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1. SUMMARY: SAUDI DEFENSE MINISTER PRINCE SULTAN'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE U.S., WHICH BEGINS MONDAY, 2/24, HAS BEEN THE LEAD STORY IN THE SAUDI MEDIA FOR SEVERAL DAYS. ALL MEDIA GIVE PROMINENT, FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO AN SPA ACCOUNT OF THE MAJOR, EXTENSIVE INTERVIEW WITH PRINCE SULTAN THAT APPEARED IN SAUDI-OWNED, PAN-ARAB "AL HAYAT" ON 2/22. SEVERAL PAPERS CARRY EDITORIALS ON THE INTERVIEW, OF WHICH JIHAD AL KHAZEN'S IN "AL HAYAT" (2/23) IS PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT, DETAILING AS IT DOES SAUDI DISAGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. POLICY OF DUAL CONTAINMENT AND THE ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL AND SAUDI

INSISTENCE ON ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE MADRID CONFERENCE IN THE PEACE PROCESS. END SUMMARY.

2. BLOCK QUOTES:

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SAUDI-OWNED, PAN-ARAB "AL HAYAT" (2/23) CARRIES A SIGNIFICANT EDITORIAL BY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF JIHAD AL KHAZEN, WHOSE INTERVIEW WITH SAUDI DEFENSE MINISTER PRINCE SULTAN WAS THE FRONT PAGE LEAD ON 2/22:

"WHEN PRINCE SULTAN BIN ABDULAZIZ VISITS WASHINGTON AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF KING FAHD, HE WILL NOT DISCUSS A CERTAIN POLITICAL EVENT BUT RATHER HE WILL DISCUSS A POLITICAL STRATEGY; NOT A WEAPONS PACKAGE, BUT A POLICY OF ARMS; NOT AN ECONOMIC TRANSACTION BUT ECONOMIC ENGAGEMENT. PRINCE SULTAN IN HIS INTERVIEW YESTERDAY WITH 'AL HAYAT' DENIED THAT HE IS GOING TO THE U.S. TO DISCUSS A FIGHTER PACKAGE OR THE LIKE. SUCH A PACKAGE DOES NOT REQUIRE THAT PRINCE SULTAN GO TO WASHINGTON; FOR SUCH, COMPANIES WILL COME TO HIM IN HIS OFFICE IN RIYADH . . ."

"(T)HE TWO COUNTRIES DO NOT AGREE ON ALL THINGS. THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA UNDERSTANDS THAT THE U.S. SUPPORTS ISRAEL AND BACKS IT IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THE KINGDOM FEARS THAT THIS POLICY IS USELESS AND BOLSTERS ISRAELI EXTREMISTS. IN ADDITION, IT ENCOURAGES ISRAEL TO BELIEVE THAT PERHAPS IT CAN OBTAIN PEACE WITHOUT WITHDRAWING FROM THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND TO PLAN ON MONOPOLIZING THE ECONOMY OF THE REGION AFTER PEACE. . . THE U.S. TODAY IS WORKING TO LIFT THE ARAB ECONOMIC EMBARGO OF ISRAEL, BUT THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA AND OTHER ARAB STATES INSIST THAT THE PRIMARY ECONOMIC BOYCOTT WILL NOT BE LIFTED EXCEPT AFTER THE ACHIEVEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE PEACE, NOT BEFORE. . . THE ARAB STATES HAVE DECIDED TO LIFT THE SECONDARY AND TERTIARY ASPECTS OF THE BOYCOTT BUT HAVE KEPT THE PRIMARY, AND THIS IS ACTUALLY AN ARAB LEAGUE DECISION. IT CANNOT BE CHANGED EXCEPT BY THE ARAB LEAGUE ITSELF."

"THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA ALSO DOES NOT SEE THE U.S. OPINION ON THE ISSUE OF GULF SECURITY. DUAL CONTAINMENT FAILED TO PROVE A SUCCESSFUL POLICY. PERHAPS IT WOULD BE BETTER TO TRY TO BUILD AN UNDERSTANDING WITH ALL GULF STATES ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECT, COOPERATION, AND NON-INTERFERENCE, BECAUSE IT IS HARD, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, TO ISOLATE A BIG COUNTRY, SUCH AS IRAQ OR IRAN, FROM ITS REGION. REGARDING IRAN, PRINCE SULTAN FRANKLY SAID THAT RAPPROCHEMENT AND COOPERATION CANNOT BE MADE BY FORCE."

CONSERVATIVE "AN NADWA" (2/23) COMMENTS:

"PRINCE SULTAN'S CONCERN IN EXPLAINING THE AMERICAN-SAUDI WAYS OF COORDINATION, COOPERATION, AND CONSULTATION REFLECTS THE KINGDOM'S SINCERE DESIRE TO DEVELOP

COOPERATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THIS DEVELOPMENT REQUIRES PEACE, SECURITY AND STABILITY IN THE REGION RESPONSIVE TO THE TWO COUNTRIES' NEED FOR A JUST, COMPREHENSIVE AND DURABLE PEACE BASED ON INTERNATIONAL LAW AND INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTIONS AND THE PRINCIPLE OF LAND FOR PEACE."

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THE WEEKLY POLITICAL NEWSMAGAZINE "AL YAMAMAH" (2/23)
OFFERS A GLOWING TESTAMENT TO U.S. - SAUDI RELATIONS:

"THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA HAS GREATLY BENEFITTED FROM ITS COOPERATIVE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, COMPLETING ITS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THROUGH THE PARTICIPATION OF AMERICAN COMPANIES IN THE VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE OIL INDUSTRY, WHICH IS THE MAJOR SOURCE OF NATIONAL INCOME AND TRADE THAT ENABLE THE KINGDOM TO OBTAIN THE BEST AND MOST MODERN AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY. ALSO, COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAS ALLOWED THE KINGDOM TO TRAIN THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS AND SCIENTISTS IN THE BEST AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND SCIENTIFIC CENTERS IN THE FIELDS OF ENGINEERING, MEDICINE AND ADMINISTRATION. THROUGH THIS SAUDI-U.S. COOPERATION, THE KINGDOM HAS BEEN ABLE TO BUILD A WELL-EQUIPPED AND WELL-TRAINED MODERN ARMY ABLE TO PROTECT THE COUNTRY . . . THE HISTORICAL FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAS PROVIDED THE KINGDOM A STRONG ALLY THAT CAN BE RELIED UPON IN TIMES OF CRISIS. . . THE MESSAGE PRINCE SULTAN ON BEHALF OF KING FAHD WILL CONVEY TO THE LEADERS OF THIS FRIENDLY COUNTRY IS A MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION, COOPERATION AND PEACE."

