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A. BROADCAST MEDIA

MIDDLE EAST PEACE SUMMIT

ON BBC TV'S BREAKFAST NEWS AT 8.00 THIS MORNING, WHERE IT
WAS THE LEAD ITEM, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT JEREMY BOWEN
SAID FROM SHARM EL SHEIKH:

"PRESIDENT CLINTON ARRIVED WITH KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN;
THE SYMBOLISM OF PARTNERSHIP AND PEACE IN THE NEW MIDDLE
EAST WAS DELIBERATE. TODAY, THEY CAN GUARANTEE SYMBOLS,
THEY CAN'T GUARANTEE SUBSTANCE. ...

"THE SUMMIT HAS ANOTHER PURPOSE, THAT IS AT LEAST AS FAR
AS ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES ARE CONCERNED. THAT IS
TO RESCUE THE ELECTORAL FORTUNES OF SHIMON PERES, THE
ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER. ... WASHINGTON BELIEVES THAT IF
HE GOES, THE PEACE PROCESS REALLY COULD BE OVER."

IN A LIVE LINK FROM SHARM EL-SHEIKH, BOWEN SAID:

"THE SYMBOLIC IMPORTANCE (OF THE SUMMIT) IS, I THINK,
SOMETHING WHICH CANNOT BE DISCOUNTED : HERE THEY ARE, ALL
THESE PEOPLE, GETTING BEHIND THE PEACE PROCESS IN THE
MIDDLE EAST: THE DIFFICULTY IS THAT THEY HAVE TO TRY TO
REACH THE PEOPLE WHO ARE ACTIVELY DISRUPTING THE PEACE
PROCESS AND SO FAR, NO ONE HAS SHOWN SIGNS OF BEING ABLE
TO DO THAT. ...

"NOTHING THAT IS SAID OR DONE HERE WILL HAVE ANY CHANCE
OF STOPPING THEM (SUICIDE BOMBERS), IF THEY CARE TO GO
INTO ACTION, OR IF THEY CAN."

NORTHERN IRELAND

ON THE SAME PROGRAM, NORTHERN IRELAND CORRESPONDENT
DENNIS MURRAY SAID FROM NEW YORK:

GERRY ADAMS IS NOW A SEASONED VISITOR -- BUT THIS TRIP,
LIKE HIS FIRST ONE HERE TWO YEARS AGO, IS WHILE A IRA
CAMPAIGN IS GOING ON. ...

"THERE IS NO DOUBT OF HIS CONTINUING REPUTATION HERE.
... BUT THE END OF THE CEASEFIRE MEANS A REAL CHANGE. HE
WON'T BE IN THE WHITE HOUSE: ULSTER UNIONISTS, LIKE DAVID
TRIMBLE, WILL BE."

B. TODAY'S MAJOR NEWS STORIES

1. CHINA / TAIWAN

2. MIDDLE EAST PEACE SUMMIT

3. NORTHERN IRELAND

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4. CUBA : HELMS-BURTON BILL

C. SUMMARY

1. CHINA / TAIWAN

NO WEIGHTY EDITORIALS THI MORNING, BUT CONTINUED CONCERN
ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THE STRAITS OF TAIWAN. SEE TEXTS
BELOW.

2. MIDDLE EAST PEACE SUMMIT

IT HAS TO B SAID THAT, COMPARED TO THE CONCERN AND
SYMPATHY SHOWN AT THE TIME OF LAST WEEK'S SUICIDE
BOMBINGS IN ISRAEL, THE TONE OF REPORTS OF THE SUMMIT IN
EGYPT TODAY ARE NOT HOPEFUL OR CONSTRUCTIVE. MOST
REPORTS STRIKE A CYNICAL TONE WHICH SUGGESTS THAT THE
SUMMIT WILL ACHIEVE LITTLE AND THAT IT OWES MORE TO THE
RE-ELECTION HOPES OF MESSRS PERES AND CLINTON; WHILE THE
ONLY COMMENTARY OF ANY WEIGHT (FILED FROM TEHRAN) IS A
DETAILED CONDEMNATION OF WHAT IT CLAIMS IS THE PRO-
ISRAELI NATURE OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IN THE REGION.
HOWEVER THE PUMMIT ITSELF WILL, IT IS TO BE HOPED,
PRODUCE WEIGHTIER AND MORE POSITIVE COMMENT.

3. NORTHERN IRELAND

SURPRISINGLY, THERE WAS LITTLE OR NO COMMENT ON PRESIDENT
CLINTON'S SPEECH ON NORTHERN IRELAND. HOWEVER, THE
ANNOUNCEMENT BY LOYALIST PARAMILITARIES THAT IT WILL
RETALIATE AGAINST ANY FURTHER REPUBLICAN BOMBS IS WIDELY
REPORTED, AND SERVES TO DEEPEN THE GLOOM FOR THE
PROVINCE'S PEACE HOPES. SEE TEXTS BELOW.

4. CUBA : HELMS-BURTON BILL

TWO REPORTS, NEITHER OF THEM PLEASED WITH THE BILL. SEE TEXTS BELOW.

D. TEXT

1. CHINA / TAIWAN

"DRAGON'S ROAR AWAKENS FEARS IN THE WEST"

THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH HAD THIS ANALYSIS FROM REPORTER GRAHAM HUTCHINGS IN TAIPEI:

"FIFTEEN YEARS OF RAPID ECONOMIC GROWTH HAVE ALREADY ENABLED CHINA TO RE-DRAW PATTERNS OF WORLD TRADE, AND SUCK IN MORE FOREIGN INVESTMENT THAN ANY OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRY.

"SHORT OF A DOMESTIC CATASTROPHE -- WHICH, CHINA BEING CHINA, ONE CAN NEVER ENTIRELY RULE OUT -- THE CHINESE UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 09 LONDON 003189

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ECONOMY IS LIKELY TO BE THE BIGGEST IN THE WORLD BY ABOUT THE YEAR 2030.

"AS THE PAST FEW DAYS IN THE TAIWAN STRAITS HAVE SHOWN, GROWING ECONOMIC POWER QUICKLY TRANSLATES INTO MILITARY MIGHT.

"CHINA'S ARMED FORCES HAVE BEGUN TO THROW THEIR WEIGHT ABOUT IN THE VAST AREA BEIJING REGARDS AS ITS OWN BACKYARD, UPSETTING THE BALANCE OF POWER THROUGHOUT THE REGION. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN CENTURIES, CHINA IS PUSHING BACK ITS MARITIME HORIZONS, THE BETTER TO MAKE GOOD LONGSTANDING CLAIMS, EXERCISE CONTROL OVER VITAL SEA LANES, AND EXPLOIT THE VALUABLE RESOURCES BELIEVED TO LIE BENEATH THEM. SOMETIMES, THE OBJECT SEEMS TO BE SIMPLE PIRACY.

"THESE DEVELOPMENTS POINT TO A FUNDAMENTAL MISCALCULATION

ABOUT CHINA ON THE PART OF THE WEST. UNTIL RECENTLY, THE AWAKENING OF THE CHINESE DRAGON WAS REGARDED ALMOST EVERYWHERE AS A GOOD THING. ...

"THIS THEORY NOW NEEDS REVISING, FOR CHINA IS BECOMING MORE POWERFUL MORE QUICKLY THAN IT IS BECOMING PLEASANT AND ACCOMMODATING. ...

"EVEN AT THIS TENSE JUNCTURE, JAW-JAW STILL SEEMS MORE LIKELY THAN WAR-WAR IN THE TAIWAN STRAITS, IF ONLY BECAUSE OF UNCERTAINTY IN BEIJING AS TO WHAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD DO IN THE EVENT OF A CHINESE ATTACK.

"BUT THE LONG-TERM PROSPECTS FOR PEACE IN THE OCEANS AROUND CHINA ARE NOT ENCOURAGING. THERE IS A BELLIGERENCE ABOUT BEIJING'S POLICY IN THE REGION.

"AT BEST, IT WILL FORCE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES TO FORM WHAT WOULD AMOUNT TO AN ANTI-CHINA ALLIANCE. AT WORST, IT COULD SPARK A REAL SHOOTING WAR WHOSE FIRST CASUALTY MIGHT WELL BE THE EAST ASIAN 'ECONOMIC MIRACLE'."

"CHINA CRISIS"

THE CONSERVATIVE TABLOID MASS CIRCULATION SUN EDITORIALIZED:

"CHINA DOESN'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT INTERNATIONAL OPINION. THAT'S WHY IT IS VITAL THAT IT IS NOT PERMITTED TO GET AWAY WITH ITS INTIMIDATION OF TAIWAN.

"CHINA HAS GOT TO LEARN THAT WITH POWER COMES RESPONSIBILITY. IT CANNOT BEHAVE LIKE SOME 19TH CENTURY WARLORD. THE SOONER IT GETS THAT MESSAGE THE BETTER FOR ALL OF US."

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2. MIDDLE EAST PEACE SUMMIT

"CATASTROPHE AWAITS THE PEACE MAKERS"

THE CENTRIST INDEPENDENT'S MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT
ROBERT FISK COMMENTED FROM TEHRAN:

"TODAY'S 'SUMMIT OF THE PEACEMAKERS' IN THE EGYPTIAN RED
SEA RESORT OF SHARM EL SHEIKH IS SUPPOSED TO SHOW US THAT
THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD ARE UNITED IN OPPOSING
'TERRORISM', AND STILL STAND FOURSQUARE BEHIND THE MIDDLE
EAST PEACE PROCESS. IT IS ALSO INTENDED TO ASSIST THE
RE-ELECTION OF TWO LEADERS -- THOSE OF ISRAEL AND THE
UNITED STATES. WHICH IS THE MORE IMPORTANT PRIORITY?

"THE U.S. PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON, PRESIDENT BORIS YELTSIN
OF RUSSIA, JOHN MAJOR, PRESIDENT JACQUES CHIRAC OF
FRANCE, HELMUT KOHL OF GERMANY, THE ISRAELI PRIME
MINISTER SHIMON PERES, THE PLO LEADER YASSER ARAFAT,
PRESIDENT HOSNI MUBARAK OF EGYPT AND PROBABLY KING
HUSSEIN OF JORDAN WILL END THE DAY SHAKING HANDS,
PUBLICLY RENEWING THEIR FAITH IN A PEACE SO DEEPLY FLAWED
THAT, EVEN WITHOUT THE SLAUGHTER IN JERUSALEM AND TEL
AVIV WHICH BROUGHT THEM TOGETHER, WAS IN DANGER OF
COLLAPSE.

"FOR THE SHARM EL SHEIKH SUMMIT, FAR FROM BEING A NEW
MILESTONE ON THE ROAD TO AN INEVITABLE PEACE, IS THE MOST
POTENT SYMBOL TO DATE OF THE IMMINENT CATASTROPHE THAT
THREATENS TO OVERWHELM THE MEN WHO SIGNED UP FOR THE
AMERICAN-ISRAELI PEACE. WHEN EVEN THE PARTICIPANTS
CANNOT DECIDE IF THE MEETING SHOULD CALL FOR A CRUSADE
AGAINST 'WORLD TERRORISM' OR DEMAND FURTHER CONCESSIONS
FROM ARABS AND ISRAELIS, CAN THE PEACE PROCESS BE SAVED?

...

