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- B. BOSNIA: LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO

FOUR PAPERS CARRY HEADLINES ON THE SENATE'S
DECISION TO LIFT THE ARMS EMBARGO ON BOSNIA. MANY
PAPERS CARRY EDITORIALS AND THE WRITERS ARE UNANIMOUS
IN THEIR VIEW THAT THE DECISION OF THE SENATE
'ALARMED THE WHOLE CHICKEN COOP OF THE U.N., NATO,
CONTACT GROUP, AND RUSSIA IN PARTICULAR' WITHOUT
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TAKING NOTE OF THE CONDITIONS LINKED TO IT (DIE RHEINPFALZ). BUT THE VOTE IN THE SENATE WILL NOT ALLEVIATE THE MISERY IN BOSNIA AND WILL NOT HELP THE BOSNIANS SINCE IT WAS A DECISION THAT WAS BASED ON U.S. DOMESTIC POLICY AND THIS IS, AS SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG PUT IT 'A STRANGE DEFINITION OF U.S. LEADERSHIP.' THE COMMENTATOR IN DEUTSCHLANDFUNK ARGUES THAT THIS DECISION WILL BE WELCOMED BY THOSE FORCES WHO ARE GREATLY INTERESTED IN SHIPPING ARMS TO THE REGION - THE ISLAMIC NATIONS - WHICH NOW FEEL JUSTIFIED BY THE SENATE'S DECISION. THERE IS ONLY ONE COMMENTATOR WHO WELCOMES THE DECISION OF THE SENATE (WESTDEUTSCHER RUNDFUNK).

1. NATIONAL RADIO STATION DEUTSCHLANDFUNK OF COLOGNE AIRED THE FOLLOWING COMMENTARY BY JOHANNES GROTZKY:

"DEEDS FROM A TOTALLY DIFFERENT SIDE WILL FOLLOW THE RESOLUTE WORDS OF THE U.S. SENATE. THE DECISION OF THE SENATE IS FULL OF TRICKS (SINCE IT HAS SO MANY RESTRICTIONS).... MUCH MORE IMPORTANT IS THE SIGNAL THE DECISION WILL SEND TO THE FORCES WHICH HAVE A GREAT INTEREST IN SHIPPING ARMS TO THE BALKANS. THERE ARE SOME ISLAMIC NATIONS WHICH ARE DELIVERING ARMS RIGHT NOW, BUT THEIR ATTITUDE IS NOW BEING JUSTIFIED BY WASHINGTON. THEN THERE IS THE CROATIAN GOVERNMENT THAT WISHES ARMS SHIPMENTS TO BOSNIA TO CONSOLIDATE THE SITUATION OF THE BOSNIAN CROATS AND NOT THE ONE OF THE MUSLIMS. AND THERE IS THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SERBS. NOTHING CAN PLEASE THEIR CHIEF OF STAFF MORE THAN THE OPENING OF THE WAR TO ALL SIDES, SINCE GENERAL MLADIC KNOWS THAT A MILITARY SIDING WITH THE MUSLIMS SEEMS TO JUSTIFY HIS SO-CALLED RELIGIOUS WAR AT LEAST IN THE ORTHODOX WORLD UP TO MOSCOW. THUS THIS WAR WOULD HAVE BEEN CHANGED FROM POWER POLITICS INTO A WAR OF IDEOLOGIES...."

2. STEFAN BERGMANN SAID IN A COMMENTARY ON ARD-TV'S (NATIONAL CHANNEL ONE) LATE EVENING NEWSCAST TAGESTHEMEN:

"IT IS UNFAIR TO CREATE FALSE HOPES AMONG THE DOWNTRODDEN PEOPLE (IN BOSNIA), SINCE A LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO ON THE BOSNIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO MEAN THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE BLUE HELMETS AND PROBABLY ALSO THE FINAL DEVASTATING STRIKE OF THE BOSNIAN UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 10 BONN GE 15137

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SERBS. BUT APART FROM THESE FACTS, THE U.S. SENATORS HAVE ALREADY CAUSED SOME DAMAGE WITH THEIR VOTE, SINCE THE DECISION LEAVES A LOT OF BACK DOORS OPEN AND BY NO MEANS AUTOMATICALLY GUARANTEES ARMS SUPPLIES FOR THE BOSNIAN GOVERNMENT FORCES LATER.

"THUS THE U.S. SENATE IS CREATING FALSE HOPES AMONG THE BOSNIANS AND, AT THE SAME TIME, POSSIBLY INSTIGATING THE BOSNIAN SERBS TO CONTINUE THEIR MURDEROUS ACTIVITIES. IN ADDITION, THE SHORTSIGHTED SENATORS HAVE NOW DRIVEN NOT ONLY A WEDGE BETWEEN CLINTON AND THE EUROPEANS, BUT THEY HAVE ALSO ENRAGED MOSCOW. THIS IS A GREAT DISSERVICE IN A SITUATION IN WHICH IT IS TOUCH AND GO, IN WHICH THE U.N. AND NATO NEED A TAME RUSSIA TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE LAST CHANCE AGAINST THE BOSNIAN SERBS."

3. KLAUS-JUERGEN HALLER COMMENTED ON REGIONAL RADIO STATION WESTDEUTSCHER RUNDFUNK OF COLOGNE:

"(THE VOTE IN THE SENATE) HAS SO FAR BEEN THE SHARPEST CRITICISM OF THE LACK OF SUCCESS OF THE U.N. MISSION IN BOSNIA, OF THE HALFHEARTED EFFORTS OF THE EUROPEANS AND THE INDECISIVE POLICY OF THE U.S. PRESIDENT.... ON A BROAD FRONT THE VIEW IS GAINING THE UPPER HAND IN THE UNITED STATES THAT AN ATTACKED COUNTRY SHOULD NOT BE PREVENTED FROM DEFENDING ITSELF IF IT CANNOT BE PROTECTED FROM BEING CONQUERED, ITS PEOPLE BEING EXPELLED, AND ITS CITIZENS BEING RAPED. AND THIS IS THE DECISIVE POINT. THE PREVIOUS EFFORTS ARE CONSIDERED A FAILURE AND A POLITICAL SOLUTION IS NOT IN SIGHT."

4. RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE CARRIES

A FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL BY JOHANN GEORG REISSMUELLER
UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"FLOPS."

"THE VOTE OF THE U.S. SENATE AGAINST THE U.N.
EMBARGO ON BOSNIA IS, IF IT REALLY FOCUSES ON BOSNIA,
A FLOP. EVEN IF THE SENATE OVERRULES THE ANNOUNCED
VETO OF THE PRESIDENT, NOTHING WOULD CHANGE OF THE
EMBARGO, SINCE A U.S. LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO WOULD
CONSIST OF RESTRICTIONS AND DEADLINES WHICH MAKE THE
(SENATE'S) DECISION INEFFECTIVE. BUT EVEN WITHOUT
SUCH RESTRICTIONS, THE BOSNIANS WOULD NOT GET ONE
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SINGLE ARTILLERY PIECE, SINCE THE GOVERNMENTS IN
LONDON AND PARIS ARE THREATENING THE WITHDRAWAL OF
THEIR FORCES FROM BOSNIA, SOMETHING THE WASHINGTON
GOVERNMENT DOES NOT WANT TO RISK....

"THOSE WHO REALLY WANT PEACE IN BOSNIA SHOULD NOT
ALWAYS PRESENT MOCK ACTIVITIES. THEY MUST STOP AND
PUSH BACK THE AGGRESSOR. ONLY THEN WILL A POLITICAL
SOLUTION BE POSSIBLE WHICH IS SOMETHING ELSE THAN
NODDING ONE'S HEAD TO THE WILL OF THE STRONGER SIDE."

5. WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT KURT KISTER SAYS IN
AN EDITORIAL IN CENTRIST SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF
MUNICH UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"AMERICA AND BOSNIA: SYMBOLS INSTEAD OF
WEAPONS."

AFTER OUTLINING THE RESTRICTIONS THAT ARE LINKED
TO THE LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO ON BOSNIA, KISTER
GOES ON TO SAY: "WE ARE PERFECTLY SAFE IN SAYING
THAT THE SENATE'S DECISION IS NOT AS BAD AS IT MAY
LOOK. EVEN IF THE DECISION OF THE SENATE CAME INTO
FORCE RIGHT AWAY, IT WOULD TAKE UNTIL THE FALL BEFORE
IT COULD BE IMPLEMENTED. BUT THE BILL WILL BECOME
LAW ONLY IF THE PRESIDENT SIGNS IT, BUT HE ALREADY
ANNOUNCED HIS VETO. AND IT IS HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE

WHETHER THERE WILL BE ENOUGH DEMOCRATS IN THE SENATE WHO WOULD THEN BE WILLING TO TAKE AWAY THE FOREIGN POLICY ABILITY TO ACT FROM THEIR PRESIDENT....

"THE SENATE'S DECISION DOES NOT SAY WHAT IS TO HAPPEN WITH THE (BOSNIAN) REFUGEES, WHO IS TO OFFER HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, AND WHO SHOULD SEE TO IT THAT THE BOSNIANS GET THE ARMS. IN ADDITION, THE SENATE LEAVES THE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE FORCES IN THE BALKANS, IN THE LURCH. BUT ONE ASPECT BECAME CLEAR IN ALL THE SPEECHES OF THE ADVOCATES OF LIFTING OF EMBARGO: THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BY NO MEANS GO TO BOSNIA, SINCE IT DOES NOT WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN A 'SECOND VIETNAM.'

"THUS THE MAJORITY IN THE SENATE ARE SIGNALLING TO THE BOSNIANS: FIGHT FOR YOUR LIFE - BUT DO NOT COUNT ON AMERICA. THE SENATORS EXPRESSED THEIR UNEASE ABOUT THE PRESIDENT, THE EUROPEANS, THE SERBS, THE U.N., AND THE COMPLICATED SITUATION IN THE BALKANS. BUT THEY DID NOT CARE ABOUT THE
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IMPLICATIONS OF A POSSIBLE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO.
AND THIS IS AN ODD DEFINITION OF U.S. LEADERSHIP."

6. FORMER WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT FRITZ WIRTH
ARGUES IN AN EDITORIAL IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER DIE WELT OF
BERLIN:

"THE U.S. POLICY TOWARDS BOSNIA REMAINS
UNPREDICTABLE."

"(AFTER THE VOTE IN THE SENATE), THE PROBLEM IS:
AS CLEAR AS THE VOTE IN THE SENATE HAS, AS UNCLEAR
AND CONFUSING CONTINUES TO BE U.S. POLICY TOWARDS
YUGOSLAVIA. THIS DEBATE AND VOTE REVEALED CRACKS
BETWEEN CONGRESS AND THE WHITE HOUSE...AND THE
POLITICAL AND MILITARY PARTNERS OF THE UNITED STATES
ARE MORE PUZZLED THAN EVER AND WONDER: WHOSE HAS THE
FINAL WORD?...

"AND WHAT FILLS THE CUP OF CONFUSION TO THE BRIM

IS THE ANGER AND THE PROTEST WITH WHICH CLINTON TOOK NOTE OF THE VOTE IN THE SENATE. IT LACKS CREDIBILITY AND PERSUASIVENESS, SINCE THE THINGS THE SENATE AGREED UPON AGAINST THE PRESIDENT'S WILL, WERE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF HIS POLICY TOWARDS BOSNIA TWO YEARS AGO....

"THE ALLIES ARE ALSO INCREASINGLY RAISING THE QUESTION OF WHO IS DETERMINING U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. THE DOMINATING ROLE WHICH CONGRESS HAS NOW ASSUMED IN THE BOSNIAN QUESTION IS ALARMING BECAUSE IT IS DECISIVELY...SHAPED BY ISOLATIONIST JESSE HELMS.... THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE CONFUSION AND CONTRADICTION OF THE U.S. POLICY TOWARDS BOSNIA DID NOT ORIGINATE IN THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION BUT WAS A PRODUCT OF THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION AND THE ARMS EMBARGO ON THE BOSNIANS WAS PART OF THE POLICY OF THIS ERA. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THIS UNILATERAL EMBARGO WAS DISCRIMINATING AND UNFAIR....