"AL HAYAT" (2/21) CARRIED A COMMENTARY BY RAGHDA DIRGHAM, WHO COMMENTS:

"THOSE WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE ONGOING PREPARATIONS FOR PRINCE SULTAN'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON NEXT MONDAY ASSERT THAT ITS PURPOSE IS TO SET A LONG-TERM STRATEGIC PROCESS THAT IS THE PRODUCT OF THINKING TOGETHER, NOT ONLY TO STRENGTHEN THE U.S.-SAUDI BILATERAL RELATION, BUT ALSO TO SHAPE THE REGION, THE GULF AND THE MIDDLE EAST TODAY AND TOMORROW. HOWEVER, THE TALKS WILL NOT BE EASY BECAUSE OF THE OCCASIONALLY NEGATIVE GOVERNMENT AND MEDIA ATMOSPHERE

TOWARDS RIYADH IN THE WAKE OF THE AL KHOBAR BOMBING. BUT THE STRENGTH OF THE RELATIONSHIP WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES . . . THE U.S. - SAUDI RELATION WAS ALWAYS UNIQUE AMONG U.S. RELATIONS WITH THE REGION'S

STATES . . . THE U.S. CONSIDERS THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA AN ALLY AND VITAL INTEREST AND PLEDGES TO DEFEND IT WITH ITS MILITARY FORCES . . . THE SAUDI DELEGATION WANTS TO TALK FRANKLY ABOUT ALL MATTERS, INCLUDING FINANCIAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS AND TERRORISM. . . . THE ISSUE OF AL KHOBAR WILL BE A SUBJECT IN THE SAUDI-U.S. TALKS FROM VARIOUS ANGLES . . ALSO THEY WILL DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF LETTER BOMBS, OF WHICH THE SAUDI EMBASSY HAS REPORTEDLY RECEIVED SOME . . . FULL AGREEMENT IS NOT EXPECTED. MOREOVER, THERE ARE INDICATIONS OF MUTUAL FRUSTRATION."

TOP-CIRCULATION "OKAZ" (2/22) OBSERVES:

"THIS VISIT COMES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS ON THE ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS SO AS TO DISCOVER THE NATURE OF THE UPCOMING PERIOD . . . THE VISIT WILL HELP THE PARTIES TO THE PEACE PROCESS ACHIEVE TRUE PEACE BY MEANS OF THE KINGDOM'S EFFECTIVE ROLE IN THE U.S. AND ON THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL."

MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS

"AL HAYAT" (2/22) CARRIES A SIGNED EDITORIAL BY WAHEED ABDULHAMEED:

"SENATOR JESSE HELMS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, REMARKED THAT ISRAEL IS THE ONLY ALLY OF THE U.S. IN THE REGION, A REMARK THAT HAS NOT RECEIVED THE ATTENTION IT SHOULD IN THE REGION. FOR THE FIRST TIME, A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL HAS GONE THAT FAR REGARDING THE NATURE OF HIS COUNTRY'S RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. THIS DEVELOPMENT ADDS A NEW ELEMENT . . . LEAVING NO ROOM FOR THE U.S. TO BE AN HONEST BROKER IN THE PEACE PROCESS, AND REQUIRES THAT ARABS REASSESS THE FUTURE OF THIS PROCESS. . . THE ABOVE MEANS THAT THE ARABS' PROBLEMS IN THE COMING PERIOD WILL NOT BE LIMITED TO THE UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 03 RIYADH 000668

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CLINTON ADMINISTRATION, THE SECOND TERM OF WHICH WILL BE NO BETTER THAN THE FIRST. . . THE CURRENT U.S. CONGRESS, WHICH WAS PARTIALLY RE-ELECTED LAST NOVEMBER, IS MORE BIASED TOWARDS ISRAEL THAN THE LAST, WHOSE MEMBERS APPLAUDED FOR NETANYAHU 13 TIMES, FIVE TIMES STANDING."

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AFRICA: WRAP-UP REPORT
REP: PRETORIA 01471

1. SUMMARY

REFTEL PROVIDED A SUMMARY OF THE OVERWHELMINGLY POSITIVE PRESS COVERAGE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA AND HIS WORK WITH DEPUTY PRESIDENT MBEKI ON THE US-SA BINATIONAL COMMISSION. EDITORIAL AND OPINION PIECES PUBLISHED SINCE THE FEB. 17 BNC MEETING CONTINUE THE POSITIVE REACTION TO THE GORE VISIT AND THE BNC. ALL EDITORIAL AND OPINION WRITERS AGREE THAT THE US-SA BINATIONAL COMMISSION IS A WORTHWHILE EXERCISE WHICH SERVES THE NEEDS OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND SHOULD BE CONTINUED. THERE WAS MINOR SNIPING FROM ONE WRITER TO THE EFFECT THAT THE "COMMISSION'S ACTUAL WORK IS STILL FAR TOO EPHEMERAL," BUT THAT CRITICISM WAS A SMALL POINT IN AN OTHERWISE POSITIVE EDITORIAL. THIS CABLE OFFERS HIGHLIGHTS OF KEY EDITORIALS AND OPINION PIECES.

2. COMPLETE SETS OF PRESS COVERAGE FOR USIA, STATE AF/S, OVP AND BNC POINTS OF CONTACT ARE BEING CARRIED TO WASHINGTON BY USIA SOUTH AFRICA DESK OFFICER LARRY SCHWARTZ.

3. BLOCK QUOTES

-----INDEPENDENT "CAPE TIMES" (02/18)
COMMENTS: "FACE TO FACE CONTACT WITH THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. WILL ALWAYS BE A WORTHWHILE EXERCISE, EVEN IF MUCH OF THAT CONTACT DOES LITTLE MORE THAN PAY LIP SERVICE TO MUTUAL CO-OPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING. MR. AL GORE REPRESENTS THE MOST POWERFUL NATION ON EARTH, AND IT IS DESIRABLE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN HIS COUNTRY AND SOUTH AFRICA REMAIN AS CORDIAL AS POSSIBLE... THE GREATEST VALUE OF SUCH TOP-LEVEL VISITS IS THAT THEY GIVE SOUTH AFRICAN LEADERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN WHY THEY SOMETIMES ACT IN A MANNER THAT IS CONTRARY TO THE U.S. VIEW OF THE WORLD, IN THIS COUNTRY'S SELF-INTEREST..."

"NO DOUBT THERE WILL BE FURTHER DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. BUT IF GORE RETURNS HOME WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT SOUTH AFRICA REGARDS ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. AS NO MORE IMPORTANT THAN WITH MANY OTHERS, SOME OF THEM OF GREATER ECONOMIC AND STRATEGIC BENEFIT TO US, THEN SOME REAL UNDERSTANDING WILL HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED."

-----INDEPENDENT "BUSINESS DAY"
(01/19)COMMENTS: "MUCH OF THE COMMISSION'S ACTUAL WORK IS STILL FAR TOO EPHEMERAL. THERE ARE ASPECTS...WHICH NEED TO BE QUESTIONED... STILL, THERE IS NO GAINSAYING THE DESIRABILITY OF THE COMMISSION. IT PAIRS OFF SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION WITH THEIR SA COUNTERPARTS AND PUTS SA ISSUES ON THE U.S. AGENDA..."

"MANY OTHER NATIONS WOULD GIVE A LOT FOR SIMILAR ACCESS, AND IT IS A CREDIT TO THE PRETORIA GOVERNMENT THAT IT HAS BEEN ABLE TO SECURE THIS MODEST VICTORY. THE STAGE WAS SET FOR THIS BY PRESIDENT MANDELA'S ALLURE TO THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION AND AMERICAN VOTERS, AND SECURED BY DEPUTY PRESIDENT MBEKI'S SKILFUL DIPLOMACY. ALL THAT REMAINS IS FOR THE ACTORS TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE SUBSTANCE THAN THE FORM."

-----INDEPENDENT "DAILY NEWS" (02/19)
COMMENTS: "PROBABLY THE MOST IMMEDIATE IMPORT ARISING FROM TALKS IN CAPE TOWN BETWEEN...GORE AND...MBEKI IS THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE...BNC WILL BE IN WASHINGTON IN JULY. IT SUGGESTS THE PRICKLY ISSUE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S PROPOSED SALE OF TANK WEAPONRY TO SYRIA HAS BEEN RESOLVED... IF IT WERE NOT THE WASHINGTON MEETING WOULD BE IN JEOPARDY..."

