ON THE LIGHT-WATER REACTOR PROJECT WILL RESUME IN BERLIN ON APRIL 12TH. THE UPCOMING DISCUSSIONS ARE A CONTINUATION OF THE TALKS HELD IN BERLIN MARCH 25TH THROUGH 27TH AND THEN RECESSED, OR PAUSED, AS THE CASE MAY BE.

THE U.S. DELEGATION RETURNS TO BERLIN AFTER HIGH-LEVEL U.S.-ROK-JAPAN TRILATERAL TALKS IN NEW YORK TO WHICH I'VE JUST MENTIONED, AND WITH THE MANDATE OF KEDO WHICH WILL SUPPLY THE LIGHT-WATER REACTOR PROJECT TO THE DPRK. THE PURPOSE OF THE TALKS IS TO DISCUSS ISSUES RELATED TO THE LWR PROJECT.

Q GOING INTO THE BERLIN MEETINGS, IS THE UNITED STATES BRINGING ANY NEW COMPROMISE PROPOSAL ON THIS REACTOR?

MS. SHELLY: AT THIS POINT, ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT WE'RE SIMPLY GOING TO RESUME WHERE WE LEFT OFF. AS WE GO INTO IT, OUR VIEWS OBVIOUSLY WILL ALSO HAVE BEEN FULLY CONSULTED WITH OUR PARTNERS IN THE TRILATERAL FORUM.

Q AND CONVERSELY, ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE UNITED STATES IS STICKING BY THE VERY SAME POSITION THAT IT HELD AT THE END OF THE TALKS AND HAS NO NEW IDEAS TO PUT FORWARD?

MS. SHELLY: NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SAYING. WHAT I'M ACTUALLY NOT DOING IS GETTING ENGAGED IN THE SUBSTANCE OF WHAT THOSE TALKS WILL BE ABOUT PRIOR TO THEIR RESUMPTION

Q THERE WERE TWO MEETINGS: ONE OF THE KEDO EXECUTIVE BOARD, AND ONE --

MS. SHELLY: IS THE TRILATERAL COOPERATION.

Q SO IT DID INVOLVE DIFFERENT PEOPLE OR THE SAME PEOPLE?

MS. SHELLY: AS FAR AS I KNOW, IT INVOLVES THE SAME PEOPLE, OR AT LEAST IT INVOLVES CERTAINLY THE SAME COUNTRIES. THERE MIGHT BE SOME ADDITIONAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE THERE FOR THE KEDO PART OF IT, BUT IT INVOLVES CERTAINLY THE SAME GROUP OF COUNTRIES AND I THINK PROBABLY MANY OF THE SAME INDIVIDUALS.

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Q HAS BOSWORTH STARTED WORK YET?

MS. SHELLY: I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING SPECIFIC ON THAT.

Q HAS THERE BEEN ANY COMMUNICATION WITH THE NORTH KOREANS IN THIS PAUSE PERIOD?

MS. SHELLY: WE DO TEND TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEM, VERY OFTEN BY WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS. I DON'T THINK THERE HAVE BEEN ANY FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS' AT LEAST NOT THAT I SAW ANY INFORMATION ON; BUT WE HAVE NOT REMAINED OUT OF CONTACT.

Q DID YOU EVER OFFER AN EVALUATION OF THE MARCH MEETING, WHET@R IT WAS A PLUS OR A MINUS?

MS. SHELLY: THE 25TH THROUGH THE 27TH ONE?

Q YES.

MS. SHELLY: THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME PEOPLE WHO TALKED ABOUT THAT ON SOME OTHER BASIS THAN ON THE RECORD

AND AT THE PODIUM; BUT, NO, WE DID NOT. CERTAINLY NOT FROM HERE.

Q DID YOU OFFER ANY OFFICE SPACE HERE?

MS. SHELLY: I HAVE NOTHING TO REPORT ON THAT ONE.

Q IS THE PARTY STILL HERE?

MS. SHELLY: I THINK THEY WERE JUST COMING TO DO THIS FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS. SO MY PRESUMPTION, BASED ON WHAT I RECALL HAD BEEN MY INFORMATION EARLIER IN THE WEEK, IT'S PROBABLY FINISHED BY TODAY.

Q DO WE EXPECT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN BERLIN AFTER THE TALKS?

MS. SHELLY: AT THIS POINT, I DON'T HAVE ANY DETAILS ABOUT WHAT THE MEDIA ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT BE AT THE END.

Q DO YOU KNOW HOW LONG IT WILL LAST?

MS. SHELLY: I DO NOT.

Q THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS --

MS. SHELLY: YOU CHANGED YOUR SEAT.

Q I DID, INDEED.

MS. SHELLY: I JUST THOUGHT I'D NOTE THAT.

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Q I'M SORRY. IS IT THROWING YOU OFF? .

MS. SHELLY: YES, IT'S THROWING ME OFF. I KIND OF EXPECTED YOU OVER HERE. GO AHEAD.

Q I'M NOT IN THE LIGHT SO MUCH, CHRISTINE. THAT SHOULD HELP BOTH OF US.

CHRISTINE, THERE WERE PUBLISHED REPORTS THAT IF THERE WAS NOT A SIGNED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND NORTH KOREA BY THE 21ST OF APRIL, THAT THE NORTH KOREANS WERE THREATENING TO GO BACK TO REPROCESSING THEIR RODS -- GO BACK TO RECOVERING PLUTONIUM. IS THERE ANY TRUTH TO THAT?

MS. SHELLY: WHOSE REPORTS?

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Q WHOSE REPORT WAS IT? OH, I CAN'T RECALL, BUT I SAW IT TWICE.

MS. SHELLY: IT'S HARD FOR ME TO PLAY OFF OF BLIND REPORTS.

Q HAVE THE NORTH KOREANS SAID ANYTHING TO US ABOUT GOING BACK TO REPROCESSING IF THEY DON'T GET THEIR DEAL?

MS. SHELLY: SOMETIMES THEY MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO GET CERTAIN POINTS ACROSS. IF THEY DID BEGIN TO REPROCESS, OF COURSE, THAT WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF THE FREEZE UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT. TO MY KNOWLEDGE, THEY HAVE NOT DONE THAT YET. WE CERTAINLY ARE PROCEEDING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THEY ARE STILL COMMITTED TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED FRAMEWORK.

Q THEY'VE SAID NOTHING TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ABOUT DOING SO; AM I CORRECT IN THAT?

MS. SHELLY: THEY HAD MADE STATEMENTS AND SUGGESTED THAT IF THINGS DIDN'T ALWAYS GO THEIR WAY BY A CERTAIN TIMEFRAME THAT THEY MIGHT ENGAGE IN OTHER TYPES OF ACTIVITIES. I JUST DON'T THINK THOSE ARE -- WHEN THEY MAKE COMMENTS, WHETHER THEY BE PUBLIC OR COMMUNICATED TO US IN SOME OTHER CHANNEL, WE, OF COURSE, RECEIVE THEM. BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, WE WORK ON THE BASIS OF THE COMMITMENTS THAT THEY HAVE UNDERTAKEN FOR THEIR SIDE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE AGREED FRAMEWORK. THE REST OF THAT, TO THIS POINT, I THINK IS IN THE RANGE OF THE HYPOTHETICAL.

Q ARE YOU SAYING THEY MADE THOSE STATEMENTS TO YOU IN PRIVATE?

MS. SHELLY: I'M NOT SAYING ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.

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Q CHRISTINE, THEY ARE STILL IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT?

MS. SHELLY: TO THE BEST OF MY INFORMATION. THEY ARE STILL IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT.

Q CAN WE SHIFT TO HAITI? THE SECRETARY ALLUDED TO THE SUBJECT BRIEFLY THIS MORNING DURING THE PHOTO-OP. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD CONCERNING HIT LISTS AND WHETHER BOTH SUPPORTERS AND OPPONENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT ARE PRESUMED TARGETS AND WHETHER THE U.S. ATTACHES CREDIBILITY TO THESE LISTS?

MS. SHELLY: LET ME SHARE WITH YOU WHAT I'VE GOT ON

THAT. IT'S VERY HARD TO GET INTO A DETAILED DISCUSSION, OF COURSE, OF PARTICULAR ALLEGATIONS OF LISTS OR OTHER THINGS RELATED TO THE LISTS PUBLICLY.

I CAN SAY THAT THE U.S. HAS RECEIVED FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES INFORMATION WHICH IS OF VARYING QUALITY REGARDING POSSIBLE THREATS TO INDIVIDUAL HAITIANS. WE HAVE MADE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO OUR MISSION IN PORT-AU-PRINCE AND HAVE ASKED THAT THEY, IN TURN, DISCUSS WITH THE U.N. MISSION AND THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI THE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN CASES WHERE THE INFORMATION ON A THREAT WOULD APPEAR TO BE CREDIBLE INFORMATION.

FOR REASONS OBVIOUS TO THE SECURITY OF THE INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED, I CANNOT COMMENT ON WHO MAY OR MAY NOT BE ON SUCH LISTS. THERE MAY BE OTHERS WHO ALSO ENCOUNTER A LIST OR DEVELOP LISTS BASED ON INFORMATION THAT THEY HAVE.

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AS WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH THE U.N., AND THE U.N. IS OBVIOUSLY ALSO CONCERNED WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF THE SAFE AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT THERE, WE ASSUME THAT THE U.N. ALSO HAS ITS OWN SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON THAT. BUT, OBVIOUSLY, IN TERMS OF WHAT THEY HAVE AND WHAT THEY KNOW AND WHAT THEY'D LIKE TO SAY YOU CERTAINLY WOULD

WANT TO CONSULT WITH THEM.

I WOULD LIKE TO REBUT THE NOTION THAT WAS IN ONE STORY EARLIER TODAY THAT SOMEHOW THERE'S A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION BETWEEN THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OVER LISTS. THAT IS JUST NOT THE CASE.

AS TO WHAT APPROPRIATE ACTION IS, I'VE TOUCHED ON THAT ALREADY REGARDING OUR COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EMBASSY. WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENS WITH THE INFORMATION THAT'S RECEIVED BY OUR EMBASSY, IT'S OBVIOUSLY A DECISION FOR THEM TO MAKE; AND REGARDING THE INFORMATION, OF COURSE, THAT THEY ALSO PASS ON TO THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI IN THE U.N. MISSION, I THINK THE EMBASSY ITSELF HAS ALSO INDICATED THAT IT

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WOULD WISH TO PASS ON INFORMATION THAT THEY RECEIVE OF THAT TYPE.

OF COURSE, OUR EMBASSY WOULD WANT TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT, OR THE U.N. MISSION IN THE MAINTENANCE OF A

STABLE AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT. WE ARE READY TO WORK WITH THOSE INVOLVED TOWARD THAT EFFORT.

WE ALSO HAVE SAID -- OR THE EMBASSY HAS SAID -- THAT WE WOULD TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT INDIVIDUALS WERE WARNED WHEN THE INFORMATION WAS CREDIBLE ON A SPECIFIC THREAT AGAINST THEM.

Q CHRISTINE, CAN YOU TELL US IF THESE LISTS CUT ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM? ARE YOU GETTING REPORTS OF ARISTIDE SUPPORTERS AND ARISTIDE OPPONENTS BEING TARGETED?

MS. SHELLY: I DON'T HAVE THE LIST. SO NOT HAVING THE NAMES, I THINK I'M NOT IN A POSITION TO GIVE YOU A DEFINITIVE ANSWER TO THAT. I THINK IF YOU LOOK AT THE PATTERNS OF VIOLENCE THAT HAVE OCCURRED SO FAR I THINK IT HAS TENDED TO BE MORE AGAINST OPPONENTS OF THE REGIME, AND WE THINK ALSO THAT IT CERTAINLY IS VERY MUCH IN THE INTERESTS OF THE ARISTIDE GOVERNMENT TO NOT LET THAT TYPE OF ACTIVITY GO UNCHECKED.

IT CERTAINLY IS THEIR INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING THE SAFE AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT AND ALSO THE EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF THE POLICE AND JUDICIARY SYSTEMS, THAT

ANY INCIDENTS OF THIS TYPE ARE VIGOROUSLY INVESTIGATED; AND THEN, OF COURSE, WHEN THE PERPETRATORS ARE CAUGHT, THAT THEY ALSO BE PROSECUTED.

Q CHRISTINE, DO YOU THINK THAT THE ARISTIDE GOVERNMENT HAS A ROLE IN ANY OF THESE PLOTS?

MS. SHELLY: SID, I DON'T HAVE CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF THAT. HAITI IS CERTAINLY A RUMOR MILL IN TERMS OF ALLEGATIONS OF VARIO(S TYPES OF ACTIVITIES. IT SIMPLY IS NOT A PRODUCTIVE EXERCISE FOR US, I THINK, TO PLAY OFF OF WHAT ANY AND ALL OF THOSE RUMORS MIGHT BE.

BUT WE THINK THAT PRESIDENT ARISTIDE AND HIS GOVERNMENT, OF COURSE, IN ORDER TO HAVE THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND FUNCTIONING GOVERNMENT AND ENVIRONMENT IN HAITI, THAT IT IS NECESSARY FOR THEM TO TAKE ACTIONS AGAINST PERPETRATORS OF THESE KINDS OF CRIMES REGARDLESS
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OF WHAT THE ORIGIN OF OR THE POLITICAL MOTIVATION BEHIND THEM MIGHT BE.

