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MOSCOW -- WEDNESDAY MAY 24, 1995

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1. SUBJECTS COVERED IN TODAY'S REPORT

- U.S.-RUSSIA
- FORMER YUGOSLAVIA
- U.S. POLICY TOWARD CUBA
- U.S.-CHINA
- CHECHNYA

2. -- U.S.-RUSSIA --

"NATO ON RUSSIA'S DOORSTEP"
VITALY KORIONO CONTENDED IN NEO-COMMUNIST
"PRAVDA" (5/24), "THE U.S. PRESIDENT AND THE
REPUBLICAN-CONTROLLED CONGRESS COMPETE IN
BIDDING FOR THE PENTAGON'S NUCLEAR AND ANTI-
MISSILE DEFENSE PROGRAMS.... DURING MAY'S
VISIT TO KIEV CLINTON WAS NOT ABOVE A DIRTY
TRICK, MENTIONING UKRAINIAN FRONTS IN THE GREAT
PATRIOTIC WAR SO AS TO MAKE IT SOUND AS THOUGH
UKRAINIANS ALONE HAD LIBERATED UKRAINE FROM
NAZI OCCUPATION. WAS IT NOT A HEFTY PORTION OF
'OXYGEN' FOR RANK NATIONALISTS!... THE NATO
WAR MACHINE, USING THE CURRENT RUSSIAN
LEADERSHIP, HAS BEEN ROLLING UP EVER CLOSER TO
OUR WESTERN -- MOST EXPOSED -- BORDERS. NATO
HAS BEEN ACTING WITH INCREASING IMPUDENCE IN
EASTERN EUROPE.... NEVER BEFORE WAS THE
DRAMATIC CONTRAST BETWEEN THE SOLEMNITY OF THE
GREAT VICTORY CELEBRATION AND RUSSIA'S NATIONAL
HUMILIATION AS GLARING (AS THIS YEAR).
POMPOSITY COULD NOT DISGUISE THE ALL TOO
OBVIOUS REALITY OF THE FRUITS OF VICTORY BEING
STOLEN BY THE REGIME WHICH GROVELLED BEFORE THE
WEST."

3. "STATE DEPARTMENT SHOCKED BY SENATE AND
HOUSE RESOLUTIONS"

VLADIMIR KOZLOVSKY FILED FROM NEW YORK FOR
REFORMIST "SEGODNYA" (5/24), "IF MADE INTO LAW,
EVEN A FEW OF THESE RESOLUTIONS WOULD RUIN
(WASHINGTON'S) RELATIONS WITH BEIJING WHICH
HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY TENDED BY THE CLINTON
ADMINISTRATION.... THE RECENT DEAL (ON ILLEGAL
IMMIGRANTS) WITH HAVANA IS UNDER THREAT,
TOO.... AS THEY ARE NOW IN CONTROL OF
CONGRESS, THE REPUBLICANS CAN WELL SUCCEED AT
LEAST IN SOME OF THEIR UNDERTAKINGS, INCLUDING
THE ABOLITION OF ACDA, USIA, AND USAID...."

4. "ASPIN HAD A GLOBAL VIEW"

CENTRIST ARMY DAILY "KRASNAYA ZVEZDA" (5/24)
CARRIED AN OBITUARY BY MIKHAIL POGORELY ON THE
LATE U.S. DEFENSE SECRETARY LES ASPIN, "WITH
CONCERN FOR U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY ALWAYS
REMAINING THE MORAL BASIS AND JUSTIFICATION OF
LES ASPIN'S ACTIVITY AS A STATE AND POLITICAL
FIGURE, HE NEVER HURRIED TO TAKE HIS CUE FROM
THE PENTAGON BRASS, NOR DID HE TAKE ON FAITH
ANY OF ITS ARGUMENTS... PREFERRING A SOBER AND
BALANCED ANALYSIS AND A FORECAST OF
CONSEQUENCES OF PROPOSED MEASURES NOT ONLY FOR
AMERICA BUT... FOR THE WHOLE WORLD, THE U.S.
INCLUDED."

5. -- FORMER YUGOSLAVIA --

"'HISTORIC' DECISION' IN THE OFFING"

YELENA SHCHEDRUNOVA JUDGED IN REFORMIST

"SEGODNYA" (5/24), "SARAJEVO MAY ASSESS THE COMING RECOGNITION (OF CROATIA AND BOSNIA AND HERZOGOVINA BY BELGRADE) QUITE DIFFERENTLY THAN DESIRED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, THE MORE SO AS MILOSEVIC... WILL, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES, RECOGNIZE THE BOSNIAN GOVERNMENT. SO, IT IS TOO EARLY TO MAKE ANY OPTIMISTIC FORECASTS ABOUT HOW THINGS MIGHT GO, IF BELGRADE DECIDES TO MAKE A 'HISTORIC MOVE'.... SHOULD THE U.S. PREVAIL UPON MILOSEVIC -- IT CAN WELL DO THAT, GIVEN THE SORRY PLIGHT OF SERBIA'S ECONOMY, MOSCOW WOULD FIND IT VERY HARD TO CONVINCE ITS PARTNERS THAT A CARROT IS BETTER THAN A STICK IN BRINGING ABOUT A SETTLEMENT IN EX-YUGOSLAVIA. THAT MIGHT LOGICALLY LEAD TO A MORE ACTIVE ROLE OF NATO IN THAT REGION, WHICH, IN TURN, COULD IMPERIL THE BLUE HELMETS' SECURITY AND PROVOKE THEIR WITHDRAWAL FROM BOSNIA."

6. "MILOSEVIC TO FACE A UNITED FRONT"

ANDREI STAKHOV REPORTED FROM ZAGREB IN THE SAME NEWSPAPER, "EVEN AS BELGRADE IS CONTEMPLATING DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, THE KRAJINA LEADERSHIP HAS COME UP WITH AN INSTANT AND QUITE SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE (DECIDING TO STEP UP INTEGRATION WITH THE UNRECOGNIZED REPUBLIC). SO, MILOSEVIC -- IF HE IS SERIOUS ABOUT ENGAGING IN PEACEMAKING -- WILL HAVE TO FACE A UNITED FRONT OF THE KRAJINA AND BOSNIAN SERBS' LEADERS."

7. -- U.S. POLICY TOWARD CUBA --

"HELMS BILL HOSTILE TO WORLD COMMUNITY"

KAREN KHACHATUROV ASSERTED IN NEO-COMMUNIST "PRAVDA" (5/24), "THE DISCUSSION OF JESSE HELMS'S BILL ON FREEDOM AND DEMOCRATIC SOLIDARITY WITH CUBA IN THE U.S. SENATE IS AN ACT HOSTILE TO THE WORLD COMMUNITY.... THE BILL GOES BEYOND THE FRAMEWORK OF AMERICAN-CUBAN RELATIONS AS IT DELEGATES EXTERRITORIAL POWERS TO THE U.S.'S INTERNAL LEGISLATION.... IT WAS ALSO PROMPTED, IN NO SMALL MEASURE, BY A DESIRE TO KEEP THE U.S.'S POTENTIAL COMPETITORS FROM GETTING A FIRMER HOLD OF THE LUCRATIVE

CUBAN MARKET NOW THAT THE SANCTIONS-BOUND AMERICANS CANNOT INVEST THERE.... THE HELMS BILL DIRECTLY AFFECTS RUSSIA'S NATIONAL INTERESTS.... IT IS SO ODIOS AS TO CAUSE LEON BRITTEN OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES COMMISSION TO INTERCEDE ON RUSSIA'S BEHALF.... THE IMPRESSION IS THAT WASHINGTON'S ATTITUDE TOWARD OFFICIAL CUBA WAS FAR MORE TOLERABLE IN THE COLD WAR YEARS WHEN CUBA WAS A KIND OF LEVER -- AND A VICTIM AT THE SAME TIME -- IN CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE TWO SUPERPOWERS."

8. -- U.S.-CHINA --

"BEIJING OUT TO SAVE FACE"

ALEXANDER KORETSKY OPINED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF REFORMIST, BUSINESS-ORIENTED "KOMMERSANT-DAILY" (5/24), "IT MAY WELL BE THAT ALL THAT ROW (OVER A VISA FOR THE TAIWANESE PRESIDENT) IS NO MORE THAN BEIJING'S TRYING HONESTLY TO FOLLOW ITS DIPLOMATIC COMMITMENTS AND SAVE ITS OWN FACE. WELL, PERHAPS THE CHINESE HAVE OVERDONE IT A

TAD. AFTER ALL, THE U.S. MET ALL THE NECESSARY DIPLOMATIC FORMALITIES, NOTIFYING BEIJING OF THEIR DECISION... IN ADVANCE."

9. -- CHECHYA --

"CRAZY WAR TO END?"

IRINA DEMENTYEVA WROTE ON THE FRONT PAGE OF REFORMIST "IZVESTIA" (5/24), "ANYWAY, A DESIRE TO PUT AN END TO THE UNDECLARED WAR IN THE NORTH CAUCASUS IS MORE NATURAL THAN THIS CRAZY WAR.... ONE THING IS CLEAR, LONGING FOR PEACE ARE NOT ONLY RUSSIAN TAXPAYERS, WHO HAVE TO PAY FOR THE DESTRUCTION AND ALLEGED RESTORATION OF THE CHECHEN ECONOMY, AND THE MOTHERS OF SOLDIERS AND CHECHEN FIGHTERS WHO ARE YET ALIVE BUT ALSO CHANCELLOR KOHL AND PRESIDENT CLINTON AND THE RECENTLY ELECTED FRENCH PRESIDENT CHIRAC. I WISH WE COULD ALSO BELIEVE IN PRESIDENT YELTSIN'S AND PREMIER CHERNOMYRDIN'S GOODWILL."

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A. BROADCAST MEDIA

IRELAND TRADE AND INVESTMENT CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON

THE "MEETING LAST NIGHT BETWEEN SIR PATRICK MAYHEW AND
GERRY ADAMS IN WASHINGTON WAS RUNNING AS THE LEAD ITEM ON
ALL BROADCAST MEDIA MONITORED THIS MORNING.

ON BBC RADIO'S TODAY PROGRAM AT 7.10 A.M., NORTHERN
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT MARK DEVONPORT SAID FROM
WASHINGTON:

"DESPITE THE GRAVITY OF THE MATTERS UNDER DISCUSSION, THE
ARRANGEMENTS FOR LAST NIGHT'S MEETING AT TIMES APPEARED A
LITTLE LIKE A BEDROOM FARCE, AS JOURNALISTS CHASED THE
TWO PROTAGONISTS ALONG CORRIDORS AND UP AND DOWN THE
LIFTS AT WASHINGTON'S SHERATON HOTEL. AFTER HALF A HOUR
OF DISCUSSIONS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, THE SINN FEIN
PRESIDENT EMERGED TO PRONOUNCE HIMSELF WELL PLEASED. ...

"SIR PATRICK "AYHEW'S IMPRESSION OF THE DISCUSSIONS WAS
MARKEDLY LESS POSITIVE, INFLUENCED, AS HE ACKNOWLEDGED,
BY HIS PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF THE IRA'S BRIGHTON BOMBING,
AND THE ATTEMPTED MORTAR ATTACK ON 10 DOWNING STREET.

...

"FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS, "MOST OF THE TALK IN WASHINGTON
WILL BE OF JOBS AND INVESTMENT, AND IT'S COMMON TO HEAR
CONFERENCE DELEGATES SAYING THAT THE POLITICS SHOULD NOT
BE ALLOWED TO OVERSHADOW THE ECONOMICS. THAT SAID, IT
REMAINS TRUE THAT THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT AMERICAN
BUSINESSMEN MIGHT BE EYEING UP REST ON A FRAGILE
POLITICAL BASE, AND IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN A SYMBOLIC
MEETING BETWEEN THE (BRITISH) GOVERNMENT AND SINN FEIN
BEFORE EVERYONE WILL BE CONVINCED THAT IN NORTHERN
IRELAND, PEACE AND PROSPERITY ARE HERE TO STAY."

LATER ON THE SAME PROGRAM, DEPUTY LEADER OF THE
DEMOCRATIC UNIONIST PARTY PETER ROBINSON, ALSO IN
WASHINGTON FOR THE CONFERENCE, ATTACKED THE MEETING.
ASKED HOW HE FELT, HE SAID:

"I FEEL ABOUT IT THE SAME WAY THAT I EXPECT THE PEOPLE OF
THE U.S. WOULD IF THEY WERE TO WAKEN UP THIS "MORNING TO
FIND THAT THEIR PRESIDENT HAD BEEN HAVING A MEETING WITH
TIMOTHY MCVEIGH AFTER THE OKLAHOMA BOMBING -- I THINK
THERE IS A SENSE OF OUTRAGE THAT HERE IS AN ORGANIZATION,
REPRESENTED BY MR ADAMS, THAT STILL HAS ITS MURDER GANGS
INTACT, THAT STILL HOLDS ON TO ITS ARMS, ITS AMMUNITION
AND ITS EXPLOSIVES, BUT WE HAVE A MINISTER OF THE CROWN
PREPARED TO NOT ONLY "MEET, BUT SHAKE HANDS WITH, THE
FRONT "MAN FOR THIS TERRORIST ORGANIZATION."

ASKED IF HE DID NOT SEE THE HANDSHAKE AS BEING SYMBOLIC,

HE SAID:

"IT IS SYMBOLIC, IT IS SY"MBOLIC OF THE WEAKNESS OF THIS GOVERNMENT, A GOVERNMENT PREPARED TO CAPITULATE. THIS IS THE SAME SECRETARY OF STATE WHO WENT OUT TO THE U.S. ONLY UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 09 LONDON 007407

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A MONTH OR SO AGO TO TELL PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ADMINISTRATION THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE NO CONTACT WITH GERRY ADAMS. GERRY ADAMS AND THE IRA HAVE NOT CHANGED ONE BIT, THEY HAVE NOT "ADE ONE CONCESSION SINCE THAT TIME. ... YET HERE IS THE SECRETARY OF STATE GOING BACK ON THE ADVICE THAT HE GAVE TO OTHERS AND DOING WHAT HE TOLD OTHERS THAT THEY SHOULD NOT DO."

ON BBC TV'S BREAKFAST NEWS, NORTHERN IRELAND REPORTER DENIS MURRAY SAID FRO" WASHIN
GTON AT 8.00 A.".:

"SIR PATRICK REQUESTED THIS KIND OF MEETING BECAUSE SOME ENCOUNTER HERE HAD BECOME INEVITABLE. SINN FEIN GOT WHAT IT WANTED -- ITS LEADER IN TALKS WITH A BRITISH CABINET MINISTER. ...

"THE (BRITISH) GOVERNMENT DIDN'T REALLY WANT THIS MEETING YET, AND THE LACK OF VISUAL RECORD OF IT WON'T LESSEN UNIONIST IRRITATION.

"THE CONFERENCE ITSELF BEGAN WITH A DINNER HOSTED BY AL GORE, AND THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION NOW HOPES THAT THE CONFERENCE CAN GET BACK TO WHAT IT IS SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT, INVESTMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND."

B. TODAY'S "AJOR NEWS STORIES

1. IRELAND TRADE AND INVESTMENT CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON
2. U.S. FOREIGN POLICY / BUDGET CUTS

C. SUMMARY

1. IRELAND TRADE AND INVESTMENT CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON

SEVERAL PAPERS MANAGED TO INCLUDE LAST NIGHT'S MEETING BETWEEN SIR PATRICK MAYHEW AND GERRY ADAMS IN THEIR EDITIONS THIS MORNING, BUT WITH LITTLE COMMENT. THE MAIN FEATURES NOTED WERE THAT THE LONG-AWAITED HANDSHAKE TOOK PLACE BEHIND CLOSED DOORS -- AND THAT THE TWO MEN'S ACCOUNTS OF THE MEETING VARIED CONSIDERABLY. HOWEVER, THERE IS RECOGNITION THAT THE MEETING IS ANOTHER MILESTONE ON THE ROAD TO PEACE IN IRELAND, AND HOPE THAT THE PRESENCE OF SO MANY DIFFERENT PARTIES IN WASHINGTON, AS WELL AS THE CONFERENCE ITSELF, WILL HELP THE PROCESS.

THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES COMMENTED:

"FOR PRESIDENT CLINTON IT HAS BEEN A NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENT TO BRING IRELAND'S DISPARATE ELEMENTS TOGETHER IN ONE CITY."

THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN SAID IN A FRONT PAGE REPORT THAT THE MEETING WAS A 'PROFOUND TURNING POINT' IN ANGLO- NORTHERN IRISH RELATIONS, WHICH GAVE A 'POWERFUL KICKSTART' TO THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

2. U.S. FOREIGN POLICY / BUDGET CUTS

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THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES CARRIED AN EDITORIAL THIS MORNING ATTACKING PROPOSED CUTS IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY SPENDING, SAYING:

"FOREIGN AID, WHICH THE U.S. ALL BUT INVENTED AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR, DOES NOT MERELY SHOW THE NATION'S DESIRE TO SEE LESS POVERTY AND STARVATION IN THE WORLD. IT HAS ALSO PROVED A SINGULARLY EFFECTIVE WAY TO FURTHER

U.S. LONG-TERM ECONOMIC INTERESTS. TODAY'S 'EMERGING MARKETS', WHICH 'TAKE UP A GROWING SHARE OF U.S. EXPORT GROWTH, WERE YESTERDAY'S FOREIGN RATHOLES."

SEE FULLER TEXT BELOW.

D. TEXT

1. IRELAND TRADE AND INVESTMENT CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON

"HAND SIGNALS SPEAK VOLUMES FOR PEACE"

THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES COMMENTED:

"EVEN BY THE BEWILDERING STANDARDS OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PROCESS, TUESDAY NIGHT IN THE BASEMENT OF THE SHERATON WASHINGTON HOTEL WAS SOMETHING TO BEHOLD. TUCKED AWAY IN A SMALL ROOM, WITHIN EARSHOT OF A PRIVATE DISCO PARTY, THE PROTAGONISTS IN 25 YEARS OF TROUBLES CONFRONTED EACH OTHER.

"ON THE EVE OF YESTERDAY'S HISTORIC MEETING BETWEEN SJR PATRICK MAYHEW, NORTHERN IRELAND SECRETARY, AND MR GERRY ADA'S, THE SINN FEIN PRESIDENT, SENIOR FIGURES FROM THE UNIONISTS, SINN FEIN, THE SDLP, LOYALIST PARAMILITARIES AND THE BRITISH, IRISH AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS HAD GATHERED, OSTENSIBLY TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC PROSPECTS FOR THE PROVINCE. BUT POLITICS WAS ALWAYS LIKELY TO PREDOMINATE. AND FOR POLITICIANS WHO UNTIL RECENTLY

WOULD NOT HAVE CONTEMPLATED EVEN MAKING EYE CONTACT, BODY LANGUAGE APPEARS TO MATTER MOST OF ALL.

"FOR PRESIDENT CLINTON IT HAS BEEN A NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENT TO BRING IRELAND'S DISPARATE ELEMENTS TOGETHER IN ONE CITY. SOME, MAINLY THE OLD-STYLE UNIONIST LEADERS SUCH AS "R JI" "OLYNEAUX AND THE REV IAN PAISLEY, REFUSED. OTHERS CAME RELUCTANTLY. THEIR FEAR WAS THAT MR ADAMS WOULD STEAL THE SHOW, CAPITALISING ON THE STAR STATUS AMERICANS APPEAR KEEN TO BESTOW ON HIM.

"THE EVENINGS FIRST RECEPTION, GIVEN BY BELFAST CITY COUNCIL, BEGAN PROPERLY ENOUGH. AMERICAN AND IRISH BUSINESSMEN WERE OFFERED BROCHURES AND AMPLE REFRESHMENTS. THE TALK WAS OF INVESTMENTS AND JOBS. ...