"HAMAS WAS ABLE TO FIND THE MEN TO STRIKE AT ISRAEL NOT
BECAUSE IT WAS INSPIRED BY IRAN BUT BECAUSE IT COULD
POINT TO THE FLAWS IN THE OSLO ACCORD AND PRESENT THEM AS
PROOF OF A BETRAYAL OF ALL PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. HOW HAPPY
HAMAS MUST HAVE BEEN TO HEAR MARTIN INDYCK, THE U.S.
AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL AND A FORMER SUPPORTER OF ISRAEL'S
CAUSE IN AMERICA, ANNOUNCING IN JERUSALEM THAT 'WHAT WE
(SIC) (&ISK'S COMMENT) WANT FROM ARAFAT IS MORE STICK AND
LESS CARROT'. TO CRUSH HAMAS POLITICALLY, MR ARAFAT'S
AUTHORITY NEEDS TO BE SHORED UP. THAT AUTHORITY WILL
CONTINUE TO DRIBBLE AWAY AS LONG AS TENS OF THOUSANDS OF
ARMED ISRAELI SETTLERS LIVE, AGAINST ALL INTERNATIONAL
LAW, ON ARAB LAND, AND AS LONG AS ISRAELIS INSIST THAT
JERUSALEM MUST BE 'THE ETERNAL AND UNIFIED CAPITAL' OF
ONLY ISRAEL.

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"BUT THIS SUMMIT, OF COURSE, IS LESS ABOUT MR ARAFAT'S
AUTHORITY THAN MR PERES'S RE-ELECTION. ...
"TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR THE 'PEACE-MAKERS'; THE RESULTS
OF THEIR FAILURE WOULD BE EXPLOSIVE. MR ARAFAT IS A
MARKED MAN; HIS DECISION TO ALLOW JOINT SEARCHES WITH
ISRAELI TROOPS FOR HAMAS MEMBERS HAS PROVED TO THE
SATISFACTION OF HIS DETRACTORS THAT THE 'PUPPET' LABEL IS
TRUE. PRESIDENT MUBARAK AND KING HUSSEIN, WHO HAVE
CAJOLED AND OFTEN INTIMIDATED THEIR POPULATIONS INTO
ACCEPTING THE AMERICAN-ISRAELI PEACE PROCESS, WILL BE
FATALLY UNDERMINED. THE EUROPEANS, DESPITE THE NEED FOR
U.S. SUPPORT IN BOSNIA, WILL HAVE TO SEEK NEW
RELATIONSHIPS WITH POTENTIALLY RADICALIZED ARAB STATES,
WHO ARE EUROPE'S NEIGHBORS. ISRAEL WILL DESPAIR.

"IN THE UNITED STATES, TOO, THERE MAY BE A DETONATION.
NOT ONLY WILL MR CLINTON'S RE-ELECTION BE CALLED INTO
DOUBT. BUT A DEEP CONCERN THAT CAN BE HEARD PRIVATELY
AMONG AMERICAN FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS MAY ALSO COME TO
THE SURFACE -- THAT AMERICA'S TINY BUT INFLUENTIAL JEWISH
COMMUNITY HAS BEEN TOO POWERFUL IN FORMULATING U.S.
MIDDLE EAST POLICY. HOW, AMERICANS MAY BEGIN TO ASK, DID
THE U.S. COME TO LOCK ITSELF SO TIGHTLY TO ISRAEL, TO
ALIGN ITS POLICY SO CLOSELY TO ISRAEL THAT THE TWO ARE
ALMOST INDISTINGUISHABLE? THE ANTI-SEMITISM OF PAT
BUCHANAN TYPIFIES A DANGEROUS MOOD AMONG AMERICANS; NOT
LEAST, AS SOME ISRAELIS THEMSELVES ADMIT, BECAUSE MR
BUCHANAN'S UNPLEASANT AND EXAGGERATED TAUNT THAT CONGRESS
IS 'AN ISRAELI-OCCUPIED AREA' CONTAINS A POWERFUL
RESONANCE.

"SO TODAY'S SUMMIT IS GOING TO MOVE ACROSS VERY FRAGILE
GROUND. SINCE A REAL REJUVENATION OF THE 'PEACE PROCESS'
IS ELECTORALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR MR PERES, MOST ARABS -- AND
EUROPEANS -- WOULD PREFER WINDOW-DRESSING: AN IMAGE OF
RESOLUTION PROPPED UP BY PHOTO-OPPORTUNITIES AND HONEYED
WORDS OF WORLD UNITY. A CRUSADE AGAINST 'TERRORISM',
HOWEVER, COULD HAVE VERY DIFFERENT RESULTS. FIGHTING FOR
PEACE IS ONE THING: GOING TO WAR FOR PEACE IS QUITE
ANOTHER."

"T-SHIRTS HERALD TERROR SUMMIT AT 'SNOOPY CLUB'"

THE CONSERVATIVE TIMES REPORTED FROM SHARM EL SHEIKH:

"HUNDREDS OF TOURISTS WEARING 'STOP TERRORISM' T-SHIRTS MINGLED WITH SWEATING SECRET SERVICEMEN FROM ABOUT 30 NATIONS AS LEADERS BEGAN RESORT FOR TODAY'S FOUR-HOUR 'ANTI-TERRORISM' SUMMIT -- AN EVENT DISMISSED BY ONE FRENCH REPORTER AS 'ALICE IN WONDERLAND AT THE SEASIDE'".

"SO SCARCE WERE HOTEL ROOMS FOR THE 1,500 JOURNALISTS EXPECTED AT THIS SOUTHERNMOST TIP OF THE SINAI PENINSULA THAT URI DROMI, CHIEF OF ISRAEL'S GOVERNMENT PRESS UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 09 LONDON 003189

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OFFICE, ADVISED A CHARTERED PLANELOAD OF REPORTERS FROM
TEL AVIV TO TAKE THEIR OWN SLEEPING BAGS.

"THE T-SHIRTS, ONE WITH A LARGE SHARK DEPICTING THE
TERRORISTS, (ARE) SOLD AT A ONE POUND DISCOUNT TO
CONFERENCE DELEGATES. THEY SUMMED UP THE MEDIA-ORIENTED
NATURE OF THE EVENT. THREE ARAB LEADERS HAVE CLAIMED THE
CREDIT FOR SUGGESTING IT TO PRESIDENT CLINTON, WHOSE
VILLA WAS PATROLLED BY 11 RUBBER LAUNCHES FILLED WITH
HEAVILY ARMED FROGMEN.

"'I SERIOUSLY WISH THEM WELL, BUT HOW CAN THEY THINK THAT
A FEW HOURS AND A LUNCH IN THE SUNSHINE IS GOING TO STOP
THE BOMBS GOING OFF?' ASKED TOM GUTTERIDGE, A RETIRED
SALES DIRECTOR FROM ESSEX. HE WAS ONE OF THOUSANDS OF
HOLIDAYMAKERS OBLIGED TO MOVE ROOMS OR TAKE AN ALL-
EXPENSES-PAID TWO-DAY JUNKET TO LUXOR TO MAKE SPACE FOR
THE DELEGATES.

"AS HUNDREDS OF EGYPTIAN LABORERS HURRIED TO FINISH
PREPARATIONS, A NUMBER OF UNFORTUNATE MISTAKES WERE
IRONED OUT, INCLUDING ONE MIS-SPELLING OVER THE
CONFERENCE TABLE NOT FAR FROM WHERE MR YELTSIN WAS DUE TO
BE SEATED. IT DESCRIBED THE MEETING AS THE 'SUMMIT OF
THE PACEMAKERS'.

"FOR MYSELF AND OTHER CORRESPONDENTS WHO HAD EARLIER
DRIVEN PAST THE SITES OF THE TWO RECENT JERUSALEM BUS
BOMBINGS, IT WAS HARD TO RECONCILE THE REALITY OF THE
HAMAS WAR AGAINST THE JEWS WITH THE BOUGAINVILLEA-CLAD

WALLS OF THE CONFERENCE HOTEL; OR THE MAIN MEETING ROOM
WITH THE NOTICE OUTSIDE ADVERTISING 'SNOOPY CLUB' AMES
FOR UNDER-10S."

"WORLD LEADERS FLYIN FOR FOUR-HOUR SUMMIT"

THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN REPORTED:

"IT MAY NOT BE AN EFFECTIVE WAY O COUNTER TERRORISM, BUT
TODAY'S 27-COUNTR SUMMIT IN EGYPT WILL AT LEAST BE
BRIEF. THE RESIDENTS, KINGS, PRIME MINISTERS AND OTHER
FFICIALS WILL HAVE JUST FOUR HOURS TO DISCUSS POLITICAL
VIOLENCE AND THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS BEFORE PUTTING
THEIR NAMES TO A DECLARATION WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN
DRAFTED. ...

"IRAN, EXPECTED TO BE A PRIME TARGET OF THE FINAL
COMMUNIQUE, HAS DISMISSED THE SUMMIT AS A U.S. AND
ISRAELI PLOY TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM PALESTINIAN
GRIEVANCES. ...

"PRESIDENT CLINTON AND MR PERES HOPE THAT THE SUMMIT WILL
BOOST THEIR RE-ELECTION CHANCES. MR PERES IN PARTICULAR
IS DESPERATE FOR A DIPLOMATIC TRIUMPH TO BALANCE THE
DISASTROUS EFFECT ON HIS OPINION POLL RATINGS OF EIGHT
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DAYS OF SUICIDE BOMBINGS WHICH CLAIMED 62 LIVES."

3. NORTHERN IRELAND

"BRINK OF A NEW TRAGEDY"

ON NORTHERN IRELAND, THE CONSERVATIVE TABLOID DAILY STAR
EDITORIALIZED:

"THE IRISH PEACE PROCESS IS RAPIDLY COLLAPSING IN
TURMOIL. WHILE POLITICIANS ON ALL SIDES TRY TO TALK
THEIR WAY AROUND A SOLUTION, THE FORCES OF VIOLENCE GO
BACK TO THE BOMB AND THE BULLET. IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF

TIME BEFORE LOYALIST PARAMILITARIES DECIDED TO REPAY THE IRA IN KIND.

"THERE IS SUCH A GAP BETWEEN THE TALKERS AND THE TERRORISTS THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BELIEVE THEY CAN EVER COME TO TERMS. BUT THERE MUST BE SOME WAY TO AVOID ANOTHER 25 YEARS OF DEATH AND DESTRUCTION. THE PEOPLE OF THESE ISLANDS FERVENTLY WANT PEACE. TWO TINY GROUPS OF HOMICIDAL MANIACS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO DESTROY ALL HOPE.

"POLITICIANS HERE, IN IRELAND AND IN THE UNITED STATES NOW, THANKFULLY, APPEAR UNITED IN THEIR CONDEMNATION OF TERROR. BUT IF THE KILLERS WON'T LISTEN THERE IS ONLY ONE ANSWER. THEY MUST BE DESTROYED."

(REPRODUCED IN FULL)

"THREAT OF NEW LOYALIST WAR"

THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN SAID IN ITS LEAD FRONT PAGE REPORT:

"NORTHERN IRELAND SLID FURTHER TOWARDS A RETURN TO VIOLENCE LAST NIGHT WHEN LOYALISTS WARNED THE IRA THAT UNLESS IT SWIFTLY RESTORES THE CEASEFIRE, ITS ATTACKS WOULD BE MATCHED 'BLOW FOR BLOW'.

"THE WARNING CAME AS THE SINN FEIN PRESIDENT GERRY ADAMS ARRIVED IN THE UNITED STATES UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON FOR A NEW CEASEFIRE. MR ADAMS'S FLIGHT COINCIDED WITH AN ADMISSION BY THE IRA THAT IT BOMBED LONDON'S BROMPTON ROAD LAST FRIDAY.