Q WE'RE NOT ASKING YOU TO PLAY OFF RUMORS IN THE HAITIAN STREETS. I'M ASKING IF THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION THINKS THAT THE GOVERNMENT IT INSTALLED

IN HAITI HAS A ROLE IN THESE PLOTS TO KILL IT'S
OPPONENTS?

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MS. SHELLY: SID, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
RETURNED A DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED PRESIDENT TO HAITI.
THIS IS NOT SOME GOVERNMENT OR ANY SUCH GOVERNMENT THAT
THE UNITED STATES HAS INSTALLED. WE HAVE NO REASON TO
BELIEVE, ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE,
THAT THERE'S ANY KIND OF OFFICIAL SANCTION TO THIS TYPE
OF ACTIVITY; AND IN CASES WHERE THERE MIGHT BE EVIDENCE
AGAINST A PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL OR OTHER ENTITY OR
GROUP, WE CERTAINLY WILL DRAW THAT INFORMATION TO THE
ATTENTION OF HAITIAN AUTHORITIES.

YES, JUDD.

Q YOU SAY NO EVIDENCE OF OFFICIAL SANCTIONS, BUT
DO YOU THINK THE ARISTIDE GOVERNMENT IS BEING ZEALOUS
ENOUGH IN PURSUING PERPETRATORS OF CRIMES AGAINST --

MS. SHELLY: THAT I THINK REQUIRES A VERY THOUGHTFUL
RESPONSE AND CERTAINLY AN ANALYSIS BY THOSE WHO PERHAPS
TRACK THIS MORE CAREFULLY THAN I DO. I THINK I CAN GIVE
YOU A VERY GENERAL ANSWER. WHICH IS THAT WE OURSELVES,
HAVE, COMMENTED ON THE FACT THAT THE POLICE SYSTEM AND
THE JUDICIARY, OF COURSE, ARE NOT AS STRONG AS THEY
COULD BE AND SHOULD BE. IT'S ONE OF THE REASONS THAT WE
HAVE PUT AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF EFFORT INTO THE POLICE
TRAINING PROGRAM AND ALSO INTO PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO
STRENGTHEN THE HAITIAN JUDICIARY SYSTEM.

SO IT'S NOT A PERFECT ENVIRONMENT, CERTAINLY. I
THINK THE ARISTIDE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO SIGNED THAT IT
CAN DO MORE AND SHOULD DO MORE, AND WE HOPE THAT WE WILL
CERTAINLY BE ABLE TO SEE SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT THAT THOSE
INSTITUTIONS IN THEIR FUNCTIONING ARE STRENGTHENING.

Q WILL THE UNITED STATES THEN CALL UPON THE U.N.
FORCES IN HAITI TO TAKE PRECAUTION AND PERHAPS EVEN
PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR THOSE WHO ARE ON THE LIST?

MS. SHELLY: I'VE ALREADY DESCRIBED WHAT OUR
RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM WILL BE ON THIS, WHICH IS TO PASS
THEM THE INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE AND CERTAINLY TO TRY
TO WORK WITH THEM ON THAT. BUT AS TO WHAT THE U.N.
MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT DO BEYOND THAT I THINK IS A QUESTION
YOU NEED TO ADDRESS TO THE U.N.

Q BUT WHAT I ASKED IS WOULD THE UNITED STATES
RECOMMEND TO THE U.N.

MS. SHELLY: OKAY.

Q PROTECTION --

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MS. SHELLY: BUT AGAIN THAT IS -- SIMPLY WHAT WE MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT RECOMMEND TO THE U.N. I THINK IS ALSO SOMETHING THAT WE WOULD WORK IN A PRIVATE CHANNEL, AND WE WOULDN'T DO THAT PUBLICLY.

Q ON A DIFFERENT SUBJECT.

MS. SHELLY: I'M SORRY? SURE, A DIFFERENT SUBJECT.

Q YES. PAKISTAN'S PRIME MINISTER BENAZIR BHUTTO
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IS HERE, AND SHE'S BEEN ASKING ABOUT A CHANGE IN THE PRESSLER AMENDMENT, AND SHE'S ALSO MET SOME OF THE CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS. AND IS THE ADMINISTRATION MOVING TOWARDS A NEW PROPOSAL. IS ANYTHING GOING TO BE CHANGED DURING HER MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT THIS WEEK?

MS. SHELLY: YOU'VE ASKED ME THIS QUESTION ALREADY EARLIER IN THE WEEK AND I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD TO WHAT I'VE SAID ALREADY. SHE IS, OF COURSE, HERE, AND SHE'S INVOLVED -- SHE'S WELL INTO THE WORKING VISIT. SHE IS HAVING A LOT OF CONTACTS UP ON THE HILL. SHE'S HAVING MANY MEETINGS WITH ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS WHILE SHE'S HERE.

I THINK SHE. HERSELF, HAS GIVEN A PRETTY GOOD INDICATION OF WHT HER AGENDA IS. WE EXPECT LOTS OF ISSUES TO COME UP, INCLUDING REGIONAL SECURITY AND PROLIFERATION CONCERNS, INCLUDING, OBVIOUSLY, THE PRESSLER AMENDMENT, AND ALSO THINGS LIKE PAKISTAN'S RELATIONS WITH INDIA, THE KASHMIR DISPUTE, AND JOINT EFFORTS AGAINST NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING AND TERRORISM, HUMAN RIGHTS AND ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL ISSUES.

BUT AS THE VISIT IS REALLY ONLY -- IT'S STILL IN ITS EARLY STAGES, I THINK THAT'S ABOUT AS MUCH AS I CAN SAY AT THIS POINT.

Q THERE'S NO NEW PROPOSAL AS YET?

MS. SHELLY: I'M NOT PUTTING OUT ANY INFORMATION ON ANYTHING NEW AT THIS POINT.

Q HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO ADDRESS THE KASHMIR DISPUTE WITH MS. BHUTTO?

MS. SHELLY: I DON'T HAVE A SPECIFIC INDICATION OF THAT THAT I WOULD WISH TO MAKE ON THIS PUBLICLY, EXCEPT TO NOTE THAT WE DO INTEND TO DISCUSS IT AND UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS ALSO ON HER MIND. BUT I THINK IT'S

INAPPROPRIATE FOR ME TO TRY TO GET INTO THE DETAILS OF WHAT OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH HER WOULD BE.

Q SINCE SHE'S HERE, WHAT IS THE U.S. POSITION ON THE KASHMIRI DISPUTE?

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MS. SHELLY: I THINK OUR POSITION IS WELL KNOWN AND UNCHANGED. YOU DON'T KNOW IT?

Q I'VE ACTUALLY NEVER HEARD ANYONE IN THIS ADMINISTRATION SAY IT --

MS. SHELLY: I WILL BE HAPPY TO SEE WHAT WE MIGHT -- I'M NOT AN EXPERT ON THIS. I DON'T WANT TO JUST DO THIS OFF THE CUFF. I DON'T HAVE AN EXPOSE ON THIS. WE'VE DISCUSSED IT. WE HAVE DONE CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY ON IT. IT'S ALSO BEEN IN VARIOUS SPEECHES OF STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.

I WILL BE HAPPY TO SEE WHAT RESTATEMENT OF THAT POSITION WE MIGHT BE WILLING TO PUT UP -- KEEPING IN MIND THAT AS THEIR VISIT IS UNDERWAY, WE MAY BE A LITTLE BIT LESS AMPLE IN OUR RECOUNTING OF THAT SINCE THE VISIT IS OCCURRING.

Q CHRISTINE, TO FOLLOW UP ON THAT, THE PRESIDENT SAID THE OTHER DAY THAT -- BASICALLY THREW HIS SUPPORT BEHIND REVIEWING U.S. POLICY TOWARD PAKISTAN, MAINLY THE PRESSLER AMENDMENT, AND SO COULD YOU SEE IF THERE -- HOW FAR ALONG PEOPLE ARE IN TERMS OF THIS REVIEW AND WHETHER POSSIBLY ANYTHING WILL BE PUT FORWARD WHEN THE PRESIDENT MEETS WITH BHUTTO?

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MS. SHELLY: I MEAN, IT WOULD JUST BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR ME TO TRY TO GET INTO THE SUBSTANCE OF WHAT MIGHT COME UP WITH THE PRESIDENT. SO I THINK I.M. PROBABLY NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO HELP ON THAT ONE, CAROL, UNTIL PROBABLY AFTER THE VISIT'S OVER.

Q WHEN TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER ERDU INONU WAS HERE. ALMOST EVERY U.S. OFFICIAL HE TALKED TO, INCLUDING SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER, MR. HOLBROOKE, MR. ANTHONY LAKE, TOLD HIM THAT UNLESS TURKISH TROOPS PULL OUT OF NORTHERN IRAQ AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THIS MAY GIVE RISE TO MISINTERPRETATIONS AND, YOU KNOW, UNWARRANTED MISUNDERSTANDINGS.

WHAT IS EXACTLY THOSE MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND MISINTERPRETATIONS THAT, YOU KNOW, THEY REFER TO IN THEIR TALKS WITH MR. INONU?

MS. SHELLY: OUR POSITION REGARDING THE NECESSITY OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS AS SOON AS

POSSIBLE, THAT POSITION IS VERY WELL KNOWN. AS TO THESE OTHER POSSIBLE CONNECTIONS OR ISSUES, I'M REALLY NOT IN A POSITION TO GET INTO THAT IN SOME KIND OF DETAIL.

WE THINK THAT CERTAINLY TURKEY IS WELL AWARE OF THE POSITION THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS HAVE TAKEN REGARDING THEIR INTENTIONS THERE AND REGARDING THE LENGTH OF THEIR STAY. I DON'T THINK THERE WOULD BE ANY QUESTION OR ANY SURPRISE THAT

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THE TURKISH AUTHORITIES THEMSELVES ARE FEELING SOME HEAT, PARTICULARLY FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION CIRCLES ON THIS ISSUE.

BUT WE HAVE ALSO ARTICULATED OUR POSITION ON THIS, AND HAVE ALSO INDICATED TO THE TURKISH AUTHORITIES THAT -- AND STRESSED THE NEED TO KEEP WITH THE ASSURANCES THAT THEY GAVE BEGINNING AT THE OUTSET REGARDING THE NEED TO AVOID HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, TO MINIMIZE CIVILIAN CASUALTIES, AND TO KEEP THEIR OPERATION LIMITED IN DURATION AND -COPE.

Q CHRISTINE, THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER HAS BEEN TELLING PEOPLE THAT THE TROOPS WOULD WITHDRAW IN "A FEW WEEKS." IS THAT WITHIN ACCEPTABLE LIMITS AS FAR AS THE UNITED STATE- IS CONCERNED?

MS. SHELLY: I'VE BEEN ASKED THAT QUESTION IN EVERY SINGLE VARIETY SINCE THIS OPERATION BEGAN, AND IT'S STILL EXACTLY THE SAME ANSWER. THERE IS NOT A PERIOD OF TIME COUCHED IN TERMS OF WEEKS WHICH IS ACCEPTABLE TO US. OUR POSITION IS THAT THE TURKS SHOULD WITHDRAW THEIR TROOPS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Q DO YOU HAVE ANY REACTION TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY'S RESOLUTION. YESTERDAY, THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. THEY HAD A RESOLUTION THAT THEY ACCEPTED, IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL FROM IRAQ.

MS. SHELLY: I HAVEN'T SEEN THE RESOLUTION, SO I DON'T HAVE A REACTION TO IT.

Q CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF CIVILIANS, DO YOU THINK THE TURKS KEPT TO THEIR PROMISES THAT THEY GAVE INITIALLY? WHAT DOES THE ADMINISTRATION THINK ON THAT?

MS. SHELLY: IT'S SOMETHING THAT WOULD CERTAINLY REQUIRE A VERY CAREFUL ASSESSMENT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT OUR PRIVATE THINKING IS ON THIS AT THIS POINT. THERE

MAY BE SOME PEOPLE WHO HAVE SOME GENERAL THOUGHTS ON THAT, BUT IT'S AT THIS POINT, I THINK, NOT SOMETHING WE'RE IN A POSITION TO GIVE A KIND OF STATUS REPORT ON, UNCLAS SECTION 09 OF 14 STATE 086349

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ON THE OPERATION SO FAR. IT'S A CONCERN THAT I THINK EVEN THE TURKISH AUTHORITIES THEMSELVES ALSO SHARE; AND, WHEN WE HAVE MORE INFORMATION AND PRESUMABLY ALSO WHEN THE OPERATION CAN AND IS BROUGHT TO A CLOSE, WE MAY BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE SOME KIND OF PUBLIC ASSESSMENT OF THAT. BUT FOR THE TIME BEING, WE ARE NOT GOING TO DO SO.

Q CHRISTINE, ACCORDING TO THE NORTH KOREAN NEWS AGENCY, KCNA, NORTH KOREA DESIRES RUSSIAN-TYPE LIGHT-WATER REACTOR AND WILL REFUSE SOUTH KOREAN LIGHT-WATER REACTORS. CAN YOU CONFIRM THIS?