"THE BEST INTERPRETATION OF YESTERDAY'S VOTE IN THE SENATE IS AS FOLLOWS: FOR THE UNITED STATES, THE VOTE TO LIFT THE ARMS EMBARGO IS THE MOST PAINLESS AND MOST RISK-FREE WAY TO WASH ITS HANDS OF THE WHOLE AFFAIR.... THE DISTANCE OF THE CONFLICT-ALLERGIC UNITED STATES TO THIS HORRIBLE CONFLICT CANNOT BE GREAT ENOUGH."

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7. RIGHT-OF-CENTER SCHWAEBISCHE ZEITUNG OF LEUTKIRCH POINTS OUT:

"A STRONG POLITICAL FACTION IN THE U.S. IS NOW TRYING TO UNDERMINE DECISIONS THAT WERE REACHED BY THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL. HOW BIG WOULD BE THE OUTCRY IN WASHINGTON IF OTHER COUNTRIES DID THE SAME IN OTHER CASES?"

8. RIGHT-OF-CENTER KIELER NACHRICHTEN ARGUES:

"THE DECISION OF THE U.S. SENATE, WHICH IS BEING

PRAISED BY THE BOSNIAN GOVERNMENT AND PRESS, IS, IF IT IS NOT A DOMESTIC POLICY SHOWDOWN WITH PRESIDENT CLINTON, A FURTHER DOCUMENT OF THE FAILURE OF THE WEST."

9. RIGHT-OF-CENTER BERLINER KURIER MAINTAINS:

"THE DECISION IS RIGHT - BUT THE TIME IS WRONG. FOR THE MUSLIMS IT COMES TOO LATE, SINCE THE SERBIAN CONQUERORS WILL NOT WAIT UNTIL THE HUNTED TURN INTO ATTACKERS. FOR THE BLUE HELMETS, THE DECISION COMES TOO EARLY, SINCE THE ANNOUNCED ARMAMENT OF THE MUSLIMS WILL PUT THEIR LIVES AT RISK."

10. RIGHT-OF-CENTER DIE RHEINPFALZ OF LUDWIGSHAFEN NOTES:

"WITH ITS DECISION...THE U.S. SENATE ALARMED THE WHOLE CHICKEN COOP OF UNITED NATIONS, NATO, CONTACT GROUP AND RUSSIA IN PARTICULAR. EVERYBODY WAS CLUCKING SO LOUDLY AND FAST THAT NOBODY TOOK NOTE OF THE CONDITIONS THE SENATE LINKED TO ITS DECISION...."

C. UN-BOSNIA: MAZOWIECKI RESIGNS

1. WERNER ADAM MAKES THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS IN TODAY'S RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE:

"RESIGNATION."

"EVEN THOUGH HIS DECISION HAS ONLY SYMBOLIC MEANING, IT CASTS LIGHT ON THE HYPOCRISY AND IGNORANCE WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS GUILTY OF WITH REGARD TO THIS DREADFUL TRAGEDY.... IN THE UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 10 BONN GE 15137

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THREE YEARS HE SPENT IN THE POSITION, MAZOWIECKI MADE PAINS TO ENSURE THAT HE COULD NOT BE ACCUSED OF TAKING SIDES, BUT NEITHER HAS HE PREPARED TO GO ON REMAINING SILENT ABOUT WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE SAFE HAVENS WHICH HE WAS SO IN FAVOR OF. HE REFERRED TO SERB ACTIONS IN SREBRENICA AS BARBARIC AND THE LONDON

CONFERENCE'S REACTION TO THEM AS HYPOCRITICAL. NONE OTHER THAN THE SUPREME SERB LEADER RECENTLY CONFIRMED HOW SERIOUSLY HE ALWAYS TOOK HIS JOB. MILOSEVIC REFUSED TO HAVE ANYTHING MORE TO DO WITH MAZOWIECKI BECAUSE THE LATTER HAD CONSTANTLY CONDEMNED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN SERBIA ITSELF."

2. CENTRIST SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH
REMARKS:

"UN IN DISGRACE."

"MAZOWIECKI HAS NOW RESIGNED, AT THE SAME TIME BITTERLY CONDEMNING THE INACTIVITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN THE FACE OF APPALLING EVENTS. THE FINAL STRAW WAS PROBABLY THE FALL OF THE UN 'SAFE HAVENS' OF SREBRENICA AND ZEPA...AND EVEN MORE THE CONVOLUTED LONDON DECLARATION ISSUED BY THE CONTACT GROUP, WHICH WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR KARADZIC AND MLADIC TO SET THEIR SIGHTS ON THE 'SOFT' TARGETS LIKE BIHAC. EVEN THE WARNINGS ABOUT GORAZDE WILL NOT WORRY THE SERBS: AT SOME TIME OR ANOTHER THE ENCLAVE WILL DRY UP AND THEN FALL.

"THE DISILLUSIONED MAZOWIECKI HAS DRAWN ATTENTION TO THE DISGRACEFUL BEHAVIOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE EUROPEAN POWERS. THIS IS UNDERSTANDABLE FOR A MAN WHO CHAMPIONED THE 'SAFE HAVENS' AND IS NOW SEEING THEM TURN INTO 'ETHNIC CLEANSING' UNDER UN PROTECTION."

3. RIGHT-OF-CENTER NORDWEST-ZEITUNG OF OLDENBURG:

"THE FORMER POLISH PRIME MINISTER HAS EXPERIENCED REPRESSION AND POLITICAL PERSECUTION PERSONALLY. MAZOWIECKI KNOWS WHAT HE IS TALKING ABOUT WHEN HE SAYS THAT HE IS SIMPLY SICK OF DRAWING UP REPORTS WHICH THE UN IGNORES WHILE HE CANNOT HELP THE PEOPLE IN THE REGION. IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, HE IS TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE FACT THAT THE UN BLUE HELMETS IN ZEPA AND SREBRENICA ARE NO LONGER DEFENDERS OF THE GRANDLY UNCLAS SECTION 08 OF 10 BONN GE 15137

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ANNOUNCED SAFE HAVENS BUT HAVE BECOME ACCOMPLICES TO SERBIAN ETHNIC CLEANSING."

4. CENTRIST NEUE OSNABRUECKER ZEITUNG COMMENTS:

"MAZOWIECKI'S ACCUSATIONS OF HYPOCRISY AND MISLEADING THE BOSNIANS ABOUT THE UN'S REAL AIMS SHOULD BE A PAINFUL BLOW TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL BOUTROS GHALI - IF THE UNITED NATIONS HAS RETAINED A VESTIGE OF AWARENESS OF ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. BUT CAN WE EXPECT THIS OF AN INSTITUTION WHOSE PROCRASTINATION AND HESITANCY HAS MADE IT PARTLY TO BLAME FOR THE BOSNIAN TRAGEDY? WHAT A DECLARATION OF MORAL BANKRUPTCY THIS IS!"

5. CENTRIST DER TAGESSPIEGEL OF BERLIN FEATURES THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL:

"AFTER PENNING 17 URGENT BUT ABSOLUTELY INEFFECTIVE REPORTS ON BARBARIC ATROCITIES, MAZOWIECKI IS NO LONGER PREPARED TO BE PART OF A SYSTEM WHOSE LEADERS INDULGE IN ELEGANT DIPLOMATIC TACT AT CENTER STAGE, WHILE TORTURE AND MURDER GOES ON IN THE WINGS. FOR THE FORMER POLISH PRIME MINISTER, THE PINNACLE OF HYPOCRISY WAS REACHED WHEN THE LONDON CONFERENCE ON BOSNIA WARNED THE SERBS AGAINST ATTACKING GORAZDE. GORAZDE DOES NOT INTEREST THE SERBS IN THE SLIGHTEST. THEY ARE MOVING ON BIHAC NOW THAT ZEPA AND SREBRENICA HAVE BEEN ABANDONED BY THE UN. MAZOWIECKI HAS BEGUN TO TEAR DOWN THE FACADE OF LIES AND SELF-DECEPTION."

D. U.S.: BUDGET POLICY

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT DIETRICH ZWAETZ COMMENTS ON REPUBLICAN PLANS TO CUT GOVERNMENT SPENDING IN BUSINESS NEWSPAPER HANDELSBLATT OF DUESSELDORF:

"SAVE TO DEATH."

"SINCE THE REPUBLICANS, WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR DRAMATIC INCREASES IN THE BUDGET DEFICIT DURING THE REAGAN-BUSH ERA, DISCOVERED GUTS AS A MEANS OF MAKING POLITICAL CAPITAL, NOTHING HAS BEEN SAFE FROM THEIR RESOLUTIONS ON SAVINGS. WHETHER IT IS PEOPLE OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, GRANTS OR SUBSIDIES, PENSIONS OR HEALTH CARE BENEFITS, THE OPPOSITION'S SCALPEL

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GUTS OUT THE LARGE AND SMALL SUMS WHICH ARE NEEDED TO
ACHIEVE THE GREAT AIM: A BALANCED BUDGET BY THE YEAR
2002....

"THE SAVINGS ORGIES CAN CERTAINLY BE JUSTIFIED.
FOR ONE THING, A THOROUGH CLEAN-UP OF THE DEFORMED
STRUCTURES OF THE AMERICAN BUDGET IS NEEDED. AT SOME
TIME OR ANOTHER, SERIOUS SAVINGS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO
BE MADE. AND A POLICY OF MAKING GUTS IS POPULAR WITH
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE - FOR THE REPUBLICANS AN
IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS RETAKING THE WHITE HOUSE IN
NOVEMBER 1996. BUT SINCE CONGRESS HAS SOMETIMES HAD
TO REVISE HASTY DECISIONS IN THE PAST BECAUSE THEY
PROVED IMPRACTICABLE, SWIFT THOUGH SHORT-LIVED
SUCCESSES SEEM TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT AIM OF
REPUBLICAN POLICY.

"FACED WITH SUCH A BROAD BUDGET POLICY WHICH
REACHES INTO THE DEEPEST STRUCTURES OF THE STATE, THE
CLINTON ADMINISTRATION IS SOMETIMES HELPLESS. IT IS
OCCASIONALLY CAUGHT UNAWARES BY GUTS SUCH AS THE
ELIMINATION OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS. BUT IT HAS TO
PRESERVE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE STATE, THE
GOVERNMENT APPARATUS AND PUBLIC AUTHORITIES IN ORDER
TO ORGANIZE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COUNTRY. IT IS
EASY TO MAKE CUTS WHEN ONE IS NOT IN CHARGE.

"WHEN SPENDING MONEY, THE STATE ALSO ASSUMES
RESPONSIBILITIES. THE CONSEQUENCES OF CUTS IN THE
DEFENSE BUDGET SHOW CLEARLY HOW DEPENDENT INDUSTRY
AND ITS EMPLOYEES ARE UPON PUBLIC MONEY. KEYNESIAN
'DEFICIT SPENDING' HAS LONG SINCE BECOME A PERMANENT
FUNCTION WITHIN THE BUDGET. THIS MAY BE ABSOLUTELY
WRONG ACCORDING TO CLASSIC BUDGETARY POLICY, BUT ANY
ABRUPT CHANGE WOULD SHAKE THE ECONOMY TO ITS VERY
FOUNDATIONS. IF A REPUBLICAN MOVES INTO THE WHITE
HOUSE IN NOVEMBER, WE WILL SEE WHETHER HE KILLS THE
STATE BY CUTS."

E. ASEAN: VIETNAM ACCEPTED

KAI STRITTMATTER SAYS IN AN EDITORIAL IN CENTRIST
SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"AN ALLIANCE IN THE SHADOW OF CHINA."