"THEN MR ADAMS ARRIVED. THE CHANGE IN ATMOSPHERE WAS PALPABLE. TELEVISION CREWS ACQUIRED A SENSE OF URGENCY. ... MR MALCOLM MOSS, A JUNIOR NORTHERN IRELAND MINISTER WHO HAD JUST ARRIVED FROM LONDON, HAD BEEN SHARING AN UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 09 LONDON 007407

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ANECDOTE OR TWO WITH A SMALL GROUP ABOUT HIS HANDSHAKE
 WITH MR MITCHEL MCLAUGHLIN, SINN FEIN CHAIRMAN, IN
 BELFAST A FEW WEEKS EARLIER.

"FOR THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, OFFICIAL HANDSHAKES ARE
 OFFERED INCREMENTALLY. FIRST THERE WAS HIS, THEN THERE
 WAS ONE BETWEEN MR MICHAEL ANCRAM AND MR MARTIN
 MCGUINNESS, ALL LEADING UP TO MR ADAMS AND SIR PATRICK.
 UNSCRIPTED GESTURES WERE TO BE AVOIDED -- ON SEEING MR
 ADAMS, MR MOSS KEPT A HEALTHY DISTANCE."

"MAYHEW AND ADAMS TALK FOR 30 MINUTES"

THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTED:

"THE HIGHEST-LEVEL MEETING BETWEEN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT
 AND SINN FEIN SINCE THE PARTITION OF IRELAND MORE THAN 70
 YEARS AGO TOOK PLACE IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT.

"SIR PATRICK "AYHEW AND GERRY ADAMS TALKED FOR 30 "INUTES
 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS. THE SINN FEIN PRESIDENT SAID
 AFTERWARDS THAT THEY HAD SHAKEN HANDS BEFORE AND AFTER
 THE TALKS AND HE LAMENTED SIR PATRICK'S 'COYNESS' ABOUT
 DOING SO IN PUBLIC. 'I EXTENDED THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP -
 - AND HE CLASPED IT,' SAID MR ADAMS.

"THE ENCOUNTER WAS IN PRIVATE AT THE GOVERNMENT'S
 INSISTENCE, TO DENY SINN FEIN THE PROPAGANDA VALUE OF A
 RECORDED GREETING.

"SIR PATRICK SAID HE HAD USED THE FORUM OF AN INVESTMENT
 CONFERENCE TO IMPRESS UPON SINN FEIN THAT IRA DISARMAMENT
 WAS THE BEST WAY OF ATTRACTING NEW BUSINESS TO NORTHERN
 IRELAND. 'I ASKED FOR A POSITIVE RESPONSE; I REGRET I
 DID NOT GET ONE,' SIR PATRICK ADDED.

"HOWEVER, HE BELIEVED THE MEETING, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS
 'CIVIL', HAD BEEN WORTHWHILE IF IT MOVED SINN FEIN CLOSER
 TO ACCEPTING THE NEED FOR DECOMMISSIONING.

"MR ADAMS, WHO CALLED THE ENCOUNTER 'FRIENDLY AND FRANK'
 SAID: 'I THINK WE HAVE BOTH COME AWAY WITH AN
 UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S POSITION'. ...

"SINN FEIN AND OTHER OBSERVERS WERE AT A LOSS LAST NIGHT TO SEE THE PURPOSE OF A BEHIND CLOSED DOORS MEETING WHEN

BOTH SIR PATRICK AND "R ADA"S WILL SPEND THE NEXT TWO DAYS ATTENDING A CONFERENCE IN THE SAME ROOM."

""AYHEW AND ADAMS BREAK MOULD OF IRISH CONFLICT"

THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN REPORTED ON ITS FRONT PAGE:

"THE GOVERNMENT AND SINN FEIN EMBARKED ON THEIR HIGHEST-LEVEL PUBLIC ENCOUNTER YESTERDAY, MARKING A PROFOUND TURNING POINT IN THE 25-YEAR WAR BETWEEN THEM.

"THE NORTHERN IRELAND SECRETARY AND SINN FEIN LEADER MET UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 09 LONDON 007407

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IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT, GIVING A POWERFUL KICKSTART TO A WHITE HOUSE SUMMIT ON THE ECONOMIC FUTURE OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

"JOSTLED BY CAMERAS, SIR PATRICK DISAPPEARED INSIDE ROOM 6606 OF THE WASHINGTON SHERATON, JOINED MOMENTS LATER BY MR ADAMS. THEN, AWAY FROM VIEW, THE TWO MEN SHOOK HANDS.

"ASKED EARLIER WHY HE WOULD NOT ALLOW THE HANDSHAKE TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED, SIR PATRICK SAID HE WAS FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE SET BY PRESIDENT CLINTON, WHO ALSO FAILED TO MEET MR ADAMS ON CAMERA.

"BEFORE THE "EETING SINN FEIN WAS SAID TO BE DISTRESSED BY STATE"ENTS FRO" BRITISH OFFICIALS PLAYING DOWN ITS SIGNIFICANCE. THE OFFICIALS "ADE IT CLEAR THEY WERE DETERMINED THAT THE MEETING GO AHEAD PROMPTLY, LEST IT OVERSHADOW THE WASHINGTON GATHERING. 'THE SOONER WE CAN GET IT OUT OF THE WAY, THE SOONER WE CAN GET ON WITH THE CONFERENCE,' A BRITISH OFFICIAL SAID YESTERDAY. ...

"THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN HOPING THAT A SUCCESSFUL ADAMS-MAYHEW MEETING WOULD BE THE IDEAL LAUNCH FOR ITS WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN IRELAND. EXECUTIVES FROM 300 U.S. BUSINESSES AND 100 FROM BRITAIN AND IRELAND HAVE DESCENDED ON THE WASHINGTON SHERATON TO COMPARE NOTES AND DO DEALS.

"BOTH SINN FEIN AND THE (BRITISH) GOVERNMENT WILL BE LISTENING INTENTLY FOR ENDORSEMENT FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON, WHO WILL ADDRESS THE CONFERENCE THIS MORNING. WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS HAVE SIGNALLED THAT HE IS LIKELY TO CONCENTRATE ON ECONOMIC ISSUES, AND SPEAK ONLY GENERALLY OF DISARMAMENT.

"BUT HOPES FOR LARGE U.S. CASH HANDOUTS LOOKED UNLIKELY. WITH THE REPUBLICAN-DOMINATED CONGRESS AIMING TO SLASH

THE FOREIGN AID BUDGET BY MORE THAN \$2BN NEXT YEAR, THE MOST NORTHERN IRELAND CAN HOPE FOR ARE TAX BREAKS FOR U.S. COMPANIES WHICH INVEST THERE."

"BOOST FOR SINN FEIN AS ADAMS MEETS MAYHEW"

THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES REPORTED ON ITS FRONT PAGE:

"MR GERRY ADAMS, SINN FEIN PRESIDENT, LAST NIGHT SCORED HIS MOST NOTABLE DIPLOMATIC SUCCESS WHEN HE MET SIR PATRICK MAYHEW, NORTHERN IRELAND SECRETARY, IN WASHINGTON.

"THE HISTORIC ENCOUNTER WAS HELD BEHIND CLOSED DOORS AT THE CITY'S SHERATON THAT IS HOSTING PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON'S CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN IRELAND.

AFTER THE MEETING WHICH LASTED MORE THAN HALF AN HOUR, MR ADAMS GAVE AN UPBEAT ASSESSMENT OF THE TALKS. THE MEETING HAD BEEN USEFUL, 'A FRANK AND FRIENDLY AND UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 09 LONDON 007407

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POSITIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS'. SIR PATRICK, BY CONTRAST, WAS "ORE SUBDUED."

"HANDSHAKE THAT MAYHEW DID NOT 'CARE FOR', EVEN BEHIND CLOSED DOORS"

THE CONSERVATIVE TIMES REPORTED:

"SIR PATRICK "AYHEW, THE NORTHERN IRELAND SECRETARY, AND GERRY ADAMS, THE SINN FEIN LEADER, HELD THE HIGHEST-LEVEL OFFICIAL MEETING BETWEEN THEIR TWO SIDES IN MORE THAN 20 YEARS, LAST NIGHT, BUT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

"THE TWO "EN SHOOK HANDS IN THE PATRICK SUITE IN THE WASHINGTON SHERATON HOTEL THAT IS HOSTING A THREE-DAY WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON PROMOTING TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

"SIR PATRICK ADMITTED THAT SHAKING MR ADA"S' HAND WAS SOMETHING 'I DON'T CARE FOR'. HE TOLD MR ADAMS THAT THE BEST WAY TO PRODUCE JOBS AND PROSPERITY IN NORTHERN IRELAND WAS FOR SINN FEIN TO USE 'ITS INFLUENCE WITH THE IRA TO GET SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ON THE DECOMMISSIONING OF ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES'. SIR PATRICK CALLED THE 30-MINUTE MEETING 'CIVIL' BUT SAID HE REGRETTED HE DID NOT GET A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM "R ADAMS."

"MAYHEW MEETS ADAMS IN SIXTH FLOOR SHOWDOWN"

THE CONSERVATIVE TABLOID DAILY MAIL REPORTED:

"AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF A DELICATE DIPLOMATIC BALLET, SIR PATRICK "AYHEW MET GERRY ADA"S FACE TO FACE EARLY TODAY.

"THE HISTORIC 30-MINUTE TALKS BETWEEN THE NORTHERN IRELAND SECRETARY AND THE SINN FEIN LEADER TOOK PLACE IN THE SIXTH-FLOOR SUITE OF THE SHERATON HOTEL IN WASHINGTON.

"EARLIER, HOWEVER, UNIONIST POLITICIANS HAD CAREFULLY AVOIDED BUMPING INTO SINN FEIN MEMBERS. MR ADAMS HOSTED A RECEPTION FOR DELEGATES ARRIVING FOR THE OPENING OF PRESIDENT CLINTON'S CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN IRELAND. UNIONIST AND BRITISH MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS STAYED AWAY.

"BUT THEY WERE SEEN TOURING OTHER GATHERINGS, AND PATHS KEPT ON ALMOST CROSSING. SPOTTING WHO WAS WHERE, AND WITH WHOM, BECAME A FULL-TIME SPECTATOR SPORT."

"U.S. PROMISE TO INVEST IN NORTHERN IRELAND"

THE BBC'S WRITTEN TV NEWS SERVICE CEEFAX REPORTED THIS MORNING:

"U.S. VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE HAS AFFIRMED THE CLINTON GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO GET AMERICANS TO INVEST IN NORTHERN IRELAND. SPEAKING AT A CONFERENCE IN UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 09 LONDON 007407

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WASHINGTON, "R GORE SPOKE OF THE PATH OF PEACE BLAZED BY
JOHN MAJOR, JOHN BRUTON AND ALBERT REYNOLDS.

"'DREAMS OF PROSPERITY IN NORTHERN IRELAND WILL ONCE
AGAIN BECOME AN ENDURING REALITY,' HE PLEDGED. THE

CONFERENCE WILL BE ADDRESSED LATER TODAY BY PRESIDENT
CLINTON."

2. U.S. FOREIGN POLICY / BUDGET CUTS

"U.S. TURNS INWARDS"

THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES EDITORIALIZED:

"ON TUESDAY, MR WARREN CHRISTOPHER, THE SECRETARY OF
STATE, STEPPED UP HIS BATTLE AGAINST THE HOUSE
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BILL, WHICH LOOKS SET TO COME TO A
VOTE OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS. THE SENIOR ADMINISTRATION
OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS COULD HARDLY BE
EXPECTED TO EMBRACE EFFORTS RADICALLY TO CONSTRAIN HIS
DEPARTMENT'S ROLE. BUT THERE IS CONSIDERABLY MORE AT
STAKE HERE THAN IN AN INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENT'S POWER.

"FIRST, THERE IS THE PRESIDENT'S CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY
TO MANAGE FOREIGN POLICY. AS WELL AS ABOLISHING SEVERAL
FEDERAL AGENCIES, THE HOUSE REPUBLICAN BILL WOULD REQUIRE
SPECIFIC CHANGES IN U.S. POLICY, INVOLVING COUNTRIES AS
DIVERSE AS RUSSIA, CUBA, IRAN AND TIBET.

"MANY OF THE CHANGES WOULD MEAN THAT THE U.S. WAS
RENEGING ON PAST COMMITMENTS. ARGUABLY, THE RESULT WOULD

BE TO UNDERMINE THE ADMINISTRATION'S ABILITY TO RESPOND TO CHANGES IN THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE.

"THE SECOND, MORE PRESSING, CONCERN IS THE SCALE OF THE PROPOSED CUTS. THE LATEST BUDGET PLANS WOULD CUT THE FEDERAL INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET -- WHICH NOW CONSUMES 1.3 PER CENT OF FEDERAL OUTLAYS -- BY BETWEEN 20

PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT OVER THE NEXT SEVEN YEARS. PROPOSERS SAY THAT NO DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE ILL-HUMED FROM THEIR EFFORTS TO BALANCE THE BUDGET. BUT U.S. EXPENDITURES ON FOREIGN AID, AT A MERE 0.15 PER CENT OF GDP, ARE PALTRY BY BOTH INTERNATIONAL AND HISTORICAL STANDARDS.

"A LARGER FACTOR IN REPUBLICAN CALCULATIONS SEEMS TO BE THE WIDELY HELD BELIEF THAT THROWING MONEY, IN THE WORDS OF SEN JESSE HELMS, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE 'DOWN A FOREIGN RATHOLE' IS A LUXURY THE U.S. CAN NO LONGER AFFORD.

"THIS IS DOUBLY WRONG. FOREIGN AID, WHICH THE U.S. ALL BUT INVENTED AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR, DOES NOT MERELY SHOW THE NATION'S DESIRE TO SEE LESS POVERTY AND STARVATION IN THE WORLD. IT HAS ALSO PROVED A SINGULARLY EFFECTIVE WAY TO FURTHER U.S. LONG-TERM ECONOMIC INTERESTS. TODAY'S 'EMERGING MARKETS', WHICH MAKE UP A UNCLAS SECTION 08 OF 09 LONDON 007407

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GROWING SHARE OF U.S. EXPORT GROWTH, WERE YESTERDAY'S FOREIGN RATHOLES.

"WITHOUT U.S. SUPPORT, THE MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS WILL BE IN A FAR WEAKER POSITION TO FOSTER MARKET-LED ECONOMIC GROWTH IN AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE. THE U.S. WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GUIDE THAT PROGRAM IN THE DIRECTION OF ITS OWN PRINCIPLES, STILL LESS HELP IT SUCCEED."

"PRESIDENT READY TO EXERCISE FIRST VETO"

THE CENTRIST INDEPENDENT REPORTED:

"WITH A SAVAGE ATTACK ON A REPUBLICAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS BILL BEFORE CONGRESS, PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON THIS WEEK MOVED A STEP CLOSER TOWARDS EXERCISING HIS PRESIDENTIAL VETO -- A POWER WHICH, UNLIKE EVERY OCCUPANT OF THE WHITE HOUSE SINCE THE 19TH CENTURY, HE HAS THUS FAR FAILED TO USE. ...

"THE CLINTON RECORD (ON VETOES) IS A PERFECT ZERO, A PERFORMANCE ONLY REINFORCING THE CONVENTIONAL WASHINGTON WISDOM THAT THE PRESIDENT IS A SOFT TOUCH WHO IS SCARED OF CONFRONTATION.

"THAT REPUTATION MAY SOON BE GIVEN THE LIE. MR CLINTON HAS WARNED THAT HE WILL VETO REPUBLICAN BILLS THAT WOULD ROLL BACK ANTI-GUN LEGISLATION AND MAKE CUTS IN VARIOUS EDUCATION, HOUSING AND OTHER PROGRAMS APPROVED BY THE PREVIOUS DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS.

"THIS WEEK, PROPOSED CHANGES IN WELFARE CAME UNDER THE VETO THREAT. NOW, FOREIGN POLICY HAS JOINED THE LIST. ... BUT HE MAY NOT LIVE UP TO HIS WORD. THE 'LINE-ITEM VETO' -- THE POWER THAT WOULD ALLOW A PRESIDENT TO BLOCK PARTS OF A BILL WHICH HE OTHERWISE FAVORED-- IS NOT YET LAW. UNTIL IT IS, REPUBLICANS CAN BE EXPECTED TO SWEETEN THE BILLS THAT MR CLINTON DISLIKES WITH PROVISIONS HE CAN HARDLY TURN DOWN."

"U.S. AND EUROPE PUT HEAT ON SERBIA"

ON BOSNIA, THE CENTRIST INDEPENDENT REPORTED:

"THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, WARREN CHRISTOPHER, HAS PROMISED TO 'WORK TOGETHER' WITH BRITAIN AND FRANCE OVER

THE NEXT FEW DAYS IN A FINAL EFFORT TO CUT A DEAL WITH PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC OF SERBIA OVER THE RECOGNITION OF BOSNIA.

"TOP-LEVEL CONTACTS ON THE ISSUE BETWEEN LONDON AND WASHINGTON TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY AS FIGHTING FLARED AROUND SARAJEVO, NATO FINALIZED PLANS FOR A WITHDRAWAL OF PEACE-UNCLAS SECTION 09 OF 09 LONDON 007407

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KEEPING FORCES AND THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL PREPARED TO
PRESENT A SERIES OF OPTIONS TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

"THERE IS ANGER AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE BRITISH
GOVERNMENT OVER AMERICAN POLICY IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA.
MINISTERS ARE EXASPERATED THAT WASHINGTON IS SEEKING TO
PRESCRIBE TOUGH TASKS FOR UN PEACEKEEPERS WITHOUT
COMMITTING ITS OWN TROOPS TO THE FORCE.

"THERE ARE ALSO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ITS
ALLIES OVER THE SERBIAN LEADER'S STUBBORN REFUSAL
TO
RECOGNIZE BOSNIA WITHOUT A GUARANTEE THAT UN SANCTIONS
WILL BE PERMANENTLY LIFTED FROM HIS COUNTRY.

"AMERICAN SPOKESMEN CHOSE TO DEPICT HIS STANCE AS A
REJECTION OF THE INITIATIVE. BUT OFFICIALS IN LONDON AND
PARIS SAID THERE WAS STILL ROOM FOR MANOEUVRE AND AN
AGREEMENT COULD YET BE NEGOTIATED." O'BRIEN
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A. BROADCAST MEDIA

BOSNIA

ALL REPORTS THIS MORNING WERE DOMINATED BY BOSNIA, WHERE IT SEEMS THE STAKES ARE RISING RAPIDLY. AT 9.00 LONDON TIME IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT FURTHER NATO AIR STRIKES HAD BEGUN, AND THAT ARMED BOSNIAN SERBS HAD BLOCKED UN AMMUNITION DUMPS AROUND SARAJEVO AND WERE THREATENING TO SHOOT ANY UN PERSONNEL TRYING TO LEAVE.

SPEAKING ON BBC RADIO'S TODAY PROGRAM BEFORE THE LATEST AIR STRIKES WERE CONFIRMED, DEFENSE CORRESPONDENT MARK LAITY SAID:

"LISTENING TO LANGUAGE LIKE THIS, IT IS GRIM AND REALLY SOMEWHAT SCARY. THE ONE THING THE UN HAS ALWAYS BEEN AFRAID OF IS A SPIRAL OF VIOLENCE THAT WILL SUCK THEM IN, AND WE SEE" TO BE SEEING IT HAPPEN BEFORE OUR EYES. ...

"THIS REALLY IS A VERY WORRYING PROSPECT AHEAD TODAY, BECAUSE THIS ISN'T ABOUT AIR POWER, IT IS ABOUT WILLPOWER, AND IT LOOKS LIKE THE SERBS ARE TRYING THE UN'S WILL AND THE UN AT THE MOMENT SEEMS TO BE VERY STRONGLY DETERMINED INDEED."

SPEAKING ON THE 10 A.M. NEW BULLETIN, LAITY SAID EVENTS IN BOSNIA HAD 'MOVED INTO A NEW AND DANGEROUS PHASE.'