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MS. SHELLY: I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING MORE TO SAY BEYOND WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY SAID ON THE ISSUE OF THE REACTOR. I'M NOT GOING TO GET INTO NEW FORMULATIONS AT THIS POINT BECAUSE I ALREADY SAID AT THE BEGINNING OF THE BRIEFING, WHEN I ANNOUNCED THAT THE BERLIN TALKS WOULD RESUME ON THE 12TH OF APRIL. THAT I WASN'T GOING TO GET INTO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE DISCUSSIONS.

JIM.

Q YESTERDY AT THE PHOTO OP WITH BOUTROS-GHALI, THE SECRETARY WAS ASKED ABOUT THE TURKISH TROOPS IN NORTHERN IRAQ. HE SAID THAT HE HAD INFORMED THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT "OUR SUPPORT FOR TURKEY WAS DEPENDENT ON TURKEY CARRYING ON ITS COMMITMENT TO LIMIT ITS OPERATIONS."

WHAT EXACTLY IS THE U.S. SUPPORT FOR TURKEY IN TERMS OF THIS OPERATION?

MS. SHELLY: I THINK IT'S IMPLICIT IN WHAT THE SECRETARY SAID. I MEAN, WE HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT TURKEY HAS A PROBLEM WITH THE PKK, AND WE CERTAINLY HAVE REITERATED MANY TIMES THAT TURKEY IS FACING TERRORIST INCURSIONS AGAINST THEM BY THE PKK CONDUCTED FROM IRAQI TERRITORY.

BUT AGAIN, IT IS NOT IN OUR VIEW JUST A LICENSE TO GO IN THERE AND STAY IN THERE. THERE IS A REAL SECURITY PROBLEM TO TURKEY, BUT AT THE SAME TIME WE BELIEVE THAT THE TURKISH TROOPS NEED TO WITHDRAW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND THAT THE TURKS THEMSELVES, AS THEY CONDUCT THIS OPERATION, NEED TO KEEP TO THE ASSURANCES THAT THEY,

THEMSELVES, HAVE GIVEN.

Q BUT WHEN HE USED THIS TERM "OUR SUPPORT FOR TURKEY," HE'S TALKING THEN IN TERMS OF POLITICAL RATHER THAN LOGISTICAL OR OTHER KIND OF SUPPORT?

MS. SHELLY: I THINK HE WAS REFERRING TO OUR SUPPORT IN GENERAL, AS A GENERALITY, AND IT WAS NOT A KIND OF HINT ABOUT ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR OR ANYTHING SPECIFIC.

Q DO YOU HAVE ANY REACTION FOR THE KILLING -- NORTHERN IRAQ TROOPS -- THEY KILLED SOME TURKISH (INAUDIBLE) OFFICIALS?

MS. SHELLY: I HAVE JUST SEEN THE PRESS REPORTS ON THAT. I HAVE NO INDEPENDENT INFORMATION.

GEORGE.

Q THE DEFENSE MONITOR HAS A PIECE TODAY ABOUT THE IRAQI REFUGEE RE-SETTLEMENT PROGRAM AND THIS DISCUSSED SOME

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PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE ARISEN. DO YOU HAVE ANY REACTION TO THAT STORY?

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MS. SHELLY: YES, I HAVE SOMETHING ON THAT. THIS HAS REQUIRED SOME EFFORT AT WORKING THIS UP, BECAUSE THIS IS NOT ONE WHICH IS UP ON THE BRIEFING SCREEN ABSOLUTELY EVERY DAY.

TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND TO THE PROGRAM ON THIS, SINCE 1992 THE U.S. HAS PARTICIPATED IN A UNHCR COORDINATED MULTINATIONAL REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM FOR IRAQI REFUGEES IN SAUDI ARABIA WHO FLED IRAQ IN THE WAKE OF FAILED UPRISINGS THERE AT THE END OF THE GULF WAR.

SINCE 1992, THE U.S. HAS RESETTLED 6,500 IRAQI

REFUGEES FROM SAUDI ARABIA, 1,600 OF WHICH WERE FORMER SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS. ALL WERE REFERRED TO THE UNITED STATES PROGRAM BY THE UNHCR.

OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING IRAN, AUSTRALIA, CANADA, SYRIA AND THE NORDIC COUNTRIES HAVE ALSO RESETTLED IRAQIS FROM SAUDI ARABIA AND CONTINUE TO DO SO. BY THE END OF THIS YEAR. UNHCR ESTIMATES THAT THEY WILL HAVE

RESETTLED APPROXIMATELY 9,000 IRAQIS FROM SAUDI ARABIA.

THE REFUGEES ARE MOSTLY CIVILIANS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE 1991 UPRISINGS AGAINST THE SADDAM HUSSEIN REGIME, AS WELL AS FORMER IRAQI SOLDIERS WHO DESERTED THEIR UNITS PRIOR TO THE INVASION OF KUWAIT. ALL ARE REGARDED BY THE UNHCR AS REFUGEES IN NEED OF RESETTLEMENT.

INS OFFICERS INTERVIEW EACH REFUGEE APPLICANT INDIVIDUALLY, AND ASSESS BOTH THE CREDIBILITY OF THEIR CLAIM TO A WELL-FOUNDED FEAR OF PERSECUTION, AND WHETHER THEY ARE ELIGIBLE UNDER U.S. LAW FOR RESETTLEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES. ANYONE WHO HAS COMMITTED A SERIOUS NON-POLITICAL CRIME IS EXCLUDABLE UNDER U.S. LAW.

IN ADDITION. SECURITY CHECKS ARE CONDUCTED FOR CERTAIN NATIONALITIES OF REFUGEES. INCLUDING IRAQIS. THE EX-SOLDIERS EITHER LEFT THEIR MILITARY UNITS INSIDE IRAQ BEFORE BEING MOBILIZED TO THE KUWAITI FRONT, OR THEY DESERTED WITH THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE MULTINATIONAL FORCES WHO DROPPED LEAFLETS PROMISING PROTECTION IF THEY DID SO.

MOST OF THESE ARE ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS MINORITIES -- ASSYRIAN CHRISTIANS, CHALDEAN CATHOLICS AND KURDS -- WHO BELIEVE THAT THEY HAD BEEN CONSCRIPTED TO SERVE AS CANNON FODDER.

IRAQIS ARE A DESIGNATED NATIONALITY FOR CONSIDERATION FOR REFUGEE STATUS AS A RESULT OF THE CONSULTATIONS WITH CONGRESS. IRAQI REFUGEES ARE RESETTLED FROM TURKEY AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AS WELL AS FROM SAUDI ARABIA.

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SINCE 1992, SOME 15,000 IRAQI REFUGEES HAVE BEEN RESETTLED IN THE U.S. FROM ALL PROCESSING POINTS, INCLUDING THE 6,500 FROM SAUDI ARABIA.

Q WHAT'S THAT NUMBER AGAIN?

MS. SHELLY: IS THAT IT? DO YOU WANT MORE?

Q THE LAST NUMBER?

MS. SHELLY: SHALL I GIVE YOU MORE? WHAT ELSE DO YOU WANT?

Q I DIDN'T READ THE WHOLE THING, BUT THE MONITOR IMPLIED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF SETBACKS AND THERE'S A LOT OF DISAPPOINTMENT THAT SOME IRAQIS WHO HAVE BEEN RESETTLED HERE HAVE ENGAGED IN SEXUAL CRIMES, UNCLAS SECTION 11 OF 14 STATE 086349

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AND THERE'S AN ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR THESE REFUGEES TO APPRISE THEM OF WHAT LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES IS LIKE, AND THIS IS A DISASTER, AND THE US. AMBASSADOR TO SAUDI ARABIA HAS COMPLAINED THAT -- OR SAID THAT MODIFICATIONS ARE LONG OVERDUE. AND SO FORTH.

MS. SHELLY: I HAVE ANSWERS TO ALL THOSE QUESTIONS.

Q I'LL BET.

Q PLEASE.

MS. SHELLY: CAN YOU KEEP GOING? BUT I'M NEVER SUPPOSED TO DISCHARGE ALL MY FIRE AT THE BEGINNING.

Q ALL RIGHT.

MS. SHELLY: YES, THERE HAD BEEN REPORTS FROM RESETTLEMENT AGENCIES OF INCIDENTS CONCERNING SOME OF THE IRAQI REFUGEES, A FEW OF WHICH HAVE RESULTED IN CRIMINAL CHARGES. WE DO TAKE THESE REPORTS VERY SERIOUSLY.

ONE OF THE REASONS THAT THERE IS A CULTURAL ORIENTATION PROGRAM IS SPECIFICALLY TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR TO THE REFUGEES, BEFORE THEY ARRIVE IN THE UNITED STATES, WHAT THE U.S. STANDARDS ARE OF APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR, AS WELL AS WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE AND/OR SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PENALTY UNDER U.S. LAW.

THE U.S. CONDUCTS THE CULTURAL ORIENTATION PROGRAMS FOR THE REFUGEES IN A NUMBER OF POSTS AROUND THE WORLD. WE DO BELIEVE IT'S VERY VALUABLE PREPARATION FOR BOTH THE REFUGEES COMING TO THE U.S. AND TO THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH THEY WILL LIVE, PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE COMING FROM OTHER CULTURES.

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AS TO YOUR SPECIFIC QUESTION ABOUT REPORTS ABOUT THE POSITION OF THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO SAUDI ARABIA AND THE PROGRAM, WE CERTAINLY TAKE THE VIEWS AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF OUR AMBASSADOR TO SAUDI ARABIA UNDER CONSIDERATION. WE HAVE INITIATED A REVIEW OF THE IRAQI SETTLEMENT PROGRAM FROM SAUDI ARABIA. WE HAVE SENT APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO RIYADH TO LOOK INTO THE QUESTIONS AND ISSUES WHICH HAVE RAISED BY THE AMBASSADOR.

YES, JUDD.

Q YOU SAID THEY WERE KURDS. CHRISTIANS, AND SO FORTH. NO SHI'ITES?

MS. SHELLY: THE INFORMATION THAT I HAVE LISTS THOSE PARTICULAR GROUF- -- THE ASSYRIAN CHRISTIANS, CHALDEAN

CATHOLICS, AND THE KURDS.

Q THOSE ARE GROUPS THAT HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES OR REFUGEES IN SAUDI ARABIA? THEY MAY NOT BE THE SAME.

MS. SHELLY: WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS MINORITIES THAT THEN FALL WITHIN THE GROUPS OF EX-SOLDIERS WHO HAD LEFT THE MILITARY UNITS.

Q WHAT ABOUT CIVILIANS?

MS. SHELLY: I'D HAVE TO CHECK ON THAT.

Q I'M ASKING BECAUSE IT WOULD SEEM LOGICAL THAT MOST WOULD BE SHI'ITES, GIVEN THAT YOU REFERRED TO A FAILED UPRISING NEAR THE SAUDI BORDER RATHER THAN KURDS.

MS. SHELLY: I'LL BE HAPPY TO CHECK ON THAT POINT.
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Q CHRISTINE, YOU GAVE A NUMBER, I THINK THAT WAS A TOTAL SINCE '92, THAT I THOUGHT WAS DIFFERENT THAN THE 6,500. BECAUSE 6,500 IS FROM SAUDI ARABIA --

MS. SHELLY: RIGHT.

Q -- AND THERE WAS ANOTHER NUMBER? IT'S RIGHT AT THE END OF YOUR FIRST -- 15,000 IS WHAT I THINK, BUT I'M NOT SURE.

MS. SHELLY: SINCE '92, SOME 15,000 IRAQI REFUGEES HAVE BEEN SETTLED IN THE U.S. FROM ALL PROCESSING POSTS. THAT INCLUDES THE 6,500 FROM SAUDI ARABIA.

Q HOW MANY SOLDIERS --

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MS. SHELLY: DID I DO THE --

Q THE 1,600 WAS FROM SAUDI ARABIA OR FROM --

MS. SHELLY: NO. SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED IS FROM SAUDI ARABIA.

Q THE SIXTEEN HUNDRED NUMBER YOU USED?

MS. SHELLY: I DON'T KNOW I HAVE JUST THE NUMBER UNIQUELY HERE FOR THE -- NO, IT SAID HERE -- 1,600; THAT

RIGHT. OF THE 6.500 IRAQI REFUGEES FROM SAUDI ARABIA,
1,600 WERE FORMER SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS.

Q HOW MUCH FROM TURKEY? I THOUGHT YOU SAID THEY
WERE FROM TURKEY AS WELL.

MS. SHELLY: I DID MENTION TURKEY, I DO BELIEVE.
YES, I THINK I MENTIONED TURKEY -- ABOUT IRAQI REFUGEES
BEING RESETTLED FROM TURKEY AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
AS WELL AS FROM SAUDI ARABIA. BECAUSE THE IRAQIS ARE A
DESIGNATED NATIONALITY FOR CONSIDERATION FOR REFUGEE
STATUS AS A RESULT OF THE CONSULTATIONS WITH CONGRESS.

Q DO YOU HAVE NUMBERS?

MS. SHELLY: NO, I DON'T HAVE A NUMBER ON THOSE.

Q CHRISTINE, JUST A POINT OF CLARIFICATION. THE
CRIMES THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE ACCUSED OF ARE THINGS
THEY'VE COMMITTED SINCE COMING TO THE STATES, OR WERE
THEY COMMITTED IN IRAQ OR IN THE --

MS. SHELLY: NO. THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT CRIMES

THAT THEY'VE COMMITTED SINCE COMING TO THE UNITED
STATES; THERE ARE REPORTS OF THEIR HAVING COMMITTED
SEXUAL AND OTHER OFFENSES AFTER ARRIVING IN THE UNITED
STATES.