"WHEN ASEAN WAS FOUNDED IN 1967, ITS REAL REASON
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TO EXIST WAS ANTI-COMMUNISM. THE 'DOMINO THEORY' HAS
WIDELY ACCEPTED, AND THE ENEMY, WHO FORGED TOGETHER
THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS, SAT IN HANOI. BUT AS OF
TODAY, SOUTHEAST ASIA'S MOST IMPORTANT DOMINO HAS
AGAIN BECOME A MEMBER OF THE GAME....

"SINCE THE END OF THE COLD WAR, THE FACE OF THE
REGION HAS CHANGED. VIETNAM, TOO, HAS BECOME A
DIFFERENT COUNTRY: ITS OPENING AND ITS ECONOMIC
REFORMS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO AN ANNUAL ECONOMIC GROWTH
OF NINE PERCENT.... BUT THERE IS ANOTHER REASON FOR
THIS ALLIANCE: THE COMMON FEAR OF THE CHINESE GIANT
WHICH WANTS TO GAIN NEW SUPREMACY IN THE REGION....

Q "WITH HANOI - ASEAN IS GETTING A POWERFUL ALLY,
SINCE VIETNAM HAS THE MOST POWERFUL ARMY IN THE
REGION. IT IS THE AIM OF ASEAN TO CREATE A STRONG
COUNTER-BALANCE TO POWERS LIKE CHINA, BUT ALSO INDIA,
JAPAN OR THE U.S. BUT IT IS QUESTIONABLE WHETHER IT
WILL SUCCEED, SINCE ASEAN IS NOT ASIA'S NATO, AND
THERE IS NO TRACE OF COMMON DEFENSE...."
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2. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ISSUED BY THE STATE
DEPARTMENT ON 8/1/95.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE SPOKESMAN
AUGUST 1, 1995

STATEMENT BY DAVID JOHNSON, ACTING SPOKESMAN

FY 1996 REFUGEE ADMISSIONS

AS ANNOUNCED AT A HEARING IN THE SENATE TODAY, THE
PRESIDENT HAS PROPOSED THE ADMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES
OF UP TO 90,000 REFUGEES DURING FY 1996. THESE FUNDED
ADMISSIONS WILL BE ALLOCATED AMONG REFUGEES OF SPECIAL
HUMANITARIAN CONCERN TO THE UNITED STATES IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE FOLLOWING REGIONAL ALLOCATIONS:

AFRICA	7,000
EAST ASIA	25,000
FORMER SOVIET UNION/EASTERN EUROPE	45,000
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	6,000
NEAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIA	4,000
UNALLOCATED RESERVE	3,000
 TOTAL	 90,000

THERE ARE SOME 20 MILLION REFUGEES IN THE WORLD AND AN
EVEN GREATER NUMBER OF PERSONS DISPLACED WITHIN THE
BORDERS OF THEIR OWN COUNTRIES. IN THE FACE OF THESE
GROWING NUMBERS, THE FIRST AND MOST URGENT CONCERN FOR
REFUGEES IS PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE IN THEIR PLACE OF
REFUGE. THE VAST MAJORITY OF REFUGEES WORLDWIDE WILL
REMAIN IN THE COUNTRIES THAT FIRST OFFERED THEM ASYLUM
UNTIL THEY CAN RETURN HOME IN SAFETY AND DIGNITY.
PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT, THOUGH NOW RARELY SEEN AS A
PRIMARY SOLUTION FOR REFUGEE CRISES, REMAINS AN IMPORTANT
OPTION IN OUR HUMANITARIAN POLICY RESPONSE IN SPECIFIC
CIRCUMSTANCES, SUCH AS BOSNIA.

THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS FOR RESETTLEMENT REFUGEES WHO
ARE OF SPECIAL HUMANITARIAN CONCERN TO THE UNITED STATES
OR WHO ARE REFERRED BY THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH
COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES. REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT IS
CENTRAL TO AMERICA'S HUMANITARIAN TRADITION. IN A TIME
OF INCREASING TENSION AND CONFLICT, OFTEN ETHNICALLY

INSPIRED, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT AMERICA'S DOOR REMAIN OPEN TO VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE AND INTOLERANCE WHO HAVE NO OTHER PLACE TO GO.

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3. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCES WERE PREPARED ON 8/2/95. AT THE PRESS BRIEFING THAT DAY, DEPUTY SPOKESMAN DAVID JOHNSON USED ALL OF PARA 4 EXCEPT THE LAST TICK. HE ALSO USED ALL OF THE ANSWERS IN PARA 5 AND ALL EXCEPT THE LAST TICK OF PARA 6. THE REMAINING TICKS MAY BE USED ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

4. DEPARTMENT: AUTHORIZATION BILL

-- WE HOPE WE CAN WORK WITH SEN HELMS AND HIS COLLEAGUES TO FASHION A BIPARTISAN BILL.

-- WE HAVE ALWAYS WORKED IN A BIPARTISAN MANNER WITH THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND WE PLAN TO CONTINUE TO DO SO

Q. WHAT IS THE ADMINISTRATION'S REACTION TO THE SENATE'S DECISION TO WITHDRAW S. 908 FROM CONSIDERATION THIS WEEK.

A. GIVEN THE PRESS OF OTHER SENATE BUSINESS, THE TWO UNSUCCESSFUL CLOTURE VOTES, THE FEW DAYS REMAINING UNTIL THE AUGUST RECESS, AND THE STRONG OPPOSITION TO SOME PROVISIONS IN S. 908, THE MAJORITY LEADER'S DECISION TO WITHDRAW IT TEMPORARILY WAS NOT SURPRISING.

Q. WHAT IS THE ADMINISTRATION'S REACTION TO SENATOR HELMS' THREAT TO PLACE ON HOLD ALL OF THE PRESIDENT'S NOMINEES AND TREATIES UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE ADMINISTRATION AGREES TO WORK WITH SENATOR HELMS TO PASS THE STATE AUTHORIZATION BILL?

A. WE HAVE BEEN, ARE, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE WILLING AND READY TO WORK WITH SENATOR HELMS AND THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON A BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES, INCLUDING A BIPARTISAN STATE AUTHORIZATION BILL, AS WE HAVE THROUGHOUT THIS ADMINISTRATION.

-- IT IS OUR HOPE TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH HIM AND HIS STAFF TO ENSURE SPEEDY CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFIED AMBASSADORS AND TO RATIFY TREATIES LIKE START II, WHICH ARE IN AMERICA'S NATIONAL INTEREST.

-- WE UNDERSTAND THERE ARE 17 AMBASSADORIAL NOMINATIONS PENDING CONFIRMATION ON THE SENATE

FLOOR AND 13 WAITING TO BE REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE.

5. CHINA: EXPULSION OF TWO U.S. AIR FORCE OFFICERS

Q. WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE CHINESE ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE EXPULSION OF TWO U.S. AIR FORCE OFFICERS?

A. CHINA ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT COLONEL JOSEPH W. CHAN AND CAPTAIN DWAYNE H. FLORENZIE, BOTH ASSIGNED TO THE U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL IN HONG KONG HAD BEEN DETAINED IN CHINA AND WILL BE RELEASED IN THE NEXT 24 HOURS. AT THAT TIME, THEY WILL LEAVE THE COUNTRY. WE HAVE HAD NO CONTACT WITH THE OFFICERS AND THEY HAVE NOT YET DEPARTED CHINA.

-- THE TWO OFFICERS WERE TRAVELING IN CHINA ON VALID DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS. WHEN THEY FAILED TO CONTACT THEIR FAMILIES AND OFFICE AS EXPECTED, WE INITIATED INQUIRIES INTO THEIR WHEREABOUTS WITH CHINESE AUTHORITIES. THE CHINESE INFORMED US THROUGH OUR EMBASSY IN BEIJING THAT THE TWO MEN HAD BEEN DETAINED AND THAT THEY WERE TO BE RELEASED IN 24 HOURS.

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-- WE HOPE THIS WILL HAVE NO REPERCUSSIONS ON U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS.

-- SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER DID NOT RAISE THIS IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER QIAN BECAUSE HE KNEW IT WAS BEING ADDRESSED THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS. QIAN DID NOT RAISE IT EITHER.

Q. WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THEIR TRAVEL IN CHINA?

A. THEY WERE TRAVELING IN SOUTHEASTERN CHINA IN CONNECTION WITH CONSULTATIONS WITH OUR EMBASSY IN BEIJING. WE EXPECTED THEM TO CHECK IN WITH THE CONSULATE IN GUANGZHOU AT SOME POINT DURING THEIR TRIP.

-- FOR FURTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENT PERTAINING TO THE DUTIES OF THESE OFFICERS, I WOULD REFER YOU TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

Q. HOW DO YOU RESPOND TO CHINESE ALLEGATIONS/PRESS REPORTS THAT THE TWO OFFICERS HAD ENTERED RESTRICTED MILITARY ZONES AND/OR WERE PHOTOGRAPHING/VIDEOTAPING IN RESTRICTED MILITARY ZONES?

A. SINCE WE HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE TO TALK WITH THESE TWO OFFICERS, IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO COMMENT AT THIS TIME.

IF ASKED ONLY:

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE CHINESE CLAIM THAT THE TWO MEN WERE ARRESTED FOR SPYING?

A. NO. WE ROUTINELY DO NOT COMMENT ON SUCH MATTERS.

6. CHINA: BILATERAL TALKS IN BRUNEI

Q. WHAT WERE THE MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER QIAN?

A. THE ONE-AND-A-HALF-HOUR MEETING WAS CONSTRUCTIVE AND USEFUL. THE SECRETARY COVERED THE WHOLE RANGE OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS: HARRY WU, NONPROLIFERATION, TRADE AND HUMAN RIGHTS. THE SECRETARY GAVE QIAN A LETTER FOR PRESIDENT JIANG ZEMIN FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON. THE ISSUE OF A POSSIBLE SUMMIT WAS RAISED BUT NO DECISIONS WERE MADE.

-- THERE WERE NO BREAKTHROUGHS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES, HOWEVER QIAN AGREED THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE OUR TALKS AT THE LEVEL OF UNDERSECRETARY/VICE FOREIGN MINISTER. UNDERSECRETARY TARNOFF AND HIS COUNTERPART, VICE MINISTER LI ZHAOXING, WILL MEET IN THE NEAR FUTURE AT A DATE TO BE DECIDED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. THE FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO AGREED TO MEET SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER AGAIN ON THE MARGINS OF THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

-- SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER REAFFIRMED OUR ONE CHINA POLICY AND REITERATED OUR BELIEF THAT WE COULD NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT TAIWAN OFFICIALS MAY VISIT THE UNITED STATES AT SOME FUTURE DATE.

7. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE, ALSO PREPARED ON 8/2/95, WAS NOT USED AT THE BRIEFING. POSTS MAY DRAW FROM IT ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

8. CHINA: UPDATE ON HARRY WU

Q. CAN YOU PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON EFFORTS TO GAIN CONSULAR UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 04 STATE 184487

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A. HUBEI FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIALS INDICATED TO OUR

CONSULAR SECTION ON AUGUST 2 THAT THEY EXPECTED A DECISION VERY SOON ON THE TIMING OF OUR NEXT VISIT WITH MR. WU.

- THE LAST CONSULAR VISIT WAS JULY 10.
- WE DO NOT YET HAVE A SPECIFIC DATE FOR THE NEXT VISIT.
- THE CONSULAR AGREEMENT CALLS FOR AT LEAST ONE CONSULAR VISIT EVERY 30 DAYS.
- THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN PURSUING THE ISSUE OF ACCESS BOTH WITH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN BEIJING AND THE HUBEI FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICE.
- AT EVERY LEVEL OF OUR GOVERNMENT, WE HAVE MADE OUR POSITION CLEAR TO CHINESE OFFICIALS THAT HARRY WU SHOULD BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY.