B. TODAY'S MAJOR NEWS STORIES

1. NORTHERN IRELAND : CLINTON SPEECH
2. BOSNIA
3. U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

C. SUMMARY

1. NORTHERN IRELAND : CLINTON SPEECH

IN THE DIFFICULT WORLD OF U.S.-UK RELATIONS, AND THE EVER-SENSITIVE ISSUE OF NORTHERN IRELAND, EVERY GESTURE AND NUANCE MADE BY THE MAIN PLAYERS IS CLOSELY EXAMINED. TODAY, ALL BUT THE LEAST SERIOUS PAPERS REPORT PRESIDENT CLINTON'S SPEECH IN WASHINGTON, AND FOR ONCE, THEY CAN FIND NOTHING BUT POSITIVE SIGNALS TO REPORT. IN FACT, MANY OF THE REPORTS COULD TRUTHFULLY BE DESCRIBED AS GLOWING.

REPORTERS WERE PLEASED BOTH BY THE CONTENT OF THE SPEECH, IN WHICH THEY SAW THE PRESIDENT'S STRONG EMPHASIS ON PARAMILITARY DISARMAMENT AS REFLECTING BRITISH GOVERNMENT

CONCERNS, AND BY THE FACT THAT HE APPARENTLY AVOIDED A PUBLIC HANDSHAKE WITH GERRY ADA'S. EVEN THOSE COMMENTATORS WHO DIDN'T SEE THIS AS AN OUTRIGHT SNUB TO ADAMS (AND THERE WERE SEVERAL, GLEEFUL ONES) WERE PLEASED THAT NO PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WAS PRESENTED BY THE PRESIDENT. UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 12 LONDON 007475

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REPORTS ALSO WELCOMED NEWS OF THE PRESIDENT'S PLANNED TRIP TO THE UK AND IRELAND LATER THIS YEAR.

THE OVERALL TONE IS ONE OF PLEASURE AND RELIEF THAT THE WEIGHT OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN THROWN FIRMLY BEHIND THE NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PROCESS, AND THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS GONE OUT OF HIS WAY TO CORRECT THE APPARENT PRO-REPUBLICAN BIAS IN HIS ADMINISTRATION'S STANCE.

2. BOSNIA

REPORTS AND EDITORIALS IN THIS MORNING'S PAPERS WERE WRITTEN LONG BEFORE THE RESUMED AIR STRIKES IN BOSNIA TODAY, BUT COMMENTATORS WERE IN NO DOUBT THAT THE SITUATION THERE HAS REACHED A NEW AND DANGEROUS PHASE. THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH EDITORIALIZED:

"WHILE YESTERDAY'S ARMED DEMONSTRATION IS BETTER THAN DOING NOTHING, IT CANNOT HIDE THE FUNDAMENTAL WEAKNESS OF THE UN POSITION. ... IN ANY EVENT, A DECISION TO DEPART SHOULD BE CONFRONTED SOONER RATHER THAN LATER."

THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES COMMENTED:

"EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS ARE NOW WAITING NERVOUSLY TO SEE HOW HEAVY A PRICE THEY WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR THE TWISTS AND TURNS OF U.S. POLICY."

AND THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN EDITORIALIZED:

"AIRSTRIKES WILL MERELY PLACE THE TROOPS IN GREATER JEOPARDY WITHOUT DETERRING THE SERBS UNLESS THEY ARE ACCOMPANIED BY A CLEAR POLITICAL SIGNAL WHICH SAYS: THE UN IS HERE TO STAY."

3. U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

THE INDEPENDENT WEEKLY ECONOMIST TODAY DEVOTED ITS LEAD EDITORIAL AND FIRST THREE NEWS PAGES TO A CRITIQUE OF CURRENT U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. PART OF THIS WAS PENNED BY FORMER AMBASSADOR SEITZ, WHO CONCLUDED:

"AMERICA NEEDS A STEADY WORLD; AND ONLY AMERICA CAN STEADY THE WORLD." SEE TEXT BELOW.

D. TEXT

1. NORTHERN IRELAND : CLINTON SPEECH

"CLINTON BACKS UK LINE ON WEAPONS"

THE CENTRIST INDEPENDENT REPORTED:

"PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON YESTERDAY SIGNALLED THAT IRISH REPUBLICANS HAVE LOST THE DECOMMISSIONING ARGUMENT IN THE UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 12 LONDON 007475

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U.S., WHEN HE INSISTED STRONGLY THAT THE IRA AND LOYALISTS HAD TO 'GET RID OF THEIR BOMBS AND BULLETS FOR GOOD'.

"HE MADE HIS UNEXPECTEDLY STRONG CRITICISMS OF PARAMILITARY GROUPS THE CENTERPIECE OF AN IMPORTANT SPEECH TO THE IRISH TRADE AND INVESTMENT CONFERENCE WHICH THE WHITE HOUSE IS HOSTING IN WASHINGTON.

"BY DOING SO HE DELIGHTED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND PLEASED MOST OF THE UNIONISTS PRESENT. THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, SIR PATRICK "AYHEW, DESCRIBED IT AS 'A FINE SPEECH BY ANY STANDARDS'.

"PRESIDENT CLINTON NOT ONLY COUCHED HIS DEMAND FOR PARAMILITARY DISARMAMENT IN STRONG TERMS, BUT ALSO CALLED AN END TO PUNISHMENT BEATINGS AND INTIMIDATION. TAKING UP A THEME WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN EMPHASIZED BY JOHN MAJOR, HE FURTHER APPEALED FOR THE RETURN OF THE BODIES OF A NUMBER OF PEOPLE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED AND BURIED BY THE IRA IN THE 1970S.

"HIS REMARKS WILL BE SEEN AS AN ATTEMPT TO BALANCE THE APPROACH OF HIS ADMINISTRATION, WHICH HAS BEEN CRITICIZED OVER THE LAST 18 MONTHS BY BRITAIN AND UNIONISTS FOR BEING ALLEGEDLY TOO PRO-REPUBLICAN. HIS EMPHASIS ON DECOMMISSIONING WILL INCREASE THE PRESSURE ON SINN FEIN TO MAKE THE TYPE OF SIGNIFICANT GESTURE WHICH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SEEKING FOR SOME MONTHS. ...

"PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS BEEN OF TREMENDOUS VALUE TO SINN FEIN IN HIS DECISIONS TO ALLOW THE PARTY PRESIDENT GERRY ADAMS TO VISIT THE U.S. AND TO RAISE FUNDS THERE. ACCORDING TO REPUBLICAN SOURCES THE TWO-WEEK TOUR JUST COMPLETED BY MR ADAMS HAS RAISED \$600,000 FOR THE PARTY.

"THE WORDS OF PRESIDENT CLINTON, WHICH ECHO THOSE OF OTHER SENIOR FIGURES IN HIS ADMINISTRATION, INDICATE THAT ON THE ARMS ISSUE, HOWEVER, HE IS ALIGNING THE U.S. VERY MUCH WITH THE BRITISH POSITION."

"CLINTON CALLS ON THE IRA TO END BEATINGS"

THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN REPORTED:

"PRESIDENT CLINTON SIGNALLED INCREASING U.S. FRUSTRATION WITH SINN FEIN YESTERDAY BY REDOUBLING HIS CALL ON THE IRA TO DISARM AND BY CALLING ON THEM TO PUT AN END TO BEATINGS AND INTIMIDATION.

"IN HIS FIRST MAJOR SPEECH DEDICATED SOLELY TO IRELAND, MR CLINTON MOVED SIGNIFICANTLY CLOSER TO THE BRITISH POSITION ON THE PEACE PROCESS. 'THERE MUST BE PROGRESS,' HE TOLD THE 1,000 DELEGATES TO THE WHITE HOUSE'S THREE-DAY CONFERENCE.

"'VIOLENCE HAS DIMINISHED BUT NOT DISAPPEARED. I CALL ON ALL THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO DEPLOY VIOLENCE TO BRING AN END
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TO PUNISHMENT BEATINGS AND INTI"IDATION,' "R CLINTON SAID
 IN A RE"ARK WIDELY TAKEN AS A DIRECT APPEAL TO THE IRA.

"AT THE SAME TIME, THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS SECRETARY MIKE
 MCCURRY SAID THAT MR CLINTON MAY VISIT THE REPUBLIC OF
 IRELAND AND THE UK LATER THIS YEAR. POSSIBLE DATES WERE
 BEING DISCUSSED WITH BOTH GOVERNMENTS FOR A VISIT IN THE
 AUTUMN OR EARLY WINTER, HE SAID.

"MR CLINTON'S REMARKS YESTERDAY WERE BEING INTERPRETED BY
 BRITISH OFFICIALS AS A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THEIR INTENSE
 LOBBYING EFFORTS. THEY HAVE LONG PROTESTED THAT THE

CEASEFIRE IS UNDER
 MINED SO LONG AS VIOLENCE CONTINUES,
 EVEN WITHOUT THE USE OF FIREARMS. ...

"LONDON WAS FURTHER GRATIFIED WHEN MR CLINTON APPARENTLY
 SNUBBED "R ADAMS. AFTER HIS SPEECH, THE PRESIDENT SHOOK
 HANDS WITH DIGNITARIES SEATED IN THE FIRST ROW, BUT
 POINTEDLY TURNED BEFORE REACHING THE SINN FEIN PRESIDENT
 AT THE END. ...

"OFFICIALS INDICATED LATER THAT THE SPEECH REFLECTED
 IMPATIENCE IN THE WHITE HOUSE AT THE SLOW SPEED OF
 PROGRESS ON THE ARMS ISSUE. "R CLINTON IS SAID TO FEEL
 THAT IT IS TIME MR ADA"S ACTED IN RETURN FOR THE
 PRESIDENT'S BOLDNESS IN GRANTING HI" AN ENTRY VISA TO THE
 U.S., AFFORDING HIM MUCH POLITICAL LEGITI"ACY."

"CLINTON CALLS ON ULSTER TERRORISTS TO DISARM"

THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTED:

"PRESIDENT CLINTON "ADE HIS "OST FORCEFUL CALL LAST NIGHT
 FOR ULSTER PARAMILITARIES TO DISARM AND TO END PUNISHMENT
 BEATINGS IN THE PROVINCE.

"IN A SPEECH TO THE NORTHERN IRELAND INVESTMENT
 CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON HE WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO
 ADDRESS BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND UNIONIST CONCERNS THAT
 AMERICA WAS TOO CLOSE TO THE IRISH NATIONALIST AGENDA.

"MR CLINTON EMPHASIZED HIS OWN ULSTER PROTESTANT ANTECEDENTS TO THE UNPRECEDENTED GATHERING OF POLITICIANS, BUSINESSMEN AND COMMUNITY LEADERS FROM THE PROVINCE. ONE (BRITISH) GOVERNMENT OBSERVER SAID: 'HE

HAS SPENT A LONG TIME GREENING HIMSELF. NOW HE HAS DEVELOPED A TOUCH OF ORANGE'.

"WITH GERRY ADAMS AND THE POLITICAL SPOKESMEN OF LOYALIST PARAMILITARIES IN THE AUDIENCE, MR CLINTON URGED BOTH SIDES TO 'DISCUSS SERIOUSLY THE DECOMMISSIONING OF WEAPONS'. HE DID NOT SHAKE HANDS WITH "R ADA" WHEN HE GREETED LEADING DELEGATES IN THE FRONT ROW. ...

"MAINSTREAM UNIONISTS WERE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED BY THE PRESIDENT'S EMPHASIS ON DECOMMISSIONING ARMS."
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"CLINTON'S CALL ON ULSTER ARMS SIGNALS SHIFT IN U.S.
ATTITUDE"

THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES REPORTED ON ITS FRONT
PAGE:

"PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON WENT TO CONSIDERABLE LENGTHS
YESTERDAY TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF THE UK GOVERNMENT
AND UNIONISTS IN NORTHERN IRELAND BY CALLING ON SINN FEIN
AND LOYALIST PARAMILITARIES TO DISCUSS THE
DECOMMISSIONING OF WEAPONS.

"MR CLINTON'S KEYNOTE SPEECH TO THE WHITE HOUSE
CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN IRELAND WAS ARMILY
WELCOMED BY SIR PATRICK SPYKE, AND UK OFFICIALS WERE
PLEASED AT WHAT THEY SAW AS A SHIFT IN EMPHASIS IN THE
U.S. ADMINISTRATION'S ATTITUDE.

"IT FOLLOWED THE FIRST FACE TO FACE TALKS ON WEDNESDAY

NIGHT BETWEEN SIR PATRICK AND MR GERRY ADAMS, SINN FEIN PRESIDENT. MR ADAMS DESCRIBED THE MEETING AS A "AJOR

STEP FORWARD FOR THE PEACE PROCESS. ...

"MR CLINTON PRAISED "ANY OF THE "AIN PLAYERS IN THE PEACE PROCESS, SINGLING OUT MR JOHN "AJOR AND "R JOHN BRUTON, AND "R JOHN HU"E. HE DID NOT "ENTION "R ADAMS, A FAVORITE OF "ANY AN A"ERICAN AUDIENCE IN HIS FUND-RAISING TOURS, ONCE IN HIS SPEECH."

"CLINTON INCREASES PRESSURE ON ADA"S OVER IRA WEAPONS"

THE CONSERVATIVE TIMES REPORTED:

"PRESIDENT CLINTON SIGNALLED HIS GROWING IMPATIENCE WITH GERRY ADAMS YESTERDAY BY PUBLICLY PRESSING HI" TO 'TAKE THE NEXT STEP AND BEGIN TO DISCUSS THE SERIOUS DECOMMISSIONING OF WEAPONS'.

"MR CLINTON, WHO HAS GONE OUT ON A LIMB TO SUPPORT THE SINN FEIN LEADER, SAID THE MOMENTUM TOWARDS PEACE HAD TO BE "AINTAINED. THE IRA AND OTHER GROUPS HAD TO ABANDON THEIR BOMBS AND GUNS FOR GOOD. 'THE SPECTER OF VIOLENCE THAT HAS HAUNTED IRELAND MUST BE BANISHED ONCE AND FOR ALL,' HE TOLD THE CONFERENCE. ...

"IT WAS TIME TO BEGIN 'HEALING THE WOUNDS OF A GENERATION,' "R CLINTON SAID IN WHAT WAS APPARENTLY THE FIRST SPEECH BY AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT DEDICATED SOLELY TO IRELAND.

"TO PLACATE UNIONISTS WHO SEE HIS FETING OF MR ADAMS AS PROOF OF HIS REPUBLICAN BIAS, MR CLINTON ALSO DISCLOSED THAT HIS IRISH ANCESTORS WERE PROTESTANTS, NOT CATHOLICS. THE WHITE HOUSE SIMULTANEOUSLY ANNOUNCED THAT "R CLINTON

INTENDS TO VISIT BRITAIN AND IRELAND THIS OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER.

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"THE TRIP WOULD ALLAY THE OFFENSE "R CLINTON CAUSED B
Y
NOT ATTENDING THIS MONTH'S VE DAY CELEBRATIONS IN LONDON,
THOUGH HE DID ATTEND LAST YEAR'S D-DAY CO"MEMORATIONS.
HIS FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO IRELAND WOULD LET HIM
HIGHLIGHT HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE PEACE PROCESS BEFORE
NEXT YEAR'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS.

"THE ADDRESS DELIGHTED THE (BRITISH) GOVERNMENT, WHOSE
OFFICIALS HAD ADVISED THE AD"INISTRATION ON WHAT IT
SHOULD CONTAIN. SIR PATRICK "AYHEW CALLED IT A FINE
SPEECH THAT SAID, IN EFFECT, 'LET'S TURN THE KEY UPON
HISTORY AND GO FORWARD INTO NEW UPLANDS FREE FRO" THE
BURDEN OF HISTORY AND THE PAST'. ...

"BUT THE LONG-TERM IMPORTANCE OF THIS CONFERENCE MAY LIE
NOT IN THE "AYHEW-ADAMS MEETING, NOR IN WHATEVER U.S.
INVESTMENT IT PRODUCES IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE BORDER
COUNTIES, BUT IN THE FACT THAT FOR THE FIRST TI"E PEOPLE
CLOSELY LINKED TO THE IRA AND LOYALIST PARAMILITARIES,
AND MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH, IRISH AND A"ERICAN
GOVERNMENTS HAVE GATHERED BENEATH ONE ROOF."

"DISARM, ADAMS IS URGED BY CLINTON"

THE CONSERVATIVE TABLOID DAILY EXPRESS REPORTED:

"PRESIDENT CLINTON YESTERDAY CALLED ON THE IRA TO GIVE UP
ITS WEAPONS. IN A SPEECH WHICH DELIGHTED BRITISH
DIPLOMATS AND ULSTER SECRETARY SIR PATRICK "AYHEW, HE
REPEATED HIS CALL FOR TALKS ON IRA DISAR"A"ENT.

"BUT "R CLINTON WENT FURTHER, SAYING: 'THE "OMENTUM MUST
BE "AINTAINED. THERE "UST BE PROGRESS. VIOLENCE HAS
DIMINISHED BUT NOT DISAPPEARED.

"'I CALL ON ALL THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO DEPLOY VIOLENCE TO
BRING TO AN END PUNISHMENT BEATINGS AND INTIMIDATION'.
THE 1,000-STRONG AUDIENCE WAS IN NO DOUBT THAT CLINTON
WAS TALKING ABOUT IRA ENFORCERS. ...

THE PRESIDENT ALSO CALLED FOR AN END TO THE REIGN OF
TERROR WHICH HAS FORCED FAMILIES APART. ... HE DID NOT
CALL FOR DIRECT IRA DISARMAMENT -- ONLY FOR TALKS ABOUT
IT. BUT BRITAIN IS STILL HOPING A"ERICAN PRESSURE WILL
EVENTUALLY FORCE THE IRA TO DISGORGE SO"E OF THE TWO
SHIPLOADS OF WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES SUPPLIED BY LIBYA'S
COLONEL GADDAFFI.

"SIR PATRICK SAID: 'I HOPE "Y MESSAGE, REINFORCED BY THE
PRESIDENT, WILL MAKE AN IMPRESSION ON ADAMS.'

"LATER, MR CLINTON DEALT A POINTED SNUB TO GERRY ADAMS --
DELIBERATELY AVOIDING A PUBLIC HANDSHAKE WITH THE FORMER

IRA COMMANDER.

"MR CLINTON ALSO AMAZED MANY AT THE CONFERENCE BY
REFERRING TO 'ULSTER PROTESTANTS, SOME OF THE' "Y
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ANCESTORS.' ONLY SIX MONTHS AGO, HE DECLARED: 'I A"
IRISH, I FEEL IRISH.'

"HIS DISCOVERY OF PROTESTANT ROOTS WAS PLAINLY DESIGNED
TO SOFTEN THE BLOW OF HIS PAST HELP AND SUPPORT FOR
ADAMS. HE IS CONSIDERING VISITING BRITAIN IN THE AUTUMN
AND MAY STOP IN ULSTER."

"A LESSON FOR GERRY ADAMS"

THE SAME PAPER EDITORIALIZED:

"HE IS A "AN WHO SETS GREAT STORE BY PUBLIC GESTURES, SO
GERRY ADAMS WILL BE DISTRESSED BY YESTERDAY'S APPARENT
SNUB IN WASHINGTON.

"BELATEDLY PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS LISTENED TO BRITAIN'S
WARNINGS AND TOLD THE IRA, AND ITS FRONT MAN, TO HAND
OVER ITS ARMORY.

"HE WENT FURTHER AND POINTEDLY REFUSED TO SHAKE MR ADAMS'
HAND IN PUBLIC. THE AFFRONT SHOULD BE A LESSON TO ADAMS
AND THE PROVOS.

"UNTIL NOW THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PROCRASTINATE AS
VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS OBLIGED THEM WITH PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES
IN THE BELIEF IT WAS A PRICE WORTH PLAYING TO KEEP THE
PEACE PROCESS ALIVE.

"HOURS EARLIER THE NORTHERN IRELAND SECRETARY HAD
DELIVERED THE SAME MESSAGE TO ADAMS.