Q HOW MANY OF THE 15,000 OR 6,000?

MS. SHELLY: I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T HAVE NUMBERS.
AS A SHARE OF THE TOTAL, IT'S A VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE.
BUT, NATURALLY, EVEN A SMALL PERCENTAGE CAN ATTRACT A
GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION.

Q YOU SAY "REPORTS." IS THAT POLICE REPORTS, OR
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT NEWSPAPER REPORTS?

MS. SHELLY: I SAID REPORTS FROM RESETTLEMENT
AGENCIES. THOSE ARE WHERE THE REPORTS ARE COMING FROM.

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Q ARE THEY SETTLED AFTER THEY CHANGE THEIR NAMES
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AND SUCH, LIKE THE FEDERAL WITNESS PROTECTION PROGRAM?

MS. SHELLY: DIFFERENT PROGRAM.

Q DIFFERENT PROGRAM?

MS. SHELLY: YES. DIFFERENT SUBJECT.

Q SINCE YOU WERE FORTHCOMING ON A QUESTION WE'VE BEEN ASKING ABOUT THE RESUMPTION OF THE BERLIN TALKS, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO BE FORTHCOMING ABOUT ON THE STATUS OF THE HELMS BILL ON CUBA?

MS. SHELLY: I KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO ASK ME THAT.

Q SPEAKING OF HELMS, I HAVE A QUESTION.

MS. SHELLY: I'M TOLD ON THAT THAT WE SHOULD HAVE SOMETHING MORE FORMAL SOON. THERE ARE SOME THINGS IN IT THAT WE THINK ARE FINE AND THERE ARE OTHER THINGS IN IT THAT WE HAVE SOME DIFFICULTY WITH. I THINK THAT'S ABOUT AS MUCH ADDITIONAL AS I CAN SAY.

Q DOES THAT IMPLY THAT SOMEBODY HAS READ IT HERE?

MS. SHELLY: EVERYBODY, IN FACT, WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH THIS ISSUE HAS READ IT. I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO HAD A REMEDIAL READING.

Q DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON JESSE HELMS SENSE OF GEOGRAPHY (LAUGHTER)

MS. SHELLY: NO. I DON'T THINK SO.

Q THE (INAUDIBLE) GOVERNMENT HAD A COMMENT ABOUT HIS SENSE OF GEOGRAPHY.

MS. SHELLY: I THINK I'M GOING TO LEAVE THAT ONE WITH THE PAKISTANIS.

Q NO PROTEST, IN OTHER WORDS?

Q CHRISTINE, HAVE THE HAITIANS THAT WERE PICKED UP BY A COAST GUARD CUTTER OFF THE MIAMI COAST YESTERDAY BEEN RETURNED TO HAITI? DO YOU ALSO HAVE THE STATUS OF THE CHINESE THAT ARE ON BOARD A SHIP OFF, I BELIEVE, THE BAJA?

MS. SHELLY: YES, I'VE GOT SOMETHING ON BOTH OF THOSE. ONCE AGAIN, I'M GOING TO HAVE THIS PROBLEM THAT THEY ARE AT DIFFERENT ENDS OF MY BOOK.

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ON THE HAITIANS, WHAT I CAN TELL YOU ABOUT THE ONES WHO WERE PICKED UP YESTERDAY, THE COAST GUARD RESCUED A 128 HAITIANS AND 12 DOMINICANS FROM A DANGEROUSLY OVERCROWDED 50-FOOT SAILBOAT EARLY YESTERDAY. THAT WAS 25 MILES EAST OF MIAMI BEACH. THE BOAT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE LEFT CAP HAITIEN IN THE NORTH OF HAITI.

OUR EMBASSY IN PORT-AU-PRINCE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI ON RETURNING THE MIGRANTS

TO HAITI. THEY'RE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN HAITI TOMORROW.

TWO OF THE HAITIAN MIGRANTS HAVE BEEN MEDEVACED TO THE UNITED STATES. THE REMAINDER ARE BEING CARED FOR ON BOARD THE COAST GUARD CUTTER. INTERPRETERS ARE ON BOARD, AND THE MIGRANTS HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT WE PLAN TO REPATRIATE THEM TO HAITI.

THE MIGRANTS ARE BEING GIVEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS ANY FEARS THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE RETURNING TO HAITI.

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THE LAST TIME THAT THE COAST GUARD PICKED UP HAITIANS AT SEA -- SINCE I FIGURE THAT'S A LOGICAL FOLLOW-ON -- IS LAST OCTOBER. THERE HAVE BEEN FOUR CASES SINCE THEN WHEN THE COAST GUARD ESCORTED VESSELS WITH HAITIAN MIGRANTS ON BOARD BACK TO THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE COUNTRY OF DEPARTURE.

YOU WANT ME TO DO THE OTHER ONE NOW? OKAY. THE THAT'S OFF THE COAST OF MEXICO. THE SHIP IS CURRENTLY 400 MILES SOUTHWEST OF SAN DIEGO.

I GAVE YOU THE NUMBERS EARLIER IN THE WEEK. THAT 88 MIGRANTS -- SEVEN WOMEN AND 81 MEN; 10 ENFORCERS; EIGHT CREW MEMBERS AND ONE MASTER. THE MASTER CLAIMS HE'S FROM TAIWAN. THE REST OF THE MIGRANTS, CREW, AND ENFORCERS APPEAR TO BE FROM THE FUJIAN PROVINCE IN CHINA. ACCORDING TO THE MIGRANTS, THEY WERE ALL COMING TO THE U.S. FOR ECONOMIC REASONS.

WE'RE CONSULTING WITH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MIGRANT REPATRIATION. WE'RE STILL CONSULTING WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS ON THE REPATRIATION OF THE MIGRANTS.

I THINK I MENTIONED EARLIER IN THE WEEK THAT WE DECLARED THE VESSELS STATELESS, AND THAT THEN SUBJECTS THE VESSEL AND THEIR MASTERS TO THE LAWS OF THE ARRESTING COUNTRY.

I'M TOLD THAT THE MIGRANTS AND CREW ARE STILL IN GOOD HEALTH. THEY HAVE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF BOTH FOOD AND FRESH

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WATER ON BOARD. THE COAST GUARD IS AVAILABLE TO INCREASE THOSE SUPPLIES IF THE FANG MING'S OWN SUPPLIES ARE DEPLETED.

Q ARE CHARGES BEING BROUGHT AGAINST THE MASTER
FOR SMUGGLING OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT?

MS. SHELLY: I DON'T HAVE INFORMATION ON THAT YET.

Q THANK YOU.

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1. A STRONGLY ANTI-U.S. EMBARGO OP-ED PIECE BY RICKEY SINGH RAN ON PAGE 9A OF THE TOP-READERSHIP (451,000) SUNDAY GLEANER UNDER THE HEADING "PROTESTS OVER ANTI-CUBA U.S. BILL". EXCERPTS FOLLOW:

"THE BILL CLINTON ADMINISTRATION SEEMS HEADED FOR AN EMBARRASSING DIPLOMATIC CONFLICT WITH SOME OF AMERICA'S STAUNCHEST ALLIES OVER THE CONTINUING POLITICS OF UNITED STATES AGGRESSION AGAINST THE CARIBBEAN NATION OF CUBA.

THIS TIME IT HAS TO DO WITH A PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE MEASURE --SOJ-CALLED 'CUBAN LIBERTY AND DEMOCRATIC SOLIDARITY ACT' --HATCHED TO FURTHER PUNISH THE CUBAN PEOPLE AND PROVOKE INTERNAL CONFLICTS WITH THE DESPERATE HOPE OF THE WEALTHY CUBAN EMIGRES AND THEIR INFLUENTIAL ALLIES IN THE U.S. CONGRESS TO DERAIL THE 36-YEAR-OLD GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT FIDEL CASTRO.

THE BILL, WHICH SEEKS TO TIGHTEN THE SCREWS ON THE 33-YEAR-OLD U.S. TRADE, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL EMBARGO AGAINST CUBA, WAS INTRODUCED IN FEBRUARY BY CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, JESSE HELMS.

THE OLD RIGHTWING WAR HORSE IS WELL KNOWN AMONG BLACK AND HISPANIC AMERICANS FOR HIS RACIST VIEWS AND MIND-BOGGLING ARROGANCE TOWARDS THIRD WORLD NATIONS.

THE LEGISLATION IS CURRENTLY GOING THROUGH COMMITTEE STAGES AND IS BEING TIPPED TO WIN SUFFICIENT SUPPORT NOT JUST FROM LAWMAKERS CONNECTED WITH THE INFLUENTIAL ANTI-CASTRO LOBBY, BUT ALSO FROM AN EMBATTLED CLINTON, ANXIOUS FOR COMPROMISES IN HIS BID TO RETAIN HIS TENANCY OF THE WHITE HOUSE AT THE 1996 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

THE PROVISION OF THE 'HELMS BILL' WILL PENALIZE NOT ONLY AMERICANS DOING BUSINESS WITH THE CASTRO GOVERNMENT, BUT CORPORATE INTERESTS AND CITIZENS OF OTHER NATIONS. PUNISHMENT WILL INCLUDE DENIAL TO INVEST IN THE U.S.A OR EVEN TO VISIT THIS SOLE SUPERPOWER.

BRITAIN AND THE EUROPEAN UNION AS A WHOLE AS WELL AS CANADA HAVE ALREADY OFFICIALLY LODGED STRONG PROTESTS WITH THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION AGAINST THE 'HELMS BILL' WHICH THREATENS THEIR OWN SOVEREIGNTY.

IT WOULD BE INSTRUCTIVE TO LEARN OF THE RESPONSES FROM THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY AND THE WIDER ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN STATES TO THIS WICKED PIECE OF LEGISLATION THAT SEEMS SUCH AN ANACHRONISM IN THIS POST-COLD WAR PHASE.

IT CANNOT BE ENOUGH FOR LATIN AND CARIBBEAN NATIONS TO SIMPLY GIVE THEIR VOTES AT THE U.N. YEAR AFTER TO END THE U.S. ECONOMIC BLOCKADE AGAINST CUBA AND REMAIN SILENT AND INACTIVE WHEN CONFRONTED WITH A COLD WAR' TYPE LEGISLATION LIKE THE HELMS BILL THAT WOULD UNDERMINE THEIR OWN INITIATIVES TO DEVELOP ECONOMIC AND TRADING RELATIONS WITH CUBA....

FOR THE COUNCIL ON HEMISPHERIC AFFAIRS (COHA), PUBLISHERS OF THE BI-WEEKLY 'WASHINGTON REPORT ON THE HEMISPHERE', THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL PROVISIONS OF THE HELMS BILL DEAL WITH THE 'PROTECTION OF AMERICAN PROPERTY RIGHTS' IN CUBA.

SHOULD THE BILL BE ENACTED, IT WOULD MEAN THAT EXECUTIVES AND SHAREHOLDERS OF FOREIGN COMPANIES THAT HAVE PURCHASED FORMER U.S.-HELD CUBAN PROPERTY, WOULD BE DEBARRED FROM ENTERING THE U.S.A. AS WELL AS THEIR SPOUSES....

THE FORMER CHIEF OF THE U.S. INTERESTS SECTION IN HAVANA, WAYNE SMITH, FEELS THAT THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION WAS BEING 'TERRORIZED' BY RIGHTWING CUBANS AND DID NOT SEEM TO 'HAVE THE GUTS' TO OPPOSE ANY EFFORT, SUCH AS THE HELMS BILL, TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA."

2. THE SATURDAY GLEANER (415,000) CARRIED AN AP STORY ON PAGE 6 ENTITLED "CUBAN DIPLOMATS READY TO LEAVE U.S.". EXCERPT FOLLOWS:

"TWO CUBANFILOMATS WHO FACE EXPULSION BECAUSE OF THEIR ROLE I
N A MELEE IN NEW YORK LAST SUMMER 'HAVE THEIR BAGS

PACKED' AND ARE EXPECTED TO LEAVE THE UNITED STATES
SHORTLY, CUBAN OFFICIALS SAY.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERING THE DEPARTURE OF THE
CUBANS FOR ALLEGEDLY ASSAULTING NEW YORK CITY POLICEMEN

DURING A DEMONSTRATION AT CUBA'S U.N. MISSION BY CUBAN
GOVERNMENT OPPONENTS LAST AUGUST...." HOULAHAN
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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION APRIL 10: U.S. POLICY ON CUBA;
RUSSIAN-U.S. RELATIONS; AND THE INCONSISTENCY OF U.S.
FOREIGN POLICY

1. THE LEADING TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL ON APRIL 10 CARRIES AN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "DEFER TO WASHGTON ON CUBA? NOT LIKELY". COMMENTING ON TWO BILLS PUT FORWARD BY SENATOR JESSE HELMS THAT WOULD RETALIATE AGAINST FOREIGN COMPANIES AND COUNTRIES THAT DO BUSINESS WITH CUBA, THE GLOBE STATES: "THERE IS NO REASON ON EARTH WHY CANADA SHOULD TUG ITS FORELOCK AND, LIKE SOME TAME CARIBBEAN FLY-SPECK, DEFER TO THE UNITED STATES ON THIS MATTER....WHAT IS MORE, WASHINGTON'S CUBA POLICY IS WRONG. DRIVEN BY THE MYSTERIOUS POLITICAL POWER OF THE CUBAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, THE

THREE-DECADE US ECONOMIC EMBARGO HAS PUNISHED THE CUBAN PEOPLE WHILE DOING NOTHING TO BRING DOWN MR. CASTRO. TO THE CONTRARY, IT HAS GIVEN HIM AN IDEAL SCAPEGOAT FOR ECONOMIC FAILURE THAT, IN TRUTH, ARE THE RESULT OF HIS OWN WILLFULNESS AND RIGIDITY."