"THE BNC MEANS AN ALMOST UNIQUE DIRECT ENGAGEMENT WITH THE WORLD'S MAJOR ECONOMIC POWER. WHILE THERE IS TWO-WAY TRAFFIC IN ANY SUCH RELATIONSHIP AND AMERICA WILL CERTAINLY SEEK TO SELL ITS WARES IN THIS COUNTRY, THE FLOW OF EXPERTISE AND CAPITAL INTO SOUTH UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 PRETORIA 001733

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AFRICA IS LIKELY TO BE INVALUABLE... AMERICANS ARE OFTEN ACCUSED OF BEING ILL-INFORMED, INTERFERING BUSYBODIES. BUT VICE-PRESIDENT GORE HAS SHOWN THE KEENEST GRASP OF SOUTH AFRICA'S BEING A MICROCOSM OF A WORLD ORDER THAT WOULD SEE OUR SOLUTIONS AS A MODEL."

-----AFRIKAANS, CENTRIST "BEELD" (02/19)
COMMENTS: "THE OPERATIONS OF THE BINATIONAL COMMISSION...DO NOT DELIVER THE SORT OF NEWS WHICH CLAIM THE FRONT PAGE [OF NEWSPAPERS]. BUT THE MOST RECENT DISCUSSIONS IN CAPE TOWN HAVE AGAIN RESULTED IN A SERIES OF DECISIONS WHICH HAVE MUCH IMPORTANCE FOR BOTH COUNTRIES. THE PLAN TO OPEN A BRANCH OF THE FBI AND THE DEA IN THE COUNTRY, IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS AND CRIME. FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN PUBLIC, WHICH IS PLAGUED BY CHRONIC CRIME, IT IS ESPECIALLY GOOD NEWS THAT MECHANISMS TO CREATE MODERN, EMERGENCY UNITS AND TO TRAIN THE TWO COUNTRIES MEMBERS OF THE POLICE FORCE TOGETHER, ARE GOING TO BE INVESTIGATED. THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE NEEDS SUCH HELP AND CROSS-POLLINATION URGENTLY...
"THE COMMISSION IS GRADUALLY COMING INTO BEING AND SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE BUILDING ON ITS GOOD WORK."

-----OP-ED PIECE BY POLITICAL EDITOR OF AFRIKAAAS, CENTRIST "BEELD", LEOPOLD SCHOLTZ, (02/19)
STATES: "VISITS SUCH AS THE ONE U.S. VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE HAS RECENTLY PAID TO SOUTH AFRICA, ARE TRADITIONALLY NOT OPPORTUNITIES WHERE DEEP SEATED DIFFERENCES COME TO LIGHT. BUT, EVEN TAKING THIS INTO ACCOUNT, IT IS CLEAR FROM THE PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF MR. GORE, DEPUTY PRESIDENT THABO MBEKI AND OFFICIALS BEHIND THE SCENES THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE NOT PLANNING TO ALLOW THE CONTROVERSIAL WEAPONS TRANSACTION WITH SYRIA TO COME BETWEEN THEM..."

"THE IRREFUTABLE, UNPLEASANT AND IMMORAL TRUTH OF THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICS IS THAT A RELATIVELY SMALL POWER SUCH AS SOUTH AFRICA DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME INTERNATIONAL MANEUVERING SPACE AS THE U.S... SHOULD THE U.S. BE THEORETICALLY DESTROYED THAT WOULD BE A CATASTROPHE FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN ECONOMY; SHOULD THE OPPOSITE OCCUR THE AMERICANS WILL NOT EVEN BE AWARE OF IT. LET THIS THEN BE A LESSON FOR ALL THE IDEOLOGY POSSESSED WHO STILL LOOK AT CUBA, LIBYA AND OTHERS WITH NOSTALGIA. REMEMBER, IN THE U.S. CONGRESS THERE ARE THOSE VERY INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE SUCH AS SENATOR JESSE HELMS, WHO ARE ALREADY VIEWING THIS COUNTRY WITH SUSPICION, AND THEIR REACH IS POWERFUL."

-----LIBERAL, INDEPENDENT "THE MERCURY"
(02/19) COMMENTS: "SELF-INTEREST MORE THAN ALTRUISM WILL EXPAND THE NEW LINKS FORGED BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SOUTH AFRICA THIS WEEK. THAT, HOWEVER, SHOULD NOT DIMINISH THEIR SIGNIFICANCE... HOWEVER, U.S. AGRICULTURE SECRETARY DAN GLICKMAN'S WORTHY IDEAL -- THAT SOON THERE SHOULD BE NO TRADE BARRIERS AT ALL -- SHOULD BE APPROACHED WITH CAUTION... OPEN TIDE COULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO A NUMBER OF SA OPERATIONS, BUT COULD DEVASTATE SOME OF OUR THIRD WORLD-TYPE PRODUCERS OF LOCAL PRODUCTS..." LAGAMMA

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- (END SUMMARY)

1. ZAIRE (AF): PEACE TALKS IN SOUTH AFRICA

Q: IS THE U.S. INVOLVED IN THE ZAIREAN PEACE TALKS?

A: -- THE GOVERNMENTS OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THE UNITED

STATES ARE ENGAGED IN DIALOGUE WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE AND THE ALLIANCE OF DEMOCRATIC FORCES FOR THE LIBERATION OF CONGO-ZAIRE (AFDL) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENDING HOSTILITIES IN EASTERN ZAIRE, FACILITATING THE PROVISION OF RELIEF TO DISPLACED PERSONS AND REFUGEES AS WELL AS REFUGEE REPATRIATION, AND ESTABLISHING THE FRAMEWORK FOR FUTURE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE PARTIES TO RESOLVE THE INTERNAL AND REGIONAL DIMENSIONS OF THE CONFLICT. THESE EFFORTS HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN IN SUPPORT OF THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE OAU, AND THE NAIROBI REGIONAL INITIATIVE'S EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE CRISIS IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION.

Q: WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE PEACE PROCESS?

A: -- ALLIANCE OF DEMOCRATIC FORCES FOR THE LIBERATION OF CONGO-ZAIRE (AFDL) LEADER LAURENT KABILA AND HIS DELEGATION LEFT SOUTH AFRICA FEBRUARY 28 FOLLOWING MEETINGS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS. HE HAS SAID HE WILL ENGAGE IN CONSULTATIONS RELATED TO THE PEACE PROCESS. A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT DELEGATION HAS ALSO RETURNED TO KINSHASA FOR BRIEF CONSULTATIONS. PROGRESS IS BEING MADE, AND WE EXPECT THESE DISCUSSIONS TO CONTINUE.

-- THE UNITED STATES CALLS UPON BOTH THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE AND THE AFDL TO REFRAIN FROM ANY MILITARY ACTION IN THE COMING DAYS THAT WOULD UNDERMINE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE

AND CREATE FURTHER SUFFERING AND INSTABILITY IN ZAIRE.
CONTINUED HOSTILITIES WOULD ONLY SERVE TO UNDERMINE THE
INITIAL STEPS UNDERWAY TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE
CRISIS IN EASTERN ZAIRE.

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Q: DOES THE ZAIRIAN DELEGATION HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO
NEGOTIATE?