"THE TIME FOR PUBLICITY STUNTS IS OVER. THE IRA HAS ENJOYED MORE RESPECTABILITY THAN ITS DESPICABLE BEHAVIOR DESERVED.

"TODAY IT MUST BEGIN A PROGRAM OF DECOMMISSIONING ITS STASH OF GUNS AND SEMTEX EXPLOSIVES WITH NO MORE EXCUSES OR CONDITIONS. UNTIL IT DOES, WE SHOULD ALLOW THE PROVOS NO MORE CONCESSIONS TO APPEASE ITS MINORITY SUPPORT. THEY HAVE A CHOICE. LET THEM EXERCISE IT."

(REPRODUCED IN FULL)

"CLINTON TURNS HIS BACK ON ADAMS"

THE CONSERVATIVE TABLOID DAILY MAIL REPORTED:

"PRESIDENT CLINTON SNUBBED GERRY ADAMS YESTERDAY IN FRONT OF 800 CONFERENCE DELEGATES AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

"AFTER A LANDMARK SPEECH IN WHICH HE URGED THE TERRORISTS

TO TURN IN THEIR ARMS, PRESIDENT CLINTON WARMLY SHOOK THE HANDS OF ULSTER SECRETARY SIR PATRICK HAYHEW AND SDLP LEADER JOHN HUME WHO WERE SITTING IN THE FRONT ROW.

"THEN AS ADAMS, SITTING FURTHER DOWN THE ROW, STOOD UP TO GREET HIM, THE PRESIDENT TURNED AWAY AND WALKED OUT.
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"IN HIS SPEECH, MR CLINTON FIRMLY SUPPORTED BRITAIN'S DEMANDS FOR THE TERRORISTS' WEAPONS TO BE SURRENDERED AND CALLED FOR AN END TO IRA BEATINGS AND INTimidATION. ... HE PRAISED OHN MAJOR AND THE REPUBLIC'S PRIME MINISTERS FOR THEIR COURAGE IN TAKING THE STEPS TOWARDS PEACE. PRESIDENT CLINTON DESCRIBED THE CONFERENCE AS 'A MOMENT OF HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY' AND OBSERVED: 'A PEACEFUL TRANSFORMATION HAS BEGUN.' ...

"MR CLINTON'S SUPPORT ON THE ARMS ISSUE WAS WELCOMED IN WHITEHALL. IN THE (HOUSE OF) COMMONS THE PRIME MINISTER SEIZED ON THE WHITE HOUSE INTERVENTION TO WARN SINN FEIN AND THE IRA THAT HE HAS NO INTENTION OF BACKING DOWN ON THE ISSUE."

IN BELFAST, THE NATIONALIST IRISH NEWS CALLED THE SPEECH

"STRONGLY-WORDED" AND SAID:

"PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON HAS DELIVERED A TOUGH CHALLENGE TO THE PARAMILITARIES IN NORTHERN IRELAND."

"GET RID OF YOUR WEAPONS"

THE UNIONIST NEWS LETTER SAID IN ITS FRONT PAGE SPLASH REPORT:

"THE IRA WAS GIVEN A POWERFUL 'GET RID OF YOUR ARMS' MESSAGE FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC LAST NIGHT.

"IN WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON APPEALED FOR STEPS TO START TOWARDS SERIOUS DECOMMISSIONING OF TERRORIST WEAPONS IN NORTHERN IRELAND. HIS SPEECH WAS GREETED BY A STANDING OVATION FROM THE 1,00 DELEGATES. ...

"IN LONDON, PRIME MINISTER JOHN MAJOR MADE IT CLEAR THAT UNLESS THE IRISH WERE TO HAND OVER TERRORIST ARSENALS, SINN FEIN WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED INTO FULL-SCALE POLITICAL TALKS."

2. BOSNIA

"STRIKING THE SERBS"

THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH EDITORIALIZED:

"BY BOMBING AN AMMUNITION DUMP NEAR PALE, NATO HAS DELIVERED AN OVERDUE WARNING TO THE BOSNIAN SERBS THAT THEY CANNOT FLOUT UN AGREEMENTS WITH IMPUNITY. ... PLAINLY, THIS COURSE CARRIES RISK. BY ATTACKING THE

SERBS, THE UN EXPOSES ITS TROOPS TO RETALIATION, A DANGER WHICH MAY LEAD SOME COUNTRIES TO WITHDRAW THEIR UNITS FROM BOSNIA. ...

"WHILE YESTERDAY'S ARMED DEMONSTRATION IS BETTER THAN DOING NOTHING, IT CANNOT HIDE THE FUNDAMENTAL WEAKNESS OF UNCLAS SECTION 09 OF 12 LONDON 007475

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THE UN POSITION. ... THE LESSONS OF THIS GRISLY
EXPERIENCE ARE PLAIN. TROOPS SHOULD NOT BE DEPLOYED TO
KEEP THE PEACE IF THERE IS NO PEACE TO BE KEPT. IF THEY
ARE TO IMPOSE A SETTLEMENT, THEY MUST BE GIVEN THE
COMMAND STRUCTURES AND THE WEAPONS TO DO SO. IN THE CASE
OF FORMER YUGOSLAVIA, WE HAVE LONG ARGUED THAT THE UN
SHOULD EITHER HAVE COMMITTED ITSELF WHOLEHEARTEDLY TO
IMPOSING A SETTLEMENT, OR STAYED OUT AND LET THE
COMBATANTS DECIDE THE ISSUE THEMSELVES. INSTEAD, WE HAVE
DRIFTED FAR BEYOND THAT POINT INTO A HOPELESSLY MUDDLED
COMPROMISE. FROM THAT VANTAGE POINT, YESTERDAY'S
DECISION TO BOMB DESERVES A CAUTIOUS WELCOME. IF THE UN
HAD ONCE MORE ALLOWED THE SERBS TO DEFY ITS THREATS WITH
IMPUNITY, IT MIGHT JUST AS WELL HAVE FOLDED ITS TENTS AND
LEFT. IN ANY EVENT, A DECISION TO DEPART SHOULD BE
CONFRONTED SOONER RATHER THAN LATER."

"WHEN BOMBS ARE NOT ENOUGH"

THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN EDITORIALIZED:

"TO BOMB OR NOT TO BOMB IS NOW ONLY A SECONDARY QUESTION
IN THE WIDER DILEMMA WHICH HAS BEEN CREATED BY THREE
YEARS OF LUKEWARM COMMITMENT TO THE UN PEACEKEEPING
OPERATION. YESTERDAY'S AIRSTRIKE SHOULD BE A PRELUDE TO
INCREASING THAT COMMITMENT, A WELCOME SIGN THAT THE
DITHERING IS OVER. INSTEAD IT COMES ON THE EVE OF A

SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING WHERE THE TALK WILL BE ABOUT
CUTTING FURTHER BACK. THE SECRETARY GENERAL MAY WITH
GOOD REASON COMPLAIN THAT UNPROFOR HAS BEEN SABOTAGED BY
UNDERFUNDING, UNDERSTAFFING, A FATAL TENDENCY TO ACT TOO
LATE, CHRONIC DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UN AND NATO, AND
BETWEEN THE U.S. AND PRACTICALLY EVERYONE ELSE. BUT MR
BOUTROS GHALI'S APPARENT PREFERENCE FOR A REDUCTION OF
TROOPS AND WITHDRAWAL FROM THE
SAFE AREAS IS AN
UNACCEPTABLE ADMISSION OF DEFEAT. ...

"AIRSTRIKES WILL MERELY PLACE THE TROOPS IN GREATER
JEOPARDY WITHOUT DETERRING THE SERBS UNLESS THEY ARE
ACCOMPANIED BY A CLEAR POLITICAL SIGNAL WHICH SAYS: THE
UN IS HERE TO STAY."

"WEST SHOWS FRUSTRATION WITH SERBS"

THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES COMMENTED:

"NATO'S AIR STRIKES AGAINST THE BOSNIAN SERBS YESTERDAY FOLLOWED TWO WEEKS OF STEADILY MOUNTING PRESSURE FROM THE U.S., AND TO A LESSER EXTENT ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES, FOR THE UN TO TAKE A TOUGHER STANCE IN BOSNIA. BUT THE RAID LEAVES UNSOLVED THE PROBLEMS FACING R BOUTROS GHALI AS HE STRUGGLES TO SQUARE THE CIRCLE AND FIND A NEW FORMULA FOR THE HARD-PRESSED PEACEKEEPING OPERATION TO CONTINUE ITS WORK. ...

"OBSERVERS SEE TWO REASONS WHY PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON IS KEEN TO KEEP THE UN MISSION IN BOSNIA INTACT: ONE IS TO UNCLAS SECTION 10 OF 12 LONDON 007475

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AVOID EXPOSURE, BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY, TO THE CHARGE THAT HE HAS ABANDONED THE BOSNIAN MUSLIMS. ANOTHER IS THAT ANY GENERAL COLLAPSE IN THE UN MISSION TO

FOR YUGOSLAVIA WOULD FORCE WASHINGTON TO MAKE GOOD ON ITS PROMISE TO PROVIDE UP TO 25,000 SOLDIERS FOR A GIANT NATO OPERATION TO EVACUATE THE PEACEKEEPERS FROM THE WAR ZONE.

"IN THE WORDS OF ONE OBSERVER OF THE CONFLICT, A UN DEPARTURE 'WOULD CONFRONT THE U.S. WITH THE NEED TO FORMULATE ITS OWN POLICY IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA' INSTEAD OF HIDING BEHIND THE UN, FAILINGS AND ALL.

"EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS ARE NOW WAITING NERVOUSLY TO SEE HOW HEAVY A PRICE THEY WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR THE TWISTS AND TURNS OF U.S. POLICY."

"TIME TO PULL OUT"

THE CONSERVATIVE TABLOID DAILY EXPRESS EDITORIALIZED:

"IN RECENT WEEKS THE UN AND ITS PEACEKEEPING FORCES HAVE SEEN THEIR AUTHORITY ERODED TO THE POINT OF HUMILIATION. ... THE MOMENT MAY HAVE COME FOR THE INTERNATIONAL POWERS TO DECIDE WHETHER THE UN SHOULD WITHDRAW FROM BOSNIA BEFORE IT GETS FURTHER FIRED IN A WAR THAT CANNOT BE WON."

3. U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

"IN NEED OF FASTENING"

THE INDEPENDENT WEEKLY ECONOMIST EDITORIALIZED:

"SOUNDS DECEIVE. IT IS SOMETIMES HARD TO TELL WHETHER THE LOW DRONE ACROSS THE ATLANTIC THESE DAYS IS THE

"URMUR OF APPROVAL OR THE SIGH OF EXASPERATION. CERTAINLY, SOME AMERICANS HAVE GROWN IMPATIENT WITH THEIR EUROPEAN ALLIES OF LATE; AND SOME EUROPEANS, NO LONGER TROUBLED BY SOVIET COMMUNISM, SEE LESS NEED TO KEEP THEIR OLD FRIENDSHIP WITH THE YANKS IN GOOD REPAIR. OTHERS, HOWEVER, ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC, APPEAR ANXIOUS TO EASE THE STRAINS. HENCE SOME OF THE AUDIO CONFUSION: A ZIPPER BEING FASTENED MAKES MUCH THE SAME NOISE AS ONE BEING UNDONE. ...

"DIFFERENCES AMONG THE NORTH ATLANTIC PARTNERS ARE NOT NEW; THE ALLIANCE HAS SURVIVED WORSE. BUT THE COMMON ENEMY IS NOW GONE, AND WITH IT THE MOST OBVIOUS SOURCE OF PRESSURE HOLDING THE GROUP TOGETHER. THE ALLIES FEEL FREER TO DISAGREE OPENLY. IN REFUSING TO ENFORCE THE ARMS BLOCKAGE ON BOSNIA, AMERICA HAS FOR THE FIRST TIME UNILATERALLY TURNED ITS BACK ON ITS NATO ALLIES.

"MOREOVER, IRRITATION WITH WEST EUROPEANS IS NOT CONFINED
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TO THE RELATIVELY FEW AMERICANS WHO CONCERN THEMSELVES WITH EX-YUGOSLAVIA. IT IS CONSPICUOUS AMONG THE NEW REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IN CONGRESS, FOR WHOM ECONOMICS, OR RATHER BOOK-KEEPING, SOMETIMES SEEMS MORE IMPORTANT THAN HISTORY OR GEOPOLITICS. ...

"PROGRESS ON TRADE WOULD SURELY HELP TO CEMENT THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. ... BUT ECONOMICS AND FREE TRADE ARE NOT NECESSARILY ENOUGH. IT IS IDLE TO IMAGINE THAT, IN A WORLD DEVOID OF TARIFFS AND TRADE BARRIERS, DISAGREEMENTS, AND INDEED WARS, WOULD NOT ARISE. IT IS EQUALLY IDLE TO IMAGINE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN NORTH AMERICA AND WESTERN EUROPE CAN BE WHOLLY INVIGORATED BY A ROUND OF TRADE TALKS. TO BELIEVE THAT IS CERTAINLY TO DO

LESS THAN JUSTICE TO THE FULL RANGE OF VALUES AND INTERESTS THAT THEY HAVE IN COMMON.

"THESE VALUES AND INTERESTS REFLECT WHAT IS BROADLY A COMMON OUTLOOK, ARISING FROM BROADLY THE SAME CULTURAL TRADITION AND DIRECTED AT BROADLY THE SAME SET OF AIMS AND IDEALS. THEY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR MUCH OF THE WORLD'S PRESENT SHAPE. THEY ARE NOT ALL NOBLE OR IMMUNE TO CRITICISM. BUT IN THE SECOND PART OF THIS CENTURY THEY HAVE SEEN OFF FASCISM AND COMMUNISM, LAID THE FOUNDATIONS FOR DEMOCRACY IN COUNTRIES THAT HAD KNOWN LITTLE BUT DESPOTISM, AND HELPED TO SPREAD PROSPERITY ON A SCALE UNSURPASSED IN HUMAN HISTORY.

"IF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE CAN MAINTAIN THE DYNAMISM OF THIS SHARED IDENTITY, THEY CAN CONTINUE TO SHAPE THE WORLD FOR THE BETTER. TO DO SO THEY NEED NOT JUST GOOD COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BUT SOMETHING LIKE A SHARED FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY. AT A MINIMUM, THERE WILL BE THREATS TO THEIR SHARED INTERESTS. WHAT THESE THREATS WILL BE NO ONE CAN SAY, BUT SOME OF THE CANDIDATES -- RESURGENT RUSSIA, INTOLERANT ISLAM, NUCLEAR-ARMED DESPERADO STATES -- ARE CLOSER TO EUROPE THAN TO AMERICA. NATO IS THE ORGANIZATION TO DEAL WITH SUCH THREATS, THOUGH NOT, TO BE SURE, THE NATO OF YESTERDAY THAT WAS DESIGNED TO FIGHT THE RUSSIANS, BUT RATHER A NEW NATO OF TOMORROW. IT IS TOWARDS THIS, NOT JUST TOWARDS NAFTA, THAT THE ALLIES' EYES SHOULD BE TURNING."

"FROM THE JAWS OF VICTORY"

WRITING IN THE SAME PAPER, FORMER AMBASSADOR SEITZ COMMENTED IN A LENGTHY ITEM:

"WASHINGTON IS STILL A PLACE TO BE. BUT FOREIGN POLICY THESE DAYS IN WASHINGTON IS A SOMETIME THING. PRESIDENT CLINTON GOES THROUGH THE MOTIONS WITHOUT MUCH CONVICTION OR FOCUS. THE STATE DEPARTMENT CHASES AFTER WISPY GUIDANCE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE. THE CIA LURCHES FROM ONE

EXPOSURE TO THE NEXT. THE NSC IS AS CLUMSY AND
INEFFECTUAL AS ANYONE CAN REMEMBER. SEN JESSE HELMS, THE
NEW HEAD OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, SITS
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ON CAPITOL HILL LIKE A CHESHIRE CAT WITH HIS EYE ON A
HOST OF CANARIES.

"OUTSIDERS COMING TO WASHINGTON SNIFF IN THE SPRINGTIME
AIR A VAGUE DETACHMENT ABOUT ISSUES BEYOND THE OCEANS.
BOSNIA, THE "EXICAN PESO, TRADE WITH JAPAN DO INTRUDE
UPON THE AMERICAN AGENDA, BUT ONLY EPISODICALLY. THIS
ATMOSPHERE OF DISCONNECTEDNESS IS NOT DELIBERATE. BUT IT
IS THERE. ONE CANNOT HELP BUT WONDER WHETHER AMERICA,
DISTRACTED AND SOMETIMES PETULANT, IS BEGINNING ONCE
AGAIN IN THIS CENTURY TO SLIP ITS "MOORINGS FROM THE REST
OF THE WORLD. ...

"LIKE ANY COUNTRY, THE U.S. HAS A SET OF INTERNATIONAL
INTERESTS, COMPLICATED TO BE SURE, BUT UNLIKELY TO CHANGE
MUCH. A STABLE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT IS "MANIFESTLY A
PRECONDITION FOR OUR OWN DOMESTIC PROGRESS. AMERICA IS
ALSO A GLOBAL POWER, UNIQUELY SO, AND WE ARE THEREFORE IN
A BETTER POSITION THAN "MOST TO INFLUENCE THE FUTURE. AS
A WEIGHTY NATION, AMERICA IS LISTENED TO CAREFULLY IF WE
SPEAK CLEARLY. AND WE ARE A NATION JUST FAR ENOUGH AWAY
FROM "MOST OTHER PLACES FOR OUR PRESENCE NOT TO BE
THREATENING IN AN IMPERIAL SENSE.

"THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THAT WE AMERICANS ARE

INCURABLY RECIDIVIST WHEN IT COMES TO FOREIGN POLICY.
THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT OUR SPLENDID GEOGRAPHY
WILL NEVER AGAIN PROVIDE FOR OUR NATIONAL SAFETY, AND OUR
VIBRANT ECONOMY CANNOT PROSPER BEHIND NATIONAL BARRIERS.
THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT HAVE CHANGED OVER THE PAST 50
YEARS. AMERICA NEEDS A STEADY WORLD; AND ONLY AMERICA
CAN STEADY THE WORLD." O'BRIEN
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1. SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION. THE INTERNATIONAL NICKEL STUDY GROUP (INSG) CONDUCTED ITS ANNUAL MEETING ON APRIL 25-27, 1995, IN THE HAGUE. THE US WAS REPRESENTED BY PETER KUCK OF THE BUREAU OF MINES, AND EMBASSY ECONOMIC OFFICER MARJORIE AMES. ACTING AS OBSERVERS, THE US DELEGATES ATTENDED MEETINGS OF THE INDUSTRY ADVISORY PANEL AND THE STATISTICS COMMITTEE ON APRIL 26, AS WELL AS THE FIFTH GENERAL SESSION OF THE INSG ON APRIL 27.

2. DELEGATES FROM COUNTRIES REPRESENTING OVER 70 PERCENT OF THE WORLD'S NICKEL PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION WERE IN ATTENDANCE. MUCH OF THE DISCUSSION CENTERED ON HOW TO IMPROVE THE COLLECTION, USE AND DISSEMINATION OF NICKEL

STATISTICS, AND THE WORK OF THE INSG AS A WHOLE. OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST TO ALL IN ATTENDANCE WAS A PRESENTATION OFFERED BY THE RUSSIAN DELEGATION ON ITS NICKEL PRODUCTION AND EXPORT STATISTICS, AND THE STATE OF THE RUSSIAN NICKEL INDUSTRY IN GENERAL.

3. THE CUBAN DELEGATE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY OF PRESENTING HIS NATIONAL STATEMENT TO CRITICIZE PROPOSED US LEGISLATION WHICH PURPORTEDLY WOULD STRENGTHEN THE EMBARGO AGAINST CUBA. THE ISSUE OF US MEMBERSHIP IN THE INSG WAS ADDRESSED BY SEVERAL DELEGATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THE MEETINGS AND DISCUSSED INFORMALLY ON THE MARGINS. IT IS CLEAR THAT ALL MEMBERS CONTINUE TO URGE US MEMBERSHIP, AND MAY MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO THIS EFFECT IN WASHINGTON.