2. "RUSSIAN BEAR GROWLING AGAIN" IS THE HEADLINE FOR A COMMENTARY BY FOREIGN AFFAIRS ANALYST ERIC MARGOLIS IN THE CONSERVATIVE OTTAWA SUN ON APRIL 10. MARGOLIS QUERIES WHETHER MOSCOW IS "SERIOUS, OR JUST BLUFFING" IN REFUSING TO PERMIT THE FORMER SOVIET SATELLITE STATES OF EASTERN EUROPE TO JOIN NATO AND TO HALT THE NUCLEAR DEAL WITH IRAN. WRITES MARGOLIS: "THE ANSWER IS: SERIOUS....THIS BAD WEEK IN MOSCOW IS THUS AN EVIL PORTENT FOR THE MAY 9 SUMMIT AT THE KREMLIN BETWEEN PRESIDENTS CLINTON AND YELTSIN. THE POLITICALLY EMASCULATED AMERICAN PRESIDENT WILL ARRIVE CAP IN HAND TO FIND A BELLIGERENT, ASSERTIVE MOSCOW THAT IS DONE KOW-TOWING TO THE WEST. CLINTON'S DESPERATE NEED FOR A FOREIGN POLICY SUCCESS WILL PUT HIM AT A SERIOUS DISADVANTAGE IN NEGOTIATING WITH THE RUSSIANS -- AND THEY KNOW IT....IT'S CLEAR THE LONG, BUT UNCONSUMMATED, HONEYMOON BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW IS OVER. EAST-WEST RIVALRY, TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED, HAS RESUMED."

3. IN THE APRIL 7 EDITION OF THE BUSINESS-ORIENTED FINANCIAL POST, FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT JOHN BIERMAN OFFERS AN OP-ED PIECE HEADLINED "THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION KNOWS NO CONSISTENCY." WRITES BIERMAN: "IF, AS THE CYNICS SAY, CONSISTENCY IN POLITICS IS A SIGN OF SECOND-RATE MINDS AT WORK, THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION...SURELY DESERVES AN A-PLUS RATING. TAKE, FOR INSTANCE, THE WAY WASHINGTON IS HANDLING JUST TWO OF THE MANY HEAVY-DUTY ITEMS BEING ADDRESSED BY ITS FOREIGN POLICY ESTABLISHMENT JUST NOW: HOW TO RESPOND TO THE MASSIVE TURKISH INCURSION INTO NORTHERN IRAQ...AND HOW TO ENSURE THE SURVIVAL OF THE SOON-TO-EXPIRE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY. AT THE OUTSET, WASHINGTON GAVE TACIT APPROVAL TO TURKEY'S CROSS-BORDER INTERVENTION....BUT NOW, RESPONDING TO WIDESPREAD CONDEMNATION OF THE INVASION BY THEIR LATO ALLIES, THE AMERICANS FEEL CONSTRAINED TO ADD THAT, OF COURSE, THEY WOULD NOT CONDONE THE SETTING UP OF A TURKISH SECURITY ZONE INSIDE IRAQ. WHY EVER NOT? THEY MAKE NO DEMUR AT ANOTHER HIGHLY VALUED ALLY, ISRAEL, MAINTAINING A SECURITY ZONE INSIDE LEBANON....CAN IT BE THE MARXIST-INCLINED GUNMEN OF THE TURKEY'S KURDISH WORKERS PARTY, OR PKK, SEEM LESS OF A MENACE TO US INTERESTS, HOWEVER INDIRECT, THAN THE FANATICAL ISLAMIC GUNMEN OF LEBANON'S HEZBOLLAH...?....SIMILARLY FALLACIOUS THINKING SURROUNDS THE QUESTION OF THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, OR NPT, WHICH THE US IS RIGHTLY KEEN TO SEE EXTENDED INDEFINITELY IN ORDER TO PREVENT ANY POTENTIALLY IRRESPONSIBLE NEWCOMERS BARGING INTO T HE EXCLUSIVE CLUB OF ACKNOWLEDGED NUCLEAR

POWERS....EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT HOSNI MUBARAK, HAS BEEN
KICKING OVER THE TRACES, WARNING THAT IF THE ISRAELIS
GO ON REFUSING TO SIGN THE NPT HE WILL LEAD THE ARABS
IN MASS OPPOSITION TO THE TREATY'S EXTENSION. HERE
AGAIN THE SECOND RATERS WHO REMAIN FIXATED ON
CONSISTENCY MIGHT ARGUE THAT MUBARAK HAS A POINT. FOR
AS EVERYONE KNOWS...ISRAEL HAS A FORMIDABLE NUCLEAR
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STATE FOR S/SHC - AMB DOBBINS
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FOR HAITI WORKING GROUP - AMBASSADOR LEONARD
FOR PA

E.O. 12356: N/A

SUBJECT: HAITIAN MEDIA REACTION, 4/11/95

1. RADIO METROPOLE: SECURITY: THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT'S OPPONENTS ARE WASHINGTON'S NEW CONCERN. THE UNITED STATES OFFICIALLY TAKES INTO ACCOUNT A LIST OF PEOPLE TO BE ELIMINATED AND ASKS THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT TO TAKE MEASURES TO STOP THE THREAT FROM BEING CARRIED OUT. SENATOR JESSE HELMS REQUESTED THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON FREEZE ALL ECONOMIC HELP TO HAITI.

- ARE HAITIANS SETTING OUT AGAIN FOR THE HIGH SEAS? A HUNDRED PEOPLE WERE HEADED OFF BY THE AMERICAN COAST GUARD FRIDAY WHILE PRESIDENT ARISTIDE WAS INAUGURATING A MONUMENT IN MEMORY OF THE BOATPEOPLE WHO DIED AT SEA AND SAYING 'NEVER, NEVER AGAIN...'. .

- PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON PROMISED TO MAINTAIN AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN THE UN OPERATION AND TO FIGHT THE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY'S EFFORTS TO REDUCE PARTICIPATION.

2. TODAY'S NEWS WAS DOMINATED BY ELECTORAL EVENTS: MAGIC STEREO: THE ELECTION SCHEDULE HAS BEEN REVISED ONCE MORE. THE PROVISIONAL ELECTORAL COUNCIL RESCHEDULED THE FIRST ROUND OF THE ELECTIONS FOR THE 25TH OF JUNE AND THE SECOND ROUND FOR THE 16TH OF JULY.

3. THE DAILY LE NOUVELLISTE, IN ITS 'CURRENT QUESTION' COLUMN COMMENTS: ACCORDING TO MEDIA SOURCES, ARISTIDE HAS RESISTED PRESIDENT CLINTON'S PRESSURE TO SUSPEND INTERIOR MINISTER BEAUBRUN WHO IS IMPLICATED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF MRS. BERTIN.

THIS AFFAIR PROVOKED A PARRY BY VOLATILE REPUBLICAN SENATOR JESSE HELMS. IN A LETTER TO BILL CLINTON, REPORTED BY AFP, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS DEMANDED THE IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT UNTIL THE END OF THE INVESTIGATION. THE SENATOR REFERS TO 'RELIABLE INFORMATION' INVOLVING INTERIOR MINISTER BEAUBRUN AS 'THE BRAINS BEHIND THE CRIME'. YET, IN HIS FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT SINCE MARCH 28, THE MINISTER DENIED BEING INVOLVED IN THIS CRIME. YESTERDAY, ON VOA, BEAUBRUN STATED THAT THE ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING HIS POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN THIS MURDER "DAMAGE THE REPUTATION OF THE WHOLE COUNTRY".

IS THIS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW BATTLE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND PORT-AU-PRINCE?

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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION

1. THE STATE-OWNED GUYANA CHRONICLE PUBLISHED THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL HEADLINED "A LOT'S IN A NAME" IN ITS TUESDAY, APRIL 11 EDITION.
2. BEGIN QUOTE. OUR USUAL PAGE ONE 'OUR WORLD' CORNER YESTERDAY WAS THE REPORTED SERIOUS BLUNDER BY THE UNITED STATES FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR JESSE HELMS.
3. IN THE DISPATCH, THE REUTERS NEWS AGENCY NOTED THAT IT IS NOT EASY TO CONFUSE THE LEADERS OF PAKISTAN AND INDIA.
4. BUT MR HELMS DID JUST THAT.
5. ACCORDING TO REUTERS: "EMERGING FROM AN HOUR-LONG CLOSED-DOOR MEETING WITH PAKISTANI PRIME MINISTER BENAZIR BHUTTO, HELMS TOOK TO THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE AND SAID: 'THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HAS HAD THE HONOUR OF WELCOMING THE DISTINGUISHED PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA.'
6. "HE INTRODUCED BHUTTO BY SAYING SHE AND THE

COMMITTEE MOST OF THE TIME, WE WERE TALKING ABOUT INDIA."

7. "HELMS APOLOGISED IMMEDIATELY HE WAS TOLD OF THE ERROR."

8. SOME WOULD PASS OFF SUCH A BLUNDER WITH AMUSEMENT BUT WE FEEL IT REFLECTS THE SERIOUS NATURE OF THE TASK THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES HAVE OF MAKING THEIR VOICES HEARD IN THE INTERNATIONAL CORRIDORS OF POWER.

9. THAT THE HEAD OF AN AGENCY AS IMPORTANT AS THE U.S. SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE COULD CONFUSE THE LEADERS OF INDIA AND PAKISTAN, PERHAPS, DEMONSTRATES THE SERIOUSNESS, OR LACK OF IT, THAT POWERFUL INTERESTS PLACE IN NATIONS OUTSIDE THEIR BLOCS.

10. INDIA AND PAKISTAN ARE NOT SMALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THEY CARRY SOME AMOUNT OF INFLUENCE IN INTERNATIONAL FORA.

11. FOR MR HELMS, HOWEVER, A ONE-HOUR MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER OF ONE OF THEM, WAS MERELY PERFUNCTORY AND HE COULD NOT CARE WHO WAS THE LEADER OF WHICH.

12. IF INDIA AND PAKISTAN CAN BE SO CASUALLY REGARDED, OF WHAT IMPORTANCE TO PEOPLE LIKE MR HELMS ARE THE AFFAIRS OF SO MANY OTHER POOR, STRUGGLING AND MUCH SMALLER THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES?

13. THEIR FATE, MUCH LESS THE IDENTITIES OF THEIR LEADERS, IS OF NO CONSEQUENCE TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

14. THIS ATTITUDE WOULD SEEM TO GIVE FRESH IMPETUS FOR THE CALLS FROM GUYANA AND OTHER THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES TO BAND TOGETHER TO BETTER LOBBY THEIR INTERESTS AND CAUSES.

15. PRESIDENT CHEDDI JAGAN HAS RECOMMENDED A PUSH FOR A REVIVED NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM).

16. "FOR IT IS ONLY THROUGH THE STRENGTHENING OF FORA LIKE THE NAM THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CAN REALISE THE COLLECTIVE VOICE WHICH IS NECESSARY TO INFLUENCE CHANGE", HE SAID AT A RECEPTION FOR VISITING ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT FREDERICK CHILUBA SATURDAY NIGHT.

17. A COLLECTIVE VOICE IS NEEDED FOR GETTING MORE THAN THE NAMES OF THIRD WORLD NATIONS RIGHT. END QUOTE.

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TO SENATOR HELMS

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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION -- AMBASSADOR LLERAS' LETTERS
TO SENATOR HELMS

1. OVER EASTER WEEKEND, THE LOCAL DAILIES CARRIED SEVERAL ITEMS ON LETTERS SENT LAST WEEK BY COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON CARLOS LLERAS TO "THE NEW YORK TIMES" AND "THE WASHINGTON POST." THESE LETTERS CHALLENGED SENATOR JESSE HELMS, FORMER ONDCP DIRECTOR WILLIAM BENNETT, AND OTHER U.S. OFFICIALS TO COME UP WITH CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT COLOMBIA HAS BECOME A "NARCO-DEMOCRACY," OR IF THEY CAN'T, TO APOLOGIZE PUBLICLY TO COLOMBIA. ONE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT ONLY "THE NEW YORK TIMES" PUBLISHED THE LETTERS. THE APRIL 16 ISSUE OF SECOND LEADING DAILY "EL ESPECTADOR" (LIBERAL PARTY ORIENTED, CIRC. 145,000) CARRIED AN

EDITORIAL STATING THAT WHILE IN THE PAST AMBASSADOR LLERAS' PUBLIC STATEMENTS DIDN'T GET MUCH SUPPORT FROM THE GOC AND WERE CONSIDERED MERELY PERSONAL REACTIONS, THESE LETTERS WERE WRITTEN WITH THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT.