"YESTERDAY'S STATEMENT FROM THE COMBINED LOYALIST MILITARY COMMAND, THE UMBRELLA LEADERSHIP OF THE ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE, ULSTER FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND RED HAND COMMANDOS, SAID THAT IN THE MONTH SINCE THE DOCKLANDS BOMBING IT HAD 'WITHSTOOD THE PROVOCATION' WHICH HAD KILLED 'INNOCENT BRITISH FELLOW-CITIZENS'. ...

"IN NEW YORK, PRESIDENT CLINTON SAID : 'THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND HAVE CLEARLY CHOSEN PEACE. THEY HAVE UNCLAS SECTION 08 OF 09 LONDON 003189

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CHOSEN DIALOGUE OVER DIVISION. THEY DO NOT DESERVE TO HAVE A SMALL GROUP CHOOSE BLOODSHED AND VIOLENCE -- AND SHATTER THEIR DREAMS.' WITHOUT MENTIONING THE IRA, HE SAID: 'WE MUST NOT ALLOW THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN HARDENED BY THE PAST TO HIJACK THE FUTURE OF THE CHILDREN OF NORTHERN IRELAND'. . . .

"MR ADAMS'S SIX-DAY U.S. VISIT BEGAN IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH CONTRAST SHARPLY WITH HIS TRIUMPHAL WHITE HOUSE ENCOUNTER WITH PRESIDENT CLINTON ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY LAST YEAR.

"HIS FUND-RAISING RIGHTS HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN, BLOWING PLANS FOR A 1,000 A PLATE SINN FEIN DINNER. SEN EDWARD KENNEDY, WHO HAS BEEN HIGHLY SUPPORTIVE OF SINN FEIN'S PEACE STRATEGY, HAS DECLINED TO MEET MR ADAMS, WHO HAS NOT BEEN INVITED TO JOIN PROMINENT IRISH AND IRISH AMERICANS AT THIS YEAR'S WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION.

"HOWEVER, MR ADAMS MAY RUB SHOULDERS WITH THE FIRST LADY, HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, AT A DINNER FOR THE AMERICAN IRELAND FUND IN WASHINGTON ON THURSDAY."

"POISED BETWEEN PEACE AND WAR"

THE CENTRIST INDEPENDENT REPORTED ON ITS FRONT PAGE:

"THE LOYALIST STATEMENT CONFIRMED THE FEELING OF MANY OBSERVERS THAT NORTHERN IRELAND COULD EASILY SLIP BACK INTO A NEW CYCLE OF BLOODSHED. THE IRA HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR FOUR BOMB INCIDENTS IN LONDON SINCE FEBRUARY, BUT SO FAR HAS NOT RETURNED TO VIOLENCE IN ULSTER. "

"ADAMS, SPECTER AT THE FEAST"

THE CONSERVATIVE TIMES REPORTED ON ITS FRONT PAGE:

"AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE CEASEFIRE'S COLLAPSE WAS A 'KICK IN THE FACE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND THAT'S HOW GERRY ADAMS WILL BE RECEIVED'."

4. CUBA : HELMS-BURTON BILL

"CUBA TRADE BAN ANGERS UK"

THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN REPORTED:

"PRESIDENT CLINTON SET THE UNITED STATES ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH BRITAIN AND SEVERAL KEY ALLIES YESTERDAY WHEN HE ESCALATED THE U.S. ECONOMIC WAR AGAINST CUBA, APPROVING THE HARSHTEST EVER PACKAGE OF MEASURES AGAINST THE ISLAND.

"IN A WHITE HOUSE CEREMONY, MR CLINTON STOOD WITH THE FAMILIES OF THE FOUR MEN KILLED LAST MONTH WHEN HAVANA UNCLAS SECTION 09 OF 09 LONDON 003189

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DOWNED TWO CIVILIAN PLANES PILOTED BY CUBAN-AMERICAN
EXILES. MAKING IT CLEAR HE WAS BOWING TO INTENSE
POLITICAL PRESSURE FROM THE POWERFUL EXILE COMMUNITY, THE
PRESIDENT SIGNED INTO LAW THE HELMS-BURTON CUBAN LIBERTY
AND SOLIDARITY ACT -- THE SAME BILL HE HAD EARLIER
REJECTED AS TOO EXTREME. ...

"THE NEW LAW TIGHTENS THE 36-YEAR-OLD ECONOMIC EMBARGO ON
CUBA, AND SEEKS TO 'SQUEEZE THE LIFE' FROM THE REGIME OF
FIDEL CASTRO, ACCORDING TO ITS REPUBLICAN SPONSORS. ...
THE LEGISLATION REPRESENTS A U-TURN BY THE PRESIDENT, WHO
HAD PREVIOUSLY LED CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS IN BLOCKING
THE MEASURE. LOUD DEMANDS FOR RETALIATION FOR LAST
MONTH'S INCIDENT FROM CUBAN EXILES MADE CONTINUED
ADMINISTRATION RESISTANCE TO THE BILL POLITICALLY
UNTENABLE. ..

"BUT THE HELMS-BURTON ACT COULD CAUSE GRAVE INTERNATIONAL
PROBLEMS FOR MR CLINTON."

"CLINTON GOES FOR VOTES WITH CUBA BLOCKADE U-TURN"

THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTED:

"PRESIDENT CLINTON PUT DOMESTIC POLITICS AHEAD OF THE
CONCERNS OF ALLIES BRITAIN AND CANADA BY SIGNING
YESTERDAY A LAW AIMED AT INHIBITING FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN
CUBA.

"HE ALSO GAVE REPUBLICAN CONTROLLED CAPITOL HILL THE
MEANS TO STOP HIM OR A FUTURE PRESIDENT UNILATERALLY
LIFTING AMERICA'S ECONOMIC BLOCKADE OF THE ISLAND. THIS
CAN NOW BE ENDED ONLY WITH AN ACT OF CONGRESS.

"THE MOVE WAS A COMPLETE ABOUT-FACE IN POLICY. HIS
ADMINISTRATION HAS SPENT A YEAR TRYING TO THWART THE
LAW'S RIGHT WING SPONSORS, SEN JESSE HELMS AND
CONGRESSMAN DAN BURTON.

"BUT MR CLINTON IS UP FOR RE-ELECTION. HE NEEDS TO WIN
THE FLORIDA VOTE, A KEY ELECTORAL VOTE STATE WITH
CALIFORNIA IN THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION." O'BRIEN

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SUBJECT: CHINESE MFA PRESS BRIEFING, THURSDAY MARCH 28

1. SUMMARY: IN THE MFA PRESS BRIEFING ON THURSDAY, MARCH 28, SPOKESMAN SHEN GUOFANG STATED THAT CHINA HOPED THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT ALLOW TAIWAN LEADERS TO VISIT AMERICA, SINCE THIS WOULD HURT THE "NORMAL DEVELOPMENT" OF U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS. COMMENTING ON POSSIBLE CROSS-STRAIT NEGOTIATIONS TO REDUCE TENSIONS, SHEN SAID THE PREREQUISITE TO PRC-TAIWAN NEGOTIATIONS WAS MAINTENANCE OF THE "ONE-CHINA" PRINCIPLE. SHEN REJECTED THE NOTION THAT MORE THAN 70 PERCENT OF THE TAIWAN ELECTORATE VOTED FOR PRO-INDEPENDENCE CANDIDATES, SAYING THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN TAIWAN FAVORED AN EARLY, PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF CHINA. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT RELAXATION OF TENSIONS HINGED ON TWO ISSUES: THAT TAIWAN CEASE MOVING TOWARD A TWO CHINAS OR ONE-CHINA, ONE-TAIWAN POLICY, AND THAT FOREIGN FORCES STOP INTERFERING IN CHINA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. RESTATING THE PRC'S OPPOSITION TO TAIWAN MEMBERSHIP AT THE UNITED NATIONS, SHEN SAID THE ISSUE WAS NOT WHETHER CHINA HAD SECURITY COUNCIL VETO POWER, BUT THE ATTITUDE OF TAIWAN AUTHORITIES TOWARD INDEPENDENCE. SHEN SAID HONG KONG

CIVIL SERVANTS WERE WELCOME TO CONTINUE TO SERVE AFTER REVERSION BUT THAT THE CRITERIA FOR SUCH SERVICE WERE SUPPORT FOR THE BASIC LAW AND THE MOTHERLAND. SHEN ALSO COMMENTED ON QIAO SHI'S VISIT TO UKRAINE. END SUMMARY.

A RESPONSE TO HELMS

2. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION REGARDING SENATOR JESSE HELMS'S RECENT STATEMENT ON A POSSIBLE PLAN TO INVITE LEE TENG-HUI TO REVISIT THE UNITED STATES, SHEN SAID THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAD NOTED ON MANY OCCASIONS THAT IT DID NOT WISH FOR THE UNITED STATES TO ALLOW TAIWAN LEADERS TO VISIT AMERICA, WHICH WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE NORMAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHINESE-AMERICAN RELATIONS. SHEN CONTINUED THAT CHINA HOPED THE U.S. WOULD REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF A NORMAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA AND WOULD ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE THREE JOINT COMMUNIQUEs INSTEAD OF TURNING THE QUESTION OF TAIWAN INTO AN EXPLOSIVE ISSUE.

CAN'T SET ASIDE SOVEREIGNTY

3. RESPONDING TO A QUESTION ON WHETHER CHINA COULD PUT ASIDE SOVEREIGNTY ISSUES IN ORDER TO MAKE PROGRESS ON OTHER CROSS-STRAIT ISSUES, SHEN ASSERTED THAT THERE WAS ONE PREREQUISITE TO ANY CHINA-TAIWAN NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT WAS MAINTAINING THE PRINCIPLE OF "ONE CHINA." HE STRESSED THAT THIS PRINCIPLE WAS BEYOND ANY DISCUSSION.

MOST PEOPLE IN TAIWAN WANT REUNIFICATION

4. SHEN REJECTED A JOURNALIST'S ASSERTION THAT BECAUSE MORE THAN 70 PERCENT OF THE TAIWAN ELECTORATE VOTED FOR PRO-INDEPENDENCE CANDIDATES, THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT TAIWAN WAS STILL MOVING TOWARD INDEPENDENCE. SHEN ASSERTED THAT THE JOURNALIST'S "METHOD OF CALCULATION" WAS INCORRECT. HE REMARKED THAT THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN TAIWAN HOPED FOR A RELAXATION OF CROSS-STRAIT TENSIONS AND FAVORED EARLY, PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF "THE MOTHERLAND." SHEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT THIS SENTIMENT WAS THE WILL OF THE VAST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN TAIWAN, AND ALSO THOSE ON THE MAINLAND. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WERE "CERTAIN PEOPLE" WHO DISAGREED WITH THIS MAJORITY AND DID NOT WANT TO SEE STRONG PROGRESS TOWARD RAPID ECONOMIC MODERNIZATION IN CHINA.

TWO CONDITIONS FOR RELAXATION OF TENSIONS

5. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT NEGOTIATING TO CALM TENSIONS BETWEEN THE MAINLAND AND TAIWAN, SHEN SAID THAT THE PRC HAD ALWAYS STOOD FOR A RELAXATION OF TENSION ACROSS THE TAIWAN STRAIT. SHEN ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT ANY RELAXATION HINGED ON TWO CONDITIONS: 1) THAT TAIWAN AUTHORITIES CEASE THEIR "ACTIVITIES" LEADING TO THE CREATION OF ONE-CHINA, ONE-TAIWAN OR TWO CHINAS; AND 2), THAT "FOREIGN FORCES" STOP INTERFERING IN CHINESE

INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HE SAID THAT ONCE THESE TWO OBSTACLES WERE REMOVED, RELATIONS WOULD IMPROVE. SHEN THEN CALLED ON THOSE IN TAIWAN WHO SUPPORTED A ONE-CHINA, ONE-TAIWAN OR TWO-CHINAS SYSTEM TO ABANDON THESE NOTIONS.