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS REORGANIZATION;

ADDENDUM TO WEDNESDAY, AUG. 2, 1995

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SUBJECT: AFRICA PRESS GUIDANCE
CORRECTION TO DATE OF PG ON REACTION TO SENATE ACTION ON
FOREIGN AFFAIRS REORGANIZATION;
ADDENDUM TO WEDNESDAY, AUG. 2, 1995

SUMMARY OF PRESS GUIDANCE ON AFRICA:
AUGUST 1:

1. DEPARTMENT (PA): REACTION TO SENATE CLOTURE MOTIONS ON
FOREIGN AFFAIRS REORGANIZATION; HELMS STALL ON
AMBASSADORIAL NOMINATIONS

AUGUST 2:

2. DEPARTMENT (H): REACTION TO SENATE CLOTURE MOTIONS ON
FOREIGN AFFAIRS REORGANIZATION; HELMS STALL ON
AMBASSADORIAL NOMINATIONS

(END SUMMARY)

AUGUST 1, 1995:

1. DEPARTMENT (PA): REACTION TO SENATE CLOTURE MOTIONS
ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS REORGANIZATION; HELMS STALL ON
AMBASSADORIAL NOMINATIONS.

-- WE HOPE WE CAN WORK WITH SEN HELMS AND HIS COLLEAGUES
TO FASHION A BIPARTISAN BILL.

-- WE HAVE ALWAYS WORKED IN A BIPARTISAN MANNER WITH THE
SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND WE PLAN TO CONTINUE
TO DO SO

AUGUST 2, 1995:

2. DEPARTMENT (H): REACTION TO SENATE CLOTURE MOTIONS ON
FOREIGN AFFAIRS REORGANIZATION; HELMS STALL ON
AMBASSADORIAL NOMINATIONS.

Q: WHAT IS THE ADMINISTRATION'S REACTION TO THE SENATE'S
DECISION TO WITHDRAW S.908 FROM CONSIDERATION THIS WEEK?

A: GIVEN THE PRESS OF OTHER SENATE BUSINESS¹ THE TWO
UNSUCCESSFUL CLOTURE VOTES, THE FEW DAYS REMAINING UNTIL
THE AUGUST RECESS, AND THE STRONG OPPOSITION TO SOME
PROVISIONS IN S.908, THE MAJORITY LEADER'S DECISION TO
WITHDRAW IT TEMPORARILY WAS NOT SURPRISING.

Q: WHAT IS THE ADMINISTRATION'S REACTION TO SENATOR
HELMS' THREAT TO PLACE ON HOLD ALL OF THE PRESIDENT'S
NOMINEES AND TREATIES UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE
ADMINISTRATION AGREES TO WORK WITH SENATOR HELMS TO PASS
THE STATE AUTHORIZATION BILL?

A: -- WE HAVE BEEN, ARE, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE WILLING

AND READY TO WORK WITH SENATOR HELMS AND THE SENATE
FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON A BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES,
INCLUDING A BIPARTISAN STATE AUTHORIZATION BILL, AS WE
HAVE THROUGHOUT THIS ADMINISTRATION.

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-- IT IS OUR HOPE TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH HIM AND HIS
STAFF TO ENSURE SPEEDY CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFIED
AMBASSADORS AND TO RATIFY TREATIES LIKE START II, WHICH
ARE IN AMERICA'S NATIONAL INTEREST.

-- WE UNDERSTAND THERE ARE 17 AMBASSADORIAL NOMINATIONS

PENDING CONFIRMATION ON THE SENATE FLOOR AND 13 WAITING TO
BE REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE.

(END GUIDANCE)

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(METROPOLE)

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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION--GOC CRISIS: PUBLIC HEARINGS,
PROOF OF GUILT

1. OVER THE WEEKEND, THE LOCAL DAILIES CARRIED SEVERAL EDITORIALS AND OP-ED PIECES ON THE GOC CRISIS CAUSED BY THE INVESTIGATIONS INTO ALLEGED DRUG MONEY FINANCING OF THE LAST PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. ONE PIECE DEALS WITH THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS SHOULD BE PUBLIC OR NOT. OTHERS CONTINUE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF CREDIBILITY AND ALLEGED PROOF OF GUILT.

2. REPRESENTATIVE HEADLINES AND QUOTES FOLLOW:

A. EDITORIAL IN AUGUST 26 LEADING DAILY "EL TIEMPO"
(LIBERAL PARTY ORIENTED, CIRC. 245,000):

HEADLINE--"AND NOW THE 'SHOW'"

QUOTE--"SENATOR CARLOS CORSI SAYS THAT 'IF THE CONFIDENCE DISAPPEARS, IT GIVES WAY TO A POPULAR TRIAL IN THE STYLE OF ROBESPIERRE OR COMMUNIST TOTALITARIANISM.' OTHER VOICES HAVE SPOKEN ABOUT THIS ISSUE WITH THE SAME RESPECT FOR THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM THAT REIGNS IN COLOMBIA. IF IT IS VIOLATED, IT WOULD BE LIKE TAKING ONE MORE STEP TOWARD A CHAOTIC SITUATION. IF WE COLOMBIANS WERE JUST A LITTLE BIT RATIONAL, AND IT IS EASY TO THINK THAT MOST OF OUR COUNTRYMEN FALL INTO THIS CATEGORY, THEN WE WOULD CALMLY WAIT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DUE PROCESS THAT IS UNDERWAY...."
AUGUST 27 SECOND LEADING DAILY "EL ESPECTADOR" (LIBERAL PARTY ORIENTED, SUNDAY CIRC. 260,000):

HEADLINE--"WHERE IS THE OPPOSITION?"

QUOTE--"IF THERE IS A FACT THAT HAS SURFACED FROM THE CRISIS THAT IS AFFECTING SAMPER'S ADMINISTRATION, REGARDING THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED PRESENCE OF HOT MONEY IN THE CAMPAIGN, IT IS THAT THE PROTAGONISM OF THE MEDIA IS INVERSELY PROPORTIONAL TO THE ROLE THAT THE POLITICAL OPPOSITION HAS PLAYED. IT SEEMS TO HAVE EXTINGUISHED ITSELF. WHILE SPAIN'S FELIPE GONZALEZ HAS HIS AZNAR AND CLINTON HAS JESSE HELMS, IN COLOMBIA ERNESTO SAMPER HAS THE MEDIA...."

C. OP-ED PIECE BY COLUMNIST LUCY NIETO DE SAMPER (NO RELATION) IN AUGUST 28 LEADING DAILY "EL TIEMPO" (LIBERAL PARTY ORIENTED, CIRC. 245,000):

HEADLINE--"CREDIBILITY CRISIS"

QUOTE--"(FORMER AMBASSADOR TO GREAT BRITAIN NOEMI SANIN'S) RESIGNATION WAS HIGHLY CRITICIZED, BY THE POLITICANS ESPECIALLY. SHE WAS DESCRIBED AS BEING OPPORTUNISTIC. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT HER DECISION IS RESPECTABLE, BECAUSE AT THIS POINT IN THE SITUATION, WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IS MORE COMMON IN THIS COUNTRY BETWEEN UNCERTAINTY, DISILLUSIONMENT, OR RAGE, ANYBODY HAS THE RIGHT TO DOUBT, TO NOT BELIEVE IN THE GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE THERE IS A LOT OF EVIDENCE THAT IS CONFIRMING THAT DRUG MONEY ENTERED THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN...."

D. OP-ED PIECE BY COLUMNIST JUAN LOZANO IN AUGUST 28 "EL TIEMPO":

HEADLINE--"TO THE WATER, DUCKIES!"

QUOTE--"THE FACT THAT THE FOUR CANDIDATES WITH THE BEST POSSIBILITIES OF WINNING THE NEXT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS --IN STRICT ALPHABETICAL ORDER, BERNADO HOYOS, ANDRES PASTRANA, NOEMI SANIN, JUAN MANUEL SANTOS-- HAVE PARTED WAYS WITH THE PRESIDENT, WHICH CANNOT BE A MERE COINCIDENCE. IT CANNOT BE JUST A COINCIDENCE THAT,

BEYOND THE WELL-KNOWN PATRIOTIC REASONS, THESE FOUR LEADERS FELT THAT BEING CLOSE TO THE GOVERNMENT IS A BURNING FACTOR FOR THEIR POLITICAL FUTURE."

E. OP-ED PIECE BY COLUMNIST ANTONIO PANESSO IN AUGUST 28 "EL ESPECTADOR":
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HEADLINE--"TOPICS OF OUR TIME"

QUOTE--"YOU JUST DON'T ABANDON A GOVERNMENT WHEN IT IS HAVING DIFFICULTIES. YOU DO IF IT IS CONDEMNED. PRESIDENT SAMPER, WHO FREELY AND CLEARLY ASKED TO BE INVESTIGATED BY CONGRESS, HAS THE RIGHT TO THE PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE...." KNEEBONE
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MR. BURNS: GOOD AFTERNOON. BEFORE BEGINNING THE
BRIEFING TODAY, I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE TO ALL OF YOU OUR
NEWEST PRESS OFFICER, ALISON SHORTER. ALISON IS IN THE
FOREIGN SERVICE, HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A THREE-YEAR
TOUR IN OUR EMBASSY IN TUNIS, AND BEFORE TUNIS SHE
SERVED IN BELGRADE FROM 1990 UNTIL 1992. ALISON HAS A
DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FROM WASHINGTON
COLLEGE IN CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND, AND SHE IS ORIGINALLY
FROM THE WASHINGTON, D.C., AREA. WELCOME, ALISON.
THESE ARE YOUR NEW COLLEAGUES. LUCKY YOU AND LUCKY US.

NOW I'LL BE PREPARED, GEORGE, TO GO TO WHATEVER MAY
BE ON YOUR MIND TODAY. I THINK I CAN GUESS.

Q RIGHT. DO YOU HAVE AN UPDATE ON YOUR THINKING
CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF A MILITARY RESPONSE WITH
RESPECT TO THE EVENTS OF YESTERDAY?
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MR. BURNS: GEORGE, LET ME GET TO THAT QUESTION, BUT
LET ME FIRST TAKE YOU THROUGH WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING FOR
THE PAST 24 HOURS, INCLUDING THIS MORNING. AS I THINK
YOU KNOW, THE ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN INTENSIVELY
INVOLVED IN THIS ISSUE FOR THE LAST 24 HOURS SINCE THE
MURDEROUS AND BRUTAL ATTACK ON SARAJEVO BY THE BOSNIAN
SERBS.

ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE STROBE TALBOTT HAS HAD
SEVERAL MEETINGS THIS MORNING WITH HIS KEY ADVISERS HERE
IN THE DEPARTMENT, AND HE HAS BEEN ON THE PHONE WITH
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE DICK HOLBROOKE WHO REMAINS
IN PARIS.

MR. TALBOTT HAS COMMUNICATED SEVERAL TIMES WITH
SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER OVER THE LAST 24 HOURS. SECRETARY
CHRISTOPHER IS IN CALIFORNIA, AND HE HAS STAYED CLOSELY
AND ACTIVELY IN TOUCH ON THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE.

DICK HOLBROOKE, AS I SAID, REMAINS IN PARIS WHERE HE
HAD MEETINGS YESTERDAY. TODAY, STARTING VERY EARLY IN
THE DAY, HE MET WITH FRENCH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS EARLY
IN THE MORNING. HE THEN HAD A MEETING WITH
REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR

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KEY ALLIES IN EUROPE. FOLLOWING THAT, THERE WAS AN
EXPANDED MEETING OF THE CONTACT GROUP, WHICH INCLUDED
OFFICIALS FROM SPAIN, ITALY AND CANADA.