2. HEADLINE AND QUOTATIONS FOLLOW:

HEADLINE -- "THE AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON'S LETTERS"

QUOTATIONS -- "FROM THE MOMENT THAT OUR AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON ADDRESSED SENATOR HELMS, SAYING THAT HE SPEAKS ON BEHALF OF OUR GOVERNMENT, IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT HE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE LATTER AND THAT HIS DECISION IS FULLY SUPPORTED (BY THE GOC)...."

"...IT COULD BE CONSIDERED AS A CHANGE IN THE HEAD OF STATE'S (SAMPER'S) POSITION, DUE TO THE CONSTANT ATTACKS OF WHICH BOTH HIS ADMINISTRATION AND THE COLOMBIAN NATION ARE VICTIMS."

"THE STATISTICS THAT OUR AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON USED IN HIS LETTER TO MRS. GREENFIELD ("THE WASHINGTON POST'S" EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR) CLEARLY SHOW WHAT OUR POSITION IS REGARDING THE DEADLY TRADE. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, LESSER AUTHORITIES SUCH AS DEA INVESTIGATORS, AND SENATOR HELMS HIMSELF, CAN HARDLY CALL UPON EQUAL OR EVEN SIMILAR DEMONSTRATIONS OF EFFICIENCY IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST CONSUMPTION WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE U.S."

"WHAT IS EXPECTED NOW IS AN OPENING OF A POLICY OF EQUALITY IN THE MAINTENANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND GOVERNMENTS. HOPEFULLY PRESIDENT CLINTON WILL TAKE THE LEADERSHIP IN HIS COUNTRY FOR THIS INDISPENSABLE CHANGE." KOENGETER
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1. SENATOR DOLE'S JERUSALEM EMBASSY LEGISLATION
2. U.S. EMBARGO ON IRAN

KEY STORIES IN THE MEDIA:

SUNDAY'S NEWS MEDIA LED WITH REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON ON THE CONTROVERSIAL CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION TO MOVE THE AMERICAN EMBASSY TO JERUSALEM. SENIOR ISRAELI SOURCES CHARGED THAT ISRAEL'S POLITICAL RIGHT IS LOBBYING FOR THE LEGISLATION IN ORDER TO EMBARRASS THE USG AND GOI AND SABOTAGE THE PEACE PROCESS. LIKUD SPOKESMEN ACCUSED THE PRIME MINISTER OF TEAMING UP WITH THE ADMINISTRATION AGAINST THE LEGISLATION. ISRAEL TELEVISION AND SEVERAL PAPERS REPLAYED THEN-AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE MARTIN INDYK'S COMMENTS THAT THE MOVE WOULD "EXPLODE THE PEACE PROCESS."

MAARIV REPORTED MONDAY THAT, BOWING TO AIPAC PRESSURE AND CRITICISM, RABIN DECIDED TO GET OFF THE FENCE AND ENDORSE SENATOR DOLE'S LEGISLATION.

MONDAY'S MEDIA BANNERED THE CLINTON-RABIN MEETING AND THE PRESIDENT'S PLEDGE, IN AN ADDRESS TO THE AIPAC CONVENTION, THAT ONCE THERE IS PEACE WITH SYRIA, THE U.S. WILL SEE TO IT THAT "ISRAEL CAN DEFEND ITSELF BY ITSELF." YEDIOT CHARACTERIZED THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AS "ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORTIVE OF ISRAEL." THERE WERE VIRTUALLY NO DETAILS ABOUT THE MEETING ITSELF. WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENTS REPORTED THAT THE JERUSALEM LAND SEIZURES AND THE DOLE INITIATIVE HAVE NOT COME UP AND THAT THE POLLARD ISSUE WAS DISCUSSED.

ISRAEL TV REPORTED THAT RABIN'S NEW IDEAS ON THE SYRIAN TRACK, WHICH HE REVEALED IN A BRIEFING TO ISRAELI CORRESPONDENTS, CONSIST OF HIGH-LEVEL BILATERAL MEETINGS WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF A THIRD PARTY. SYRIA REPORTEDLY LOST NO TIME IN REJECTING THE IDEA.

THE PRESS REPORTED THAT RABIN SAID IN A PRESS BRIEFING THAT HE REJECTED THE NOTION THAT ISRAEL

WOULD RECIPROCATATE THE MOVING OF THE EMBASSY TO JERUSALEM BY GIVING UP U.S. ASSISTANCE.

ACCORDING TO HARETZ, LIKUD LEADER NETANYAHU'S SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED REPORTS THAT NETANYAHU HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE AMERICAN DRIVE TO MOVE THE EMBASSY TO JERUSALEM AND THAT HE EVEN TOOK UP THE ISSUE IN UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 05 TEL AVIV 007363

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HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CLINTON. THE PRESIDENT REACTED POSITIVELY TO THE IDEA, SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

PRIME MINISTER RABIN'S MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON WITH SECRETARIES CHRISTOPHER AND PERRY: CHRISTOPHER AND RABIN REPORTEDLY REVIEWED THE SYRIAN TRACK. THE SECRETARY ALSO URGED RABIN TO SEE TO IT THAT ISRAEL NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST U.S. BUSINESSES AND GOODS. ACCORDING TO MAARIV, SECRETARY PERRY PROMISED RABIN AN ADDITIONAL 200 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE AR
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PROJECT. HA'ARETZ REPORTED THAT PERRY TOLD RABIN THE U.S. WOULD SEE TO IT THAT NO MATTER HOW SOPHISTICATED THE WEAPONS GIVEN THE ARABS, ISRAEL WOULD STILL REMAIN IN FRONT IN TERMS OF ITS QUALITATIVE EDGE.

MAARIV REPORTED THAT THE U.S. HAS SENT A "FIRM AND UNUSUAL" MESSAGE TO ISRAEL LAST WEEK URGING JERUSALEM NOT TO STAND IN THE WAY OF THE MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS AND TO FUND SOME OF THE PROJECTS AGREED UPON IN THOSE NEGOTIATIONS. THE WASHINGTON EMBASSY REPORTED TO JERUSALEM THAT THE AMERICANS FEEL THAT THE THAW IN ISRAEL'S RELATIONS WITH JORDAN, TUNISIA AND MOROCCO HAS BEEN HALTED, PROBABLY BECAUSE OF SYRIAN PRESSURE. MAARIV AND HA'ARETZ REPORTED THAT SENATOR JESSE HELMS WROTE IN A LETTER TO THE WASHINGTON INSTITUTE FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE THAT JEWISH SETTLEMENTS IN THE TERRITORIES ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE GENEVA CONVENTION AND, THEREFORE, ARE LEGAL.

1. SENATOR DOLE'S JERUSALEM EMBASSY LEGISLATION:

SUMMARY:

YEDIOT EDITORIALIZED, "WHO WOULD HAVE BELIEVED THAT WE SHALL LIVE TO SEE THE U.S. SENATE SHOWING ITSELF TO BE MORE ZIONIST THAN OUR OWN GOVERNMENT?"

HA'ARETZ EDITORIALIZED, "THE U.S. HAS NOT RECOGNIZED EVEN WEST JERUSALEM AS ISRAEL'S CAPITAL THIS IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE SITUATION WITHIN THE FAMILY OF NATIONS, AND THE FACT THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN AMENDED UNTIL NOW DOES NOT DETRACT FROM ITS IRREGULARITY."

HATZOFE EDITORIALIZED, "IT IS SURPRISING THAT INSTEAD OF WELCOMING SENATOR DOLE'S INITIATIVE, PRIME MINISTER RABIN IS FURIOUS WITH THE ISRAELI PROPONENTS OF A MOVE THAT IMPLIES UNEQUIVOCAL RECOGNITION OF JERUSALEM AS ISRAEL'S CAPITAL."

DAVAR EDITORIALIZED, "IF SOME CONGRESSMEN WANT TO SET UP A LIKUD BRANCH ON CAPITOL HILL -- LET THEM. UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 05 TEL AVIV 007363

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BUT THEY SHOULD NOT HARM THE CHANCES OF MIDDLE EAST PEACE IN THE PROCESS."

HEADLINES

"RABIN'S ASSOCIATES DISMAYED OVER LIKUD INVOLVEMENT IN DOLE'S LEGISLATION" (DAVAR)

"RABIN: I WELCOME MOVING ANY EMBASSY TO JERUSALEM" (MAARIV)

"SENIOR ISRAELI OFFICIAL: MOVING EMBASSY TO JERUSALEM WILL KILL PEACE PROCESS" (HA'ARETZ)

"WASHINGTON SPLIT OVER EMBASSY RELOCATION" (YEDIOT)
"EMBASSY SHIFT MUST NOT COST US AID - RABIN"
(JERUSALEM POST)

"MANY MINISTERS SUPPORT MOVING U.S. EMBASSY"
(JERUSALEM POST)

BLOCK QUOTES:

I. "BAD TIMING?"

YEDIOT (PLURALIST, INDEPENDENT) EDITORIALIZED, "EVER SINCE WE WON OUR INDEPENDENCE, WE HAVE BEEN VAINLY TRYING TO WIN INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF JERUSALEM AS OUR CAPITAL. IRONICALLY ENOUGH, NOW THAT THERE IS A CHANCE THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT NATION IN THE WORLD MAY MOVE ITS EMBASSY TO JERUSALEM, THE GOI IS MAKING FACES AND GRUMBLING ABOUT BAD TIMING IS THERE ANY DOUBT ABOUT ISRAEL'S SOVEREIGNTY OVER WEST JERUSALEM? WOULD OUR CABINET MINISTERS -- OF ALL PEOPLE -- BE THE ONES TO QUESTION THIS SOVEREIGNTY? WHO WOULD HAVE BELIEVE THAT WE SHALL LIVE TO SEE THE U.S. SENATE SHOWING ITSELF TO BE MORE ZIONIST THAN OUR OWN GOVERNMENT?"

II. "EFFACING AN ANOMALY"

HA'ARETZ (LIBERAL, INDEPENDENT) EDITORIALIZED, "IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT THE U.S. HAS NOT RECOGNIZED EVEN WEST JERUSALEM AS ISRAEL'S CAPITAL THIS IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE SITUATION WITHIN THE FAMILY OF NATIONS, AND THE FACT THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN AMENDED UNTIL NOW DOES NOT DETRACT FROM ITS IRREGULARITY ISRAEL HAS ALL THE REASONS TO WELCOME THE ELIMINATION OF THIS 47-YEAR-OLD ANOMALY. SHOULD THE U.S. DECIDE TO BREAK WITH THIS UNREASONABLE TRADITION, THERE IS REASON TO HOPE THAT OTHER COUNTRIES WILL FOLLOW SUIT."

III. "SENATOR DOLE'S TIMELY INITIATIVE"

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HATZOFE (RELIGIOUS, OPPOSITION) EDITORIALIZED, "IT IS SURPRISING THAT INSTEAD OF WELCOMING SENATOR DOLE'S INITIATIVE, PRIME MINISTER RABIN IS FURIOUS WITH THE ISRAELI PROPONENTS OF A MOVE THAT IMPLIES

UNEQUIVOCAL RECOGNITION OF JERUSALEM AS ISRAEL'S CAPITAL FROM REMARKS MADE BY RABIN'S ASSOCIATES IT EMERGES THAT RABIN INTENDS TO WORK AGAINST DOLE'S INITIATIVE, BECAUSE HE BELIEVES IT WOULD GRAVELY HARM THE PALESTINIAN AND SYRIAN TRACKS. IN OTHER WORDS, THE RABIN GOVERNMENT IS APPARENTLY PREPARED TO MAKE CONCESSIONS ON JERUSALEM AS WELL THERE IS AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF MOVING THE U.S. EMBASSY TO JERUSALEM NOT ONLY IN THE AMERICAN CONGRESS, BUT ALSO IN THE ISRAELI PARLIAMENT. A VERY LARGE MAJORITY OF KNESSET MEMBERS ARE DETERMINED TO LAUNCH A PUBLIC CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE SENATOR DOLE IN AN INITIATIVE THAT MAY UNEQUIVOCALLY DECIDE THE PROTRACTED DISPUTE OVER JERUSALEM'S STATUS."

IV. "A LIKUD BRANCH ON CAPITOL HILL"

DAVAR (LIBERAL, LABOR PARTY) EDITORIALIZED, "IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO PROTEST A BILL THAT WOULD OBLIGE THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION TO MOVE THE AMERICAN EMBASSY TO JERUSALEM, BUT IT IS LEGITIMATE TO WONDER ABOUT ITS TIMING. ONLY SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO HEAP OBSTACLES ON THE ROAD TO PEACE WOULD COME UP WITH SUCH A BILL AT THIS POINT MOVING MARTIN INDYK'S OFFICE TO JERUSALEM WILL PRODUCE NO FORMAL OR PRACTICAL CHANGE. IT WILL ONLY PROVIDE A GOOD PRETEXT FOR THE ENEMIES OF PEACE AND OFFER ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESS ARAB AND PALESTINIAN MODERATES TO HALT THEIR CONCILIATION WITH ISRAEL AS USUAL, THIS UNWISE DECISION CAN BE TRACED TO DOMESTIC AMERICAN POLITICS. REPUBLICANS PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRANTS ARE COURTING JEWISH MONEY FOR THEIR ELECTION CAMPAIGNS IF SOME CONGRESSMEN WANT TO SET UP A LIKUD BRANCH ON CAPITOL HILL -- LET THEM. BUT THEY SHOULD NOT HARM THE CHANCES OF MIDDLE EAST PEACE IN THE PROCESS."