A: -- PRESIDENT MOBUTU HAS ASSURED THE SOUTH AFRICAN
GOVERNMENT THAT HIS SECURITY ADVISOR, HONORE NGABANDA
NZAMBO-KO-ATUMBA, IS THE PRESIDENT'S REPRESENTATIVE IN
THESE INITIAL STAGES OF THE PEACE PROCESS. AS THE PROCESS
EVOLVES, WE EXPECT REPRESENTATIVES OF PRIME MINISTER
KENGO'S GOVERNMENT TO TAKE THE LEAD IN ANY PEACE
NEGOTIATIONS.

Q: ARE THESE DISCUSSIONS LINKED TO ANY OTHER INITIATIVES
FOR EASTERN ZAIRE?

A: -- AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN CONTACTS WITH THE ZAIRIAN
PARTIES ARE COMPLEMENTARY WITH THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED
NATIONS, THE OAU, AND THE NAIROBI REGIONAL INITIATIVE. WE
ARE IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH UN/OAU SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE SAHNOUN, EU SPECIAL ENVOY AJELLO, AND
CONCERNED GOVERNMENTS.

2. SOUTH AFRICA (AF): FACT SHEET -- ARMSCOR

THERE HAS BEEN A MOMENTOUS AND POSITIVE CHANGE IN
POLITICAL AND LEGAL REGIMES IN SOUTH AFRICA. THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF
SOUTH AFRICA AGREE THAT SUCH A CHANGE CONSTITUTES A MAJOR
FACTOR TO BE CONSIDERED IN APPROACHING ALL ASPECTS OF OUR
BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. IN THAT SPIRIT, THE SOUTH AFRICAN
AND UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTS HAVE WORKED COOPERATIVELY TO
RESOLVE OUTSTANDING CHARGES REGARDING THE ARMSCOR,
KENTRON, AND FUCHS COMPANIES, AND U.S. INDIVIDUALS AND
CORPORATIONS, FOR VIOLATIONS OF U.S. LAWS THAT OCCURRED
DURING THE FORMER APARTHEID REGIME.

IN 1991, THE SOUTH AFRICAN ARMS PARASTATAL ARMSCOR, ITS
SUBSIDIARY KENTRON, AND A PRIVATE SOUTH AFRICAN FIRM,
FUCHS, WERE INDICTED FOR A NUMBER OF VIOLATIONS OF U.S.
ARMS EXPORT LAWS. IN A PARALLEL CIVIL ACTION, THE STATE
DEPARTMENT INSTITUTED A DENIAL POLICY FOR ALL MUNITIONS
LIST EXPORTS AGAINST ARMSCOR AND THE OTHER SOUTH AFRICAN

ENTITIES. DURING THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, THE UNITED STATES AND SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS, AS WELL AS THE ENTITIES INVOLVED, HAVE CONDUCTED NEGOTIATIONS TO RESOLVE THESE CASES.

IN JULY OF 1996, VICE PRESIDENT GORE AND DEPUTY PRESIDENT MBEKI AGREED ON A FRAMEWORK TO GUIDE NEGOTIATORS IN REACHING SETTLEMENT. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEGOTIATED AN AGREEMENT TO SETTLE THE CRIMINAL CASE, AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT CONCLUDED THE CIVIL CASE.
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THE FULL SETTLEMENT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT COURT IN PHILADELPHIA FOR REVIEW IN JANUARY, AND THE COURT DECIDED TO ENTER THE PLEAS ON FEBRUARY 27, 1997.

KEY FEATURES OF THE AGREEMENTS ARE:

-- A NOLO CONTENDERE PLEA BY THE PARASTATALS ARMSCOR AND KENTRON AND A GUILTY PLEA BY THE PRIVATE FIRM FUCHS;

-- DOLLARS 12.5 MILLION IN CRIMINAL FINES TO BE PAID BY THE COMPANIES;

-- A CONTRIBUTION OF DOLLARS 6.25 MILLION BY THE COMPANIES TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO HELP ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE EXPORT CONTROL REGIME IN SOUTH AFRICA;

-- DOLLARS 6.25 MILLION IN CIVIL FINES TO BE SUSPENDED UNLESS THE COMPANIES FAIL TO ADHERE TO THE MUTUALLY AGREED-UPON COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS;

-- ESTABLISHMENT OF MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS CONCERNING THE USE AND TRANSFER OF U.S. ORIGIN DEFENSE ARTICLES, SERVICES, AND TECHNICAL DATA FOR THE COMPANIES IN QUESTION, INCLUDING MONITORING BY AN INDEPENDENT OMBUDSMAN.

THE GOVERNMENTS OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THE UNITED STATES PLAN TO CONSULT CLOSELY IN THE FUTURE TO ENSURE THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENTS.

3. SOUTH AFRICA (AF): ARMSCOR CASE

Q: SOUTH AFRICAN EXPORT VIOLATIONS OF U.S. ORIGIN DEFENSE ARTICLES TOOK PLACE BEFORE THE MANDELA GOVERNMENT TOOK OFFICE. WHY DID THE STATE DEPARTMENT PURSUE THIS CASE WITH THE CURRENT SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT?

A: -- THE EXPORT VIOLATIONS WERE COMMITTED BY VARIOUS COMPANIES, TWO OF WHICH ARE OWNED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. THE COMPANIES IN QUESTION WERE SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL AND CIVIL SANCTIONS. BOTH THE U.S. AND THE SOUTH AFRICA GOVERNMENTS, AS WELL AS THE COMPANIES, WERE EAGER TO PUT THE QUESTION OF THE VIOLATIONS BEHIND THEM AND REACH AN APPROPRIATE RESOLUTION OF THE CASES. TO DO THAT, THE CASES HAD TO BE RESOLVED.

Q: HOW CAN SETTLEMENT BE JUSTIFIED? WHAT SIGNAL DOES THIS SEND TO OTHER POTENTIAL VIOLATORS?

A: -- THIS SETTLEMENT WAS THE RESULT OF A LONG AND DIFFICULT NEGOTIATING PROCESS WHICH THE COURT HAS ACCEPTED AS MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF U.S. LAW REGARDING THE UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 07 STATE 038017

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EXPORT OF U.S.-ORIGIN DEFENSE ARTICLES. WE APPRECIATE THAT THIS SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN ON COMMITMENTS TO ENSURE ITS COMPANIES WILL COMPLY WITH U.S. LAWS AND REGULATIONS IN THE FUTURE.

-- THE SIGNAL SENT TO POTENTIAL VIOLATORS ELSEWHERE IS THAT TRADE IN U.S.-ORIGIN DEFENSE ARTICLES CARRIES WITH IT SERIOUS LEGAL OBLIGATIONS AND THAT THE USG IS SERIOUS ABOUT ENFORCING ARMS EXPORT CONTROL LAWS.

Q: WHAT DID THE COMPANIES DO?

A: -- THE SOUTH AFRICAN COMPANIES WERE CHARGED WITH ACQUIRING U.S. DEFENSE ARTICLES, WITHOUT THE REQUIRED USG APPROVAL, DURING THE TIME OF A U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

-- THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S CRIMINAL INDICTMENT LISTS SPECIFIC VIOLATIONS WITH WHICH THE PARTIES WERE CHARGED, AND WE REFER YOU TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

Q: WHAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS THAT ARE REFERRED TO IN THE CONSENT AGREEMENT? "VISITS" BY U.S. AUTHORITIES ARE MENTIONED. ARE THESE VISITS REQUIRED?

A: -- THE U.S. WILL WORK WITH THE COMPANIES TO PUT IN PLACE COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT THE EXPORT AND REEXPORT OF U.S. ORIGIN DEFENSE ARTICLES, DATA, AND SERVICES ARE HANDLED IN A MANNER THAT MEETS U.S. EXPORT CONTROL REQUIREMENTS. THEY CONSTITUTE A SYSTEM

TAILORED TO COMPANY STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS, AND INCLUDE A MANUAL WHICH ESTABLISHES INTERNAL CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING EXPORTS.