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"NO" TO U.N. MEMBERSHIP

6. ANSWERING A QUERY ABOUT A POSSIBLE APPLICATION BY TAIWAN TO JOIN THE UNITED NATIONS, SHEN STATED THAT "ON MANY OCCASIONS" TAIWAN WAS WILLING TO SPEND A LOT OF MONEY FOR ACCESS TO THE UNITED NATIONS, BUT THIS ATTEMPT WAS A "PROFANITY" TO A SACRED ORGANIZATION SUCH AS THE UNITED NATIONS. SHEN DISAGREED WITH A JOURNALIST WHO STATED THAT TAIWAN'S ATTEMPT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE U.N. SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A PERTINENT ISSUE SINCE U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL BOUTROS-GHALI HAD ALREADY DECLARED THAT TAIWAN HAD NO CHANCE OF ENTERING THE U.N. GIVEN CHINA'S FINAL VETO POWER AS A PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL. THE SPOKESMAN RETORTED THAT THE ISSUE HAD LITTLE TO DO WITH VETO POWER, BUT WAS RELATED TO THE ATTITUDE OF THE TAIWAN AUTHORITIES TOWARD INDEPENDENCE. HE POINTED OUT THAT IN 1971 THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTED A RESOLUTION DECLARING TAIWAN AN INTEGRAL PART OF CHINA AND RECOGNIZING THE PRC AS THE SOLE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA. HE ADDED THAT TAIWAN'S CLAMOR FOR ENTRY INTO THE U.N. WAS ANOTHER ISSUE THAT REFLECTED ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD A ONE-CHINA, ONE-TAIWAN POLICY.

HONG KONG CIVIL SERVANTS

7. SHEN ALSO ADDRESSED A QUESTION REGARDING HONG KONG GOVERNOR CHRIS PATTEN'S RECENT CRITICISM OF CHINESE OFFICIALS' SUGGESTION THAT HONG KONG CIVIL SERVANTS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE LEGITIMACY OF THE PROVISIONAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN ORDER TO ASSUME GOVERNMENT POSITIONS IN THE SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION (SAR). SHEN STATED THAT THE PRC WELCOMED INCUMBENT HONG KONG OFFICIALS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SAR. SHEN EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT THE BASIC LAW HAD ALREADY LAID DOWN CLEAR GUIDELINES AND THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT CRITERIA FOR TRANSITION OF CIVIL SERVANTS WERE SUPPORT FOR THE BASIC LAW AND SUPPORT OF THE MOTHERLAND.

QIAO SHI VISITS UKRAINE

8. SHEN STATED THAT CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS QIAO SHI'S VISIT TO THE UKRAINE WOULD ADVANCE AND PROMOTE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UKRAINE AND CHINA IN THE FIELDS OF POLITICS, ECONOMICS, TRADE, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY. AS A TESTAMENT TO THE IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH UKRAINE, SHEN SAID THAT ONE MEMBER OF QIAO SHI'S DELEGATION WOULD BE THE ASSISTANT MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE WHO WILL EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH HIS UKRAINIAN COUNTERPART ON TRADE POLICY.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. SHEN ANNOUNCED THAT AT THE INVITATION OF PRC FOREIGN MINISTER QIAN QICHEN, THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF BELARUS WOULD VISIT CHINA FROM APRIL 4 THROUGH 8. SASSER

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CALLS ON AMBASSADOR

1. MNR DEPUTY EUDORO GALINDO CALLED ON THE AMBASSADOR APRIL 11 IN HIS CAPACITY AS HEAD OF HIS OWN PARTY, THE BOLIVIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDB). GALINDO WAS BANZER'S VICE PRESIDENTIAL RUNNING MATE IN 1985 BUT LATER LEFT THE ADN AND FORMED THE PDB. HE SUBSEQUENTLY ACCEPTED AN INVITATION FROM THE MNR AND WAS ELECTED TO CONGRESS ON THAT TICKET BUT KEPT HIS PDB JURIDICALLY ALIVE. GALINDO'S PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MNR HAS NOT BEEN HARMONIOUS; HE WAS PUBLICLY CHASTISED BY THE PARTY IN DECEMBER 1995 BECAUSE OF HIS NEAR-SUCCESSFUL CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES IN OPPOSITION TO THE PARTY'S DESIGNATED CANDIDATE GUILLERMO BEDREGAL. WITH THE 1997 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS APPROACHING, GALINDO WANTS TO INVIGORATE HIS PDB AS A VEHICLE OF REFORM TO CAMPAIGN IN ITS OWN BEHALF.

2. GALINDO EXPLAINED HIS BELIEF THAT REAL DEMOCRACY CANNOT BE ACHIEVED IN BOLIVIA BY REFORMING ITS INSTITUTIONS. THE CURRENT "MASS" POLITICAL PARTIES WERE FORMED AND STILL EXIST AS PATRONAGE MACHINES WITH AN AUTHORITARIAN, "CAUDILLO" STRUCTURE. THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTE TO SUCH PARTIES DO NOT DO SO FOR THE NATION'S LONG-TERM BENEFIT, BUT AS INVESTORS WHO EXPECT A QUICK RETURN ON THEIR MONEY. EVEN REFORMED INSTITUTIONS CANNOT FUNCTION SO LONG AS THEY ARE CONTROLLED BY THESE PARTIES. GALINDO'S INTENTION IS TO RECRUIT THE "CLEAR SOULS" FROM OTHER PARTIES TO MAKE THE PDB A FORCE FOR BASIC REFORM OF THIS SYSTEM, FREE OF CORRUPTION AND INFLUENCE-PEDDLING

AND A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR THE NATION. HE CLAIMS ALREADY TO HAVE INFLUENTIAL BACKERS WITHIN THE OTHER PARTIES, WHOM HE WILL NOT YET IDENTIFY.

3. GALINDO IS DEPARTING FOR THE U.S. APRIL 27 TO EXPOUND HIS NEW PARTY CONCEPT TO THOSE HE BELIEVES MIGHT BE INTERESTED. HE SAID HE HAS ARRANGED TO MEET WITH SENATORS PHIL GRAMM AND JESSE HELMS AND WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY GELBARD, ALL OF WHOM HE CLAIMS TO KNOW FROM PREVIOUS CONTACTS, AND ASKED IF THE EMBASSY COULD HELP HIM CONTACT OTHER INDIVIDUALS OR INSTITUTIONS THAT MIGHT BE WILLING TO HELP HIM DEVELOP HIS IDEAS. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT THE EMBASSY CANNOT BECOME INVOLVED IN BOLIVIAN PARTY POLITICS, BUT MUST RESTRICT ITS ACTIVITIES TO HELPING REINFORCE DEMOCRACY AT THE INSTITUTIONAL LEVEL. HE OFFERED, HOWEVER, TO GIVE GALINDO THE ADDRESSES OF U.S. INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC AND NATIONAL REPUBLICAN INSTITUTES THAT HE MIGHT WISH TO CONTACT WHILE IN THE U.S.

4. COMMENT: GALINDO'S VISIT, TOGETHER WITH THE DAY'S OTHER SHORT-NOTICE CALL BY UCS HEAD JOHNNY FERNANDEZ (SEPTTEL), IS A CLEAR SIGN THAT THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN HAS BEGUN AND REAFFIRMATION THAT VISIBLE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE EMBASSY AND WASHINGTON ARE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR SERIOUS BOLIVIAN POLITICAL PARTIES.

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1. EMBASSY RECEIVED ON APRIL 16 FROM MFA A DIPLOMATIC NOTE INFORMING THE EMBASSY OF A LETTER THAT WAS SENT TO SENATOR HELMS FROM PRESIDENT KUCHMA THROUGH THE UKRAINIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.-THE LETTER IS IN REFERENCE TO THE LOS ANGELES TIMES ARTICLE AND THE SALE OF UKRAINIAN PLANES TO COLOMBIAN DRUG CARTELS. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE.

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THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF UKRAINE PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN AND FOR YOUR INFORMATION HAS THE HONOR TO PASS A COPY OF THE LETTER OF PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE LEONID KUCHMA TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE U.S. SENATE MR. JESSE HELMS. THE COPY OF THIS LETTER WAS SENT TO THE EMBASSY OF UKRAINE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN TO BE PASSED TO THE ADDRESSEE.

THE MINISTRY WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST ESTEEM.

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KIEV, APRIL 11, 1996

END TEXT OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER.
MARCH 30, 1996
KIEV

DEAR MR. HELMS:

AS WE AGREED DURING MY RECENT WORKING VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU IN MORE DETAILS OF THE "LOS ANGELES TIMES" NEWSPAPER ON FEBRUARY 20, 1996.

IN MAY 1995 THE SECURITY SERVICE OF UKRAINE OBTAINED DATA ABOUT ILLEGAL TRANSFER OF AN-32B AIRCRAFT, WHICH BELONGED TO UKRAINIAN STOCK COMPANY "SPAERO", TO PANAMA IN COMPLIANCE WITH CONTACTS BETWEEN AMERICAN COMPANY "VAN SKY" (DIRECTOR - A U.S. CITIZEN RALPH VAN SKY) AND PANAMA AIR COMPANY "AEROVILLAS ALVAREZ ANGIZOLA" (PRESIDENT - RAMON EQZECUEL ALVAREZ ANGIZOLA). A CRIMINAL CASE WAS INITIATED AGAINST THE DIRECTOR OF AT "SPAERO", A UKRAINIAN CITIZEN VOLODYMYR NOVGORODOV ON MAY 22, 1995. HE WAS CHARGED WITH TAX EVASION AND ILLEGAL CURRENCY OPERATIONS. IN THE PROCESS OF INVESTIGATION THE DATA ABOUT THE POSSIBLE USE OF THESE AIRCRAFT BY LATIN AMERICAN DRUG DEALERS WAS RECEIVED.

FROM THIS VERY BEGINNING, THIS INVESTIGATION WAS PERFORMED IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. LAW-ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. AT THE INITIATIVE OF UKRAINIAN COMPETENT BODIES, ON JUNE 19, 1995 THE CORRESPONDENT INFORMATION WAS SENT TO THE FEDERAL DRUG ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ALONG WITH THE REQUEST TO PROVIDE CONFIDENTIAL ASSISTANCE IN CHECKING THE OBTAINED DATA AND IN COLLECTING EVIDENCES OF THE ILLEGAL USE OF UKRAINIAN AIRCRAFT.

DURING OUR JOINT WORK IT WAS REVEALED THAT MR. R. VAN SKY, MR. R. ALVAREZ AND THEIR FIRMS WERE REALLY CONNECTED WITH COLOMBIAN DRUG CARTEL CALI AND WERE SUSPECTED IN THE USE OF THE AIRCRAFT FOR TRAFFICKING COCAINE, PRECURSORS AND MONEY. THE PROSECUTOR'S GENERAL OFFICE OF UKRAINE HAS PREPARED AN OFFICIAL REQUEST TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN INVESTIGATING AND PUTTING A STOP TO CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND IN RETURNING TO UKRAINE THE PLANES WHICH HAVE BEEN ILLEGALLY USED.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE ARTICLE IN "LOS ANGELES TIMES" INFRINGED UPON THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE JOINT INVESTIGATION. BUT OF COURSE, IN YOUR COUNTRY, AS WELL AS IN OURS, MASS MEDIA IS INDEPENDENT IN SELECTING MATERIALS AND IN CHOOSING TIME FOR THEIR PUBLICATION.