4. AT THE END OF THE CONFERENCE, THE INSG ISSUED A PRESS RELEASE. POST HAS SENT ALL OF THE DOCUMENTS GENERATED AND DISSEMINATED DURING THE MEETINGS TO EB/ESC/ICD VIA UNCLASSIFIED POUCH. END SUMMARY AND INTRO.

INDUSTRY ADVISORY PANEL

5. DURING THE MEETINGS HELD BY THE INSG IN OCTOBER, 1994, IT WAS DECIDED TO ESTABLISH AN "INDUSTRY ADVISORY PANEL" WHICH WOULD MEET IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED INSG MEETINGS, AND WHICH WOULD EXPLORE WAYS TO IMPROVE THE WORK OF THE GROUP. DURING ITS FIRST MEETING, THE PANEL DISCUSSED A VARIETY OF ISSUES REGARDING THE ACCURACY AND UTILITY OF THE STATISTICS COLLECTED BY THE INSG. ONE QUESTION INVOLVED HOW NICKEL SALTS ARE COUNTED IN NATIONAL STATISTICS. THE CHAIR SUGGESTED THAT, BEFORE THE NOVEMBER MEETING, THE INSG SECRETARIAT SURVEY EACH COUNTRY TO FIND OUT HOW IT COUNTS NICKEL SALTS. THIS INFORMATION WOULD BE REVIEWED BY THE ADVISORY PANEL AND USED TO DEVELOP CLEARER REPORTING STANDARDS FOR CHEMICAL STATISTICS. ONE OF THE ADVISORS OBJECTED TO THE USE OF "GUESSTIMATES" IN INSG PUBLISHED STATISTICS, STATING THAT A REVIEW OF THE INSG DOCUMENT, "STATISTICAL SOURCES AND METHODOLOGIES," SHOWS IT TO BE A "GOOD START," BUT THAT STATISTICAL COLLECTION NEEDS TO BE MORE ACCURATE AND COMPREHENSIVE TO BE USEFUL.

6. A REPRESENTATIVE OF INCO LTD. WAS PARTICULARLY CRITICAL OF THE WORK OF THE GROUP. HE SAID THAT, CONTRARY TO THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE OF THE INSG, IT WAS BECOMING TOO INVOLVED IN ANALYSIS. HE ALSO STATED THAT DISTRIBUTION OF THE GROUP'S STATISTICAL BULLETIN SHOULD BE LIMITED TO MEMBERS, IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERSHIP.

7. HIS COMMENTS LED TO A DISCUSSION OF WAYS TO ENCOURAGE NON-MEMBERS TO JOIN THE INSG. APPARENTLY, THIS ISSUE WAS DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS CLOSED TO OBSERVERS. THE INCO REPRESENTATIVE POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE FEW INCENTIVES FOR MEMBERSHIP SINCE OBSERVERS ARE FREE TO ATTEND MEETINGS, AND THE STATISTICS COLLECTED BY THE GROUP ARE FREELY AVAILABLE.

ONE ADVISOR SUGGESTED THAT PRODUCERS LOBBY CONSUMERS IN NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERSHIP. THE PANEL CONCLUDED ITS MEETING BY AGREEING THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 1995 AT 3:00 P.M.

STATISTICS COMMITTEE

8. MUCH OF THE DISCUSSION DURING THE MEETING OF THE

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STATISTICS COMMITTEE CENTERED AROUND THE GAPS AND OMISSIONS AMONG THOSE COUNTRIES WHO HAD SUBMITTED STATISTICS TO THE INSG. THESE GAPS ARE FULLY DISCUSSED IN THE DOCUMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN POUCHED TO EB/ESC/ICD, BUT SEVERAL ARE WORTH MENTIONING HERE.

- 0 THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, REPRESENTED UNOFFICIALLY BY FALCONBRIDGE LTD., APPARENTLY HAS NO INTENTION OF PROVIDING STATISTICS AT THIS TIME.
- 0 FRANCE, AFTER YEARS OF INTRANSIGENCE, REVEALED THAT IT IS NOW IN A POSITION TO IMPROVE DISCLOSURE, AND WILL THEREFORE DO SO.
- 0 GREECE MAINTAINS A POLICY OF A SIX MONTH DELAY ON THE PRODUCTION AND DISCLOSURE OF ITS STATISTICS.
- 0 RUSSIA EXPLAINED THAT IT FACES A VARIETY OF DIFFICULTIES IN DEVELOPING ITS STATISTICS. IN THE PAST, STATISTICS WERE CONFIDENTIAL. THEY ARISE FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES, SO THEREFORE PREPARATION REQUIRES TIME.
- 0 SOUTH AFRICA DOES NOT PUBLISH COMPLETE EXPORT STATISTICS ON NICKEL AND MANY FERROALLOYS IN ORDER TO CONCEAL COMPANY PROPRIETARY DATA. ONLY VALUES IN RAND ARE REPORTED. ANOTHER PROBLEM IS THAT EXPORTS FROM BOTSWANA ARE INCLUDED WITH THOSE OF SOUTH AFRICA AS A RESULT OF THE TRADE UNION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. A THIRD PROBLEM IS THAT SOME EXPORTS FROM ZIMBABWE THROUGH DURBAN ARE NOT UNDER BOND AND THEREFORE ARE RE-EXPORTED FROM SOUTH AFRICA. THEREFORE, THE INSG MUST INSURE THAT THESE EXPORTS ARE NOT DOUBLE COUNTED.

0 UKRAINE PROVIDES NO INFORMATION. EXPORTS OF FERRONICKEL ARE CURRENTLY CHanneled THROUGH ONE COMPANY WHICH IS NOW BEING PRIVATIZED. IN THE PAST THE COMPANY HAS NOT BEEN FORTHCOMING, EVEN WITH THE GOU, BUT THE DELEGATION EXPECTS THIS SITUATION TO IMPROVE BY NEXT YEAR.

RUSSIAN STATISTICS

9. AS IT HAS FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, THE RUSSIAN DELEGATION PROVIDED THE INSG WITH STATISTICS REGARDING NICKEL PRODUCTION IN RUSSIA AND RUSSIAN EXPORTS. CITING THE DIFFICULTIES IN THE RUSSIAN ECONOMY IN GENERAL, THE HEAD OF THE RUSSIAN DELEGATION NOTED THE RUSSIAN NICKEL INDUSTRY HAS SUFFERED AS WELL. HOWEVER, THE INCREASE IN WORLD NICKEL PRICES HAS ALLOWED RUSSIA TO MAINTAIN PRODUCTION. THE DELEGATE CITED SEVERAL REASQNS FOR THE PRICE RECOVERY, INCLUDING JOINT EFFORTS WITH OTHER SUPPLIERS TO STABILIZE THE WORLD NICKEL MARKET (BY DELAYING EXPANSION AND GREENFIELD PROJECTS), THE REVIVAL OF THE WORLD ECONOMY, AND SUSEQUENT INCREASES IN WORLD STAINLESS STEEL PRODUCTION.

10. IN 1994, RUSSIA INTRODUCED SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN ITS EXPORT REGULATION. SINCE JULY 1, 1994, MANY QUOTAS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED AND EXPORT LICENSES HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED. THIS, COMBINED WITH A DECREASE IN DOMESTIC DEMAND, HAS ALLOWED NORILSK TO MAINTAIN AND EVEN INCREASE COMPANY SALES TO THE WEST. WHILE COMMERCIAL SALES INCREASED CONSIDERABLY FROM 17,000 TONS IN 1993 TO 53,200 TONS IN 1994, NICKEL SALES TO THE RUSSIAN FERROUS METALS INDUSTRIES AND OTHERS DECRMSED FROM 70,000 TONS IN 1993 TO 25,000 TONS IN 1994. NICKEL WAS NOT SUPPLIED TO THE C.I.S. DURING 1994.

11. IN RESPONSE TO THE RUSSIAN PRESENTATION, THE GROUP EXPRESSED ITS APPRECIATION FOR THE INFORMATION. THE FOLLOWING IS A COMPILATION OF THE DATA PROVIDED BY THE RUSSIAN DELEGATION. A COPY OF THE DELEGATION'S STATEMENT IS BEING FORWARDED VIA DIPLOMATIC POUCH TO EB/ESC/ICD.
RUSSIAN NICKEL PRODUCTION (THOUSAND TONS)

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
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TOTAL	341	320	284	245	186
PERCENT OF PREVIOUS YEAR	---	93.8	88.8	86.3	75.9
RAO NORILSK	267	254	241	210	160
PERCENT OF PREVIOUS YEAR	---	95.0	94.9	87.1	76.2
TOO TYAZHTSVETMET (INCLUDING CUBAN RAW MATERIAL)	74	66	43	35	26
PERCENT OF PREVIOUS YEAR	---	89.2	65.2	81.4	74.3
SHARE OF RAO NORILSK NICKEL IN TOTAL NICKEL PRODUCTION IN RUSSIA	78.3	79.4	84.9	85.7	86.0

RUSSIAN NICKEL PRODUCTION (THOUSAND TONS)

	1994	1995 (EXPECTED)
TOTAL	189	194
PERCENT OF PREVIOUS YEAR	101.6	102.6
RAO NORILSK (CONSIDERING TOLLING, NICKEL EXPORTS IN THE FORM OF CONVERTED MATTE AND FERRONICKEL)	177	174
PERCENT OF PREVIOUS YEAR	106.9	101.8
TOO TYAZHTSVETMET (INCLUDING CUBAN RAW MATERIAL)	18	20
PERCENT OF PREVIOUS YEAR	69.2	111.1
SHARE OF RAO NORILSK NICKEL IN TOTAL NICKEL PRODUCTION IN RUSSIA	90.5	89.7

RUSSIAN NICKEL EXPORTS (THOUSAND TONS)		
EXPORTER	YEAR	
	1994	1995 (EXPECTED)
NORILSK NICKEL	86.5	120.5
INCLUDING: ELECTROLYTIC	80.0	110.0
IN NICKEL-BEARING PRODUCTS	8.5	10.5
TOTAL	142.	145.0
(1994 AMT INCLUDES 30.6 THOUSAND TONS OF NICKEL IN FERRONICKEL)		

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PERCENT OF	115.0	101.7
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CUBAN PRESENTATION

12. THE CUBAN DELEGATE UTILIZED THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT HIS NATIONAL STATEMENT TO BLAST US POLICY AND THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION AUTHORED BY SENATOR JESSE HELMS WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION. HE BEGAN BY STATING THAT THE CUBAN NICKEL INDUSTRY HAS BEEN EXPERIENCING ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT ERAS IN ITS LONG HISTORY. NOTING THAT IN THE PAST, CUBA HAS BEEN DEPENDENT ON THE EASTERN BLOC, THE FALL OF THE SOVIET UNION HAS CREATED AN UNIQUE AND DIFFICULT SITUATION FOR CUBA. HE CONTINUED THAT THE CUBAN NICKEL INDUSTRY HAS NOT YET MANAGED TO RECOVER, DESPITE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION INCLUDING INVESTMENTS. HOWEVER, FOREIGN PARTNERSHIPS, INVESTMENTS AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES HAVE RESULTED IN A SLIGHT RECOVERY WITHIN THE INDUSTRY.

13. AFTER DISCUSSING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CHE GUEVARA REFINERY, AND CUBA'S NEW OUTLOOK FOR A REVIVED NICKEL

INDUSTRY, THE DELEGATE LAUNCHED INTO AN ATTACK ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION SET FORTH BY SENATOR HELMS WHICH PURPORTEDLY WOULD STRENGTHEN THE ECONOMIC EMBARGO AGAINST CUBA AND PUNISH ANYONE WHO WANTS TO INVEST IN CUBAN INDUSTRY IN GENERAL, AND IN THE CUBAN NICKEL INDUSTRY IN PARTICULAR. THE DELEGATE CONTINUED THAT THE HELMS BILL IS AN ATTACK ON THE SOVEREIGNTY OF CUBA, AND WILL ALSO AFFECT THE INTERESTS OF MANY US BUSINESSMEN. THESE BUSINESSMEN ARE UNHAPPY ABOUT BEING EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE IN CUBA. HE STRESSED THAT THE HELMS LEGISLATION COULD HAVE A SERIOUS DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND CUBA, AND WOULD ALSO VIOLATE PROVISIONS OF THE URUGUAY ROUND AS WELL AS THE PRINCIPLES OF THE NEW WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION.

14. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CUBAN NATIONAL STATEMENT, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING REMARKED THAT HE WAS NOT SURE THAT THIS WAS THE APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR THE DISCUSSION OF THESE KINDS OF ISSUES. HE ADDED THAT THE ISSUE RAISED BY CUBA IS BASICALLY A BILATERAL ONE. NO OTHER DELEGATIONS OFFERED COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO THE CUBAN STATEMENT. (COMMENT: SECRETARY GENERAL GLEN WITTUR LATER APPROACHED THE US DELEGATION AND APOLOGIZED FOR THE TIMING OF THE CUBAN STATEMENT, MEANING BEFORE THE US STATEMENT, SAYING THAT THE ORDER WAS DETERMINED SOLELY BY THE ORDER IN WHICH THE STATEMENTS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARIAT.)

UKRAINE STATEMENT

15. UKRAINE ATTENDED THE INSG MEETINGS AS AN OBSERVER, REPRESENTED BY A FIVE-PERSON DELEGATION. (THE SECRETARY GENERAL WAS UNSURE WHETHER THE UKRAINIANS WOULD ATTEND, AND HAVING HAD NO COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION, SENT THE INTERPRETER AWAY JUST AS THEY ARRIVED.) WHEN ASKED WHETHER UKRAINE WOULD PROVIDE A NATIONAL STATEMENT, THE HEAD OF THE UKRAINIAN DELEGATION REPLIED THAT THEY DID NOT WANT TO MAKE A STATEMENT. HE COMMENTED THAT THIS WAS UKRAINE'S FIRST TIME IN ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF THE INSG, AND THAT THEY WERE ESSENTIALLY ATTENDING AS OBSERVERS, IN ORDER TO "SEE WHAT'S GOING ON."

CHINESE STATEMENT

16. THE PRC DELEGATION MADE A BRIEF STATEMENT DURING THE GENERAL SESSION. NOTING THAT SINCE LAST OCTOBER, THE CHINESE ECONOMY HAS MAINTAINED "SUSTAINED GROWTH," THE HEAD OF THE CHINESE DELEGATION SAID THAT THIS GROWTH HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE STEADY AND RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHINESE NICKEL INDUSTRY. IN 1994, CHINA PRODUCED 31,189 TONNES, UP 7.10 PERCENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. NICKEL CONSUMPTION SLOWED SLIGHTLY IN 1994, BUT WAS STILL MORE THAN IN 1993.

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17. THE PRC EXPORTED 5,544 TONNES OF UNWROUGHT NICKEL AND NICKEL ALLOY, 1,154 TONNES OF NICKEL SEMIS. CHINESE NICKEL IMPORTS AMOUNTED TO 97 TONNES OF UNWROUGHT NICKEL AND NICKEL ALLOY, AND 3,003 TONNES OF NICKEL SEMIS.

18. THE PRC PROJECTS THAT IT WILL MAINTAIN ITS GROWTH RATE THROUGH 1995, AND IS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT DOMESTIC NICKEL CONSUMPTION. ACCORDING TO THE HEAD OF THE CHINESE DELEGATION, THE SECOND PHASE OF A PRODUCTION INCREASE AT JINCHUAN NONFERROUS METALS COMPANY WILL BE COMPLETED AT THE END OF 1995, RESULTING IN AN INCREASE IN CAPACITY TO 40,000 TONNES. ACTUAL PRODUCTION FOR ALL OF CHINA SHOULD BE 33,000 TONNES. CHINA ALSO ESTIMATES THAT NICKEL DEMAND WILL RISE IN 1995, DUE TO INCREASED DEMAND IN STAINLESS STEEL AND OTHER SECTORS, RESULTING IN AN INCREASE IN CONSUMPTION OF UP TO 9.1 PERCENT OVER 1994.

ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH ISSUES, EU REGULATIONS DISCUSSED

19. ISSUES INVOLVING THE BASEL CONVENTION WERE RAISED AT DIFFERENT TIMES DURING THE INSG MEETINGS. ONE SPEAKER, RESPONDING TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE BASEL CONVENTION AND ITS IMPACT ON STAINLESS STEEL PRODUCTION, REMARKED THAT IT IS A "BIG PROBLEM." HE FORESEES DIFFICULTIES WHEREBY SOME MATERIALS WHICH ARE CURRENTLY BEING USED WILL NOT BE ALLOWED BY LAW FOR CONSUMPTION. HE ALSO NOTED THAT HE WAS CURRENTLY WORKING WITH DUTCH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION.

20. DELEGATES ALSO LISTENED TO A DETAILED PRESENTATION BY THE NICKEL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE DISCUSSING RECENT SCIENTIFIC STUDIES OF THE HEALTH ASPECTS OF NICKEL. THE MAIN POINT OF THIS PRESENTATION WAS THAT THE DANGERS OF NICKEL CONSUMPTION OR NICKEL SENSITIZATION HAVE BEEN OVERBLOWN, AND THAT THE INDUSTRY SHOULD ADVOCATE A SOUND APPROACH TO RISK ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT.

21. IN ADDITION, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION WAS PRESENT TO DELIVER A SUMMARY OF THE MANY EU DIRECTIVES AFFECTING NICKEL. SHE EXPLAINED THAT NICKEL "SENSITIZATION," AS WELL AS THE NEED TO HARMONIZE LEGISLATION BETWEEN MEMBER STATES, HAVE LED THE EU TO ADOPT REGULATIONS AFFECTING THE USE OF NICKEL.

US MEMBERSHIP

22. THE ISSUE OF US MEMBERSHIP CAME UP SPORADICALLY DURING THE COURSE OF THE TWO DAYS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE US DELEGATION, AND CLEARLY WAS DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE. SEVERAL MEMBER COUNTRIES ADDRESSED THE MATTER AS PART OF THEIR NATIONAL STATEMENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, CANADA IN ITS NATIONAL STATEMENT EXTENDED A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OBSERVERS AND INDICATED ITS HOPE THAT THE OBSERVERS WOULD FIND THE INSG PROCEEDINGS "INFORMATIVE AND BENEFICIAL TO THEIR NEEDS."

23. NATURALLY, BOTH US DELEGATES WERE APPROACHED ON THE MARGINS BY MEMBERS OF VARIOUS DELEGATIONS. HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO ORGANIZED LOBBYING BY THE GROUP, AS IN THE OCTOBER 1994 MEETINGS WHEN THE CHAIRMAN ALLOWED STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT FOR US MEMBERSHIP DURING THE MEETING OF THE STATISTICS COMMITTEE. WHEN APPROACHED DELEGATES INFORMED THE INSG MEMBERS, PER INSTRUCTIONS, THAT THE MATTER IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION.

24. GLEN WITTUR, IN A DISCUSSION WITH BOTH US DELEGATES, INFORMED US THAT OTHER MEMBERS HAD SUGGESTED THAT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON PRESENT DEMARCHES TO URGE US MEMBERSHIP. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE PLANNED TO BE IN CANADA FOR A VACATION THIS SUMMER AND WAS CONSIDERING A TRIP TO WASHINGTON, IF THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE OR USEFUL. WE INFORMED HIM THAT THE MATTER WAS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION, AND HE CONCLUDED THAT IN ANY CASE HE MAY TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON TO RENEW OLD CONTACTS. END TEXT.

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1. U.S. POLITICS: IN ITS JUNE 8 REGULAR FRONT PAGE COMMENTARY 'CURRENT QUESTIONS,' LE NOUVELLISTE WRITES: "THE THREAT IS DEEPER AND DEEPER. THE U.S. CONGRESS, WITH A MAJORITY OF REPUBLICANS, VOTED A LAW REDUCING AUTHORIZATION IN THE CURRENT FISCAL, YEAR BY U.S. DOLS 16 BILLION. THAT'S WHAT MOTIVATED PRESIDENT CLINTON'S VETO. IF THE REPUBLICANS FIND THE RESOURCES TO WORK AROUND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE:'S DECISION, THE CONSEQUENCES WILL BE AS CATASTROPHIC AS UNPREDICTABLE."