-- AS PART OF THESE COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS, THE U.S. ALSO REQUESTS ACCESS TO INFORMATION THAT WILL HELP ASSESS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE COMPANIES' PROGRAMS IN HANDLING

U.S.-ORIGIN DEFENSE ARTICLES, DATA, AND SERVICES. IN ADDITION, STATE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL VISIT THE COMPANIES. THE VISITS ALLOW THE USG TO REVIEW WITH THE COMPANIES THEIR PROCEDURES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. DEFENSE EXPORT CONTROL LAW AND REGULATIONS.

Q: WHAT IS THE OMBUDSMAN REQUIREMENT AND WHO WILL ASSUME THIS ROLE?

A: -- A COMMON FEATURE OF COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS IS AN OMBUDSMAN. THE OMBUDSMAN IS AN INDEPENDENT PERSON WHO MAY CONDUCT IMPARTIAL INVESTIGATIONS INTO ALLEGED EXPORT UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 07 STATE 038017

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PROBLEMS AND MAKE REPORTS TO INTERESTED PARTIES ABOUT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION.

-- THE OMBUDSMAN HAS NOT YET BEEN SELECTED; THE PERSON CHOSEN MUST BE SATISFACTORY TO ALL PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT.

Q: AS A RESULT OF THE CIVIL CASE AGAINST ARMSCOR, MONIES ARE TO BE PROVIDED TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT FOR AN EXPORT CONTROL SYSTEM. WHY SHOULD THE U.S. GOVERNMENT REQUIRE A MONETARY PENALTY WHICH WILL THEN GO TO ANOTHER PARTY?

A: -- IN BRINGING THIS MATTER TO A CLOSE, THE USG AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AGREED THAT A CONTRIBUTION OF DOLLARS 6.25 MILLION TO STRENGTHEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN EXPORT CONTROL REGIME WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO HELP ASSURE AGAINST FUTURE MISUSE OR DIVERSION OF U.S. ORIGIN DEFENSE ARTICLES AND SERVICES.

IF ASKED:

-- THE CONTRIBUTION TO SUPPORT THE SAG EXPORT CONTROL REGIME IS A SEPARATE ISSUE FROM THE CIVIL FINE. THE DEPARTMENT HAS AGREED TO SUSPEND THE CIVIL FINE BUT ONLY IF THE SOUTH AFRICAN COMPANIES COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF

OUR AGREEMENT.

Q: WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES?

A: -- UNDER THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE CAN PURSUE CIVIL PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS RELATED TO CERTAIN VIOLATIONS OF THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT AND IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PURSUES INDEPENDENTLY CRIMINAL REMEDIES.

Q: WILL THE SOUTH AFRICAN COMPANIES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE NOW BE ABLE TO EXPORT AND IMPORT U.S. DEFENSE ARTICLES AND TECHNOLOGY? IF NOT, AT WHAT POINT WILL THEY BECOME ELIGIBLE?

A: -- ONCE PLEA AGREEMENTS ARE ENTERED, THE COMPANIES WILL BE SUBJECT TO A PERIOD OF DEBARMENT FROM PARTICIPATION IN EXPORTS FROM THE U.S. OF DEFENSE ARTICLES AND SERVICES.

-- WHEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN COMPANIES TAKE CERTAIN STEPS SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT--E.G., ESTABLISHMENT OF MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY INTERNAL PROGRAMS THAT HELP ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. EXPORT LAW AND REGULATIONS REGARDING U.S. ORIGIN ARTICLES--THE DEBARMENTS WOULD BE LIFTED. THE UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 07 STATE 038017

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AGREEMENTS ALSO CONTAIN PROVISIONS FOR RE IMPOSING THE DEBARMENTS IF THE STATE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE COMPANIES HAVE NOT FULLY COMPLIED WITH THEIR COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS.

Q: ARE THESE COMPANIES DEBARRED FROM DEFENSE TRADE TRANSACTIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES?

A: -- FOR SOME TIME THESE COMPANIES HAVE BEEN DENIED DEFENSE TRADE PRIVILEGES, AT FIRST AS PART OF THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA AND LATER AS A MATTER OF U.S. POLICY BECAUSE OF ALLEGED EXPORT VIOLATIONS. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT AND AFTER THE ENTRY OF THEIR PLEAS. THE COMPANIES WILL BE DEBARRED UNTIL THEY HAVE SATISFIED THE CRITERIA IN THE AGREEMENTS.

Q: WHAT INFORMATION DO YOU HAVE THAT THESE COMPANIES ARE NOW COMPLYING WITH U.S. LAW AND POLICY WITH REGARD TO U.S.-ORIGIN DEFENSE ARTICLES?

A: -- THE U.S AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS WILL
MONITOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE COMPANIES INVOLVED TO
ENSURE THEIR COMPLIANCE TO THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT.

ONLY IF PRESSED:

Q: ARE ANY OF THESE COMPANIES INVOLVED IN ANY WAY WITH
POTENTIAL SALES TO SYRIA?

A: -- THE ARMSCOR/KENTRON CASE INVOLVES SEVERAL COMPANIES,
SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATES THAT ARE INVOLVED IN SOUTH
AFRICAN DEFENSE TRADE. I AM NOT GOING TO GET INTO
HYPOTHETICAL QUESTIONS ABOUT WHICH OF THESE MIGHT OR MIGHT
NOT BE INVOLVED IN OTHER TRANSACTIONS THAT MAY OR MAY NOT
TAKE PLACE. DEFENSE SALES HAVE TO BE REVIEWED AND
APPROVED BY APPROPRIATE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT
AUTHORITIES WHO ARE AWARE THAT THE UNITED STATES BROADLY
OPPOSES SALES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO ANY COUNTRY THAT IS
A STATE SPONSOR OF TERRORISM.

Q: WHY DID THE U.S. SETTLE THESE CASES AT A TIME WHEN
SOUTH AFRICA IS CONSIDERING SELLING ARMS TO SYRIA? IS
THIS THE RIGHT TIME TO SETTLE CASES THAT INVOLVE ARMS
VIOLATIONS?

A: -- THE ARMSCOR/KENTRON AND FUCHS CASES CONCERNED PAST
VIOLATIONS INVOLVING U.S. DEFENSE EQUIPMENT. WE HAVE
AGREED ON A METHOD TO REDRESS THESE PROBLEMS AND HAVE
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ESTABLISHED THE MEANS TO VERIFY COMPLIANCE WITH RELEVANT
LAW AND REGULATIONS.

-- CONCERNING THE REPORTED POTENTIAL SALE OF SOUTH AFRICAN
ARMS TO SYRIA, WE HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS IN DIPLOMATIC
CHANNELS, INCLUDING AT THE MOST SENIOR LEVELS OF
GOVERNMENT, AND SOUTH AFRICA HAS SAID IT WILL TAKE U.S.
AND OTHER COUNTRIES' VIEWS INTO CONSIDERATION IN MAKING A
DECISION.

Q: WE UNDERSTAND THAT SENATOR HELMS, NOTING THE POTENTIAL
SALES TO SYRIA, SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT THE STATE
DEPARTMENT NOT CONCLUDE THESE AGREEMENTS. WHY DID YOU
PROCEED WITH THEM?

A: -- WE VIEW THESE AS SEPARATE ISSUES.