I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU, SENATOR HELMS, THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF UKRAINE IS NOT INVOLVED INTO ILLEGAL USE OF THESE AIRCRAFT AND IN THE FUTURE WILL USE ALL POSSIBLE MEANS TO REINFORCE THE CONTROL OVER THE SALES AND LEASING OF UKRAINIAN AVIATION EQUIPMENT. WE CONSIDER THE INVESTIGATION AND TERMINATION OF

INTERNATIONAL CRIME TO BE OUR TOP PRIORITY, AND WE HOPE
FOR OUR FRUITFUL COOPERATION WITH THE AMERICAN SIDE IN
THIS IMPORTANT DIRECTION.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS
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SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR YOUR CONCERN AND FOR OUR
CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION DURING OUR MEETING IN
WASHINGTON.

SINCERELY,

LEONID KUCHMA

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MIDDLE EAST PEACE

1. "Historic win for Peres and the PLO"

The national, conservative Australian (4/29) had an editorial comment which read, "The credit for the Palestine National Council's decision (to revoke their precept to destroy Israel) should go to...Yasser Arafat, who employed some tough political tactics to achieve it. Mr. Arafat has delivered on a vital aspect of one of the most intransigent conflicts of the 20th century...."

Mr. Peres has hailed the PNC decision as perhaps the most important change in Israel-Palestine relations for 100 years. If his party wins the elections it will open the way to establish a Palestinian State over the coming years. This is a fundamental change, but there are still serious obstacles to be overcome by the peace process. One is to resolve the status of the city of Jerusalem... Another...is for Israel and Syria to negotiate a peace treaty, without which there can be no comprehensive Middle East peace."

2. "Mid-East peace gets new life"

The liberal Sydney Morning Herald (4/27) editorialized, "In the face of Hamas bomb attacks on civilian targets in Israel and a massive Israeli over-reaction to Hezbollah rocket attacks on northern Israel, Mr. Arafat has remained steadfast in his primary commitment to the peace process. He has done this despite pressure from his own side to refuse to cooperate with Israeli efforts to suppress firepower in southern Lebanon. Mr. Arafat, by doing neither, has risked a lot for the longer-term goal of peace. That is a challenge to Mr. Peres to continue to do the same, and so win for them both the international support needed to complete the process set in motion two and a half years ago."

3. "No winners in Lebanon bloodbath"

A senior lecturer from Western Australia's Murdoch University writes in the regional West Australian newspaper (4/29), "The fighting which ended in Lebanon at the weekend was not a normal war in which enemies exchanged fire.... There have been no winners, only losers and non-losers. The most conspicuous losers are the Lebanese civilians, Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres and United States Secretary of State Warren Christopher.... But Israel would not have lost as much as it did if it had not been encouraged by the unswerving support it received from Washington at the onset of the fighting. The US fully endorsed Israeli attacks. It was not until after the Israeli killing of more than 100 refugees at a United Nations compound at Cana that the US unconvincingly made an about-face, but even then Washington refused to condemn the action.... The US delay in endorsing the ceasefire gave Israeli forces an extra week in which to kill more Lebanese civilians, intimidate UN and other relief workers and destroy the southern Lebanese civil infrastructure. Such is the price of Israeli democracy."

4. "Beijing opts for the bear it knows"

The Beijing correspondent for the national, conservative Weekend Australian (4/27) filed,
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"When presidents Boris Yeltsin and Jiang Zemin clasped each other in a bear-hug on Beijing's giant central square on Thursday, it was an exercise in showmanship and did not mean all that much in terms of realpolitik.... But a rash of agreements on subjects ranging from peaceful use of nuclear power to coordination in the fight against organized crime, do not suggest a strategic alliance against the West. It is in neither side's interests to adopt postures that might interfere with the flow of Western trade and investment. Capital and technology are available from no other source. Yeltsin's visit...will do his re-election prospects no harm.... The visit's timing was also serendipitous from China's view since it allowed its leaders to take potshots at the West, and the United States in particular, over perceived tendencies to interfere in China's internal affairs."

5. The Moscow correspondent for the liberal Sydney Morning Herald (4/27) filed, "(A)lthough the relationship between Russia and China is warmer than it has been for many years, there is still a reserve of popular suspicion in Russia about its powerful eastern neighbor.... The trip comes at a time when both countries have cooled towards the United States and the West. Russia is disillusioned with the plans for eastward

expansion of NATO, and China has been facing human rights pressure from the United States. Russia's Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov has turned Russian foreign policy eastward. The closer relationship with China puts pressure on the West and also holds considerable trade advantages for Russia."

CHEMICAL WEAPONS TREATY

6. "Chemical weapons ban in sight"

The Washington correspondent for the national, conservative Weekend Australian (4/27) reported, "Hopes that an international treaty banning chemical weapons would finally come into force soared yesterday when supporters of the treaty overcame their fiercest opponent in the United States Senate, Republican Jesse Helms. The treaty, which has been strongly championed by Australia, is now a major step closer to being ratified by the United States, a move which would prompt many other nations to follow suit and bring it into force after years of international haggling.... Senator Dole must decide whether and when to allow a full Senate vote on the treaty, which is certain to be supported by a clear majority of senators. Senator Dole is likely to allow a vote despite the reservations of some of his campaign strategists, who are reluctant to present the President, Mr. Clinton, with such a foreign policy achievement."
"Russia looks East but with caution"

U.S. SHRIMP BAN OVER ENDANGERED TURTLES

7. "Prawn ban: U.S. accused of playing politics"

The liberal Sydney Morning Herald (4/29) reported, "Fishing industry leaders have accused the United States of engaging in protectionism by banning Australian prawn imports. The ban, to take effect from May 1, will cost Australia about one million dollars a year in prawn export revenue. The U.S. Court of International Trade
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announced last month it would introduce the ban
on Australia and about 40 other countries, which
do not use turtle excluders in their prawn
fishing nets, thus endangering several species of
turtle.... Such measures were unnecessary in
Australia, where 99 percent of fishing waters did
not have turtles, Mr. Loveday (president of the
Queensland commercial fisherman's organization)
said."

WHITEWATER/U.S. ELECTION YEAR

8. "So far, so good -- but scandal may still
ruin the Clintons"

The Washington correspondent for the liberal
Sydney Morning Herald (4/27) claimed, "The past
few weeks have seen a marked shift in the
political debate over Whitewater as the
President's Republican foes struggle to justify
continuing the politically charged investigations
in a presidential election year. No evidence has
yet been found that the Clinton's were engaged in
criminal activity.... The credibility of Mr.
(Kenneth) Starr (independent counsel) is now
linked closely to the court hearing to which Mr.
Clinton will give his videotaped evidence
tomorrow... It is the first Whitewater
prosecution Mr. Starr and his team of
investigators have brought and it alleges fraud
and conspiracy against Jim and Susan McDougal,
the Clintons' former Whitewater partners....
With the U.S. presidential election still more
than six months away there is plenty of time for
Mr. Starr to come up with embarrassing
revelations as his investigation
continues."AUSTRIAN

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1. SINGAPORE TELECOM

THE MAY 6 PRO-GOVERNMENT STRAITS TIMES CARRIED AN AFP
STORY ON ITS INSIDE PAGE UNDER THE HEADLINE "SINGAPORE
WILL OPEN UP TELECOMS MARKET WITH OR WITHOUT PACT".
FULL TEXT FOLLOWS:

(BEGIN TEXT)
SINGAPORE IS DETERMINED TO OPEN UP ITS BASIC
TELECOMMUNICATIONS MARKET BY 2002 REGARDLESS OF THE
RESULTS OF EXTENDED TALKS ON A WORLD LIBERALIZATION
PACT, THE TELECOMMUNICATION AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE (TAS)
SAID.

IT ALSO HINTED AT THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER MARKET-OPENING MOVES IF THEY ARE NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE TECHNOLOGY-DRIVEN CITY-STATE'S ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS. THE TAS SAID IN A WRITTEN REPLY TO QUERIES FROM AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE THAT DESPITE THE DEADLINE EXTENSION, "SINGAPORE STANDS BY ITS IMPROVED OFFER TO OPEN UP ITS BASIC TELECOM SERVICES MARKET FROM 2002".

"MARKET-OPENING AND LIBERALIZATION MEASURES WILL NEVER BE A ONE-OFF EXERCISE AND ARE INDEPENDENT OF THE NGBT PROCESS," TAS SAID.

"SINGAPORE WILL CONTINUE TO REVIEW AND ADJUST ITS POLICIES, WHENEVER NECESSARY, TO ENHANCE SINGAPORE'S ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS."

THE NEGOTIATING GROUP ON BASIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS (NGBT) TALKS AT THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION WERE EXTENDED UNTIL FEBRUARY AFTER 53 PARTICIPATING NATIONS FAILED TO BEAT AN APRIL 30 DEADLINE FOR A PACT AIMED AT OPENING UP THE USDOLS 500 BILLION GLOBAL MARKET.

IF THE TALKS SUCCEED, THE AGREEMENT WILL COME INTO FORCE ON JAN 1, 1998. IT IS EXPECTED TO BRING MAJOR BENEFITS FOR BUSINESSES AND PRIVATE CONSUMERS OF TELECOM SERVICES ACROSS THE WORLD.

LISTED SINGAPORE TELECOM (SINGTEL) IS TO LOSE ITS MONOPOLY IN THE PAGER AND HANDPHONE BUSINESS IN APRIL 1997 WHEN THREE NEW PLAYERS ENTER THE MARKET, BUT THE FIRM WAS HOPING TO KEEP ITS EXCLUSIVE LICENSE ON BASIC SERVICES UNTIL 2007.

IT WAS CAUGHT BY SURPRISE WHEN TAS ANNOUNCED TWO WEEKS AGO IT WAS OPENING UP THE MARKET FIVE YEARS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

IN A STATEMENT LAST WEEK, SINGTEL SAID WHILE IT HAD BEEN GEARING UP FOR COMPETITION, "THE COMPANY IS UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE IMPACT" OF THE EARLIER OPENING "ON THE FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF THE COMPANY AFTER 2002".

"THE COMPANY WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO IMPROVE ITS OPERATING EFFICIENCY, AS WELL AS THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COMPANY, TO MEET THE CHALLENGES POSED BY COMPETITION AND TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGES," IT ADDED.

IN ITS LAST INCOME ANNOUNCEMENT, SINGTEL REPORTED A 9.5 PER CENT RISE IN NET INCOME TO USDOLS 590 MILLION FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED SEPT 30 ON REVENUES OF USDOLS 1.4 BILLION.