FOLLOWING THAT MEETING, HE HAD ANOTHER SESSION WITH
THE BOSNIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. SACIRBEY, AND THERE
WAS THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER MEETINGS WITH THE BOSNIAN
LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING WITH PRESIDENT IZETBEGOVIC THIS
EVENING IN PARIS.

SO ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE WILL REMAIN IN
PARIS THROUGH THIS EVENING. HE INTENDS TO DEPART
TOMORROW FOR BELGRADE, WHERE HE WILL HAVE TALKS WITH THE
LEADERSHIP THERE, INCLUDING PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC.

AS YOU ALSO KNOW, OFFICIALS FROM NATO AND FROM THE
UNITED NATIONS AND FROM THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER

COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN IN INTENSE CONTACT FOR THE PAST DAY ON THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO YESTERDAY'S ATTACK. WE

NOW BELIEVE THAT 37 PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN THIS ATTACK. OVER 100 PEOPLE WERE WOUNDED.

THE UNITED NATIONS HAS ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING THAT THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THIS ATTACK WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE BOSNIAN SERBS, AND THIS WAS THE FIRM JUDGMENT OF THE UNITED STATES YESTERDAY. THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR YESTERDAY'S TRAGEDY.

THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO REITERATE TODAY OUR VERY STRONG CONDEMNATION OF THIS ATTACK. AS WE HAVE SAID, THIS LATEST EXAMPLE OF MURDEROUS BEHAVIOR BY THE BOSNIAN SERBS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO DERAIL OUR EFFORTS TO FIND A POLITICAL SOLUTION, A PEACEFUL SOLUTION, ULTIMATELY TO THE BOSNIAN CONFLICT, AND THAT IS WHY PRESIDENT CLINTON AND SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER ASKED ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE TO TRAVEL TO EUROPE TO HAVE THE CONSULTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS THAT HE IS HAVING THIS WEEK. HE INTENDS TO CONTINUE THOSE EFFORTS THROUGHOUT THIS WEEK.

Q HAVE YOU SEEN THE COMMENT FROM THE BOSNIAN SERB SELF-DESCRIBED PARLIAMENT SAYING THAT THEY NOW WELCOME THE AMERICAN INITIATIVE?

MR. BURNS: WE'VE SEEN THE COMMENT. WORDS ARE CHEAP. ACTIONS ARE MORE IMPORTANT. YESTERDAY'S ACTIONS WERE MURDEROUS. THEY ARE REPREHENSIBLE, AND THE BOSNIAN SERBS MUST BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THOSE ACTIONS.
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BILL.

Q NICK, ARE THE U.N. PERSONNEL THROUGHOUT BOSNIA NOW SECURE? ARE THEY OUT OF WHERE THEY MIGHT BE TAKEN

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HOSTAGE BY THE BOSNIAN SERBS? HAS THAT PREPARATION BEEN MADE FOR SOME KIND OF RETALIATION?

MR. BURNS: I'D BE GLAD TO DIRECT THAT QUESTION TO THE U.N. AUTHORITIES IN SARAJEVO AND ZAGREB AND ELSEWHERE. IT'S WELL KNOWN THAT THERE WAS A DRAWDOWN IN GORAZDE. IT BEGAN LAST FRIDAY. I THINK IT WAS COMPLETED YESTERDAY EVENING, AND IT LEAVES ONLY A FEW PEOPLE, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, IN GORAZDE, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO GO TO THE U.N. FOR AN ACCOUNTING OF JUST WHERE THEIR PEOPLE ARE.

Q THERE ARE REPORTS THIS MORNING THAT THE U.S. IS RECOMMENDING MILITARY ACTION. CAN YOU COMMENT ON THEM?

MR. BURNS: GEORGE, I THINK EVERYTHING YOU'RE HEARING FROM US INDICATES THAT A MILITARY RESPONSE IS APPROPRIATE.

Q IS THERE RESISTANCE TO THIS IDEA AMONG THE PEOPLE WITH WHOM YOU'RE CONSULTING?

MR. BURNS: WHAT I THINK IS NOT PRUDENT TO DO IS TO GO INTO THE NATURE OF THE DISCUSSIONS THAT WE HAVE HAD AND THAT OTHERS HAVE HAD -- THE NATO OFFICIALS AND U.N. OFFICIALS INVOLVED. THERE HAS BEEN A VERY INTENSIVE ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS OVER THE LAST 24 HOURS, AND OBVIOUSLY THE EMPHASIS HERE IS ON THE SEARCH FOR AN APPROPRIATE AND EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO YESTERDAY'S ATTACK. BUT IT WOULDN'T BE PRUDENT OR WISE FOR ME TO GO INTO THE NATURE OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS OR TO TRY TO PREVIEW WHAT THE RESULTS OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS MIGHT BE.

Q CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT THE RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER IS LESS ENTHUSIASTIC THAN THIS GOVERNMENT IS ABOUT A MILITARY RESPONSE?

MR. BURNS: I CANNOT. I HAD HOPED TO TALK TO DICK HOLBROOKE, BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT HE IS IN A MEETING NOW IN PARIS, SO I WAS UNABLE TO REACH HIM. I DON'T HAVE A BRIEFING FROM HIM ON WHAT THE NATURE OF THE CONTACT GROUP DISCUSSION WAS THIS MORNING.

THE RUSSIANS WERE REPRESENTED, NOT AT KOZYREV'S LEVEL, BUT AT A POLITICAL DIRECTOR LEVEL THIS MORNING IN PARIS AT THAT PARTICULAR MEETING. BUT I CAN'T CONFIRM THAT PARTICULAR STATEMENT.

STEVE.

Q AS I UNDERSTOOD IT, THE MILITARY REACTION OR RETALIATION WAS TO HAVE BEEN SWIFT AND FIRM. IT HASN'T BEEN SWIFT, AND SINCE IT HASN'T HAPPENED YOU CAN'T TELL IF IT'S FIRM. WHAT IS THE DELAY?

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MR. BURNS: AGAIN, STEVE, I THINK I'M GOING TO HAVE TO -- YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT IT WOULD BE UNWISE FOR ME AND IRRESPONSIBLE EVEN TO DISCUSS ANY OF THE MILITARY ASPECTS OF THIS QUESTION. THEY ARE

BEING INTENSIVELY DISCUSSED IN THE APPROPRIATE CHANNELS, AND WE'LL HAVE TO JUST WAIT UNTIL THOSE DISCUSSIONS ARE FINISHED AND WAIT FOR WHATEVER RESULT COMES OUT OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS.

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Q BUT THE DECISION WOULD BE MADE IN WHAT SOME PEOPLE IN THIS BUILDING CALL THE "SMITH CHANNEL." GENERAL SMITH AND ADMIRAL SMITH WILL MAKE THE DECISION WITHOUT ANY REFERENCE TO APPROVAL FROM HIGHER CIVILIAN OFFICIALS, EITHER IN BRUSSELS OR IN NEW YORK. IS THAT RIGHT?

MR. BURNS: AS I SAID YESTERDAY, THERE HAS BEEN AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE SO-CALLED "DUAL-KEY" ARRANGEMENTS, AND THIS WAS INSTIGATED BY THE UNITED STATES, CALLED FOR BY THE UNITED STATES IN JULY. IT MEANS THAT MILITARY OFFICIALS WHO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MILITARY FORCES ON THE GROUND -- MEANING GENERAL RUPERT SMITH, THE BRITISH COMMANDER OF U.N. FORCES, AND ADMIRAL LEIGHTON SMITH, THE AMERICAN COMMANDER OF NATO FORCES IN ITALY -- THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO WILL DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS. I UNDERSTAND THAT GENERAL JANVIER, WHO IS THE OVERALL U.N. COMMANDER OF U.N. FORCES IN THE REGION, HAS RETURNED TO THE REGION AND IS ALSO IN CONTACT -- INVOLVED IN THESE DISCUSSIONS TODAY.

Q NICK, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO THOSE WHO WOULD ARGUE THAT MILITARY RETALIATION COULD CLOSE THE WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY FOR NEGOTIATION IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA?

MR. BURNS: I DON'T BELIEVE THAT TO BE THE CASE. I DON'T THINK THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE IN OUR GOVERNMENT NOR IN OTHER GOVERNMENTS WHO BELIEVE THAT TO BE THE CASE. THE FACT IS THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS SAID TIME AND AGAIN, INCLUDING MOST RECENTLY AT THE LONDON CONFERENCE IN MID-JULY AND IN SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS OF NATO AFTER THAT IN LATE JULY AND EARLY AUGUST, THAT IT HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP CONTAIN THE VIOLENCE AND TO HELP PROTECT THE SAFE AREAS IN THE REGION, INCLUDING SARAJEVO.

THAT RESPONSIBILITY IS AN IMPORTANT ONE, AND IT MUST BE CONSIDERED IMPORTANTLY BY NATO AND BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND BY ALL THE AFFECTED COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES. THEREFORE, AN ACTION LIKE YESTERDAY'S HAS TO BE JUDGED ON ITS MERITS. IT HAS TO BE JUDGED APPROPRIATELY, AND THERE HAS TO BE AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE DEVELOPED TO THOSE EVENTS, AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON. THAT'S WHAT EVERYONE IS WORKING ON

TODAY.

WE ALSO STAND COMMITTED, REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE PEACE PROCESS. THAT IS WHY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE IS IN THE REGION. THAT'S WHY HE'S WORKING SO HARD TO CONVINCE THE BOSNIAN SERBS, THE GOVERNMENT IN BELGRADE, AS WELL AS THE BOSNIAN GOVERNMENT, THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR PEACE. YESTERDAY WE DISCUSSED THIS IN GREAT DETAIL, AND IT REMAINS OUR VERY FIRM JUDGMENT THAT THE TIDE IN THIS WAR HAS TURNED AGAINST THE BOSNIAN SERBS. THAT WAS CLEARLY THE CASE AS A RESULT OF THE CROATIAN OFFENSIVE, WHICH WAS SO DECIDEDLY AGAINST THE INTERESTS AND THE POSITIONS OF THE BOSNIAN SERBS, AND IT REMAINS SO TODAY.

WE THINK THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PEACE, AND WE THINK THAT OPPORTUNITY SHOULD BE GRASPED QUITE STRONGLY BY THE BOSNIAN SERBS. YESTERDAY'S ACTION RUNS CONTRARY TO THAT OPPORTUNITY FOR PEACE, AND THE BOSNIAN SERBS OUGHT TO WAKE UP AND UNDERSTAND THAT THAT OPPORTUNITY STILL EXISTS, BUT IT WON'T EXIST FOREVER.

Q ONE FOLLOW-UP. HAS MR. HOLBROOKE CONSULTED MR. MILOSEVIC ABOUT THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES AS FAR AS THE SERBIANS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT RETALIATION? HAS THAT SPECIFIC BEEN BROUGHT UP YET?
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MR. BURNS: ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE HAS NOT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MR. MILOSEVIC SINCE THEIR PRIOR DISCUSSIONS BEFORE THE TRAGIC ACCIDENT A WEEK AGO SATURDAY NEAR SARAJEVO. HE IS GOING BACK TO BELGRADE TO PICK UP AGAIN THOSE DISCUSSIONS. I DON'T BELIEVE HE'S HAD ANY INDEPENDENT CONTACT WITH HIM IN THE INTERVENING TIME.

BUT I THINK IT SHOULD BE CLEAR TO MR. MILOSEVIC, AS IT SHOULD BE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO THE BOSNIAN SERB LEADERSHIP IN PALE AND ELSEWHERE, THAT THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY NOW. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, LED BY THE UNITED STATES, IS READY TO HELP ACHIEVE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT TO THIS CONFLICT. BUT THAT OPPORTUNITY CANNOT EXIST FOREVER AND WILL NOT EXIST FOREVER. THE TIME HAS COME NOW TO NEGOTIATE.