-- THE AGREEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN REACHED ADDRESS LAW ENFORCEMENT CONCERNS THAT AROSE BECAUSE OF PAST VIOLATIONS IN HANDLING U.S. DEFENSE ARTICLES. THE USG AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA, THROUGH THE COMPLIANCE AGREEMENTS, HAVE ESTABLISHED A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY MECHANISM THAT WILL HELP PREVENT SIMILAR VIOLATIONS.

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CORRESPONDENT M.S. PRABHAKARA:

- "THE TOTAL OFFICIAL BLACKOUT OF ALL NEWS ABOUT THE ONGOING INITIATIVE BY SOUTH AFRICA TO GET THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE AND THE REBELS IN EASTERN ZAIRE TO TALK WAS SLIGHTLY EASED FOR THE FIRST TIME YESTERDAY.... THE TALKS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE AND REBEL LEADERS TILL NOW HAVE BEEN ESSENTIALLY 'PROXIMITY TALKS', WITH SOUTH AFRICA ACTING AS A FACILITATOR.... SOUTH AFRICA'S CAUTION IS UNDERSTANDABLE. LAST WEEK'S SUMMIT IN CAPE TOWN IS THE THIRD SUCH INITIATIVE BY AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO RESOLVE QCT IN EASTERN ZAIRE INVOLVED....

- "THE PROBLEM IS WHILE THE FACILITATORS OF THE PROCESS ARE PRESSING FOR AN END TO HOSTILITIES, THE ALLIANCE OF DEMOCRATIC FORCES (ADFL) SEEMS DETERMINED TO PRESS ON FOR POLITICAL RECOGNITION. INDEED, THERE IS A FUNDAMENTAL AMBIVALENCE ABOUT THE PEACE INITIATIVE IN THAT THE CRITICAL ISSUE OF THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ZAIRE--WHETHER THE ZAIRIAN STATE CAN CONTINUE TO BE VIABLE IN ITS PRESENT FORM--IS SOMETHING THAT ALMOST ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES, LIKE ALL OTHER NATION STATES, ARE RELUCTANT TO FACE."

2. UN REFORMS AND U.S.

--"EVEN ANNAN TURNS," EDITORIAL IN FEBRUARY 28 NATIONALIST THE HINDUSTAN TIMES:

- "UN SECRETARY GENERAL KOFI ANNAN'S REMARK THAT WASHINGTON OUGHT TO BE SENSITIVE TO THE SOVEREIGNTY OF OTHER NATIONS' WHILE DICTATING ON REFORMS IN HIS AUGUST BODY SHOWS HIM IN A NEW LIGHT DESPITE ALL HIS SUBSERVIENCE TO THE CAPITOL HILL.... BUT FOR JESSE HELMS AND HIS ILK, THIS APPEAL WITH BENDED KNEES IS SURE TO EVOKE LITTLE RESPONSE AS THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION IS DETERMINED TO PURSUE ITS POLICY OF TREATING THE UN AS NOTHING MORE THAN ITS PRIVATE AFFAIR.... EVEN BEFORE THIS DISPUTE OVER THE EXACT AMOUNT OF ARREARS WAS SETTLED, THE U.S. SIDE HAS MADE A SURPRISE DEMAND TO THE UN THAT THE LATTER WOULD HAVE TO PAY THE U.S. FOR THE GULF WAR WHICH WAS FULLY A U.S. OPERATION AND HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE UN....

- "THE ENTIRE APPROACH OF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION TO THE UN AND ITS REFORM PACKAGE SMACKS OF IMPERIAL OVERLORDSHIP HAVING NO RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PROCESS OF LIBERALIZATION AND GLOBALIZATION THAT ITS PROPONENTS ARE MOUNTING EVERY NOW AND THEN.... THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION, EVEN IN ITS SECOND TERM, CANNOT THINK OF ANYTHING EXCEPT TREATING THE UN AS A HANDY TOOL IN FURTHERING ITS GLOBAL INTERESTS.... ANNAN'S BUDGET FOR 1998 AND 1999 IS DUE TO BE PRESENTED IN MARCH COINCIDING WITH THE RELEASE OF THE BENCHMARKS BY THE U.S. SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE SPELLING OUT THE

CONDITIONS FOR PAYING THE U.S. DEBATE TO THE UN. TILL
THEN, ANNAN WILL BE FRETTERING AND FUMING BUT IT IS
UNLIKELY THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO EXTRACT EVEN A MINOR
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[From the "Morning Information Review" newscast]

[FBIS Translated Text] Granma today published a reply to a dispatch from the Spanish news agency EFE regarding a commentary published by that Cuban daily rejecting statements by writer Mario Varas Llosa about alleged abuses in Cuba against so-called independent journalists who are publicly financed by Washington.

In his reply to EFE, journalist Nicanor Leon Cotayo said that the agency portrays a domestic picture in complete harmony with the views expressed by Vargas Llosa and those defended by [U.S. Congressman] Jesse Helms.

Granma regarded Peruvian-Spanish writer Vargas Llosa's statements in Paris as false, noting that he made those statements as part of a campaign prior to the annual meeting of the UN Human Rights Commission. In last Saturday's edition, Granma said that contrary to allegations in the campaigns against the island, more than 100 foreign journalists representing approximately 90 press agencies from some 30 countries are accredited in Havana.

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1. INTRODUCTION: THE THIRTY-FIFTH AND THIRTY-SIXTH SESSIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL NATURAL RUBBER COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR ON MARCH 10-14, 1997 TO TERMINATE INRA 1987 AND TRANSFER ASSETS TO AND BEGIN OPERATIONS OF INRA 1995. USDEL WILL BE CHAIRED BY JAMES MCGLINCHEY, DIRECTOR, COMMODITY POLICY, USTR AND RICHARD WATKINS, CHIEF, COMMODITIES DIVISION, STATE. PARTICIPATION ON THE DELEGATION BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF EMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR IS WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED. U.S. INDUSTRY, IN A FEBRUARY 24 MEETING HELD AT THE RMA HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, WAS CONSULTED REGARDING THIS INRO MEETING AND ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE WRITTEN COMMENTS THROUGH THE RMA ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS, ESPECIALLY THOSE DEALING WITH PRICE MECHANISM AND COMPOSITION OF FUTURE BUFFER STOCKS. INDUSTRY MAY PROVIDE A PRIVATE SECTOR ADVISOR TO THE USDEL.

2. THIRTY-FIFTH AND FINAL SESSION OF THE COUNCIL UNDER INRA 1987

- AUDITED REPORTS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNT AND BUFFER STOCK ACCOUNT, FOR 1996 AND JANUARY 1 TO FEBRUARY 5, 1997: USDEL SHOULD REVIEW AND APPROVE, AS APPROPRIATE.
- AUDITED REPORT OF THE VALUE OF MEMBER'S SHARES IN THE NET ASSET OF THE BUFFER STOCK ACCOUNT. USDEL SHOULD REVIEW AND APPROVE, AS APPROPRIATE.
- TRANSFER OF THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNT AND THOSE OF THE PROVIDENT FUND TO INRA 1995. USDEL SHOULD SUPPORT