IT SAID LAST MONTH IT WAS LOOKING FOR MORE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES OVERSEAS AFTER SPENDING USDOLS 675 MILLION AS ITS SHARE OF A CONSORTIUM'S WINNING BID FOR A 49.9 PER CENT STAKE IN THE BELGIAN MONOPOLY, BELGACOM SA.
(END TEXT)

2. ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE MAY 4 PRO-GOVERNMENT STRAITS TIMES EDITORIAL, HEADLINED "HELP, BUT NOT BY MONEY ALONE":

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(BEGIN EXCERPTS)
IF MR. KLAUS JURGEN HEDRICH, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB), HAS BEEN QUOTED CORRECTLY, SOME OF HIS REMARKS AT THE BANK'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN MANILA BORDERED ON IMPERTINENCE. BEING IN AND OF ASIA, SINGAPORE NEEDS NO ADVICE ON HOW TO BE WHAT HE CALLS "A LOYAL PARTNER TO ASIA". ITS UNDERSTANDING OF THE DYNAMICS OF ASIAN GROWTH, OF WHAT ASIA NEEDS AND WHAT IT DOES NOT NEED, IS ROOTED IN CULTURE AND EXPERIENCE. M
R. HEDRICH'S JIBE ABOUT NOT CONTRIBUTING, BUT BEING "VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN PROFITING FROM IT BY PROCUREMENT" WOULD HAVE BEEN EVEN MORE OFFENSIVE IF IT HAD NOT BEEN SO UNINFORMED. SOMEONE IN HIS POSITION IS EXPECTED TO KNOW THAT PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS ARE NOT THE SPIN-OFF ONLY OF SOFT LOANS AND GRANTS. THEY REFLECT THE TOTALITY OF DEVELOPMENT, IN WHICH THE ROLE OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TRAINING SCHEMES AND PROJECT AID -- ALL OF WHICH SINGAPORE SUPPORTS TO THE HILT -- IS NOT TO BE BELITTLED.

UNITED STATES PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON DREW ATTENTION LAST YEAR TO ANOTHER ASPECT OF DEVELOPMENT WHEN HE SAID THAT HIS ADMINISTRATION WOULD LAY GREATER EMPHASIS ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT THAN ON AID. IT WAS A VALID POINT: SINGAPORE, TOO, HAS ARGUED OFTEN ENOUGH THAT THE REMOVAL OF TRADE BARRIERS AND THE FREE FLOW OF CAPITAL PLAY A

MORE VITAL PART I GROWTH THAN HAND-OUTS. BUT, OF COURSE, THE U.S. IS NO LONGER THE WORLD'S BIGGEST DOOR. THAT HONOR BELONGS TO JAPAN. NOR HAS U.S. AID EVER BEEN DISINTERESTED, SOMETHING THT WAS EXPOSED WHEN MR. JESSE HELMS, THE CHAIMAN OF THE U.S. SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, TOLD 20 HEADS OF STATE THAT THEY WOULD AVE TO BUY MORE AMERICAN PRODUCTS IF THEY EXPECTE AMERICAN AID. COERCION, FOR POLITICAL OR EONOMIC PURPOSES, IS ONE OF THE MANY FACTORS THT DISCREDIT THE CONCEPT OF LARGESSE, AND FOR WICH THE WEST HAS ONLY ITSELF TO THANK. BUT TH PRINCIPAL OBJECTION IS THAT FINANCIAL AID IS NOTTHE MOST EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT OF ECONOMIC GROWTH...

SINGAPORE HAS ALWAYS SUBSCRIBED FULLY TO TE BANK'S OBJECTIVES, AND ACKNOWLEDGED, TOO, THE CRUCIAL PART IT HAS PLAYED IN THE ASIAN DAMA. IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT THIS CONSTRUCTIVE OLE WILL CONTINUE IN SPITE OF THE BLINKERED ATTITUDE OF SOME ADB STEWARDS. (END EXCERPTS)

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SUBJECT: GOC TRADE MINISTER ADDRESSES BUSINESS AUDIENCE
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1. SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED

2. IN A JUNE 3 LUNCHEON SPEECH TO THE CALGARY CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE, GOC INTERNATIONAL TRADE MINISTER ART

EGGLETON REAFFIRMED CANADIAN OPPOSITION TO HELMS-BURTON LEGISLATION ON CUBA, AND "ATTEMPTED" TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE LARGELY BUSINESS CROWD ON HOW TO COPE WITH BEING CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE GOC-USG DISPUTE (THE CHAMBER ENTITLED EGGLETON'S TALK "DOING BUSINESS IN CUBA? THE U.S. IS WATCHING YOU!"). EGGLETON OPENED HIS REMARKS WITH A HIGHLY POSITIVE SPIN ON THE IMPORTANCE AND SMOOTH OPERATION OF U.S.-CANADA TRADE, NOTING THAT 95 PERCENT OF THE COMMERCE FLOWS WITHOUT INCIDENT. BEFORE MOVING ON TO ADDRESS CUBA AS HIS MAIN TOPIC, HE ALSO BRIEFLY COMMENTED THAT SOFTWOOD LUMBER IS A "SPECIAL CASE" WHICH SEEMS TO NEVER GO AWAY, BUT IS BEING DEALT WITH IN THE ONLY POSSIBLE PRAGMATIC MANNER.

3. EGGLETON STATED THAT THE "UNILATERAL" U.S. ACTION TO IMPOSE ITS WILL ON OTHER COUNTRIES REGARDING CUBA IS "ILLEGAL" AND AGAINST BOTH INTERNATIONAL LAW AND PRECEDENT. HE LIKENED THE U.S. LEGISLATION TO USING "A LARGE DRIFTNET" IN ITS EFFORTS AGAINST CUBA, CATCHING "NOT ONLY THE TUNA, BUT DOLPHINS AND OTHER INNOCENT SPECIES." HE ADDED THAT IT IS IRONIC THAT THE U.S. IS ADDRESSING ITS PROBLEMS WITH IRAN BY TALKING TO THE IRANIANS, BUT IS NOT APPLYING THE SAME METHODOLOGY TO CUBA. HE MENTIONED EU AND MEXICAN OPPOSITION AND ONGOING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE U.S. UNDER NAFTA, AND STATED THAT HELMS-BURTON WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A DISCUSSION IN CABINET THIS WEEK TO EXPLORE CANADIAN OPTIONS (FOR RESPONSE AND POSSIBLE RETALIATION).

4. DURING THE FOLLOWING Q AND A SESSION, EGGLETON WAS ASKED BY THREE SEPARATE SPEAKERS ABOUT HOW CANADIAN COMPANIES SHOULD DEAL WITH THE U.S. THREAT. EGGLETON REMINDED HIS AUDIENCE THAT EXISTING CANADIAN LAW MANDATES THAT CANADIAN COMPANIES NOT BOW TO EXTERNAL PRESSURES, U.S. OR OTHERWISE, AND CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO CANADA'S STANDARDS AND LEGISLATION. HE WARNED THAT COMPANIES WHICH BOW TO U.S. PRESSURE COULD BE FINED BY CANADA AND RECOMMENDED DEFIANCE OF POSSIBLE U.S. LEGAL ACTION (BUT ALSO ADMITTED THAT "JESSE HELMS ALREADY IS GETTING WHAT HE WANTS" BY SCARING OFF A NUMBER OF COMPANIES FROM PRESENT OR FUTURE INVESTMENT). HE DERIDED THE HELMS-BURTON TITLE IV PROVISIONS AS "PREVENTING A FIVE YEAR OLD FROM VISITING DISNEYLAND" WITHOUT SOLVING THE U.S. PROBLEM WITH CUBA.

5. COMMENT: ON THE WHOLE, EGGLETON TRIED TO STRIKE A BALANCE BY ASSURING HIS AUDIENCE THAT THE U.S.-CANADA RELATIONSHIP IS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION, EVEN RECALLING THE CRITICAL LEADERSHIP ROLE WHICH THE U.S. HAS PLAYED IN GATT AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE, HOWEVER, COMMENTED TO CONSUL GENERAL THAT THEY FELT THEY HAD BEEN "LEFT TO TWIST SLOWLY IN THE WIND" AS EGGLETON NOT ONLY COULD NOT ASSURE THEM

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THAT THE GOC WILL BE ABLE TO REACH SOME ACCOMODATION
WITH THE U.S., BUT ALSO "THREATENED" GOC ACTION
AGAINST COMPANIES WHICH BEND TO THE U.S. WILL. WHILE
THE MINISTER WAS WELL-RECEIVED, CALGARY'S LARGE
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY WAS FAR FROM
SATISFIED WITH HIS MESSAGE.

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1. THE EDITORIAL IN THE GUYANESE DAILY NEWSPAPER
"STABROEK NEWS" ON MAY 30, 1996 WAS ENTITLED "THE
AMERICAN RIGHT WING AND CUBA".

2. FULL TEXT FOLLOWS:

THERE IS SOMETHING INHERENTLY IRRATIONAL ABOUT THE
AMERICAN REACTION TO CUBA. THE CASTRO REGIME IS HARDLY
THE MOST UNSAVOURY KNOWN TO MANKIND, AND WHILE THAT
NATION WOULD CERTAINLY BENEFIT FROM THE LIGHT OF A LITTLE
DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM, SO WOULD SOME OTHERS IN THE WORLD
WHO THE UNITED STATES IS LESS OF A MIND TO PRESSURIZE.
ONE IS FORCED TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE LARGEST
DEMOCRACY IN THIS HEMISPHERE IS FIRSTLY, OVERLY
VULNERABLE TO POWERFUL LOBBIES LIKE THE CUBAN-AMERICANS
WHO HAVE SIGNIFICANT VOTER CLOUT, AND SECONDLY, THAT
CASTRO HAS WOUNDED U.S. NATIONAL PRIDE IN A WAY THAT
MOBUTU OF ZAIRE OR EVEN SADOAM HUSSEIN OF IRAQ COULD
NEVER DO. FOR THE INHABITANTS OF NATIONS WHOSE EMOTIONS
ARE LESS ENGAGED BY CUBA THAN APPEARS TO BE THE CASE WITH
U.S. NATIONALS, THE HEAT GENERATED BY AMERICAN
POLITICIANS ON THE SUBJECT CAN ONLY BE A SOURCE OF
WONDERMENT.

THE LATEST BROADSIDES HAVE COME FROM PRESIDENTIAL
HOPEFUL, BOB DOLE, AND FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE
FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, SENATOR JESSE HELMS. "THE

APPEASEMENT POLICY OF THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION WILL BE REPLACED WITH AN IRON RESOLVE TO BRING FIDEL CASTRO DOWN AND END HIS REGIME OF TERROR IN CUBA," PROMISED THE FORMER, WHILE THE LATTER THUNDERED THAT THE POLICIES OF CANADA, MEXICO AND EUROPE TOWARDS CUBA WERE SIMILAR TO BRITAIN'S ATTEMPT TO APPEASE HITLER BEFORE THE SECOND WORLD WAR. IN TRULY ASTONISHING REMARKS REPORTED BY REUTER, HELMS SAID: "THESE MISGUIDED LEADERS APPEAR TO HAVE FORGOTTEN THE FOLLY OF NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, BRITAIN'S PRIME MINISTER IN THE 1930S, WHO WENT TO MUNICH AND SAT DOWN WITH ADOLF HITLER, HISTORY'S MOST CRUEL AND DEPRAVED DICTATOR."

IT SEEMS ALMOST SUPERFLUOUS TO RESPOND TO SUCH OUTRAGEOUS STATEMENTS, SAVE TO SAY THAT NO RATIONAL HUMAN BEING COULD EQUATE THE POSITION OF CUBA IN 1996 WITH THAT OF GERMANY IN 1939. AT THE VERY LEAST IT SHOWS A WANTON LACK OF HISTORICAL UNDERSTANDING.