----- 2. U.S. EMBARGO ON IRAN: -----

SUMMARY: -----

HA'ARETZ'S BAR'EL COMMENTED, "ISRAEL'S SECURITY MAY HAVE BENEFITED MORE IF U.S. RELATIONS WITH IRAN WERE GOOD."

BLOCK QUOTES:

 "THE SANCTIONS ORGY"

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COLUMNIST ZVI BAR'EL COMMENTED IN HA'ARETZ (LIBERAL, INDEPENDENT): "THE REAL, THOUGH UNSTATED, PURPOSE OF THE FRESH AMERICAN SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAN IS TO BRING DOWN THE IRANIAN REGIME. THIS IS A WORTHY CAUSE. THE REPRESSIVE IRANIAN REGIME IS EXPORTING BOTH TERRORISM AND FUNDAMENTALISM TO OTHER COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, IT IS DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY THE COUNTRY THE IRANIAN PEOPLE CONSIDER THEIR ARCH ENEMY MAY PROMPT THEM TO RISE AGAINST THE REGIME. EVEN THE IRAQI AND LIBYAN NATIONS, WHOSE COUNTRIES ARE SUFFERING FROM THE HARSHTEST SANCTIONS, HAVE NOT REVOLTED AGAINST THEIR GOVERNMENTS THE SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAN THUS BOIL DOWN TO NO MORE THAN AN EXPRESSION OF REMARKABLE AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL HOWEVER, ISRAEL'S SECURITY MAY HAVE BENEFITED MORE IF U.S. RELATIONS WITH IRAN WERE GOOD AS FAR AS ISRAEL IS CONCERNED, A COUNTRY WITHIN THE SPHERE OF AMERICAN INFLUENCE IS BETTER THAN A PARIAH WHO IS ALL THE MORE DANGEROUS BECAUSE HE HAS NOTHING TO LOSE."

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1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF AN ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN THE MAY 7, 1995, ISSUE OF THE LEADING GEORGETOWN DAILY, STABROEK NEWS, UNDER THE HEADLINE, "PRIVATE SECTOR SHOULD BE CONSULTED ON PROPOSED US SANCTIONS - ROHEE."

2. BEGIN TEXT: GUYANA IS TO SEEK TO INITIATE DISCUSSION, AT NEXT WEEK'S CARICOM FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING, ON THE IMPACT OF LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE US SENATE BY REPUBLICAN SENATOR JESSE HELMS, SEEKING TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS ON INDIVIDUALS, COMPANIES AND NATIONS INVOLVED IN TRADE WITH CUBA. THE BILL IS PART OF HELMS' EFFORTS TO TIGHTEN THE ECONOMIC BLOCKADE OF CUBA, WHICH COULD PROMPT AN UPRISING AGAINST THE CASTRO GOVERNMENT.

(GUYANA'S FOREIGN MINISTER CLEMENT) ROHEE TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY THAT WHILE THE ISSUE HAS NOT FOUND ITS WAY ON TO THE (CARICOM) AGENDA, IT HAD BEEN INDICATED THAT OPPORTUNITY COULD BE TAKEN TO RAISE IT UNDER A NUMBER OF OTHER AGENDA ITEMS. HE SAID TOO THAT CUBA'S FOREIGN MINISTER, ROBERTO ROBAINA, HAD WRITTEN SEEKING PERMISSION TO ADDRESS NEXT WEEK'S STANDING COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN ST. JOHN'S, ANTIGUA.

ROHEE SAID THAT THE GUYANA GOVERNMENT'S POSITION WAS THAT IT WAS AN ISSUE ON WHICH CARICOM SHOULD ADOPT A COMMON POSITION AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR. HE SAID THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR WAS THE MAIN ACTOR IN THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENTS REACHED BY GOVERNMENTS. ALSO, HE SAID, THE CARICOM POSITION SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS OF THE OTHER STATES IN THE HEMISPHERE, SINCE IT WAS A MATTER WHICH DID NOT AFFECT THE CARICOM REGION ALONE.

ROHEE SAID THAT LIAISING WITH THE RIO GROUP OF COUNTRIES WOULD BE DONE THROUGH THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO GOVERNMENT, WHICH WAS THE COMMUNITY LIASION WITH THE (RIO) SUB-REGIONAL GROUPING.

ROHEE ALSO DISCLOSED THAT GUYANA HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY THE US GOVERNMENT FOR PERMISSION TO SETTLE CUBAN REFUGEES BEING HELD AT GUANTANAMO BAY HERE. END TEXT.

3. THE GUYANA CHRONICLE, THE OTHER DAILY PAPER, IN ITS STORY ON THE PRESS CONFERENCE ADDED THAT "GUYANA, THE MINISTER SAID, IS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO A PRESENTATION BY THE CUBAN ENVOY" TO THE CARICOM MEETING. JONES

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(SUEDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG)

"FEDERAL AND COMMUNITY GOVERNMENTS AGREE: BETTER
PERFORMANCE IN CIVIL SERVICE SECTOR" (DIE WELT)

"OPPOSITION FOILS REFORMS OF EXCISE TAX SYSTEM"
(FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU)

"ELEVEN LAENDER SET ULTIMATUM CONCERNING OZONE
STANDARDS" (FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU)

"OPPOSITION STOPS AMENDMENT TO BASIC LAW" (GENERAL
ANZEIGER)

EDITORIAL COMMENT CONCENTRATED ON THE FAILURE OF
THE BONN GOVERNMENT TO CHANGE THE EXCISE TAX SYSTEM.

B. NPT: PACT EXTENDED INDEFINITELY

1. SATURDAY'S RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER
ALLGEMEINE CARRIED A FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL BY GUENTHER
GILLESSEN UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"RENEWED NUCLEAR OATH."

"THE OUTCOME (OF THE NPT TALKS) IN NEW YORK - AND
THIS MAINLY AFFECTS THE FIELD OF SECURITY CONTROLS BY
THE VIENNA INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY -COULD
HAVE BEEN BETTER, BUT IT IS A COMPROMISE THAT DOES
NOT RULE OUT FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS. BUT ONE THING IS
CERTAIN, AS THE LATEST U.S.-RUSSIAN CONTROVERSY ABOUT
THE SHIPMENT OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS TO IRAN AND THE
LATEST STATEMENTS FROM NORTH KOREA SHOWED: THE
TREATY IS ONLY WORTH AS MUCH AS THE COHESION OF THOSE
FORCES WHICH ARE WILLING TO PREVENT OR PROSECUTE
VIOLATIONS (OF THE NPT)."

2. PIERRE SIMONITSCH WROTE IN AN EDITORIAL IN
SATURDAY'S LEFT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU UNDER
THE HEADLINE:

"NUCLEAR WEAPONS WITHOUT NIMBUS."

"NUCLEAR WEAPONS HAVE LOST THEIR NIMBUS. THEIR MILITARY VALUE HAS BECOME QUESTIONABLE, AND THEY DO NOT OFFER POLITICAL OR MILITARY POWER. THE TWO BIGGEST TRADE NATIONS IN THE WORLD - JAPAN AND GERMANY - OWE THEIR SUCCESS TO THE FACT THAT THEY UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 09 BONN GE 09806

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INVESTED THE MONEY THAT IS NECESSARY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE DETERRING EXAMPLE IS SADDAM HUSSEIN'S IRAQ, WHICH HASTED DM 25 BILLION ON A NUCLEAR ARMS PROGRAM....

"AFTER THE INDEFINITE EXTENSION OF THE NPT, PRESIDENT CLINTON SAID: 'THIS DECISION WILL BUILD A BETTER FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN.' HIS AMBASSADOR TO THE U.N., MADELEINE ALBRIGHT, EVEN SAID: 'WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF AN OPPORTUNITY THAT HAPPENS ONLY ONCE IN A LIFETIME.' BUT SUCH SUPERLATIVES ARE EXAGGERATED. THIS CONSENSUS AMONG 178 NATIONS SHOWS THE WOULD-BE NUCLEAR POWERS THAT TIME IS NOT ON THEIR SIDE."

3. WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT VIOLA HERMS DRATH NOTES IN AN EDITORIAL IN MONDAY'S BUSINESS NEWSPAPER HANDELSBLATT OF DUESSELDORF UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"NON-COMMITTAL."

"THE NPT CONFERENCE MADE CLEAR THAT THE TOPICS RAISED BY THE BIG MAJOR NON-ALIGNED NATIONS ARE OF MINOR SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE MAJORITY OF NATIONS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE BECAUSE THE U.S. INSISTED ON AN INTENSIFICATION OF BILATERAL TRADE RELATIONS.... IN THE NAME OF GLOBAL STABILITY, THE FIVE NUCLEAR POWERS DEMANDED AN INDEFINITE AND AN UNCONDITIONAL EXTENSION OF THE NPT. UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SOUTH AFRICA, HOWEVER, THE NATIONS WHICH ARE DISSATISFIED WITH THE OUTCOME OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT ASSERTED A NUMBER OF CONDITIONS. BUT THE FACT THAT THESE CONDITIONS ARE NON-BINDING IS BASED ON THE DISAGREEMENT AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS WHICH WERE UNABLE TO WITHSTAND

MASSIVE U.S. LOBBYING....

"DESPITE THE EXTENSION OF THE NPT, THE SIGNALLING EFFECT OF THE CONFERENCE REMAINS UNCLEAR, SINCE IT IS AN ARMS CONTROL TREATY RATHER THAN A DISARMAMENT PACT. THE GENEVA DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE WILL SHOW WHETHER THE EXTENSION OF THE NPT CAN BE CONSIDERED A HISTORIC MOMENT IN THE YEAR OF DISARMAMENT, SINCE, IN GENEVA, THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES ARE CALLED UPON TO FULFILL THEIR NON-BINDING PROMISES."

C. U.S.-RUSSIA/UKRAINE: CLINTON VISIT

1. D. STUETZLE COMMENTED ON CLINTON'S MEETING
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WITH YELTSIN ON NATIONAL RADIO STATION
DEUTSCHLANDFUNK ON SATURDAY:

"CLINTON HAS RIGHT TO GRANT RUSSIA THE STATUS OF A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO. THIS GIVES MOSCOW THE CHANCE TO STOP SULKING OVER NATO EXPANSION AND INFLUENCE THE PROCESS FROM THE INSIDE. THIS WILL NOT, OF COURSE, BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT SETBACKS, BUT THE SUMMIT HAS INCREASED THE LIKELIHOOD OF MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENTS AND REDUCED THE RISK OF A PARALYZING FROST SPREADING OVER RELATIONS BETWEEN RUSSIA AND THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE."

2. MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT WERNER ADAM COMMENTED
SATURDAY IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE:

"CLINTON IN KIEV."

"CLINTON HAS RIGHT TO VISIT KIEV AFTER MOSCOW. IT HAS TIME TO RELIEVE THE UKRAINIANS ONCE AND FOR ALL FROM THE VEXING FEELING THAT AMERICA IS ONLY KEEN TO HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA AND LESS INTERESTED IN CEMENTING THE AUTONOMY OF OTHER FORMER SOVIET REPUBLICS. THE AMERICAN GUEST FOUND IT ALL THE EASIER TO DEMONSTRATE THE OPPOSITE, SINCE UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT KUCHMA HAD DONE A LOT OF

PREPARATORY WORK. HIS COUNTRY HAS, FOR INSTANCE, SIGNED THE NPT - A DECISION WHICH MADE IT POSSIBLE TO EXTEND THE TREATY IN NEW YORK RECENTLY. AND KUCHMA IS VERY SERIOUS ABOUT REFORMING THE UKRAINIAN ECONOMY. WHEN ONE ALSO CONSIDERS THE IMPORTANCE OF UKRAINE FOR SECURITY POLICY, THEN AMERICA'S EUROPEAN ALLIES SHOULD NOT HESITATE ANY LONGER TO DO MORE TO HELP THE REFORMS IN THIS COUNTRY. UNLIKE HIS PREDECESSOR KRAVCHUK, KUCHMA HAS LAID THE GROUNDWORK."

3. MONDAY'S CENTRIST DER TAGESSPIEGEL OF BERLIN COMMENTS:

"AMERICA DISCOVERS UKRAINE."

"EVEN IF IT IS HOPING THAT THINGS WILL TURN OUT DIFFERENTLY, THE U.S. HAS TO PREPARE FOR THE EVENTUALITY THAT ONE DAY, UKRAINE MIGHT BE NEEDED AS A BUFFER AGAINST AN AGGRESSIVE RUSSIA."

D. ECONOMIC: U.S.-JAPANESE TRADE CONFLICT, DOLLAR UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 09 BONN GE 09806

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SATURDAY'S RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE FEATURED THE FOLLOWING COMMENT:

"THE DOLLAR JUMPS."