- REFUND AND TRANSFER OF THE NET ASSETS OF THE BUFFER STOCK ACCOUNT TO INRA 1995. USDEL SHOULD SUPPORT BASED ON THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE TAKEN FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF SEPTEMBER 25, 1996, PAGE S11249. THIS STATEMENT BY SENATOR HELMS WAS INTRODUCED AS PART OF THE LEGISLATION SUBMITTED TO THE FULL SENATE, WHICH APPROVED RATIFICATION OF U.S. PARTICIPATION IN INRA 1995 ON SEPTEMBER 25, 1996.
 - "COMMITMENT TO INRA III WILL BE FUNDED WITHOUT ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE UNITED STATES...BECAUSE ROLLING OVER U.S. GOVERNMENT RESOURCES CURRENTLY IN THE INRO BUFFER STOCK ACCOUNT WILL NOT REQUIRE ANY LEGISLATION, RATIFICATION OF INRA 1995 WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO PAY-AS-YOU-GO BUDGETARY PROCEDURES, AND WILL SIMPLY CHANGE THE TIMING OF THE RETURN OF THESE ASSETS TO THE U.S. TREASURY."
 - "ACCORDING TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, THE PROPOSED ROLLOVER OF RESOURCES IN THE BUFFER STOCK ACCOUNT FROM INRA 1987 TO INRA 1995 IS BASED UPON THE PROVISIONS OF INRA 1987, AND THE 1988 PRECEDENT OF THE SENATE ROLLING OVER FUNDS FROM INRA 1979 TO INRA 1987."
3. THIRTY-SIXTH AND INAUGURAL SESSION OF THE COUNCIL UNDER INRA 1995
- ELECTION OF COUNCIL CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR: USDEL MCGLINCHY MAY SEEK CONTINUATION OF ONE-YEAR POSITION AS CHAIRMAN TO WHICH HE WAS ELECTED AT THE THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL IN NOVEMBER 1996. US SHOULD SUPPORT INDONESIAN CANDIDATE TO CONTINUE AS VICE-CHAIR.
 - REVIEW AND APPROVE NET EXPORTS AND IMPORTS TABLE. USDEL SHOULD APPROVE BUT TAKE NOTE THAT DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES AND RESULTANT PER COUNTRY SHARE OF BUDGET IS BASED ON THESE FIGURES. USDEL SHOULD, TO EXTENT ALLOWABLE UNDER TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT, SEEK REVISION OF VOTES (AND FINANCIAL ASSESSMENTS BASED ON SAME) WITH THE EXPECTED ACCESSION OF CHINA AND ITALY.
 - DOWNSIZING AND DOWN GRADING OF POSITIONS WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT'S ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AS ADOPTED BY THE PREPCOM DURING THE 35TH SESSION. USDEL SHOULD VIGOROUSLY SUPPORT AND DEFEND
 - APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR SECRETARIAT STAFF: USDEL SHOULD SUPPORT THE "GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT" PREVIOUSLY WORKED OUT THAT ACCEPTS THE PRODUCER GROUPS CHOICE AS ED (MALAYSIA), THE EU CANDIDATE FOR DED (FRANCE), JAPAN'S NOMINEE FOR DIRECTOR OF

ADMINISTRATION AND THE U.S. CANDIDATE FOR BUFFER STOCK MANAGER (JAMES HAGERTY).

- ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD FROM ENTRY INTO FORCE AND THE END OF 1997: THIS IS THE MOST CRITICAL ITEM TO BE DETERMINED BY THIS SESSION OF COUNCIL AND WILL ESTABLISH A LEVEL OF SECRETARIAT OPERATIONS FOR THE FOUR YEARS OF THIS AGREEMENT. THE USDEL SHOULD SEEK SUPPORT FROM LIKE MINDED DELEGATIONS TO OBTAIN A 5% REDUCTION (IN NOMINAL TERMS) FROM THE 1995 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET, THE LAST OF FULL INRO OPERATIONS. THE USDEL MUST VOTE AGAINST ANY BUDGET WHICH IS GREATER THAN THE 1995 BUDGET ON A PRO-RATA BASIS. USDEL SHOULD NOTE THAT THE MAXIMUM USG CONTRIBUTION TO INRO IN FY97 IS US\$234,000 DUE TO US CONGRESSIONAL DECISION TO SHORTFALL THE IO/CIO ACCOUNT. THE ADMINISTRATION HAS SUBMITTED FY99 ADVANCE APPROPRIATION PROPOSAL TO COVER ARREARS. USG CONTRIBUTION TO INRO WAS ESTIMATED AT \$302,000 FOR FY97. NO GROWTH, AND A POSSIBLE FURTHER REDUCTION, IN AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR INRO SHOULD BE ASSUMED IN FY1998 UNTIL ITS EXPECTED CONCLUSION IN 2001.
- APPROVAL OF TYPES AND GRADES OF NR FOR INCLUSION IN THE BUFFER STOCK: SECRETARIAT SEEKS INCLUSION OF RSS 1 GRADE OF RUBBER INTO BUFFER STOCK. INCLUSION OF AN ITEM WITH LESS THAN 3%, AND DECLINING, MARKET SHARE IS PROBLEMATIC BUT USDEL SHOULD DEFER TO ADVICE FROM US INDUSTRY GROUP.
- ESTABLISHMENT OF OVERSEAS OFFICES AND THE ENGAGEMENT OF SERVICES OF BUFFER STOCK ASSISTANTS ON A RETAINER BASIS. USDEL SHOULD SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE TO REDUCE COSTS OF THE BUFFER STOCK OPERATION AS APPROVED BY THE BUFFER STOCK COMMITTEE LAST NOVEMBER.
- REVIEW OF THE REFERENCE AND INDICATIVE PRICES: THIS SHOULD BE AN ADMINISTRATIVE EXERCISE BASE ON DETAILED FORMULA PROVIDED IN THE AGREEMENT AND 6-MONTH AVERAGE DMIP CALCULATED BY THE BUFFER STOCK MANAGER. USDEL SHOULD DISCOURAGE AND VOTE AGAINST ANY PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE METHODOLOGY OF DETERMINING THESE PRICES AND IMMEDIATELY CONSULT WITH US INDUSTRY OF ANY CHANGES PROPOSED.
- REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE CRITERIA FOR WAREHOUSES AND LISTS OF WAREHOUSES. USDEL SHOULD SUPPORT SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL UNLESS ADVISED OTHERWISE BY US INDUSTRY.
- CRITERIA FOR BANKS AND THE LIST OF BANKS FOR THE BUFFER STOCK ACCOUNT. CONTINUATION OF CURRENT CRITERIA AND BANKS IS ACCEPTABLE TO TREASURY. USDEL SHOULD SEEK TREASURY GUIDANCE IF ANY CHANGES ARE PROPOSED.

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[Part five of a five-part interview with Panamanian President Ernesto Perez Balladares by Gustavo Gorriti in the library of the President's Office in the Presidential Palace, Panama City; date not given; part four of interview filed as ref; first three paragraphs are Gorriti's introduction]

[FBIS Translated Text] An interview can move in various ways. If it is good and animated, it will mostly have the movements of fencing. It can range -- depending on the interlocutors, the issues, and the situation -- from courteous fencing with the foil to furious two-handed blows with a scimitar. But that is only the movement, and it would be erroneous to confuse it with the goal, which is to prompt the interviewee to reveal information.

As I am heading toward the end of our interview with Perez Balladares, I realize that we have not stopped talking about the annoying angles of politics, about uneasy memories, and about skeletons in the closet. Perhaps not enough, that is true; but we have not talked about the job of governing, and we have not talked about his vision of the nation's future. Considering that this president is leading a country during the crucial years of the canal reversion, which offers him a great and historic opportunity, I must correct this omission.

There is little time left, and I am thinking about ways to explore the statesman within my interviewee without resorting to the last blows of verbal fencing, to get his vision behind the feint and the defense. And thus, the interview is heading toward the end.

[Gorriti] Sir, the base negotiation...