WITH REGARD TO DOLE'S REPORTED COMMENTS, THE REST OF THE WESTERN WORLD MUST BE WONDERING IDLY WHAT NEW MEASURES THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT COULD TAKE TO GIVE TEETH TO THE "IRON RESOLVE TO BRING FIDEL CASTRO DOWN" WHICH IT HASN'T TAKEN ALREADY, SHORT OF OUTRIGHT INVASION. WHAT DIVIDES THE UNITED STATES FROM ITS ALLIES IS NOT THE NEED TO OPEN UP CUBA'S CLOSED SOCIETY AND POLITICAL SYSTEM, IT IS EXACTLY HOW TO ACHIEVE THAT END. EVEN ALTHOUGH THE COLD WAR HAS BEEN OVER FOR SOME YEARS NOW, AMERICAN METHODS HAVE STILL FAILED TO PRODUCE ANY SIGNIFICANT RESULTS TO DATE. THEY CERTAINLY HAVE NOT SHAKEN CASTRO'S HOLD ON THE CUBAN PEOPLE, WHICH IS WHAT THE U.S. WANTS MOST OF ALL. THE ILL-ADVISED STATEMENTS BY BOTH DOLE AND HELMS WOULD SEEM TO SUGGEST THAT RIGHT-WING POLITICIANS IN THE UNITED STATES ARE NOT REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT HOW THE CASTRO REGIME IN CUBA COMES TO AN END, OR WHAT HAPPENS TO CUBAN SOCIETY WHEN IT DOES. THIS IS IRONIC, BECAUSE THE UNITED STATES WOULD HAVE TO BEAR MOST OF THE BURDEN IF AN ECONOMIC COLLAPSE IN THE ISLAND RESULTED IN SOCIAL UPEHAVAL OF ANY KIND. THE UNITED STATES HAS GOT ITS GOALS THE WRONG WAY AROUND: CASTRO IS NOT THE ISSUE, THE CLOSED SOCIETY THAT HE ADMINISTERS IS. AS SUCH, THEREFORE, THE POLICY MAKERS IN WASHINGTON SHOULD HAVE THE QUESTION OF HOW THE TRANSITION TO DEMOCRACY IS TO BE EFFECTED UPPERMOST IN THEIR MINDS, BOTH FOR THE SAKE OF THE CUBAN PEOPLE, AND, AS STATED ABOVE, FOR THE SAKE OF THE UNITED STATES ITSELF.

FORMER PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA, ANDRES PEREZ HAD A NAME FOR AN ORDERLY TRANSITION; HE CALLED IT THE 'SOFT LANDING'. THE EUROPEAN VIEW IS THAT INCREASING TRADE LINKS WITH THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES WILL CREATE A DEMAND IN CUBA FOR CONSUMER GOODS AND EXPOSE THE CUBAN PEOPLE TO DEMOCRATIC VALUES. THE FORCES THEREBY CREATED WOULD EVENTUALLY FORCE CASTRO TO MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF AN OPEN SOCIETY.

WHAT IS MOST STRANGE IS THAT THE AMERICAN RIGHT WING IS PREPARED TO FACE DOWN THE EUROPEANS AND OTHERS OVER THE

HELMS-BURTON LAW, A CONFRONTATION WHICH THE U.S. IS
LIKELY TO LOSE, AND WHICH MUST ISOLATE HER IN THE WORLD.
GIVEN CURRENT GLOBAL ARRANGEMENTS WHERE AMERICA NEEDS TO
ACT IN CONCERT WITH OTHERS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE HER
FOREIGN POLICY GOALS, THIS CAN ONLY UNDERMINE HER
INFLUENCE.

THIS TIME THE AMERICAN SUPER HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION HAS
CLAMBERED INTO THE RING, NOT WITH A FLYWEIGHT, BUT WITH
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MONDAY, JUNE 17

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"KOHL INTENDS TO STAND FIRM ON SAVINGS PACKAGE" (DIE
WELT)

"KOHL CALLS CONFEDERATION OF GERMAN TRADE UNIONS (DGB)
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ELECTIONS IN RUSSIA AND THE INTERNATIONAL POPULATION
CONFERENCE HABITAT II.

B. (RUSSIA) ELECTIONS

1. CENTRIST WIESBADENER KURIER (6/17) ARGUES:

"RUSSIA'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS WERE FAIR, SECRET
AND FREE. ACCORDING TO MANY INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS,
THEY DID JUSTICE TO ALL DEMOCRATIC CLAIMS UNLIKE THE
ELECTION CAMPAIGN WHICH BORIS YELTSIN CONDUCTED LIKE A
CZAR. THIS IS NOT LITTLE FOR A PEOPLE WHICH HAD BEEN
DEPRIVED OF ANY POLITICAL PARTICIPATION BY THE
COMMUNISTS. IF, NEVERTHELESS, A COMMUNIST HAS NOW BEEN
ABLE TO CHALLENGE THE INCUMBENT, THEN THIS ALSO SHOWS
THAT DEMOCRACY HAS SO FAR NOT OFFERED THE PEOPLE IN
RUSSIA A CONVINCING ALTERNATIVE. IT IS TRUE THAT RUSSIA
LIVES ACCORDING TO DEMOCRATIC RULES OF THE GAME, BUT THE
POLITICAL CONTENTS ARE ALL TOO OFTEN CHARACTERIZED BY A
DEEPENING OF SOCIAL CONTRADICTIONS AND THE PAUPERIZATION
OF MANY GROUPS OF SOCIETY."

2. RIGHT-OF-CENTER STUTTGARTER NACHRICHTEN (6/17)
NOTES:

"RUSSIA'S PRESIDENT YELTSIN WILL HAVE TO MAKE

COMPROMISES IF HE WANTS TO GET GREATER SUPPORT FOR THE
RUNOFF ELE
CTIONS AGAINST HIS COMMUNIST RIVAL ZYUGANOV IN
JULY. HE MUST DEVELOP A NEW AND BASICALLY MORE CONCRETE
ECONOMIC PROGRAM IF HIS ELECTION IS TO REMAIN ATTRACTIVE.
BUT HE MUST PLAY A MORE PATRIOTIC FIDDLE IF HE WANTS TO
TAKE VOTERS AWAY FROM THE COMMUNISTS. ZYUGANOV, HOWEVER,
WILL ALSO FACE NEW DIFFICULTIES. IF ZYUGANOV CONTINUES
TO BE LOYAL TO HIS SOVIET CADRES, HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO
GET OUT OF HIS HISTORICALLY NOTORIOUS CORNER. BUT IF HE
JETTISONS BALLAST OF THE PAST, MILLIONS OF TRADITIONAL
VOTERS WILL GIVE UP THEIR SUPPORT. THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN
WHICH WILL NOW FOLLOW WILL BECOME EVEN MORE RADICAL."

3. CENTRIST DER TAGESSPIEGEL OF BERLIN (6/17)
CARRIES AN EDITORIAL UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"GRADUATION - PART ONE."

"RUSSIA IS SIMPLY TOO BIG AND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE EVEN
FOR ADVANCED MEASUREMENT METHODS TO FIND OUT WHO WON
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ELECTION. THUS THE WORLD HAS TO
WAIT UNTIL THE NAME OF THE NEW RULER IN THE OLD KREMLIN
WILL BECOME KNOWN. IN ADDITION, RUSSIA HAS A VERY YOUNG
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PRESIDENTIAL CONSTITUTION.... BUT IRRESPECTIVE OF THE
CLEAR LACK OF EXPERIENCE WITH DEMOCRACY, RUSSIA DEMANDS
FROM ITS CITIZENS A DEGREE OF DEMOCRATIC MATURITY WHICH
NEITHER THE UNITED STATES NOR FRANCE DEMAND FROM THEIR

CITIZENS WHEN THEY HAVE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. THE VOTE WILL BE VALID ONLY IF MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF THE PERSONS ENTITLED TO VOTE CAST THEIR BALLOT. THIS IS A BIG OBSTACLE, AND THIS IN A COUNTRY WHOSE SOCIAL CONDITIONS COULD PROMPT US TO DESPAIR RATHER THAN TO GET INVOLVED. MEASURED AGAINST THE VOTER TURNOUT THAT HAS BEEN REPORTED SO FAR, MIKHAIL GORBACHEV IS TOO MODEST WHEN HE REMARKS THAT ONE CAN BE HAPPY THAT ELECTIONS ARE TAKING PLACE AT ALL...."

C. (IRA) BOMB BLAST IN MANCHESTER

1. KLAUS-DIETER FRANKENBERGER HOLDS IN AN EDITORIAL IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (6/17) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"DISASTROUS."

"THE IMPACT OF THE BLAST IN MANCHESTER WAS DISASTROUS.... THE OPTIMISM SEEMS TO HAVE DISAPPEARED THAT THE PARTIES IN NORTHERN IRELAND COULD JOINTLY EMBARK ON THE PATH OF ACCOMMODATION. THE BLAST FROM MANCHESTER IS CASTING A DEEP SHADOW ON THE PEACE PROCESS IN ULSTER. THE IRA IS SETTING A BLOODY COUNTERPOINT TO THE BEGINNING OF THE MULTI-PARTY TALKS....

"THE SUPPORTERS OF VIOLENCE HAVE AGAIN DEMONSTRATED WHY ITS POLITICAL ARM, SINN FEIN, HAS BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE TALKS. IT WOULD BE AN IMMENSE LOSS OF REALITY IF THE TERRORISTS THOUGHT THAT THEIR BLOODY ATTACK RESULTED IN WIDER PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE CASE OF THE CATHOLIC NATIONALISTS. THE CONTRARY IS THE CASE. THE IRA IS UNABLE TO BOMB SINN FEIN...TO THE NEGOTIATION TABLE. THOSE WHO REFUSE ACCOMMODATION CAN NOW ONLY FEEL STRENGTHENED IN THEIR UNCOMPROMISING ATTITUDE."

2. JUERGEN KROENCKE HAS THIS TO SAY IN AN EDITORIAL FOR CENTRIST SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (6/17) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"AN INHUMAN CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE."

"IN MANCHESTER, THE IRA HAS MADE ITS INHUMAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE BEGINNING OF THE PEACE TALKS IN BELFAST...AND IT SHOWED AGAIN THAT NOTHING IS FORESEEABLE.... THE IRRECONCILABLE PEOPLE AT THE IRA

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FRONT STILL THINK THAT EVEN BASIC DISAGREEMENTS CAN BE
RESOLVED VIA NEGOTIATIONS.. FOR THEM THE OLD METHOD OF A
PRIMITIVE BOMB IS A SOUND POSSIBILITY TO INFLUENCE
EVENTS., AND BECAUSE THEY THINK THAT THEY ARE ALWAYS
RIGHT THEY DO NOT WANT TO ACCEPT SUCH COMPLICATED OPTIONS
SUCH AS ARGUING WITH WORDS.. BUT SINN FEIN LEADER GERRY
ADAMS, WHO HAD TO APPEAR BEFORE THE CAMERAS, SHOWED THAT
HE DOES NOT LIKE THIS ROLE. HE IS INCAPABLE OF
CONDEMNING THE ATTACK BECAUSE HE WOULD THEN SPLIT THE
REPUBLICAN IRA/SINN FEIN MOVEMENT.

"BUT IS IT IMAGINABLE THAT ADAMS, WHO HAS BEEN
TREATED WITH RESPECT BY THE PEACEMAKERS FOR YEARS, REALLY
APPROVES THE BOMBING AND SHOOTING OF THE IRA? LAST YEAR,
HE WAS ABLE TO WRESTLE A PRELIMINARY CEASE-FIRE FROM THE
IRA. IF HE REALLY WANTS TO TAKE PART IN THE
NEGOTIATIONS...HE NEED
S A NEW CEASE-FIRE. OR HE MUST
DARE DO THE GREAT HEROIC DEED AND CUT HIS LINKS TO THE
IRA AND SINN FEIN. HIS MANDATE IS NOT BASED ON GUNS AND
BOMBS, BUT ON THE VOTES OF MORE THAN 100,000 CITIZENS WHO
WANT A UNIFIED COUNTRY, BUT DO NOT WANT TO STOP AT
NOTHING."