DAVID.

Q I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU DON'T THINK THE STATEMENT BY THE BOSNIAN SERB PARLIAMENT SHOULD HAVE ANY EFFECT ON WESTERN DECISION-MAKING ABOUT WHETHER THERE WILL BE RETALIATION OR NOT, BUT DOES IT PERHAPS SIGNAL A BREAKTHROUGH OR THE POSSIBILITY OF A BREAKTHROUGH IN THE

PEACE TALKS?

MR. BURNS: IT'S UNCLEAR. WE'VE HEARD A LOT OF TALK IN THE PAST FROM THE BOSNIAN SERB LEADERSHIP, A LOT OF TALK THAT HAS NOT PRODUCED ANY KIND OF EFFECTIVE OR POSITIVE ACTION. AS I SAID BEFORE, WORDS ARE CHEAP. WORDS ARE EASY TO USE, ESPECIALLY AT A TIME LIKE THIS. IT'S MUCH MORE

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IMPORTANT THAT THE BOSNIAN SERB LEADERSHIP COMMIT ITSELF IN AN ACTIVE WAY BY DEEDS.

YESTERDAY'S ACTIONS WERE NOT AT ALL COMMENSURATE OR CONSISTENT WITH THE KIND OF COMMITMENT THAT WE THINK THAT THEY HAVE TO MAKE TOWARD PEACE -- NOT IN ANY WAY, SHAPE OR FORM, CONSISTENT WITH THAT COMMITMENT -- AND THEY'LL JUST HAVE TO INDICATE TO US BY THEIR ACTIONS THAT THEY'RE INTERESTED IN PEACE, AND WE HOPE VERY MUCH THAT THAT WILL BE THE CASE IN THE COMING DAYS AND WEEKS.

Q DO YOU RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT YESTERDAY'S INCIDENT WAS THE PRODUCT OF A RENEGADE FACTION OF THE SERBS WHO WERE ACTING IN DEFIANCE OF THE WISHES OF THE CENTRAL AUTHORITY?

MR. BURNS: I HAVE NO IDEA IF THAT'S THE CASE. I'VE NOT SEEN THAT PARTICULAR THEORY FLOATED. I WOULD JUST SAY THERE IS NO DOUBT IN OUR MIND THAT THE BOSNIAN SERB MILITARY LEADERSHIP AND MILITARY FORCES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR YESTERDAY'S MURDEROUS ATTACK. THEY LAUNCHED THE MORTARS THAT KILLED 37 PEOPLE AND WOUNDED MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE.

THE BOSNIAN SERB LEADERSHIP IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR MILITARY FORCES. THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTIONS OF THEIR MILITARY FORCES, AND THEY MUST BEAR RESPONSIBILITY AND BLAME FOR THIS PARTICULAR ACT OF TERRORISM.

Q NICK, ON THAT POINT, YESTERDAY, YOU WERE OUT FIRST WITH THE FIRM BELIEF THAT THIS CAME FROM A BOSNIAN SERB POSITION. YOU CITED THE EXAMINATION OF THE CRATER

IN THE MARKETPLACE. DO YOU HAVE OTHER INDICATIONS -- RADIO INTERCEPTS OR RADAR OR ANYTHING -- TO BOLSTER THAT THEORY?

MR. BURNS: WE HAVE A VARIETY OF MEANS AT OUR DISPOSAL TO JUDGE, FROM A MILITARY POINT OF VIEW, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR YESTERDAY'S ATTACK. AFTER ANALYZING THE UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 14 STATE 205926

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SITUATION YESTERDAY MORNING, AFTER LISTENING TO THE VIEWS OF OUR EMBASSY IN SARAJEVO, WHICH HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVELY INVOLVED, LED BY A VERY FINE DIPLOMAT, JOHN MENZIES, AND TALKING WITH U.N. MILITARY OFFICIALS ON THE GROUND, IT WAS ABSOLUTELY AND ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO US THAT THE BOSNIAN SERBS ARE RESPONSIBLE.

THE UNITED NATIONS TOOK A BIT LONGER TIME TO MAKE A VERY THOROUGH, COMPREHENSIVE INVESTIGATION -- WE'RE GLAD THEY DID -- TO ANALYZE THE CRATER AND TO MAKE OTHER MILITARY JUDGMENTS. THEY CONCLUDED AS EARLY AS THIS MORNING WHAT WE HAD CONCLUDED YESTERDAY, AND THAT IS THAT THE BOSNIAN SERBS ARE RESPONSIBLE.

WE HAD A VARIETY OF MEANS AVAILABLE TO US YESTERDAY. WE USED THEM ALL, AND WE WERE LEFT WITH THE ASSURANCE IN OUR

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OWN MINDS THAT THE BOSNIAN SERBS WERE RESPONSIBLE. THAT HAS BEEN RE-ENFORCED TODAY, OF COURSE, BY NOW THE JUDGMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THERE WAS NEVER A DOUBT IN OUR MIND, THOUGH, YESTERDAY ABOUT THIS.

Q ARE THERE ANY TALKS -- ARE THERE ANY PLANS FOR HOLBROOKE TO TALK AT ALL TO THE BOSNIAN SERBS ON THIS TRIP?

MR. BURNS: THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR HIM TO TRAVEL TO PALE WHERE THE BOSNIAN SERB POLITICAL LEADERSHIP RESIDES. HE WILL BE IN BELGRADE. HE WILL BE TALKING TO THE SERBIAN LEADERSHIP THERE. I JUST DON'T KNOW WHO ELSE MIGHT BE IN BELGRADE AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY'LL BE OTHER ENCOUNTERS, BUT THERE ARE NO PLANS NOW FOR A MEETING BETWEEN HOLBROOKE AND KARADZIC OR ANY OF THE OTHER LEADERS. BUT I CAN'T EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT IN BELGRADE THERE MAY BE OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT AT SOME OF THESE MEETINGS.

Q HAS THE U.S. REQUESTED THAT OTHER PEOPLE BE PRESENT AT THOSE MEETINGS IN BELGRADE?

MR. BURNS: I'M NOT AWARE OF THAT. IM NOT AWARE THAT WE HAVE, BETSY.

Q CHINA?

MR. BURNS: I JUST WANT TO ADD AN EDITORIAL COMMENT. I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'VE EXHAUSTED BOSNIA AT THIS POINT, BUT I'M GLAD TO GO TO CHINA.

Q IF YOU HAVE MORE TO SAY --

MR. BURNS: I HAVE NOTHING MORE TO SAY. IT'S JUST

SOMEWHAT ABNORMAL FOR US, BUT I'M GLAD TO GO TO CHINA.

Q WELL, WE'RE WAITING FOR BOMBS, NOT WORDS. ON CHINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY REACTION TO THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THERE IS A SMALL AREA SET ASIDE 30 KILOMETERS OUTSIDE BEIJING WHERE DEMONSTRATIONS MAY OCCUR AND ONLY THERE?

MR. BURNS: DAVID, YOU'RE REFERRING HERE TO THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE? RIGHT.

LET ME JUST SAY WHAT WE UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION TO BE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE CHINESE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY HAS DESIGNATED A SITE FOR THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AS A DEMONSTRATION AREA. THIS IS NOW OUTSIDE OF BEIJING.

WE'VE BEEN TOLD THAT THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION MEETING, APART FROM THE U.N. CONFERENCE, WILL BE ABLE TO HOLD DEMONSTRATIONS AND TO PROTEST IN UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 14 STATE 205926

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SHOULD THEY WISH. ONE OF THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL FORUM IS TO SHARE EXPERIENCES AND EXCHANGE IDEAS AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS.

WE VERY MUCH -- THE UNITED STATES -- ENCOURAGES AN OPEN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AT THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL FORUM AS WE DO AT THE U.N. CONFERENCE IN BEIJING. IN THAT REGARD, WE FULLY EXPECT THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WILL RESPECT THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH BY ALL PARTICIPANTS, BOTH AT THE U.N. CONFERENCE AND AT THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION FORUM.

THE FORUM ORGANIZERS ARE WORKING CLOSELY, WE UNDERSTAND, WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA, TO CLARIFY THE DEGREE TO WHICH UNITED NATIONS RULES DEALING WITH SECURITY AND SPEECH OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT RULES WILL GOVERN THE BEHAVIOR OF THOSE AT THE FORUM. THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT BEEN, I UNDERSTAND, COMPLETELY CLEAR ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT POINT.

OBVIOUSLY, THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT THE UNITED NATIONS RULES SHOULD PREVAIL AS THEY ARE LESS RESTRICTIVE OF FREEDOM OF SPEECH. WE HAVE SAID TIME AND AGAIN THAT THIS IS A U.N. CONFERENCE ON WOMEN. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT CHINA, AS THE HOST, RESPECT THE

FREEDOMS THAT THE MANY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE COMING FROM OUTSIDE CHINA -- PARTICULARLY, MOST OF THEM WILL BE WOMEN DELEGATES -- THE FREEDOMS THAT THEY ENJOY IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES.

CHINA HAS AN OBLIGATION TO ENSURE THAT THESE PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES FREELY WHILE THEY'RE IN CHINA FOR THIS PARTICULAR CONFERENCE OR WHILE THEY'RE AT THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION FORUM.

Q ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WERE GIVEN VISAS HAVING APPLIED FOR THEM TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE?

MR. BURNS: THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS IN THAT REGARD, DAVID. THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS WORKED INTENSIVELY AND CLOSELY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA TO TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY FROM OUR COUNTRY WHO WANTS TO PARTICIPATE CAN.

I DON'T HAVE AVAILABLE TO ME A SCORECARD OF HOW WELL WE'VE DONE. BUT I KNOW THAT WE'VE WORKED VERY ACTIVELY, AND I KNOW THIS HAS GONE, IN SOME CASES, TO VERY SENIOR LEVELS, INCLUDING THE LEVEL OF UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE PETER TARNOFF WHO MENTIONED IT IN HIS DISCUSSIONS IN BEIJING OVER THE WEEKEND -- SPECIFIC VISA CASES OF AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO WANTED TO TRAVEL TO BEIJING AND WHO ENCOUNTERED SOME TROUBLE IN DOING SO.

Q WAS THERE SATISFACTION ON THE CASES HE RAISED?

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MR. BURNS: I CAN'T REPORT ON THE SPECIFIC CASES. I CAN CERTAINLY LOOK INTO THAT FOR YOU. BUT IT'S OUR EXPECTATION THAT WILL BE THE CASE -- THAT AMERICANS WHO WANT TO TRAVEL TO BEIJING WILL BE ALLOWED TO TRAVEL THERE.

Q HAVE YOU SEEN ANY PATTERN ON THE PART OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN REFUSED? ARE THEY HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS OR TIBETAN ACTIVISTS? IS THERE ANYTHING IN COMMON WITH THOSE WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN REFUSED FOR VISAS?
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MR. BURNS: JIM, I'M NOT AWARE THAT THERE HAS BEEN A PATTERN. I CAN LOOK INTO THAT AND SEE IF THE PEOPLE WHO

ARE WORKING DIRECTLY ON THIS HAVE ANY VIEWS ON THIS THAT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO YOU.

Q I'M KIND OF CURIOUS AS TO WHY YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN EXPECT THE CHINESE TO ALLOW FREEDOM OF SPEECH FOR DEMONSTRATIONS WHEN THEY'VE ALREADY INDICATED THAT THEY WON'T ALLOW DEMONSTRATIONS THAT ARE ANTI-CHINESE. AND, SECONDLY, WHEN YOU HAVE SAID REPEATEDLY, IN THE CASE OF HARRY WU AND IN REFERENCE TO CUBA AND OTHER COUNTRIES, THAT WHEN PEOPLE GO ABROAD THEY'RE SUBJECT TO THE RULES OF THE COUNTRY THEY'RE IN?