"THE DOLLAR HAS MADE A SURPRISINGLY STRONG RECOVERY.... WE WILL SEE WHETHER THE RECOVERY LASTS.... IT IS ABSOLUTELY ABSURD TO SUSPECT THAT WASHINGTON IS USING THE WEAKNESS OF THE DOLLAR AS A WEAPON IN THE U.S.-JAPANESE TRADE CONFLICT IN AN ATTEMPT TO BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON THE JAPANESE. THE DISPUTE HAS HOTTED UP, AND THE DOLLAR HAS RALLIED. THESE TWO THINGS DO NOT FIT TOGETHER IN SUCH A SCENARIO. IT IS ALSO A FACT THAT WE TEND TO COMPLETELY OVERESTIMATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE AGAINST THE YEN AND THE DEUTSCHMARK FOR THE AMERICANS. AS A COUNTRY ORIENTED LARGELY TO ITS

DOMESTIC ECONOMY, AMERICA IS HARDLY BOTHERED ABOUT EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS. ITS MOST IMPORTANT TRADING PARTNERS ARE CANADA AND MEXICO. NO WONDER THE AMERICANS HAVE LITTLE TO SAY ABOUT FLUCTUATIONS AGAINST THE YEN AND THE DEUTSCHMARK. THAT REMAINS A GERMAN AND A JAPANESE PROBLEM. COMPANIES HERE AND IN JAPAN WILL HAVE TO SEE HOW THEY COPE WITH THE EXCHANGE RATE FOR THE DOLLAR."

E. U.S.: CLINTON ADMINISTRATION

MONDAY'S RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE CARRIES A FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT LEO WIELAND UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"ROBERT DOLE, THE MILLSTONE ROUND (THE PRESIDENT'S) NECK."

"PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS A MILLSTONE ROUND HIS NECK: ROBERT DOLE. LAST WEEK, THE MAJORITY LEADER IN THE SENATE...VIOLATED AN UNWRITTEN LAW. EVEN BEFORE THE PRESIDENT LEFT MOSCOW, DOLE CRITICIZED HIM AS WEAK-KNEED TOWARDS YELTSIN AND CALLED THE SUMMIT A 'FAILURE'... BUT DOLE VIOLATED NOT ONLY ETIQUETTE. AT DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS, DOLE INTENSIFIED THE IMPRESSION THAT GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT PURSUE DIFFERENT POLICIES ALSO IN FOREIGN POLICY. NEITHER DID HE GIVE A VERY PLEASANT FORETASTE OF AN ENDLESS LOOKING ELECTION CAMPAIGN FOR THE NEXT 17 MONTHS. REGARDING THE MATTER ITSELF, UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 09 BONN GE 09806

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HOWEVER, DOLE HAS NOT WRONG. YELTSIN'S CONCESSIONS...HAVE NOT MADE AN IMPRESSION ON CAPITOL HILL....

"DISSONANCE IS ON THE INCREASE BETWEEN A PRESIDENT WHO IS ON THE DEFENSIVE SINCE THE CHANGE OF POWER IN CONGRESS AND AN IMPROVISING PARLIAMENT. CLINTON IS PURSUING FOREIGN POLICY TO PREVENT DOMESTIC POLICY TROUBLE. AND SOMETIMES AN ISOLATIONIST...BREEZE IS EVEN BLOWING OVER CAPITOL

HILL, WHERE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES OF DIVERSE POLITICAL LEANINGS LIKE TO STIR UP THE FIRE."

WIELAND THEN OUTLINES THE DIFFERING POSITIONS OF THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS REGARDING IRAN, CUBA AND U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BEFORE HE CONCLUDES: "WE CANNOT SPEAK OF A COHERENT U.S. FOREIGN POLICY NOR OF A CONVINCING LEADERSHIP ROLE OF THE U.S. PRESIDENT, ALTHOUGH THE AMERICANS SEEM TO BE SATISFIED WITH HIS FOREIGN POLICY PERFORMANCE. ACCORDING TO THE LATEST POLLS, ALMOST HALF OF THE AMERICANS SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS DONE A GOOD JOB. BUT DOLE'S NEEDLE PRICKS ARE DETRIMENTAL TO THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPUTATION AND ARE WEAKENING HIS AUTHORITY AMONG FOREIGN OPPONENTS. AND JESSE HELMS'S OBSTRUCTION ATTEMPTS COULD EVEN HAVE ADDITIONAL UNPLEASANT EFFECTS ON THE ALLIANCE IF INTERNATIONALLY-MINDED REPUBLICANS DO NOT PREVENT THEM.

"DOLE'S DISMANTLING TACTIC MAY, IN THE END, ALSO TURN AGAINST HIM. THE MAJORITY OF AMERICANS LIKE TO SEE THEIR PRESIDENT SUCCESSFUL ABROAD AND CONSIDER DOMESTIC CRITICISM A LACK OF FAIRNESS AS LONG AS THE PRESIDENT IS TRAVELLING ABROAD. BUT SOMETHING ELSE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN DOLE'S AND CLINTON'S ELECTION CAMPAIGN CALCULATIONS. IF THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS PARALYZE EACH OTHER IN FOREIGN POLICY, THEY WILL DEPRIVE THEMSELVES IN EUROPE IN PARTICULAR OF THEIR URGENTLY NEEDED POWER TO CO-SHAPE EVENTS. SINCE DECISIVE DECISIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE ALLIANCE AND THE ATTITUDE TOWARDS A HARDLY ACCOUNTABLE RUSSIA MUST BE MADE, ONE-AND-A-HALF LOST YEARS WOULD BE A POLITICAL ETERNITY."

F. GERMANY: REGIONAL ELECTIONS

THIS HAS THE LEAD STORY IN ALL THE PAPERS REVIEWED TODAY. EDITORIAL COMMENT WAS UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 09 BONN GE 09806

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CORRESPONDINGLY WIDESPREAD, WITH MOST EDITORIALISTS HIGHLIGHTING THE FDP'S DISASTROUS SHOWING AND SAYING

THAT THE RESULTS ARE LIKELY TO PROVOKE MORE DISCUSSION OF AN SPD-GREEN GOVERNMENT AS A SERIOUS ALTERNATIVE TO THE CURRENT CDU/CSU/FDP COALITION IN BONN :

1. JUERGEN BUSCHE COMMENTS IN MONDAY'S CENTRIST SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH:

"THE VOTERS WANT RED-GREEN."

"HOW IS THE SPD GOING TO CARRY ON? FOR THIS PARTY - WHICH HAS RAU AS ITS DEPUTY NATIONAL CHAIRMAN - THE ELECTION RESULTS HAVE A CERTAIN RELEVANCE FOR NATIONAL POLITICS. RUDOLF SCHARPING IS GOING TO HAVE TO RETHINK HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GREENS. NOT ONLY IN NORTH RHINE-WESTPHALIA BUT ALSO (PROBABLY) IN ALL OF GERMANY, THE VOTERS WANT RED-GREEN AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE CDU. THOSE IN DUESSELDORF WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF WHAT IS TO COME AFTER RAU. THIS COULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE 64-YEAR-OLD POLITICIAN TO FORM A GOVERNMENT.... A RED-GREEN COALITION WILL FORCE HIM TO MAKE COMPROMISES HE IS NOT ACCUSTOMED TO. THE DECISION ON WHO JOINS THE CABINET WILL MEAN EITHER WELCOMING OR BLOCKING THE FUTURE. NORTH RHINE-WESTPHALIA WILL PLAY ONLY A SECONDARY ROLE. IN DUESSELDORF, A NEW CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF RED-GREEN WILL BE OPENED."

2. HELMUT HERLES COMMENTS IN CENTRIST GENERAL ANZEIGER OF BONN ON MONDAY:

"GREENER."

"A LEGEND HAS BEEN DESTROYED IN NORTH RHINE-WESTPHALIA: THE IDEA THAT THE LAND, THE SPD AND RAU ARE SYNONYMOUS WITH ONE ANOTHER. RAU IS NO LONGER ONE OF THE 'DIRECTLY' ELECTED PREMIERS. THE INVENTOR OF THE SPD'S 'OWN' MAJORITY NO LONGER HAS A MAJORITY OF HIS OWN. THIS IS THE END OF AN ERA. BUT WITHOUT HIM, THE SPD WOULD HAVE LOST EVEN MORE. ALMOST AS MUCH AS IN BREMEN. THE SPD AND GREENS NOW HOLD THE MAJORITY IN DUESSELDORF. BUT CAN THEY DO ANYTHING WITH IT UNDER RAU? AFTER THE FDP, THE SPD IS THE SECOND LOSER."

3. RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE UNCLAS SECTION 08 OF 09 BONN GE 09806

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CARRIES A FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"SERIOUSLY WOUNDED."

"THE FDP IS FEARING FOR ITS EXISTENCE AND NOT ITS CHAIRMAN KLAUS KINKEL, WHO WANTS TO BE RE-ELECTED AS PARTY CHAIRMAN, IS TREMBLING WITH FEAR BUT THE BONN GOVERNMENT AS A WHOLE. THE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED FDP WILL BE AN UNPREDICTABLE PARTNER FOR THE CDU. WILL THE FDP EVER RECOVER FROM THESE DEFEATS? THE FACE OF THE FAG IS CHANGING. THE GREENS ARE CONSOLIDATING THEIR POSITION AS THE THIRD FORCE. EVEN IF THE CDU SUCCEEDED IN GAINING THE GREENS AS A JUNIOR PARTNER FOR A JOINT GOVERNMENT, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE SATISFIED WITH A PARTNER WHICH IS LEFT OF THE FDP. AND WHAT ABOUT THE FEDERAL LEVEL? CAN THE FDP SURVIVE AT FEDERAL LEVEL WITHOUT SUPPORT FROM AN FDP AT REGIONAL LEVEL? THIS FEAT IS GETTING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT. THE CDU WILL NOW TRY TO GET THE ABSOLUTE MAJORITY EVERYWHERE. AT FEDERAL LEVEL IT WILL ONLY HAVE A CHANCE WITH HELMUT KOHL, WHICH COULD MEAN THAT IT WILL NOMINATE ITS OLD FRONT RUNNER AGAIN."

4. RUEDIGER HOFFMANN COMMENTED LAST NIGHT ON ARD-TV'S (NATIONAL CHANNEL ONE) LATE EVENING NEWSCAST TAGESTHEMEN:

"AFTER THE DISASTER IN BREMEN AND DUESSELDORF, THE DEATH KNELL IS RINGING FOR THE FDP.... SLOWLY, THE JUNIOR PARTNER FOR CHANCELLOR KOHL IS DISAPPEARING IN THE STATES. WILL THERE BE CONSEQUENCES FOR KINKEL AND THE COALITION? WE WILL SEE. THE GREENS HAVE TAKEN OVER THE ROLE OF THE THIRD FORCE IN THE GERMAN PARTY LANDSCAPE, AND THIS IS THE HISTORIC MESSAGE OF THIS ELECTION...."

5. EDITOR-IN-CHEF KLAUS BRESSER SAID IN A COMMENTARY ON ZDF-TV'S (NATIONAL CHANNEL TWO) LATE EVENING NEWSCAST HEUTE JOURNAL:

"THE FDP IS CLEARLY BEING PUSHED OUT OF THE STATE PARLIAMENTS AND THUS LOSING ITS CLASSIC FUNCTION AS COALITION PARTNER. OBVIOUSLY, THE VOTERS NO LONGER CONSIDER THE FDP NECESSARY - WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BONN. BUT HOW LONG? I THINK UNTIL THE NEXT BUNDESTAG ELECTION, SINCE THE BONN COALITION WILL NOW CLOSE ITS RANKS EVEN FIRMER THAN BEFORE. A CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IS NOT IN SIGHT, BUT A NEW DISTRIBUTION OF UNCLAS SECTION 09 OF 09 BONN GE 09806

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THE POLITICAL WEIGHT HAS BEGUN IN THE COUNTRY. THE
CONSERVATIVE CAMP IS GETTING WEAKER BECAUSE THE FDP
IS DISAPPEARING...."

6. PETER HEINACHER SAYS IN AN EDITORIAL IN
MONDAY'S BUSINESS NEWSPAPER HANDELSBLATT OF
DUESSELDORF UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"FDP DISASTER."

"AFTER THE ELECTION DEBACLE IN NORTH-RHINE
WESTPHALIA (NRW) AND BREMEN, THE SITUATION AT THE TOP
OF THE FDP LEADERSHIP IS GETTING MORE PRECARIOUS.
THE SERIES OF DEFEATS AT STATE LEVEL HAS CONTINUED
AFTER THE 'TEMPORARY SUCCESS' IN HESSE. IN THE
STATES, THE FDP IS INCREASINGLY TURNING INTO AN
INSIGNIFICANT SPLINTER PARTY. KINKEL'S RE-ELECTION
AS PARTY LEADER DURING THE PARTY CONVENTION IN MAINZ
IS GETTING INCREASINGLY UNLIKELY. THERE IS NO DOUBT
THAT THE FDP'S DISASTER WILL HAVE EFFECTS ON THE BONN
COALITION GOVERNMENT. IN THE CDU, VOICES WILL
CERTAINLY INCREASE WHICH OPENLY FAVOR MORE INTENSE
COOPERATION WITH THE SPD...."

7. MONDAY'S CENTRIST MITTDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF
HALLE WRITES:

"THE KOHL-KINKEL CABINET IS FACING TURBULENCE
WHICH COULD THREATEN ITS EXISTENCE, SINCE THE CDU/CSU
IS SLOWLY BUT GRADUALLY LOSING ITS JUNIOR PARTNER.
THE DISCUSSION ABOUT A RED-GREEN COALITION WILL GAIN
NEW IMPETUS."
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