3. RIGHT-OF-CENTER ESSLINGER ZEITUNG (6/17) HOLDS:

"WITH THE TERRORIST ACT FROM MANCHESTER THE IRA IS
SETTING A BLOODY SIGN. THIS COWARD ACT OF NAKED VIOLENCE
IS, AT THE SAME TIME, A TEST FOR THE BRITISH, IRISH, AND
AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS WHICH SIT TOGETHER WITH THE NORTHERN
IRISH GROUPINGS AT THE ROUND TABLE. THE BOMB ATTACK
FORCES ALL OF THEM TO TAKE ON A STRICT POSITION TOWARDS
THE TERRORISTS OF THE IRA. ONLY IF THE IRA
UNCONDITIONALLY GIVES UP ITS WEAPONS, WILL IT BE ABLE TO
TAKE PART IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. WHILE THE WORLD LOOKS AT
ENGLAND, THE TERRORISTS ARE USING THE EUROPEAN SOCCER
CHAMPIONSHIPS AS A WELCOME PLATFORM FOR THEIR CRIMINAL
ACTIVITIES. BUT THE TOURNAMENT SHOULD GO ON. SOCIETY
SHOULD NOT ALLOW ANYBODY TO BE BLACKMAILED...."

4. RALF SOTSCHKE CONCLUDES IN AN EDITORIAL IN LEFT-OF-CENTER DIE TAGESZEITUNG OF BERLIN UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"THE IRA BOMB FROM MANCHESTER IS A DECLARATION OF BANKRUPTCY."

"THE IRA BOMB FROM MANCHESTER WAS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT BUT AGAINST SINN FEIN.... IT IS TO MAKE CLEAR TO THE SINN FEIN LEADERSHIP THAT IT
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CAN BURY ITS PEACE STRATEGY FOR THE TIME BEING.... IT IS CLEAR THAT THE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT FROM IRA AND SINN FEIN IS DIVIDED. THE GREEN NATIONALISTS' OF THE OLD GUARD, WHO IN PRINCIPLE REJECT NEGOTIATIONS, HAVE NOW THWARTED THE STRATEGY OF THE SINN FEIN LEADERSHIP, WHICH BID FAREWELL TO ARMED STRUGGLE TWO YEARS AGO....

"THE FACT THAT IRISH AND BRITISH POLITICIANS ARE NOW CALLING UPON SINN FEIN PRESIDENT GERRY ADAMS TO BREAK WITH THE IRA DEMONSTRATES AGAIN WHAT THEY REALLY WANT WITH THIS PEACE PROCESS. THEY ARE INTERESTED IN DRIVING A WEDGE BETWEEN THE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT, ISOLATING THE IRA AND FINALLY FORCING IT TO SUBJECT ITSELF. THE MANCHESTER ATTACK CONTRIBUTES TO THIS TACTIC BEING SUCCESSFUL. BUT A SOLUTION WHICH DOES NOT SWEEP THE CONFLICT UNDER THE CARPET AND PREVENTS A FLARING UP OF THE CONFLICT IN TEN OR TWENTY YEARS, REQUIRES THE UNITY OF SINN FEIN AND THE IRA.

"BUT A STRATEGY AMONG THESE ORGANIZATIONS IS NOT VISIBLE. WHATEVER THEY THINK OF THE PEACE PROCESS AND THE BRITISH DELAYING TACTICS - IT IS NO ALTERNATIVE TO BOMB A SHOPPING CENTER IN MANCHESTER.... IT WILL BE A DECLARATION OF BANKRUPTCY IF THE IRA IS CARRYING OUT ITS INTERNAL STRUGGLE IN A MANNER FROM WHICH INNOCENT PEOPLE SUFFER."

D. (U.S.) WHITEWATER, HELMS BURTON ACT

1. CENTRIST SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (6/17) CARRIES AN EDITORIAL BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT KURT KISTER UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"WITCH HUNT IN WASHINGTON."

"THE WHITEWATER COMMITTEE WAS UNABLE TO PROVE THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON DID ANYTHING WRONG. THIS IS WHY, AFTER A HEARING THAT LASTED FOR MONTHS, THE COMMITTEE HAS NOW PRESENTED HILLARY CLINTON AS THE MAIN CULPRIT IN THE AFFAIR.... THESE INVESTIGATIONS, WHICH ARE CARRIED OUT IN A DOGGED MANNER, CARRY TRAITS OF A WITCH HUNT. THE REPUBLICANS HAVE LONG SINCE IDENTIFIED THE CULPRITS IN THE WHITE HOUSE. BUT THE PROBLEM IS THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO PRESENT EVIDENCE AND FACTS. BECAUSE SOME TO PRESIDENT CLINTON'S FRIENDS ARE CROOKS, CLINTON'S OPPONENTS HOPE THAT THE TRIALS AGAINST THESE PEOPLE LAST UNTIL ELECTION DAY IN NOVEMBER. IN VIEW OF THE RELATIVELY SUCCESSFUL DOMESTIC AND ECONOMIC POLICY OF THE PRESIDENT, BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF THE WEAKNESS OF CANDIDATE DOLE, CLINTON'S CHARACTER SEEMS TO BE THE BEST ELECTION CAMPAIGN SUBJECT. AFTER THE ELECTIONS NOBODY WILL BE INTERESTED IN

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WHITEWATER ANY MORE."

2. FRITZ WIRTH HOLDS IN AN EDITORIAL IN
RIGHT-OF-CENTER DIE WELT OF BERLIN (6/15) UNDER THE
HEADLINE:

"FORCED PARTNERS."

"IT HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN EASY TO SEE
A COMMON ELEMENT
IN BILL CLINTON'S FOREIGN AND TRADE POLICIES. FOR
INSTANCE, IT PUNISHES FIDEL CASTRO WHO IS DISRESPECTING
HUMAN RIGHTS, WITH VERY STRICT ECONOMIC SANCTIONS. BUT
AT THE SAME TIME, CLINTON IS GRANTING THE REGIME IN
BEIJING...IN A VERY GENEROUS WAY THE MFN STATUS. THIS
CONTRADICTION REVEALS THE LIMITS AND RISKS OF ANY POLICY
OF SANCTIONS: IT QUICKLY REACHES A POINT WHERE IT CAN
TURN INTO THE ENEMY OF ONE'S OWN NATIONAL INTERESTS.

"ALL THE MORE REMARKABLE IS THE CLINTON
ADMINISTRATION'S TREATMENT OF ITS ALLIES IN THE CURRENT
CONFLICT ABOUT SANCTIONS ON CUBA.... THE REASON IS THE
HELMS-BURTON ACT.... THIS IS A QUESTIONABLE PRODUCT,
BECAUSE IT IS A PRODUCT FROM THE U.S. ELECTION CAMPAIGN.
CLINTON SIGNED IT IN VIEW OF THE STRONG ANTI-CASTRO
MOVEMENT IN FLORIDA. BUT EVEN MORE QUESTIONABLE IS THE
INITIATOR OF THIS ACT. IF SUCH AN UNPREDICTABLE AND
ISOLATIONIST MAN LIKE JESSE HELMS IS CO-DETERMINING U.S.
FOREIGN POLICY IN SUCH A DRASTIC MANNER, THE PARTNERS OF
THE UNITED STATES WILL BE CONFRONTED WITH HEAVY SEAS.

"BILL CLINTON, AS THE CO-SIGNER OF THE ACT, IS IN
BAD COMPANY. IT IS HIGH TIME FOR HIM TO DISASSOCIATE
HIMSELF FROM THIS MAN. IN POLITICS THERE IS SOMETHING
MORE IMPORTANT THAN SOME HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF OF
VOTES. FOR INSTANCE, ONE'S OWN CREDIBILITY AND THE
CONFIDENCE OF THE ALLIES."

E. (MIDDLE EAST) TURKISH-ISRAELI MILITARY AGREEMENT

WOLFGANG KOYDL PENS IN AN EDITORIAL IN CENTRIST
SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (6.17) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"A HIGHLY RISKY STROKE OF A PEN."

"THE TURKS AND THE ISRAELIS CALL IT A NORMAL'
AGREEMENT...BUT THIS BANALITY HAS SHAKEN UP OLD
CERTAINTIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST TO SUCH A DEGREE THAT THE
ARAB NATIONS WILL DISCUSS IT DURING THEIR UPCOMING
SUMMIT.... AT FIRST INSPECTION, THE AGREEMENT DOES
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REALLY NOT CONTAIN ANY SURPRISES...BUT THIS TIME THE
SITUATION IS DIFFERENT WITH RESPECT TO THIS TREATY WHICH
WAS CONCLUDED AT THE INSTIGATION OF THE UNITED STATES.
THE TWO BIGGEST MILITARY POWERS OF THE REGION, THE ONLY
TWO DEMOCRACIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST, HAVE JOINED FORCES
AND IN ADDITION, TWO COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE A SECULAR FORM
OF GOVERNMENT. THE LEADERSHIPS IN TEHRAN, BAGHDAD AND
DAMASCUS QUICKLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THE AGREEMENT IS
DIRECTED AGAINST THEM....

"THE ISRAELIS WILL ENORMOUSLY PROFIT FROM THE
AGREEMENT. WITH THE STROKE OF A PEN, THEY HAVE OPENED A
SECOND FRONT FOR THEIR ARCH ENEMIES IN SYRIA AND IRAN....
BUT THE ADVANTAGES FOR TURKEY ARE ALSO OBVIOUS: A
STRENGTHENING IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE TURKISH WORKERS
PARTY PKK AND ARMS SHIPMENTS. THE GOVERNMENT IN ANKARA
HOPES THAT, TOGETHER WITH ISRAEL, IT CAN NOW EXERT MORE
PRESSURE ON SYRIA'S PRESIDENT ASSAD, WHO PROTECTS PKK
LEADER OECALAN.... BUT WHAT IS MORE DECISIVE FOR TURKEY
ARE THE PROSPECTS FOR ISRAELI ARMS SUPPLIES. NOW
ISRAEL'S STATE RUN AEROSPACE INDUSTRY IS TO MODERNIZE
TURKISH F-4 JETS. THIS IS A PROMISING BEGINNING WHICH
WILL BE FOLLOWED BY FRUITFUL COOPERATION, ACCORDING TO
MILITARY OFFICIALS AND MILITARY INDUSTRY.

"THE GOVERNMENT IN ANKARA IS DEPENDENT ON NEW
RESOURCES SINCE THE TWO BIGGEST ARMS SUPPLIERS, GERMANY
AND THE UNITED STATES, ARE INCREASINGLY DISASSOCIATING
THEMSELVES FROM TURKEY.... IN ANKARA, PEOPLE MAKE NO
BONES ABOUT THEIR IRRITATION THAT - ACCORDING TO A HIGH
MILITARY OFFICIAL - (THE SALE) OF EVERY BULLET IS LINKED
TO TEN CONDITIONS.' THE ISRAELIS WOULD BE THE IDEAL

ALTERNATIVE. THEIR ARMS INDUSTRY IS UP-TO-DATE, THEIR POLITICIANS DO NOT RAISE UNCOMFORTABLE QUESTIONS NOR DO THEY MAKE CONDITIONS. IN RETURN, IT WOULD THEN ALSO BE CONCEIVABLE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IN ANKARA CONCEDES ISRAEL RIGHTS WHICH ARE NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THE MILITARY AGREEMENT. THE ISRAELI AIRPLANES COULD BY COINCIDENCE, SWITCH ON THEIR RECONNAISSANCE DEVICES WHEN THEY FLY ALONG THE SYRIAN, IRAQI, OR IRANIAN BORDER."

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