2. OASGA/BOSNIA: IN THE SAME COLUMN IN ITS WEEKEND EDITLON, JUNE 9-11, LE NOUVELLISTE COMMENTS ON THE "HAITIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER, CLAUDETTE WERLEIGH, BEING DELIGHTED WITH THE MEETING IN MONTROUIS: FOR HAITI, THE HARVEST WAS PLENTIFUL. BUT EVERYTHING SEEMED TO HAPPEN WITHIN THE QUASL-INDIFFERENCE OF A WASHINGTON PREOCCUPIED BY THE QUESTION OF BOSNIA."

"LARGELY ABANDONED BY HIS DEMOCRAT SUPPORTERS AND SEVERELY BATTERED BY THE REPUBLICANS, PRESIDENT CLINTON FINDS HIMSELF BEATEN TO THE WALL BY CONGRESS AS FAR AS HIS FOREIGN POLICY IS CONCERNED. INCAPABLE OF IMPOSING HIS OWN STYLE, HE IS PRESSED

HARD BY THE SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE'S
REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN, JESSE HELMS, WHO DEMANDS A
RETURN TO THE 'REAGAN DOCTRINE' IN ORDER TO DEAL,
WITH BOSNIA. SO, PRAISE FOR THE BIG STICK!"

ON PAGE 5 OF SAME EDITION, LE NOUVELLISTE CARRIED AN
AFP ARTICLE THAT BEGINS: "THE UNITED STATES HAS
SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT ITS FIRST OPERATION ON
BOSNIAN SOIL, THURSDAY, RESCUING ONE OF ITS PILOTS,
SHOT DOWN LAST FRIDAY WHILE PILOTING A F-16 OVER
BOSNIA."

3. OAS: METROPOLE REPORTED ON SOME OF THE HAITIAN
WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS' COMMENTARIES ON THE OASGA.
ACCORDING TO METROPOLE, HAITI PROGRESS REPORTS:
"THIS OAS ASSEMBLY REPRESENTS A SHORT-LIVED
EUPHORIA, BUT WILL NOT CHANGE THE SITUATION OF THE
COUNTRY A BIT," WHILE HAITI EN MARCHE CONCLUDES "THE
HAITIAN CRISIS GAVE THE OAS THE CHANCE TO GAIN SOME
GLORY FOR ITSELF AND HOLD ITS HEAD HIGH AGAIN IN A
NEW DAY." AT THE SAME TIME, "HAITI OBSERVATEUR
CONSIDERS THE HOLDING OF THE OAS ASSEMBLY IN HAITI A
GRAVE POLITICAL ERROR MADE BY THE ARISTIDE-MICHEL
GOVERNMENT, WHICH WILL ISOLATE THE PRIEST-PRESIDENT
FROM THE MASSES WITH WHOM HE CLAIMS TO HAVE A DEEP
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1. THE JUNE 13 ISSUE OF THE INDEPENDENT ENGLISH-LANGUAGE
HONGKONG STANDARD CARRIED A FULL-PAGE INTERVIEW ON PAGE
13 WITH OUTGOING ASIA SOCIETY DIRECTOR BURT LEVIN,
FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BURMA AND FORMER U.S. CONSUL
GENERAL IN HONG KONG. LEVIN DEPARTS HONG KONG IN JULY
TO TAKE UP A TEACHING POSITION AT CARLETON COLLEGE IN
MINNESOTA. THE MAIN TOPIC OF THE INTERVIEW, WRITTEN BY
ERIC CAVALIERO, WAS U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS. TEXT OF THE
ARTICLE FOLLOWS:

(BEGIN TEXT OF ARTICLE)
SOMETHING DANGEROUS HAS HAPPENED BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF
THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA. THEY HAVE MISJUDGED EACH
OTHER ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES. AND THIS, SAID BURTON

LEVIN, COULD BE TRAGIC FOR THEM AND THE PEACE OF THE WORLD.

THE OUTGOING DIRECTOR OF HONG KONG'S ASIA SOCIETY SAID HE BELIEVED THE PAST TWO YEARS HAD BEEN ONE LONG NIGHTMARE OF MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND BEIJING.

"FRICTIONS HAVE DEVELOPED," HE SAID. "IF YOU LET THEM GO UNREMEDIED YOU ARE LIABLE TO HAVE MORE THAN FRICTIONS -- YOU'LL GET SERIOUS DETERIORATION. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION'S HANDLING OF CHINESE POLICY HAS CREATED THE CONDITIONS WHICH ACCOUNT FOR SUCH INCREASED ATTENTION TO TAIWAN IN THE UNITED STATES. THE ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT WANT THIS. THEY DON'T WANT TO MOVE AWAY FROM THE 'ONE CHINA' POLICY. BUT BY DEPICTING CHINA IN SUCH HORRENDOUS TERMS, THE ADMINISTRATION CREATED AN ENVIRONMENT WHICH HAS ENCOURAGED POLITICAL ACTIVISTS TO EMBRACE THE CAUSE OF TAIWAN'S INDEPENDENCE."

MR. LEVIN, A FORMER US CONSUL GENERAL IN HONG KONG, MADE HIS COMMENTS IN THE COURSE OF A 45-MINUTE INTERVIEW IN WHICH HE ALSO SPOKE ABOUT HONG KONG'S FUTURE AND THE EXTREME POVERTY HE WITNESSED HERE IN 1955. ON THE FESTERING SORES THAT PLAGUE THE SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP, HE SAID: "IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU LOOK INTO THE REASONS FOR THESE FRICTIONS AND WHETHER THEY ARE NECESSARY. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT THIS IS ALL SO GRATUITOUS. THERE IS NO NEED FOR THIS. I WORRY BECAUSE I HAVE SEEN HOW AMERICA HAS PERSISTENTLY MISUNDERSTOOD CHINA. I DON'T WANT TO HAVE THE US NAVY BUILD THREE MORE AIRCRAFT CARRIERS TO DEAL WITH A CHINA WE ASSUME TO BE AN ENEMY, BECAUSE OUR POLICIES HAVE HELPED TO CREATE AN ENEMY."

PEERING MILDLY OVER HIS ROUND SPECTACLES, MR. LEVIN SPOKE IN CAREFUL, PRECISE SENTENCES DELIVERED IN A STACCATO STYLE. HIS VOICE WAS RESONANT, WITH ONLY A FAINT TRACE OF HIS NATIVE BROOKLYN. AND HIS WORDS COULD PACK AN UNDIPLOMATIC PUNCH. HE DESCRIBED ONE WELL-KNOWN US POLITICIAN AS "A RIGHT-WING NUT" AND ANOTHER AS "OFF THE WALL . . . ON THE FRINGE". HE STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT COMMUNISM WAS DEAD IN CHINA. AND HE CALLED THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES "ABSOLUTE SLOBS WHEN IT COMES TO PROJECTING AN IMAGE ABROAD".

WHICH SIDE BEARS THE GREATER RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DETERIORATION OF SINO-US TIES? "SADLY, I THINK THE UNITED STATES SET THE TRAIN IN MOTION BY ITS VERY HARD STAND ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. THAT'S NOT TO SAY HUMAN RIGHTS SHOULDN'T BE ON THE AGENDA BUT YOU HAVE GOT TO PUT EVERYTHING INTO PERSPECTIVE.["]

MR. LEVIN SAID HE BELIEVED THE US HAD FAILED TO REALIZE THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CHINA HAD IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY IN THE PAST 10 TO 15 YEARS. "ONE CAN UNDERSTAND THE EMOTIONS CAUSED BY TIANANMEN -- I SHARED

THEM -- BUT CERTAINLY BY THE TIME [US PRESIDENT BILL] CLINTON CAME

TO POWER THREE YEARS AFTER TIANANMEN THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN A CLEAR VIEW OF WHAT CHINA WAS ALL ABOUT."

HE SAID THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN AN AWARENESS IN UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 05 HONG KONG 006523

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WASHINGTON THAT COMMUNISM IN REALITY WAS DEAD. MR. LEVIN SAID THERE HAVE BEEN DRAMATIC CHANGES IN CHINA SINCE THE DAYS TIGHT CONTROLS WERE EXERTED OVER INDIVIDUALS.

"IN TODAY'S CHINA YOU CAN GEOGRAPHICALLY MOVE," HE SAID. "YOU CAN LOOK FOR A NEW JOB; YOU DON'T HAVE TO STAY IN A JOB FOR LIFE OR WAIT FOR THE STATE TO FIND A NEW JOB FOR YOU. THERE IS A WHOLE EXPLOSION OF FREEDOM. YOU CAN READ BOOK SIN CHINESE ON RELIGIOUS ISSUES AND NOT PROPAGANDA TRACTS. YOU CAN DO ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING IN CHINA EXCEPT ORGANIZE POLITICAL OPPOSITION OR GO INTO THE STREETS AND LOUDLY AND PUBLICLY CLAIM THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE OVERTHROWN. YES, THAT IS A LIMITATION ON POLITICAL FREEDOM, BUT IT IS A LIMITATION THAT WAS EVIDENT IN TAIWAN AND SOUTH KOREA UNTIL WELL INTO THE 1970S.

"YES, THERE ARE OTHER ASPECTS THAT HAVE OUTRAGED THE AMERICAN PUBLIC, SUCH AS SUMMARY EXECUTIONS, MISERABLE PRISON CONDITIONS, TORTURE AND CHILD LABOR. ALL THESE [THINGS] ARE QUITE EVIDENT IN CHINA BUT ALL OF THESE [FACTORS] WERE ALSO EVIDENT IN THE PRE-INDUSTRIAL WEST.

'WHEN YOU HAVE A SOCIETY AT SUBSISTENCE LEVEL YOU HAVE SOME PRETTY HARSH CONDITIONS. PEOPLE TREAT EACH OTHER BRUTALLY AND THE STATE TREATS THEM BRUTALLY. AND IT IS THROUGH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WHICH BRINGS GREATER WEALTH AND LEISURE AND BETTER EDUCATION, THAT THERE ARISES A MUCH BETTER APPRECIATION OF THE DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL."

HE SAID THAT PROCESS WAS UNDER WAY IN CHINA. "YOU CAN'T BRING IT ABOUT BY PUTTING PRESSURE ON THE GOVERNMENT," HE SAID. "THERE IS A HUGE HISTORICAL DYNAMIC INVOLVED. WHAT I AM SAYING IS THE AMERICAN APPROACH TO HUMAN RIGHTS WAS NOT SOPHISTICATED. IT DID NOT TAKE INTO

ACCOUNT THE CHANGES IN CHINA."

HE SAID CONSTANT PUBLIC HARANGUING AND THE ISSUING OF THREATS BY WASHINGTON HAVE MADE THINGS MORE DIFFICULT FOR THOSE IN CHINA WHO WANTED TO MOVE BEIJING IN THE DIRECTION OF GREATER FREEDOM. NOTING THAT AMERICAN CRITICISM HAS SPARKED CHINESE NATIONALISM, HE SAID: "IT IS NO LONGER VERY ADVANTAGEOUS FOR SOMEBODY OPEN-MINDED IN CHINA TO ARGUE ON BEHALF OF A POSITION THE UNITED STATES ENDORSES. HE WOULD JUST BE THROWN OUT OF COURT AS A RUNNING DOG OF THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS. SO WE ARE WEAKENING OUR OWN CAUSE."

LEANING BACK IN HIS CHAIR, HE CONTINUED WITH THE CATALOGUE OF DISASTERS. 'WE MADE A HUGE THREAT ABOUT ENDING MFN [CHINA'S MOST FAVORED NATION TRADING STATUS WITH THE US] BUT WE COULDN'T FOLLOW THROUGH ON IT BECAUSE TOO MUCH WAS AT STAKE. UNFORTUNATELY, CHINA GLOATED A LITTLE TOO MUCH WHEN WE HAD TO BACK DOWN AND THERE WAS SOME FAIRLY HUMILIATING TREATMENT OF [SECRETARY OF STATE WARREN] CHRISTOPHER WHEN HE WAS IN BEIJING ABOUT 14 MONTHS AGO.

"PRICKLINESS PRODUCES PRICKLINESS. SO YOU GET THIS WHOLE CYCLE OF ACTION, REACTION AND COUNTERACTION, EACH ONE WITH A GREATER EDGE TO IT."

HE SAID AMERICAN SOMETIMES TENDED TO FORGET THE BEHAVIOR OF OTHERS COULD REPRESENT A REACTION TO US BEHAVIOR. AMERICAN HAD IN THE PAST SOLD F-16S TO TAIWAN, STOPPED A CHINESE SHIP ON THE HIGH SEAS AND PLAYED A ROLE IN DENYING BEIJING THE 2000 OLYMPIC GAMES.

"ALL THESE THINGS HAVE RUBBED CHINESE NATIONALISM THE WRONG WAY," HE SAID. "EVEN CHINESE WHO HAVE NO GREAT LOVE FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP ARE IRRITATED BY AMERICAN BEHAVIOR."

MR. LEVIN, 64, IS A 35-YEAR VETERAN OF THE US STATE DEPARTMENT WHOSE LAST POSTING WAS AS US AMBASSADOR TO BURMA. THE BROOKLYN COLLEGE GRADUATE WAS CONSUL GENERAL IN HONG KONG FROM 1981 TO 1986. THE FIRST OFFICER TO UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 05 HONG KONG 006523

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FULFILL THE US FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE REQUIREMENT WITH A KNOWLEDGE OF MANDARIN, HIS INITIAL POSTING WAS TO

TAIWAN IN 1954. IT WAS IN TAIWAN THAT HE MET AND MARRIED HIS WIFE, LILY LEE LEVIN, A NATIVE OF BEIJING.

DURING ASSIGNMENTS IN INDONESIA, THAILAND, AND TAIWAN AGAIN, MR. AND MRS. LEVIN WITNESSED MANY OF THE KEY SIAN EVENTS OF THE PAST FEW DECADES: MAJOR COUP ATTEMPTS, THE TAIWAN STRAITS CRISIS, RIOTS PROMPTED BY THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION AND THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION.

HERE ARE SOME OTHER EXTRACTS FROM THE INTERVIEW:

--ON SINO-US RELATIONS: "THE CURRENT SITUATION IS NOT VERY PROMISING. IT CREATES AN ATMOSPHERE IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH ENCOURAGES THOSE WITHIN THE POLITICAL ARENA TO USE TAIWAN AS A MEANS OF BEATING CHINA OVER THE HEAD. THE HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS LOOK AT TAIWAN AS THE DEMOCRACY IT NOW IS AND SAY, 'SURE WE OUGHT TO STICK IT TO THE CHINESE. LET'S HAVE THE TAIWANESE HERE. THEY, AFTER ALL, ARE A DEMOCRACY AND ARE FOLLOWING A VERY SATISFACTORY COURSE ON HUMAN RIGHTS.' THEN YOU HAVE THE RIGHT-WING LIKE JESSE HELMS -- THE ANTI-COMMUNIST NUTS WHO ARE STILL INVOLVED IN A CRUSADE AGAINST THE DEVIL . . . THE FACT THAT COMMUNISM DIED IN CHINA BEFORE IT DIED IN THE SOVIET UNION IS NOWHERE EVIDENT TO THEM."

--ON THE "ONE CHINA" POLICY: "I AM CONVINCED THAT THE US ADMINISTRATION IS ABSOLUTELY WEDDED TO A 'ONE CHINA' POLICY BECAUSE IT REALIZES THE TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF MOVING AWAY FROM THAT. AS A CONSEQUENCE OF AMERICAN NON-INVOLVEMENT IN TAIWAN FOR 20 YEARS IT HAS ENJOYED INCREASING PROSPERITY, DE FACTO INDEPENDENCE AND HAS CONSTRUCTED WITH THE PRC A VERY ELABORATE NETWORK OF TIES AND RELATIONSHIPS. THE LAST THING THAT IS NEEDED FOR THE SAKE OF THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN, AS WELL AS FOR THE US-CHINA RELATIONSHIP, IS FOR THE UNITED STATES TO COME STUMBLING INTO THIS DELICATE RELATIONSHIP. IT [TAIWAN] HAS DONE VERY WELL WITHOUT OUR INVOLVEMENT."

--ON US MISCONCEPTIONS: "WE HAVE BEEN CONSTANTLY WEAK ON REALITY IN JUDGING CHINA; IN THE 1950S, IN THE 1960S IN VIETNAM. I DON'T WANT TO SEE THIS HAPPEN AGAIN."

--ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHINA: "HUMAN RIGHTS SHOULD BE ON THE AGENDA. TIANANMEN WAS A HORRIBLE THING. THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT MISHANDLED IT TERRIBLY. WHEN THEY GO OUT AND ARREST PEOPLE AS PRECAUTIONARY DETENTION IT IS THE DUMBEST THING THEY CAN DO. THEY ARE ABSOLUTE SLOBS WHEN IT COMES TO PROJECTING AN IMAGE ABROAD. IT'S STUPID. THESE PEOPLE ARE NO THREAT TO THE STATE. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT CHINA DOES NOT HELP ITS OWN CAUSE FROM TIME TO TIME BY DOING THESE THINGS."

--ON A RAND CORPORATION REPORT THAT CHINA'S MILITARY BUDGET STANDS AT USD140 BILLION -- AT LEAST THREE TIMES HIGHER THAN THE PENTAGON'S ESTIMATE: "THAT'S TYPICAL OF THE NONSENSE. WHAT'S THE SIZE OF THE CHINESE ARMED FORCES? THREE MILLION? YOU TAKE THAT FIGURE, WHATEVER

IT IS, AND YOU GO ON A PURCHASING PARITY BASIS. NOW, IF THIS WAS THE AMERICAN ARMY EACH SOLDIER WOULD BE GETTING, PERHAPS, USD15,000 OR USD20,000 A YEAR.

--ON A JAPANESE REPORT THAT CHINA HAS TEST-FIRED A NEW MOBILE INTER-CONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE (ICBM) ABLE TO STRIKE ANYWHERE FROM LONDON TO LOS ANGELES: "LOOK, THE CHINESE DO HAVE AN ICBM CAPABILITY BUT IT IS EXTREMELY SMALL. THEY HAVE VERY FEW ICBM MISSILES AND TO THINK OF THEM USING AN ICBM FOR A SURPRISE ATTACK IS RIDICULOUS. THEY'D BE PULVERIZED. IT WOULD BE SUICIDAL. FOR ALL THEIR IMPERFECTIONS, FOR ALL THEIR, AT TIMES, OBLIVIOUS IGNORANCE OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD, THEY KNOW DAMNED WELL THAT WHAT THEY'VE GOT IS PUNY COMPARED TO WHAT THE UNITED STATES HAS GOT. BUT YOU KEEP THEM AROUND BECAUSE THEN YOU CAN SAY: 'IF THEY PULVERIZE US AT LEAST WE CAN GET LOS ANGELES OR MAYBE LAS VEGAS.' NO, THEY WON'T GET LAS VEGAS. ALL THE CADRES GO TO LAS VEGAS. BUT YOU SEE MY POINT."
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--ON US REPRESENTATIVE DANA ROHRBACHER'S WARNING THE UNITED STATES AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS CAN EXPECT TO FACE AN INCREASINGLY HOSTILE, EXPANSIONIST AND ANTI-DEMOCRATIC CHINA IN THE FUTURE UNLESS THEY CHECK ITS ADVANCE PROMPTLY: "HE [ROHRBACHER] IS OFF THE WALL. I WOULDN'T ATTACH MUCH IMPORTANCE TO WHAT HE SAYS. HE'S ALWAYS BEEN ON THE FRINGE. OF COURSE, THE CHINESE DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS. SOME PEOPLE IN BEIJING WILL READ THIS AS AN AUTHORITATIVE EXPRESSION OF US VIEWS BUT I
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NOT. IT'S A MAN WHO HAS TAKEN EXTREME POSITIONS ALL HIS CAREER SPEAKING LARGELY FOR A VERY, VERY, INSIGNIFICANT BODY OF OPINION. BUT IT ADDS FUEL TO THE WHOLE ISSUE."