MR. BURNS: THAT IS ALWAYS THE CASE WHENEVER PEOPLE TRAVEL BEYOND THEIR OWN COUNTRIES. BUT IN THIS CASE, CHARLIE, IT'S A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT SITUATION.

CHINA VERY MUCH WANTED TO BE THE HOST OF THIS PARTICULAR U.N. CONFERENCE AND THE NGO FORUM. CHINA UNDERTOOK SOME RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY -- PARTICULARLY TO THE UNITED NATIONS -- IN ACCEPTING THE ROLE OF HOST.

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCES ARE NOT MEANT TO BE CONFERENCES WHERE PEOPLE'S POINTS OF VIEW ARE REPRESSED. THEY'RE MEANT TO BE CONFERENCES WHERE PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD CAN SPEAK FREELY ABOUT THE ISSUES OF THE DAY -- IN THIS CASE, ABOUT THE ISSUE OF WOMEN AND THE FUTURE OF WOMEN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THAT IS THE VERY STRONG EXPECTATION THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR CONFERENCE. WE THINK THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS AN OBLIGATION TO ALLOW THESE WOMEN TO SAY WHAT THEY WANT.

THE CHINESE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY HAS AGREED TO SET UP AN AREA FOR PROTESTS, FOR DEMONSTRATIONS, OUTSIDE THE NGO FORUM. THIS IS A VERY GOOD STEP. WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT NOW HAVING SET UP THIS

MECHANISM, THESE PEOPLE WILL BE, IN FACT, ALLOWED TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES FREELY, AS WE'VE SAID TIME AND AGAIN, REPEATEDLY, OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS AS WE'VE DISCUSSED THIS CONFERENCE.

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Q YOUR CHINESE COLLEAGUES SEEM TO MAKE A LINKAGE BETWEEN THE RETURN OF AMBASSADOR LI TO WASHINGTON WITH THEIR APPROVAL OF JAMES SASSER AS THE U.S. AMBASSADOR. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THIS LINKAGE?

MR. BURNS: LET ME JUST SAY, RON, I WOULD, OF COURSE, DEFER TO MY CHINESE COLLEAGUES ON ANY ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE SUBJECT OF THE RETURN OF THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES.

I NOTE THAT THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN, MR. CHEN JIAN, INDICATED THIS MORNING THAT AMBASSADOR LI

DAOYU WOULD RETURN TO WASHINGTON AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME. WE VERY MUCH WELCOME THIS. WE WOULD WELCOME HIS EARLY RETURN TO WASHINGTON BECAUSE THIS WOULD HELP FACILITATE DAILY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

THIS RELATIONSHIP DESERVES TO HAVE AND OUGHT TO HAVE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE REPRESENTATION OF BOTH COUNTRIES IN RESPECTIVE CAPITALS. SO WE AWAIT THE RETURN OF THE AMBASSADOR OF CHINA TO THE UNITED STATES, BUT IT IS, OF COURSE, UP TO THE GOVERNMENT IN BEIJING TO ANNOUNCE THAT RETURN.

AS FOR AN AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN CHINA, TO REPLACE STAPLETON ROY, WHO HAS DEPARTED CHINA, THE WHITE HOUSE UNCLAS SECTION 09 OF 14 STATE 205926

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HAS NOT MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON AN AMERICAN NOMINEE FOR AMBASSADOR TO CHINA, SO I WOULD HAVE TO REFER YOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION.

BUT AS I SAID YESTERDAY, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE TARNOFF MADE VERY CLEAR TO THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP, IN HIS TALKS OVER THE WEEKEND, THAT WE DO HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL IN MIND; THAT WE WOULD LIKE THAT INDIVIDUAL TO RECEIVE AGREEMENT, WHICH IS THE TIME-HONORED DIPLOMATIC PROCESS WHEREBY ONE NATION AGREES TO THE NOMINATION OF ANOTHER AS AMBASSADOR IN THAT COUNTRY. WE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO HAVE AN AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN BEIJING THIS AUTUMN, AND WE EXPECT THAT WILL BE THE CASE.

Q ARE YOU SAYING THEN THAT THEY GAVE AGREEMENT TO THE U.S. SUGGESTION?

MR. BURNS: NO, I THINK I USED THE CONDITIONAL TENSE. I DIDN'T USE THE PAST TENSE. NO, WE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE THIS TO HAPPEN, GEORGE; BUT THEY HAVE NOT YET GIVEN AGREEMENT TO THE INDIVIDUAL IN QUESTION.

Q ONCE THEY DO, THEN YOU HAVE TO GET PAST JESSE HELMS WHO MAY BE A BIGGER OBSTACLE THAN BEIJING?

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MR. BURNS: IN DIPLOMACY, SOMETIMES YOU TAKE THINGS ON A STEP-BY-STEP BASIS. THIS IS A FIRST STEP. WE'RE DEALING WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA, AND WE'LL DEAL WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA. THEN WHEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA HAS GRANTED AGREEMENT, AS WE HOPE AND EXPECT

THAT IT WILL DO, THEN WE'LL DEAL WITH THE CONFIRMATION PROCESS WHICH IS SOMETIMES QUITE INTERESTING HERE IN THE UNITED STATES, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THAT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THAT OPPORTUNITY, GEORGE.

Q AS LED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF NORTH CAROLINA. (LAUGHTER)

MR. BURNS: STILL ON CHINA.

Q THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TO FREEZE MOST OF ITS GRANT AID TO CHINA TO PROTEST AGAINST THESE NUCLEAR TESTS. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THAT?

MR. BURNS: I DON'T HAVE ANY PARTICULAR COMMENT ON THAT, NO.

BETSY.

Q DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THE ATTACK ON SHEVARDNADZE THIS MORNING?

MR. BURNS: I HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF INFORMATION ON THAT FOR YOU.

Q AND DO YOU AGREE IT WAS SPECIFICALLY AN ATTACK AIMED AT HIM?

MR. BURNS: WE HAVE CHECKED WITH OUR EMBASSY IN TBILISI. WE, OF COURSE, HAVE SEEN THE TERRIBLE FOOTAGE ON CNN -- THAT A BOMB EXPLODED TODAY IN THE PARKING LOT BEHIND THE OFFICE BUILDING WHICH HOUSES THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT SHEVARDNADZE. THE BOMB APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN A CAR BOMB.

PRESIDENT SHEVARDNADZE WAS DRIVING AWAY FROM THE BUILDING WHEN THE BOMB EXPLODED. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE'S BEING TREATED AT A HOSPITAL IN TBILISI FOR MINOR INJURIES; THAT HE IS NOT IN SERIOUS CONDITION.

WE HAVE REPORTS OF OTHER INJURIES, BUT FORTUNATELY UNCLAS SECTION 10 OF 14 STATE 205926

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WE DONRT HAVE ANY REPORTS OF ANY DEATHS.

THE EXPLOSION WAS A VERY POWERFUL ONE. IT WAS FELT IN THE U.S. EMBASSY BUILDING WHICH IS A QUARTER OF A MILE AWAY FROM PRESIDENT SHEVARDNADZE'S OFFICE. U.S. EMBASSY PERSONNEL ARE NOW IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF GEORGIA ABOUT THIS INCIDENT.

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LET ME JUST SAY, OBVIOUSLY, PRESIDENT SHEVARDNADZE IS A VERY CLOSE FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES. HE'S SOMEBODY WE HOLD IN GREAT RESPECT. HE HAS BEEN A VERY EFFECTIVE AND ADMIRABLE LEADER OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GEORGIA IN THE MOST TRYING CIRCUMSTANCES. THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAVE THE GREATEST RESPECT FOR HIM.

WE ARE OBVIOUSLY RELIEVED THAT HE IS SAFE AND THAT HE IS WELL. WE OBVIOUSLY CONDEMN ALL SUCH ACTS OF TERRORISM. IT'S DIFFICULT FOR US TO SAY, FROM THIS DISTANCE -- THIS INCIDENT JUST HAVING OCCURRED A COUPLE OF HOURS AGO -- WHO MIGHT BE RESPONSIBLE, WHY THIS BOMB WAS PLANTED WHERE IT WAS, BUT WE CONDEMN ALL SUCH ACTS OF TERRORISM.

WE SPECIFICALLY CONDEMN THIS MORNING'S INCIDENT AND WE CONGRATULATE PRESIDENT SHEVARDNADZE ON HIS SAFETY AND THE FACT THAT HE APPEARS TO BE WELL.

Q HAVE YOU BEEN ASKED TO HELP IN ANY WAY, GIVING ANY SORT --

MR. BURNS: I'M NOT AWARE THAT WE HAVE. BUT I DO UNDERSTAND THAT OUR EMBASSY IS IN TOUCH AT A VARIETY OF LEVELS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF GEORGIA. I MAY PERHAPS HAVE SOMETHING FURTHER ON THAT LATER TODAY OR TOMORROW BUT I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING FOR YOU ON THAT RIGHT NOW.

Q NICK, JUST REVISITING BANGLADESH --

Q CAN WE STAY ON GEORGIA --

MR. BURNS: SURE. WE'LL STAY ON GEORGIA AND THEN GO TO BANGLADESH.

Q IS THE UNITED STATES STILL PROVIDING, AS IT USED TO, SOME SECURITY HELP TO PRESIDENT SHEVARDNADZE?

MR. BURNS: DAVID, I HAVE REALLY NOTHING TO SAY ON THAT TODAY. THERE'S NOTHING AVAILABLE TO ME TODAY TO REALLY ANSWER THAT QUESTION, BUT IT'S SOMETHING I CAN PERHAPS LOOK INTO.

Q ANYONE CLAIM RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EVENT?

MR. BURNS: I THINK THERE HAVE BEEN SOME PRESS REPORTS ABOUT GROUPS THAT HAVE CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY, BUT WERRE NOT IN ANY POSITION TO COMMENT ON THOSE REPORTS.

BANGLADESH.

Q COULD YOU PLEASE REVISIT US ON ROBIN RAPHEL'S TRIP TO BANGLADESH AND WHO SHE IS MEETING, AND WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS? IS THERE ANY MESSAGE SHE IS CARRYING FROM THE

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PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN ORDER TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK -- A CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLOCK -- IN BANGLADESH AT SOME POINT? COULD YOU GIVE US SOME HIGHLIGHT INTO UNCLAS SECTION 11 OF 14 STATE 205926

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THE SITUATION OF ROBIN RAPHEL'S TRIP?

MR. BURNS: YES. I CAN CONFIRM THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROBIN RAPHEL WILL BE VISITING BANGLADESH FOR FOUR DAYS, BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 4, AS PART OF A TRIP TO SOUTH ASIA WHICH ALSO INCLUDES STOPS IN KARACHI, PAKISTAN AND IN SRI LANKA. I BELIEVE IT'S AN ANNUAL EVENT FOR HER TO VISIT ALL OF THE COUNTRIES IN HER REGION OF SOUTH ASIA.

THIS VISIT HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR SOME TIME AND IT'S PART OF HER REGULAR DUTIES AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO TRACK AND ASSESS EVENTS AND TRENDS IN THE REGION. SHE WILL BE MEETING WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND ALSO WITH U.S. MISSION PERSONNEL.

SHE WILL MEET WITH LEADERS OF ALL THE MAJOR PARTIES IN BANGLADESH AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. SHE WILL NOT MEET, I UNDERSTAND, WITH MRS. ERSHAD.

THE UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARDS BANGLADESH IS FOCUSED ON PROMOTING DEMOCRACY AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND ENCOURAGING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

WE ARE ENCOURAGING THE GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH AND THE OPPOSITION PARTIES TO RESOLVE THE CURRENT POLITICAL IMPASSE THROUGH POLITICAL DIALOGUE THAT WILL STRENGTHEN BANGLADESH'S DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. THE UNITED STATES AND BANGLADESH HAVE AN OPEN AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP AND BANGLADESH HAS BEEN A VALUED PARTNER IN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Q WILL THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SUPPORT THE RELEASE OF THE POLITICAL PRISONERS, INCLUDING THE RELEASE OF THE FORMER PRESIDENT BEFORE THE COMING ELECTIONS?