--THE ASIA SOCIETY: "IT'S A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION THAT WAS SET UP BY JOHN ROCKEFELLER TO EDUCATE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ABOUT ASIA. HE SENSED THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THOUGHT TOO LITTLE ABOUT ASIA. IT HAS HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK AND OFFICES IN WASHINGTON, HOUSTON AND LOS ANGELES. FOR THE FIRST DECADE OR TWO FOLLOWING ITS ESTABLISHMENT, IT FOCUSED VERY LARGELY ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS. FOR THE LAST 10 TO 15 YEARS IT HAS FOCUSED MORE AND MORE ON POLITICS AND ECONOMICS. IT TAKES NO STANDS BUT PROVIDES A FORUM FOR AIRING ISSUES. IT DOES

EVERYTHING FROM PRESENTING SEMINARS WITH A SPEAKER ON A GIVEN TOPIC, TO MOUNTING EXHIBITIONS OF ASIAN ART AND PUTTING ON AN ARTS PERFORMANCE. I THINK MY SUCCESSOR WILL BE AN AMERICAN. IT COULD VERY WELL BE AN AMERICAN ASIAN BUT THIS IS AN AMERICAN ORGANIZATION."

--ON HONG KONG'S PAST: "MY FIRST TIME IN HONG KONG WAS IN 1955 ON A VISIT. IT WAS A VERY POOR PLACE. REALLY POOR. I CAME FROM TAIWAN, WHICH WAS ALSO POOR IN THOSE DAYS, BUT THIS PLACE WAS FILLED WITH DESPERATE PEOPLE. YOU COULDN'T WALK DOWN THE STREET WITHOUT BEING HOUNDED BY BEGGARS AND STREETWALKERS. PEOPLE WERE SLEEPING OUT IN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. THERE WAS SO MUCH HUMAN MISERY SURROUNDING YOU. YOU DON'T SEE THAT ANY MORE. NOT AT ALL."

--ON GOVERNOR CHRIS PATTEN: "I HAPPEN TO BE A VERY FIRM ADMIRER OF THE GOVERNOR. I THINK HE'S A VERY DECENT, VERY BRIGHT GUY. I LIKE HIM A LOT. HE WAS SENT HERE TO BE TOUGH BECAUSE [BRITISH PRIME MINISTER JOHN] MAJOR PERCEIVED THAT THE ACCOMMODATION POLICY WAS NOT WORKING. PATTEN WAS TOUGH ON TWO ISSUES THAT HE THOUGHT WOULD GET TREMENDOUS POPULAR SUPPORT HERE. THE FIRST WAS DEMOCRACY. YOU CAN'T DO IT WITH DIRECT ELECTIONS SO YOU DO IT WITH FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES. THE SECOND WAS A DIRECT ROLE FOR HONG KONG IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. NOBODY REMEMBERS THAT PART BUT IT WAS A TWO-PART PROGRAM. HE ANNOUNCES THAT AND, BASICALLY, FOR HIS FIRST FEW MONTHS HERE HE IS CHEERED. I THINK, IN PART, THE TIMING WAS A BIT OFF, BECAUSE BY THE TIME HE CAME OUT HERE AND HIT HARD ON THE DEMOCRACY THEME, THERE WAS SOMETHING OF A LAPSE BACK TO POLITICAL APATHY. AND THERE WAS THE BEGINNING OF A SENSE THAT TIANANMEN WAS NOT THE DREADFUL WATERSHED THAT WE HAD THOUGHT -- THE RESTORATION OF MAOISM -- BUT, RATHER, A TRAGIC INCIDENT."

--HONG KONG'S FUTURE: "I THINK THE CHINESE ARE GOING TO BEND OVER BACKWARDS TO MAKE THIS PLACE WORK. THEY BELIEVE THE BRITISH ARE EITHER PLOTTING OR PRAYING FOR THIS PLACE TO GO TO POT AFTER 1997, BECAUSE THEN THE BRITISH CAN GO AROUND SAYING: 'WE TOLD YOU WAY BACK THIS PLACE NEEDS BRITISH ADMINISTRATION.' THE CHINESE WANT TO SHOW THE WORLD THEY CAN DO EVERY BIT AS WELL, IF NOT BETTER, THAN THE BRITISH HAVE. IT'S A MATTER OF NATIONAL PRIDE, SELF-ESTEEM. THE LAST THING THEY WANT TO DO IS TOO TAKE OVER THIS THRIVING COSMOPOLITAN CITY AND IN A FEW YEARS TURN IT INTO A GARBAGE DUMP."

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2. THE STANDARD ALSO RAN THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL RELATED TO THE LEVIN INTERVIEW:

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"US SHOULD TAKE HEED OF CHINA-HAND LEVIN
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BURTON LEVIN'S CANDID VIEWS ON WHAT IS WRONG WITH
AMERICA'S CHINA POLICY ARE NOT EXACTLY NEW. BUT MR.
LEVIN'S ANALYSIS -- DETAILED AT LENGTH ON OUR FOCUS PAGE
TODAY -- IS BASED ON FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE. HE IS A 35-
YEAR VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES (US) STATE DEPARTMENT
AND A LONG-STANDING CHINA HAND WHO SERVED AS US CONSUL
GENERAL IN HONG KONG FROM 1981 TO 1986.

'IT ALSO COMES AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME -- WITH US-CHINA
RELATIONS HEADING FOR THE ROCKS FOLLOWING TAIWANESE
PRESIDENT LEE TENG-HUI'S VISIT TO THE US. THIS IS ALL
THE MORE REASON WHY MR. LEVIN'S WORDS SHOULD BE LISTENED
TO BY THE US ADMINISTRATION.

"IT IS REFRESHING TO FIND NOW AND THEN THAT THERE ARE
PEOPLE IN MR. LEVIN'S POSITION -- AND HIS OPINIONS ARE
SHARED BY OTHER FORMER US OFFICIAL AND SINOLOGISTS --
WHO WILL SPEAK UP.

"THEIR MESSAGE IS AN URGENT ONE: THERE IS A DANGER THAT
THE SINO-US RIFT WILL GROW OUT OF PROPORTION AND BECOME
A THREAT TO GLOBAL SECURITY, TAKING THE WORLD BACK TO
THE COLD WAR DAYS.

"THERE WAS A TIME WHEN AN ENLIGHTENED BIPARTISANSHIP
GUIDED US POLICY ABROAD. NOT ANY MORE. THE COAST-TO-
COAST TROUNCING OF US PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON'S
DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN NOVEMBER 1994 SWEEPED THE REPUBLICANS
TO POWER IN THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT LEVELS OF
GOVERNMENT BELOW THE PRESIDENCY.

"AS A RESULT, THE US ADMINISTRATION APPEARS CHAOTIC AND
LEADERLESS THESE DAYS. MR. CLINTON HAS DONE SO MANY
ABOUT-TURNS ON DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES THAT
NOBODY BELIEVES HIM ANY MORE.

"MR. LEVIN RIGHTLY DEPLORED THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION'S
OBSESSION WITH HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHINA.

"WE SHOULD BE UNDER NO ILLUSIONS. CHINESE GOVERNMENTS,
INCLUDING THE PRESENT ONE, HAVE OFTEN SHOWN A COMPLETE
DISREGARD FOR HUMAN LIFE.

"BUT MR. LEVIN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT 'WHEN YOU HAVE A
SOCIETY AT A SUBSISTENCE LEVEL YOU HAVE SOME PRETTY
HARSH CONDITIONS. PEOPLE TREAT EACH OTHER BRUTALLY AND
THE STATE TREATS THEM BRUTALLY'.

"HE ADDED: 'IT IS THROUGH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT . . . THAT THERE ARISES A MUCH BETTER APPRECIATION OF THE DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL.' THAT PROCESS IS UNDER WAY IN CHINA, HE SAID.

"CHINA IS A GREAT COUNTRY AND THE WORLD IN INCOMPLETE WITHOUT HER. HER RESOURCES, THOUGH STILL UNDEVELOPED, ARE IMMENSE. ONE DAY, IN THE DISTANT FUTURE, SHE MAY WELL OVERSHADOW ALL THE OTHER POWERS IN THE WORLD.

:IT IS VITAL FOR THE DESTINY OF MANKIND THAT THE ADVANCE OF CHINA TO GREATNESS SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF FRIENDSHIP AND NOT HOSTILITY.

"THAT WAS MR. LEVIN'S MESSAGE TO THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION."

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A. BROADCAST MEDIA

BOSNIA

NEWS THIS MORNING WAS DOMINATED BY A BUILD-UP OF BOSNIAN
GOVERNMENT FORCES AROUND SARAJEVO, APPARENTLY PLANNING TO
TRY TO RE-TAKE THE CITY.

B. TODAY'S MAJOR NEWS STORIES

1. U.S. FOREIGN POLICY / BOSNIA
2. G7 SUMMIT / BOSNIA
3. U.S. POLITICS : AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

C. SUMMARY

1. U.S. FOREIGN POLICY / BOSNIA

A HANDFUL OF PAPERS THIS MORNING EXAMINES EUROPEAN
DEFENSE ISSUES IN THE CONTEXT OF BOSNIA. THERE SEEMS TO
BE GROWING SATISFACTION AT THE LEVEL OF CO-OPERATION
BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE UK IN MILITARY MATTERS. THE
INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES CARRIED A LENGTHY COMMENTARY
CRITICAL OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY UNDER PRESIDENT CLINTON,
DENOUNCING ITS 'DRIFT' AND CONCLUDING:

"THE NEXT YEAR AND A HALF WILL NOT BE A GOOD TIME TO LOOK
TO THE U.S. FOR WISE AND FAR-SIGHTED LEADERSHIP."

SEE FULLER TEXT BELOW.

2. G7 SUMMIT / BOSNIA

SEVERAL PAPERS LOOK FORWARD TO THE G7 SUMMIT, BUT DO NOT
EXPECT ANY GREAT PRONOUNCEMENTS FROM IT. THEY SEE THE
EXPECTED PROPOSALS TO REFORM MAJOR INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS
THE UN AND THE IMF AS THE MOST INTERESTING AREAS. BUT
THERE IS ALSO SOME WEARINESS WITH THE SUMMITS, WHICH ARE
SEEN MORE AS NEWS MANAGEMENT EXERCISES THAN POLICY
FORUMS, AND THE FACT THAT SO FEW COUNTRIES ARE INVOLVED
IN THE G7. SEE TEXTS BELOW.

3. U.S. POLITICS : AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

A COUPLE OF ITEMS, BOTH ON THE WHOLE IN FAVOR OF THE
SUPREME COURT RULING ON AFFIRMATIVE ACTION LAST WEEK.
SEE TEXTS BELOW.

D. TEXT

1. U.S. FOREIGN POLICY / BOSNIA

"THE BRITISH WAY OF WARFARE"

WRITING IN THE CONSERVATIVE TIMES, DIRECTOR OF STUDIES AT THE RUSI IN LONDON, JONATHAN EYAL, COMMENTED:
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"SINCE THE END OF THE COLD WAR, EUROPE HAS BEEN PARALYSED BY AN ARID DISPUTE BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES WISHING TO CREATE A EUROPEAN DEFENSE FORCE AND THOSE, SUCH AS BRITAIN, DETERMINED TO KEEP NATO AT THE CENTER OF THE CONTINENT'S SECURITY. YUGOSLAVIA HAS SHOWN THAT THIS DISPUTE IS NOW LARGELY IRRELEVANT. THE RAPID REACTION FORCE IN THE BALKANS WAS CREATED WITHOUT AN EU MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS, PROVING BRITAIN'S LONG-HELD BELIEF THAT AD HOC ARRANGEMENTS CAN WORK.

"THE FORCE ALSO EXISTS OUTSIDE THE CLUTCHES OF THE WEU, THE ORGANIZATION NOW TOUTED AS THE EU'S MILITARY ARM. IT RELIES ON NATO'S INFRASTRUCTURE WITHOUT BEING DIRECTLY UNDER NATO COMMAND, AS THE FRENCH ALWAYS WANTED. AND, FINALLY, IT IS AN ENTERPRISE BETWEEN FRANCE AND BRITAIN, THE COUNTRIES THAT MATTER MOST IN THE EUROPEAN DEFENSE DEBATE. THE ENTERPRISING DUTCH QUICKLY REALIZED WHAT WAS AFOOT, AND PLEDGED THEIR TROOPS. THE SPANIARDS AND THE GERMANS ARE NOW SCRAMBLING TO JOIN AS WELL. THE FUTURE OF EUROPE'S DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS IS BEING DECIDED MORE BY THE CRISIS IN THE BALKANS THAN BY ARCANE INTERPRETATIONS OF THE MAASTRICHT TREATY.

"THE BOSNIAN WAR WILL CONTINUE FOR MANY YEARS: THE ONLY QUESTION IS HOW EXTENSIVE THE WEST'S INVOLVEMENT WILL BE. EITHER WAY, IT IS FORGING NEW EUROPEAN SECURITY

STRUCTURES, WHICH ARE LOOSE, FLEXIBLE AND BASED ON NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS, NOT RIGID, BUREAUCRATIC AND RUN BY THE EU. IN SHORT, BRITAIN'S VIEWPOINT HAS BEEN

VINDICATED IN THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY: IN PRACTICE."

"NO END IN SIGHT TO UNCERTAINTY"

THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES CARRIED THIS DETAILED CRITICIS" OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY BY COLUMNIST EDWARD MORTI"ER:

"ONE ISSUE WILL NOT BE ON THE AGENDA OF TOMORROW'S HALIFAX SUMMIT, BUT WILL -- IN SOME FORM OR OTHER -- BE IN THE "INDS OF ALL THOSE PRESENT. AS THEY SHAKE HANDS WITH PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON, THE LEADERS OF THE OTHER SIX LEADING INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES ARE BOUND TO BE THINKING: 'THIS MAN IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD. DOES HE KNOW WHAT HE'S DOING? IS HE REALLY IN CHARGE? DO HIS COUNTRYMEN KNOW OR CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO THE REST OF UH?'

"ANXIETY ABOUT THE U.S. AMONG ITS ALLIES IS NOT A NEW PHENOMENON. IT WAS A RECURRENT, ALMOST CONSTANT, FEATURE OF THE COLD WAR. ... TODAY'S ANXIETIES ARE DIFFERENT BECAUSE THERE IS NO LONGER ANY CLEAR OVERALL PURPOSE: NO 'MISSION STATEMENT' TO WHICH THE WORKFORCE OF AMERICA INC. CAN RESPOND. TWO YEARS AGO, MR ANTHONY LAKE, MR CLINTON'S NSA, HAD A STAB AT DRAFTING ONE. THE GOAL OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, HE SUGGESTED, SHOULD NOW BE THE 'ENLARGEMENT' OF THE 'COMMUNITY OF MARKET DEMOCRACIES'. UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 09 LONDON 008347

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SOMEHOW THE SLOGAN FAILED TO CATCH ON.

"MR CLINTON CAME TO POWER ALLEGING THAT HIS PREDECESSOR,

MR GEORGE BUSH, HAD DEVOTED TOO MUCH TIME TO FOREIGN POLICY AT THE EXPENSE OF DOMESTIC PROBLEMS. OF COURSE, HE DID NOT EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO IGNORE FOREIGN POLICY ALTOGETHER. NO PRESIDENT COULD. BUT HE OBVIOUSLY WANTED

TO FOCUS MORE ON DOMESTIC ISSUES.

"THAT BEING SO, HE MADE A CRUCIAL AND PUZZLING MISTAKE RIGHT AT THE BEGINNING, IN HIS CHOICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE. "R WARREN CHRISTOPHER IS A PATIENT AND SKILFUL NEGOTIATOR, BUT NO ONE COULD CALL HI" A MAN OF BIG IDEAS OR STRATEGIC VISION, OR ONE CAPABLE OF IMPOSING HIS POINT OF VIEW ON COLLEAGUES BY SHEER FORCE OF PERSONALITY. HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN JUST THE MAN TO IMPLEMENT FOREIGN POLICY FOR A PRESIDENT WITH CLEAR IDEAS OF HIS OWN, WHO WANTED TO KEEP STRATEGIC DECISIONS FIRMLY IN HIS OWN HANDS. BUT MR CLINTON IS NOT SUCH A PRESIDENT. THE RESULT HAS BEEN DRIFT AND UNCERTAINTY ON ALL TOO MANY ISSUES. ...

"EVEN IF ONE TAKES THE VIEW THAT THOSE TWO CRISES (IN SOMALIA AND BOSNIA) ARE SIDESHOWS OF LIMITED STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE, THE ADMINISTRATION CANNOT ESCAPE CRITICISM FOR ALLOWING THEM TO DO SO MUCH DAMAGE TO THE UN AND NATO. ON BIGGER ISSUES, ITS POLICY IS HARDLY MUCH "ORE COHERENT. ...

"MR CLINTON'S FOREIGN POLICY HAS HAD SOME SUCCESSES: RATIFICATION OF THE NAFTA AS WELL AS THE URUGUAY ROUND; WITHDRAWAL OF RUSSIAN TROOPS FROM THE BALTIC STATES; REMOVAL OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM UKRAINE; THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS; AND INDEFINITE EXTENSION OF THE NPT.

"BUT THE OVERALL IMPRESSION OF DRIFT REMAINS. IF POSSIBLE, THINGS HAVE BECOME EVEN WORSE SINCE LAST

NOVEMBER, BECAUSE THE ADMINISTRATION HAS HAD, AT BEST, ONLY PARTIAL CONTROL OF FOREIGN POLICY. "ANY OF ITS INITIATIVES, FROM THE TRADE EMBARGO ON IRAN TO THE DEMAND FOR AIR STRIKES IN BOSNIA, SEEM TO SPRING FROM THE NEED TO PRE-EMPT "ORE RADICAL MOVES IN CONGRESS RATHER THAN A CONSIDERED ANALYSIS OF THE ISSUES. AND ITS ABILITY TO SPEND MONEY ON FOREIGN POLICY IS TIGHTLY CIRCUMSCRIBED.

"MANY OF THE NEW CONGRESSIONAL INTAKE HAVE LITTLE OR NO INTEREST IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THE RESULT IS NOT ISOLATIONISM, BUT UNILATERALISM: A BELIEF THAT THE U.S. CAN ACT "ORE EFFECTIVELY ON ITS OWN, AND SHOULD NOT LET FAINT-HEARTED ALLIES GET IN ITS WAY.

"SEN ROBERT DOLE, NOW EMERGING AS THE PROBABLE CHALLENGER TO MR CLINTON IN NEXT YEAR'S ELECTION, MAY NOT SHARE THAT BELIEF IN HIS HEART. HE MIGHT EVEN, ONCE ELECTED, RETURN TO A FOREIGN POLICY QUITE SIMILAR TO THAT OF MR BUSH. BUT NEITHER HE NOR MR

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CLINTON AN HOPE TO WIN "ANY VOTES
 BY STRESSING THE NEED FOR THE U.S. TO WORK WITH ALLIES OR
 TO CONTRIBUTE TO MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS, WHEREAS THEY
 MAY HOPE TO WIN SOME BY REACTING 'FORCEFULLY' TO
 UNPLEASANT EVENTS, OF WHICH THERE WILL BE NO SHORTAGE IN
 RUSSIA AND ELSEWHERE.

"THE NEXT YEAR AND A HALF WILL NOT BE A GOOD TIME TO LOOK
 TO THE U.S. FOR WISE AND FAR-SIGHTED LEADERSHIP."