MR. BURNS: THAT IS ONE OF THE ISSUES, CERTAINLY, THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY RAPHEL WILL BE DEALING WITH, AND I THINK I'D RATHER LEAVE TO HER ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THAT PARTICULAR ISSUE.

Q A READOUT ON THE MEETING YESTERDAY WITH ANNE PATTERSON AND THE LEADERS OF THE FLOTILLA THAT'S GOING TO SET SAIL FOR CUBA ON SATURDAY?

MR. BURNS: I DO HAVE SOMETHING ON THAT.

Q COULD YOU PLEASE ANSWER ONE MORE QUESTION ABOUT SOUTH ASIA BEFORE YOU --

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MR. BURNS: SURE, I'D BE GLAD TO DO THAT FOR YOU BEFORE WE GO TO CUBA.

Q WHY ISN'T MRS. RAPHEL GOING TO INDIA, OR IS THIS GOING TO BE A KIND OF SEPARATE TRIP?

MR. BURNS: I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY RAPHEL HAS MADE IT A PRACTICE TO VISIT ALL THE COUNTRIES FOR WHICH SHE IS RESPONSIBLE HERE IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. SHE MAKES SEVERAL TRIPS TO THE REGION EACH YEAR.

ON THIS PARTICULAR TRIP, SHE'LL BE VISITING BANGLADESH, PAKISTAN AND SRI LANKA. SHE HAS BEEN IN INDIA RECENTLY, AND I'M SURE SHE'LL BE IN INDIA IN THE FUTURE. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING SPECIFIC TO ANNOUNCE, HOWEVER, ABOUT HER TRAVEL TO INDIA.

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BUT SINCE YOU'VE RAISED INDIA, LET ME JUST SAY, WE'RE VERY PLEASED WITH THE STATE OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIA. ONE OF OUR MOST SENIOR DIPLOMATS, FRANK WISNER, IS OUR AMBASSADOR, AND I THINK IT'S OUR VERY FIRM VIEW THAT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIA HAS IMPROVED QUITE DRAMATICALLY OVER THE LAST YEAR OR SO DUE TO THE EFFORTS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO RECOGNIZE THAT INDIA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE A LOT IN COMMON; THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF ISSUES THAT WE CAN WORK ON COOPERATIVELY AND WITH GREAT BENEFIT TO BOTH COUNTRIES. SO I'M GLAD YOU RAISED INDIA. IT GAVE ME THE CHANCE TO COMMENT ON OUR

RELATIONSHIP.

Q ANYTHING ON THE HOSTAGES?

MR. BURNS: I DON'T HAVE A LOT THAT TAKES US BEYOND YESTERDAY, BUT I CAN SAY THAT WE HAVE BEEN BRIEFED BY THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT ON THEIR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH OUR AMERICAN CITIZEN, DONALD HUTCHINGS. THEY WERE ABLE TO BE IN TOUCH WITH HIM YESTERDAY. WE BELIEVE AS OF YESTERDAY HAD ALL FOUR OF THE WESTERN HOSTAGES WERE ALIVE AND WELL, BASED ON THEIR RESPONSES TO PERSONAL QUESTIONS PUT TO THEM BY THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT ON THE TELEPHONE -- QUESTIONS THAT ONLY THEY COULD ANSWER.

WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THIS NEWS, BUT WE CONTINUE TO URGE THE AL-FARAN ORGANIZATION TO RELEASE THE HOSTAGES IMMEDIATELY, AND WE CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SAFETY OF MR. HUTCHINGS AND THE OTHER WESTERN HOSTAGES RESTS ENTIRELY WITH THE AL-FARAN ORGANIZATION.

GEORGE, YOU WANTED TO GO TO CUBA.

Q YES.

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MR. BURNS: DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ANNE PATTERSON MET YESTERDAY WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO GROUPS FROM FLORIDA WHO ARE PLANNING TO APPROACH CUBAN TERRITORIAL SEAS AND AIRSPACE IN A FLOTILLA ON SEPTEMBER 2. YOU WILL REMEMBER THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ISSUED A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ON AUGUST 8 ABOUT THE RISKS OF ENTERING CUBAN TERRITORY -- TERRITORIAL SEAS, CUBAN AIRSPACE -- WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FROM THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT.

ANNE PATTERSON MADE CLEAR TO THE GROUPS YESTERDAY THAT IN MANY CASES, OF COURSE, WE HAVE COMMON GROUND WITH THEM ON OUR OUTLOOK TOWARD THE SITUATION IN CUBA, NAMELY THAT WE BELIEVE THAT THE CASTRO REGIME MUST CHANGE FUNDAMENTALLY; THAT A GREATER MEASURE OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FREEDOM MUST BE GIVEN TO THE CUBAN PEOPLE. THAT IS LONGSTANDING, DECADES-LONG U.S. POLICY. BUT IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS THE PRIMARY GOVERNMENT AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVISING AMERICAN CITIZENS ON THEIR TRAVEL OVERSEAS TO INFORM THEM THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF DANGERS THAT COULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH AN INCIDENT THAT IS BEING PLANNED SUCH AS THIS -- DANGERS IF A NUMBER OF THESE VESSELS OR AIRCRAFT SHOULD EITHER STRAY INTO CUBAN TERRITORY OR AIRSPACE OR ENTER IT DELIBERATELY.

ANY AMERICAN CITIZEN ENTERING THE TERRITORIAL SPACE OF CUBA OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE LAWS OF CUBA AND SUBJECT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN CUBA. THERE IS SOMETIMES A LIMITED AMOUNT THAT ANY

AMERICAN CONSULATE -- IN THIS CASE OUR INTERESTS SECTION
-- CAN DO TO HELP AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THIS SITUATION.

SO WE JUST WANTED TO GIVE THEM A CLEAR SENSE OF WHAT
WE THOUGHT THE DANGERS AND RISKS WERE IN AN OPERATION
LIKE THIS. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO REALLY WITH THE
SUBSTANCE OR THE POLITICS OF THE ISSUE, BECAUSE I THINK
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WE DO HAVE COMMON GROUND WITH A LOT OF THESE
ORGANIZATIONS ON THE POLITICS -- THE FOREIGN POLITICS OF
OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CUBA.

BUT WE DO HAVE SOME CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR
EVENT. THERE WAS A SIMILAR EVENT EARLIER IN THE SUMMER
WHEREBY A FLOTILLA DID ENTER THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF

CUBA. WE SIMPLY BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA AND
THESE ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MAKE
SURE THAT WHATEVER HAPPENS THIS WEEKEND HAPPENS
PEACEFULLY; THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO EXERCISE
RESTRAINT IN HANDLING THIS EVENT, AND, SHOULD IT
PROCEED, THAT BOTH SIDES SHOULD AVOID UNNECESSARY RISKS
TO THEMSELVES AND TO OTHERS AND DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE
TO INSURE THE SAFETY OF THE LIVES OF THOSE PEOPLE
INVOLVED.

Q THANK YOU.

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MR. BURNS: I THINK WE HAVE JUST A COUPLE OF OTHER
QUESTIONS HERE. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE I CALL ON
PEOPLE.

Q DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON THE SITUATION IN
NORTHERN IRAQ? I ASKED YESTERDAY. YOU SAID YOU'D LOOK
INTO IT. AND ALSO ON THE DEFECTIONS -- ANYTHING NEW?

MR. BURNS: I DID LOOK INTO THE QUESTION THAT YOU
ASKED YESTERDAY. WE HAVE SEEN REPORTS OF CLASHES LAST
WEEKEND BETWEEN THE KURDISTAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND THE
KURDISH WORKER'S PARTY, THE SO-CALLED PKK. AS YOU KNOW,
THE PKK IS A TERRORIST GROUP AND HAS NO CONSTRUCTIVE
ROLE TO PLAY IN NORTHERN IRAQ OR ANYWHERE ELSE FOR THAT
MATTER.

BOTH THE KURDISH PARTNERS IN THE ONGOING PEACE
PROCESS FACILITATED BY THE UNITED STATES -- THAT IS, THE

KURDISH DEMOCRATIC PARTY -- AND THE PATRIOTIC UNION OF KURDISTAN HAVE EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR TURKEY'S LEGITIMATE SECURITY INTERESTS IN ITS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE PKK.

WE KNOW THAT THE PKK USES NORTHERN IRAQ AS A SAFEHAVEN WHEN THE SECURITY SITUATION IS UNCERTAIN ENOUGH TO ALLOW IT FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND ACTION, AND INCREASED STABILITY AMONG THE KURDS IN NORTHERN IRAQ IS THE BEST WAY TO DETER PKK TERRORIST OPERATIONS INSIDE NORTHERN IRAQ.

Q DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING NEW ON DEFECTIONS?

MR. BURNS: I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING AT ALL ON DEFECTIONS. I'M JUST REALLY NOT SURE WHAT YOU MEAN BY THAT.

Q ALL RIGHT. ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THAT SITUATION?

MR. BURNS: NO. DEFECTIONS FROM IRAQ YOU MEAN?

Q YES.

MR. BURNS: I'M SORRY. NO, I HAVE NOTHING ON THAT AT ALL TODAY.

Q WHAT KIND OF REPRESENTATION DO YOU EXPECT FROM TAIWAN AT THE WORLD WAR II COMMEMORATION CEREMONIES IN HONOLULU?

MR. BURNS: SINCE THAT IS AN EVENT THAT IS BEING ORGANIZED BY MY COLLEAGUES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, UNCLAS SECTION 14 OF 14 STATE 205926

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I WOULD REFER YOU TO THEM FOR A SPECIFIC ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION.

Q ONE MORE ON BOSNIA.

MR. BURNS: CAN'T RESIST. OKAY, BILL, ONE MORE.

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Q OKAY, WILL YOU TAKE ONE MORE?

MR. BURNS: I THOUGHT WE'D DONE PRETTY WELL ON BOSNIA TODAY.

WELL, I WAS GOING TO COME AT IT FROM A DIFFERENT ANGLE ON MY FIRST QUESTION ABOUT GUARDING AGAINST HOSTAGE-TAKING AND POSSIBLE MILITARY RETALIATION ON THE PART OF THE BOSNIAN SERBS. WILL THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT INSIST THAT THERE ARE NO OPPORTUNITIES FOR TAKING OF U.N. PERSONNEL AND THAT OTHER U.N. PERSONNEL WILL BE MILITARILY SAFEGUARDED BEFORE SOME KIND OF RETALIATION, BOMBING OR ARTILLERY FIRE, TAKES PLACE?

MR. BURNS: BILL, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, IT'S A VERY INTERESTING QUESTION, BUT IT'S REALLY ONE THAT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE UNITED NATIONS AUTHORITIES WHO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR UNITED NATIONS PERSONNEL ON THE GROUND. IT'S NOT REALLY A QUESTION THAT I CAN ANSWER IN

AN AUTHORITATIVE WAY FOR YOU.

Q BUT IF THE UNITED STATES IS TO BE INVOLVED MILITARILY IN SOME RETALIATION, WOULD WE NOT FIRST INSIST THAT OUR COLLEAGUES ON THE GROUND BE CLEAR AND PROTECTED?

MR. BURNS: THE ONE THING I'M TRYING VERY CAREFULLY TO DO TODAY IS TO STAY AWAY FROM A DISCUSSION OF THE MILITARY OPTIONS OR WHAT MIGHT ENSUE FROM THE PARTICULAR DISCUSSIONS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE YESTERDAY AND TODAY.

THANK YOU.

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