"BILL NEEDS A HERO, SO HE MAKES ONE"

THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH CARRIED THIS RATHER SOUR
 COMMENTARY ON THE HERO'S WELCOME AFFORDED TO CAPT. SCOTT
 O'GRADY, PENNED BY ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT STEPHEN

ROBINSON:

"EVER SINCE THE AMERICAN MEDIA DISCOVERED THE MAN WHO
 SINGLE-HANDEDLY WON THE BOSNIAN WAR, IT HAS BEEN
 IMPOSSIBLE TO AVOID THE CLEAN-CUT FEATURES OF CAPTAIN
 SCOTT O'GRADY, THE F16 PILOT FAMOUSLY SHOT DOWN OVER SERB
 TERRITORY, AND EVEN MORE FAMOUSLY RESCUED BY THE MARINES.
 ...

"ANYONE WHO HAS SEEN THE TELEVISION PICTURES OF THE
 VARIOUS CELEBRATIONS MARKING THE PILOT'S FREEDOM, THE
 MARCHING BANDS, AND THE DECLARATIONS OF WHAT A GREAT DAY
 IT IS TO BE AMERICAN MIGHT WONDER IF THE ENTIRE NATION
 HAD GONE COMPLETELY MAD.

"CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE: THE MARINE SNATCH OPERATION
 WAS METICULOUSLY PLANNED AND BRILLIANTLY EXECUTED.
 O'GRADY SHOWED PLUCK AND INITIATIVE IN FAITHFULLY
 FOLLOWING HIS TRAINING TO FIND WATER AND HIDE OUT IN THE
 UNDERGROWTH TO ELUDE HIS SERBIAN PURSUERS.

"THROUGHOUT THE BIZARRE MEDIA ORDEAL SINCE HIS RESCUE,
 CAPT O'GRADY HAS CONDUCTED HIMSELF WITH COMMENDABLE
 DIGNITY, AND IF HE RESENTS THE WAY THE PRESS, THE
 PENTAGON AND THE WHITE HOUSE ARE SHAMELESSLY EXPLOITING
 HIS STORY, HE DOES NOT SHOW IT. HE COMES ACROSS AS
 BRAVE, PROFESSIONAL, AND DEVOUT.

"BUT IS HE A HERO? WE WILL HAVE TO AWAIT THE FINDINGS OF

THE AIR FORCE INVESTIGATION, BUT WHEN AN F16 FIGHTER (\$14M, FULLY LOADED) IS SHOT DOWN BY AN IRREGULAR ARMY, SOMEONE HAS MESSED UP.

"THE PENTAGON HAS INVESTED SO MUCH IN O'GRADY'S HEROISM THAT WE "AY NEVER BE ALLOWED TO KNOW IF PILOT NEGLIGENCE WAS A FACTOR. REPORTS LEAKED TO THE PAPERS THIS WEEK POINTED THE FINGER AT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE FOR FAILING TO WARN THE PENTAGON OF SERB MISSILE INSTALLATIONS IN THE AREA.

"BUT AMID ALL THE HYPE, THAT IS PROBABLY IRRELEVANT. THE O'GRADY STLRY PROVES HOW EASILY IN AMERICA THE UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 09 LONDON 008347

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TRANSFORMATION IS MADE FROM VICTIM TO HERO, AND VICE
VERSA. ...

"SCOTT O'GRADY THANKS GOD FOR HIS RESCUE, AND "R CLINTON THANKS HIS LUCKY STARS THAT AN ALL-AMERICAN HERO IS ON HAND AT A TERRIBLE TIME FOR HI" POLITICALLY. ... THE RESCUE OFFERS MR CLINTON A BRIEF RESPITE FROM THE NIGHTMARE BOSNIA COULD BECOME FOR HIM IF U.S. GROUND TROOPS ARE NEEDED TO RESCUE 21,000 UN PEACEKEEPERS RATHER THAN A SOLITARY FIGHTER PILOT. FOR NOW, THE HUMILIATING POLICY SHIFTS OF A FORTNIGHT AGO ARE FORGOTTEN, AND AMERICA'S NATIONWDE PARTY PROMISES TO RUN AND RUN."

"BACK TO SQUARE ONE"

THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN EDITORIALIZED:

"OF COURSE THERE HAS BEEN NO DEAL OVER THE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES: THERE IS NO NEED WHEN THE UN HAS CONCEDED SO MUCH ON ITS OWN. A WEEK IS AN EXCEPTIONALLY LONG TI"E IN BOSNIA. IT IS HARD TO REMEMBER THAT UNPROFOR WAS PREPARING TO USE ITS MILITARY MUSCLE TO OPEN UP THE AID ROUTE INTO SARAJEVO, WHEN PLANS ARE NOW BEING MADE FOR

FOOD CONVOYS TO BE DELIVERED BY -- THE BOSNIAN SERBS. WE

ARE BACK TO OLD-FASHIONED PEACEKEEPING WITH EVEN LESS
PEACE TO KEEP -- AND ALL THE GUNS RETURNED INTACT TO
SERBIAN HANDS. YES, THERE IS A NEW EU PEACE ENVOY, CARL
BILDT, BUT HIS PROSPECTS OF SUCCESS WERE DAMNED WITH
FAINT OPTIMISM YESTERDAY BY UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
YASUSHI AKASHI. ...

"CERTAINLY BELGRADE IS NOW WELL PLACED TO GAIN SUBSTANTIAL
CONCESSIONS FOR ITSELF ON SANCTIONS, BUT WILL IT DELIVER
RADOVAN KARADZIC? REPORTS THAT THE BOSNIAN SERB AIR
DEFENSES (WHICH BROUGHT DOWN THE U.S. F16 PILOT SCOTT
O'GRADY) ARE INTEGRATED WITH THOSE OF SERBIA DO NOT
INSPIRE CONFIDENCE. THE UN MAY NOT JUST BE BACK TO
SQUARE ONE BUT SLIPPING
FURTHER BEHIND."

"ON THE EDGE OF SANITY"

THE CENTRIST INDEPENDENT SAID IN AN EDITORIAL ABOUT
BRITAIN'S PLACE IN THE EU:

"THE ARGUMENT FOR CO-OPERATION IN OTHER AREAS (THAN
MONETARY UNION) HAS BECOME STEADILY MORE PERSUASIVE. THE
LATEST EXAMPLE IS DEFENSE AND FOREIGN POLICY. UNILATERAL
ACTS ON THE PART OF INDIVIDUAL STATES ARE UNLIKELY TO
SUCCEED, AND WE CAN'T RELY ANY LONGER ON THE U.S.
IDENTIFYING ITS INTERESTS WITH OURS -- AS BOSNIA SHOWS.
IT IS BECOMING NECESSARY TO BAND TOGETHER."

2. G7 SUMMIT / BOSNIA

"LIMITATIONS TO A LEADERSHIP ROLE"

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THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES COMMENTED:

"THE SIGNIFICANCE OF INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS USUALLY ONLY BECOMES CLEAR LONG AFTER THE EVENT. THIS WILL BE ESPECIALLY TRUE OF THIS YEAR'S G7 SUMMIT MEETING AT HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA. FOR THE TEST OF THE SUMMIT, WHICH STARTS ON THURSDAY IN THIS EAST CANADIAN PORT, WILL BE HOW FAR IT SUCCEEDS IN COAXING A RESPONSE FROM COUNTRIES NOT REPRESENTED AROUND THE CONFERENCE TABLE.

"THE BIG INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES NOW ACCOUNT FOR LESS THAN 50 PER CENT OF GLOBAL ECONOMIC OUTPUT, AND THEY NEED THE SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD TO PUSH FORWARD THEIR PLANS FOR REFORM OF INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. ALTHOUGH THE SUMMIT'S COMMUNIQUE ON THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ISSUES FACING THE WORLD WILL BE PHRASED TO CONVEY AN AURA OF POWER AND CONFIDENCE, THE G7 COUNTRIES AND THEIR LEADERS HAVE SEEN THEIR STATURE MUCH DIMINISHED.

"A QUICK GLANCE AT THE U.S., JAPAN, GERMANY, FRANCE, BRITAIN, ITALY AND CANADA SHOWS THAT MOST OF THE LEADERS ARE DEEPLY UNPOPULAR WITH THEIR OWN ELECTORATES. ... WEAKNESS AT HOME HAS BEEN MATCHED BY A LACK OF APPETITE FOR INTERNATIONAL POLICY CO-OPERATION. THE G7, WHICH IN THE LATE 1980S BEGAN TO FANCY ITSELF AS A DIRECTORATE GIVING A LEAD TO THE GLOBAL ECONOMY, HAS BEEN TRAILING BEHIND EVENTS IN THE APPROACH TO THE HALIFAX SUMMIT. ...

"THEN THERE IS BOSNIA. IT WOULD BE WHOLLY IN KEEPING WITH THE TRADITION OF PAST G7 SUMMITS IF AS YET UNFORESEEN TWISTS TO THE BOSNIAN CRISIS WERE TO DOMINATE THE TWO DAYS OF TALKS. AT LEAST THE HALIFAX MEETING SHOULD BE A GOOD PLACE TO DISCUSS THE CRISIS.

"ALL FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOSNIAN CONTACT GROUP WILL BE THERE ONCE MR YELTSIN HAS JOINED THE TALKS AT A WORKING

DINNER ON FRIDAY. ITALY IS GEOGRAPHICALLY CLOSE TO THE CRISIS AREA AND CANADA HAS ITS NATIONALS AMONG THE UN PEACEKEEPERS IN BOSNIA.

"BUT IT IS UNCLEAR HOW FAR THE G7 WILL BE IN A POSITION TO GIVE LEADERSHIP FOLLOWING LAST WEEK'S U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VOTE FOR A UNILATERAL LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST BOSNIA."

"THE PARTY AT NOVA SCOTIA IS FAR TOO EXCLUSIVE"

THE CONSERVATIVE TIMES COMMENTED ON ITS ECONOMIC PAGE:

"HEADS OF STATE AND THEIR OFFICIALS GO TO ENORMOUS LENGTHS TO AVOID DISCUSSING ANYTHING THAT MANY TURN INTO A HORRIBLY PUBLIC ROW PLAYED OUT IN FRONT OF THE WORLD'S PRESS. ANY REAL PROGRESS IN WHAT WILL BE, MORE THAN EVER, AN INFORMAL AND WORKING SERIES OF MEETINGS, WILL BE KEPT PRIVATE. .. YET THERE ARE PRESSING ISSUES BUBBLING UP, NOT LEAST THE CURRENT TRADE ROW BETWEEN AMERICA AND JAPAN. ...

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"THE GREATEST SHORTCOMING OF THESE SUMMITS IS WHO THEY
LEAVE OUT. CURRENCY INITIATIVES CANNOT REALLY HAPPEN
BECAUSE CENTRAL BANKERS ARE NOT THERE. PRESIDENT CLINTON
IS VIRTUALLY POWERLESS TO TAKE DECISIONS BECAUSE
REPUBLICANS HAVE THE WHIP HAND IN BOTH HOUSES OF
CONGRESS. ANYTHING WHICH WOULD COST MONEY IS RULED OUT
BECAUSE CONGRESS WOULD PROBABLY VOTE AGAINST HIM.

"MOST CRUCIALLY, THE GROWING ECONOMIES OF THE THIRD WORLD
ARE EXCLUDED FROM WORLD POLICYMAKING. G7 SUMMITS TALK
ENTHUSIASTICALLY ABOUT THE GLOBALIZATION OF THE WORLD

ECONOMY. WHY THEN ARE ONLY SEVEN VOICES WORTH HEARING?"

"G7 HAS BURIED ITS HEAD IN THE BLAND"

THE ECONOMICS EDITOR OF THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN, WILL
HUTTON, COMMENTED:

"GROWTH MAY BE FADING, CURRENCY INSTABILITY MAY BE
ENDING, UNEMPLOYMENT REMAINS HIGH AND A TRADE WAR IS
THREATENED BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE U.S. BUT

LEADERS OF THE
SEVEN "MAIN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES GATHER IN HALIFAX,
NOVA SCOTIA, TOMORROW WITH FEW CONCRETE PROPOSALS, LITTLE
FRESH THINKING AND AN ANODYNE DRAFT FINAL COMMUNIQUE.

"THE ACCENT AT THE 21ST WORLD ECONOMIC SUMMIT IS ON
KEEPING THE SHOW ON THE ROAD, AVOIDING EMBARRASSMENTS AND
GIVING EACH OF THE SEVEN THE CHANCE FOR BILATERAL TALKS.
PRESIDENT YELTSIN ARRIVES ON THE FRIDAY, AND JOINS THE
MORE POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS ONCE THE ECONOMIC DECLARATION
HAS BEEN AGREED AND PUBLISHED.

"THE BRITISH CAN CLAIM, WITH SOME JUSTIFICATION, TO HAVE
PLAYED A LARGER ROLE THAN USUAL IN SHAPING THE ECONOMIC
AGENDA FOR THE SUMMIT. WHETHER IT IS THE COMMUNIQUE'S

LIKELY ECONOMIC CONTENT OR THE PLANS TO REFORM THE UN, IMF AND WORLD BANK, BRITISH PREOCCUPATIONS ARE WELL TO THE FORE.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, THE CLAUSES IN THE LEAKED COMMUNIQUE THAT CONCERN GROWTH AND EMPLOYMENT SPEAK TO AN EMERGING INTERNATIONAL CONSENSUS THAT EXTENDS FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON'S U.S. TO JACQUES CHIRAC'S FRANCE. ...

"AND YET -- AS ECONOMIC GROWTH SHOWS SIGNS OF FALTERING IN THE U.S. AND BRITAIN, HOPES OF A SHARP PICK-UP IN EUROPE ARE DISAPPOINTED AND JAPAN REMAINS STUCK IN THE DOLDRUMS -- THE 21ST WORLD ECONOMIC SUMMIT COULD YET BE BILLED AS THE SUMMIT WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY BETTER TO CO-ORDINATE THE LEADING INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES' ECONOMIC POLICY WAS "ISSED. BUT THERE IS NEITHER THE INTELLECTUAL CONVICTION NOR THE PROPER INSTITUTIONS FOR THAT TO HAPPEN -- AND CHANGE, AT LEAST JUDGING BY THIS YEAR'S SUMMIT AGENDA, IS NOT IMMEDIATELY IN PROSPECT."

"RICH MAN'S CLUB PLANS BRETTON WOODS REFORM"
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THE SAME PAPER COMMENTED IN A SEPARATE ITEM:

"THE PROPOSED ROOT AND BRANCH REFORM OF THE INSTITUTIONS THAT HAVE PRESIDED OVER THE GLOBAL ECONOMY AND POLITICAL SCENE SINCE 1945 IS THE ACE UP THE SLEEVE OF THE G7 COUNTRIES MEETING IN HALIFAX THIS WEEK. THE MAIN MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS -- THE UN, THE WORLD BANK, AND THE IMF -- ARE ALL HALF A CENTURY OLD, AND THE BIG POWERS HAVE DECIDED IT IS TIME TO MAKE THEM MORE RELEVANT TO THE MODERN AGE.

"SOUNDBITES ARE BEING REHEARSED TO EULOGIZE WHAT, ACCORDING TO THE LEAKED DRAFT COMMUNIQUE, WILL BE THE SUMMIT'S BLUEPRINT FOR THE REFORMED INSTITUTIONS.

"FEW BOOKMAKERS WOULD MAKE A PRICE ON THE WORDS 'HISTORIC' OR THE PHRASE 'GLOBAL INSTITUTIONS THAT CAN MATCH THE CHALLENGES OF THE 21ST CENTURY' LEAVING THE LIPS OF PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON BEFORE THE WEEK IS OUT.

"BUT THIS WEEK'S SUMMIT IS ONLY THE BEGINNING. EVEN IF THE G7 AGREED TO ALL ITEMS OF THE AMBITIOUS BLUEPRINT IN THE LEAKED COMMUNIQUE -- WHICH IS NOT REMOTELY POSSIBLE -- IT WOULD BE ONLY THE BEGINNING OF A PROTRACTED PERIOD OF CHANGE. THE G7 IS BRACED FOR VEHEMENT OPPOSITION TO ITS PROPOSALS, PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT SAY PART OF THE UN'S STRUCTURE IS COSTLY, INEFFICIENT AND UNNECESSARY. FOR, WHILE THE SEVEN "EMBERS OF THE 'RICH MAN'S CLUB' WIELD THEIR FINANCIAL CLOUT IN THE IMF AND WORLD BANK, THE UN HAS TENDED TO BE WHERE THE SMALLER, POORER COUNTRIES HAVE THEIR SAY. ...

"EVEN SO, THE NON-G7 MEMBERS OF THE UN CAN SCARCELY IGNORE THE OUTCOME OF HALIFAX. THE WORLD'S RICHEST COUNTRIES FOOT THE BILL FOR THE WORLD BODY'S PEACEKEEPING FUNCTIONS, ITS AGENCIES AND HIGH-PROFILE SUMMITS. ALREADY TEETERING ON THE BRINK OF FINANCIAL COLLAPSE, THE UN WOULD GO UNDER IF THE G7 REFUSED TO PAY UP. ... THE UN'S FOUNDING CONFERENCE MAY HAVE TAKEN PLACE AT THE MOMENT OF GERMAN CAPITULATION, BUT THIS IS OF LESS RELEVANCE THAN MR CLINTON'S NEED TO APPEASE NEWT GINGRICH, JESSE HELMS, AND THE REST OF THE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IN CONGRESS CLAMORING FOR WASHINGTON TO SPEND LESS ON GLOBAL INSTITUTIONS."

3. U.S. POLITICS : AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

"CORRECTIVE STEP"

THE CONSERVATIVE TIMES EDITORIALIZED:

"THIS WEEK'S IMPORTANT RULING BY THE U.S. SUPREME COURT DOES NOT SEEK TO DO AWAY WITH AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, BUT

PLACES STRICTER LIMITS ON ITS APPLICATION BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. IN THE PROCESS, THE COURT MAY HAVE RESCUED

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WHAT IS LAUDABLE AND NECESSARY IN THIS POLICY FROM A
POPULAR REVOLT, WHICH THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION'S
OBSESSIVE STRESS ON 'DIVERSITY' HAS DONE MUCH TO
STIMULATE, AGAINST THE PERCEIVED UNFAIRNESS OF 'REVERSE
DISCRIMINATION'. ...

"PRESIDENT CLINTON NEEDS TO GO FURTHER THAN THE CAUTIOUS
REVIEW OF THE POLICY THAT HE HAS SO FAR OFFERED. AT A
TIME WHEN THE AMERICAN DREAM HAS NEVER SEEN SO ELUSIVE
FOR ANY PEOPLE, HURT BY RECESSION, CORPORATE LAY-OFFS
AND JOB INSECURITY, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IS NOW SUPREMELY
UNPOPULAR. UNADDRESSED, RACIAL POLITICS COULD DOMINATE
NEXT YEAR'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. THE SUPREME COURT HAS
GIVEN THE POLITICIANS A TIMELY PROMPT."

"IN PURSUIT OF A MIDDLE WAY"

THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES' U.S. BUREAU CHIEF JUREK
MARTIN COMMENTED:

"NOWHERE IS IT WRITTEN IN TABLETS THAT ALL THREE BRANCHES
OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT MUST TACKLE THE SAME SUBJECT
SIMULTANEOUSLY.

"BUT WHEN THE PRESIDENCY, THE LEGISLATURE AND THE
JUDICIARY ARE IN ROUGH LOCKSTEP, IT IS MORE THAN A FAIR
BET THAT CHANGE IS IN THE WIND AND THAT, IN THIS CASE, 30
YEARS OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO REDRESS
PAST INJUSTICES TO MINORITIES AND WOMEN ARE ABOUT TO BE
PUT ON A MUCH TIGHTER REIN, IF THEY CONTINUE TO GALLOP AT
ALL. ...

"THE END OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IS A CLASSIC ANTI-
GOVERNMENT POPULIST CAUSE, WHILE ITS CONTINUATION, EVEN
IF IN MODIFIED FORM, IS A LIBERAL POLICY. WHATEVER
CLINTON FINALLY DETERMINES IN HIS PURSUIT OF A MIDDLE WAY
IS CERTAIN TO BE ATTACKED BY BOTH SIDES." MCBRIDE

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