[Perez Balladares] We are not negotiating, there is no negotiation. We are holding talks about a multilateral center to fight drug trafficking; this is not a subterfuge, shield, armor plate, or umbrella for a U.S. military base.

[Gorriti] That is not what is stated in a report by Jesse Helms' staffer [Gina Marie] Hatheway that we published.

[Perez Balladares] We will look for the adviser of one of our legislators to answer her, because it makes no sense for a president of the republic to reply to the adviser of a senator.

[Gorriti] You know that they act in keeping with official information, and based on official information that officials of the Executive Branch are forced to [produce].

[Perez Balladares] I will say the following to you: I categorically deny that there is any kind of negotiation on any military base in Panama.

[Gorriti] You deny that there was an informal agreement between Gabriel Lewis Galindo and Ambassador Hughes mentioned specifically in (our) report, and that among other things, it mentioned that this base would be, and I cite literally, 'the political umbrella,' and I cite again, 'to cover up the presence of bases...'?

[Perez Balladares] For me, the issue of what could have been said during a conversation by Gabriel Lewis Galindo, who is dead...

[Gorriti] But Hughes is alive...

[Perez Balladares] Hughes has...

[Gorriti] Hughes issued a communique in which he basically...

[Perez Balladares] Did you read the communique well? Because I read it very well, and it does not say what you claim it says.

[Gorriti] Yes, I read the communique. And it states that...

[Perez Balladares] Let us not start a technical debate... it states that at a given time there were talks about what could be a base. Or a U.S. presence in Panama beyond the year 2000. Hughes said: Look, we would like this or we would like that; and Gabriel could have told him: This can be done, this cannot be done. That is not an agreement, it is not a position accepted by either of the parties.

[Gorriti] An informal agreement?

[Perez Balladares] No. I disagree that there was an informal agreement. There was an informal conversation, which is very different.

[Gorriti] Whenever there is a concurrence...

[Perez Balladares] There could have been a concurrence, but the president of the republic is the one empowered to reach agreements. Not the foreign minister.

[Gorriti] The ambassador [Hughes] said that he acted with

Clinton's authorization and that Lewis acted with yours. Is that true?

[Perez Balladares] (Pause)... No, I repeat... there was no agreement, there is no agreement. There was no negotiation. There is no negotiation.

There was and there is a desire to explore possibilities. After this phase was completed, and that is what Gabriel Lewis Galindo did... and Ambassador Hughes, among others, because Gabriel did not hold talks only with (him), but with many other persons to explore different positions: What would you like, what I can do, what are you willing to do, what I am willing to do; to explore positions.

We reached the conclusion when Gabriel was alive that the possibility of a formal negotiation of U.S. military presence in Panama beyond the year 2000 did not exist, will not exist...

We did see the possibility of working together to establish a multilateral antidrug center. And that is what we are doing and will continue to do.

[Gorriti] Then talks about the bases (only) started during the meetings with Gabriel Lewis...

[Perez Balladares] The topic of U.S. military presence in Panama beyond the year 2000 was discussed only during my official visit to Washington in September 1995. After that visit.

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[Commentary by Miguel Angel De La Guardia; from the "Evening Information Review" newscast]

[FBIS Translated Text] According to many people, U.S. President William Clinton yielded too much ground to the Republicans when he ran for reelection during the last campaign. He had lost the majority in both chambers as a result of the 1994 partial elections. Instead of placing greater emphasis on overcoming that obstacle, Clinton focused on winning the presidency, which was not difficult against a politically obscure figure like Robert Dole.

He is now president of the United States for a second term, which is the longest term allowed by the existing U.S. Constitution. But his power has been reduced to a minimum because he is confronting difficult obstacles in Congress every time he attempts to do something that may benefit his party among voters.

In the Senate, the Foreign Relations Committee led by Jesse Helms, the worst Republican dinosaur and responsible for the Helms-Burton law, is opposed to the current administration. This will for the most part prevent Clinton from improving the course of his foreign policy, a purpose he announced as the main objective of his second term in office.

The ratification of the Treaty on the Progressive Elimination of Chemical Weapons, which has already been signed by 161 countries and

ratified by 68 countries, is confronting serious difficulties because of the Republican position regarding that pact. Not getting this treaty passed will be very negative for the program designed by Clinton.

Meanwhile, Anthony Lake, Clinton's candidate to head the CIA, has just withdrawn his nomination, leaving the president up in the air and without a suitable candidate for the position. One does not need to look hard to discover the principal motive of the campaign by Helms and his Republican allies against the Treaty on the Progressive Elimination of Chemical Weapons. The U.S. press itself has revealed that the pact adversely affects the interests of large U.S. chemical corporations, which are well represented in the Federal Congress.

In the United Nations, there is also concern over the payment of the high U.S. debt to that international organization, which is also opposed by the Jesse Helms' team. It is exerting pressure to delay or postpone indefinitely the payment of that debt, unless the United Nations also become a U.S. pawn, a good instrument of its foreign policy, that policy which must be reformed so that the United States does not become totally isolated.

There is not a bill presented by the Democratic executive branch that is not blocked by the legislature in Washington. If, in the next partial elections, the Republican control over both chambers is not reversed, there will be greater problems between the United States and the world community.

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MARCH 20, 1997

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT
ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF RHE
TOKYO SUBWAY SARIN GAS ATTACK

TWO YEARS AGO, TERRORISTS LAUNCHED A COWARDLY CHEMICAL
ATTACK IN TOKYO'S SUBWAYS THAT TOOK 12 LIVES AND INJURED
THOUSANDS MORE. TODAY, WE JOIN WITH THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN
IN REMEMBERING THEIR PAIN AND LOSS.

THIS TRAGIC ANNIVERSARY ALSO REMINDS US THAT WE MUST DO
EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PROTECT AMERICANS FROM THE THREAT
OF A SIMILAR TERRORIST OUTRAGE. THAT INCLUDES RATIFYING
THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION -- A STEP THAT JAPAN'S
DIET TOOK WITHIN A MONTH OF THE ATTACK IN TOKYO. AND
JUST THIS WEEK, THE TREATY WAS SUBMITTED TO RUSSIA'S DUMA
FOR RATIFICATION. WE STILL HAVE NOT RATIFIED. IT WOULD
BE HARMFUL TO OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS IF THE UNITED
STATES, WHICH LED THE WAY IN DEVELOPING THIS TREATY, WAS
ON THE OUTSIDE NOT THE INSIDE, WHEN IT COMES INTO
OPERATION ON APRIL 29.

THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION WILL HELP TO THWART
CHEMICAL TERRORISTS IN SEVERAL IMPORTANT WAYS. IT WILL
ELIMINATE THEIR LARGEST POTENTIAL SOURCE OF CHEMICAL
WEAPON STOCKPILES. IT WILL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR
TERRORISTS TO GAIN ACCESS TO CHEMICALS THAT CAN BE USED
TO MAKE CHEMICAL WEAPONS. IT WILL TIE THE UNITED STATES
INTO A GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE AND INFORMATION NETWORK THAT
CAN HELP PROVIDE EARLY WARNING OF TERRORIST PLANS FOR A
CHEMICAL ATTACK. IT WILL GIVE OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT NEW
AUTHORITY AT HOME TO INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE ANYONE

SEEKING TO ACQUIRE CHEMICAL WEAPONS OR TO USE THEM
AGAINST INNOCENT CIVILIANS.

JUST AS NO LAW PREVENTS EVERY CRIME, NO TREATY IS
FOOLPROOF. BUT THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION WILL HELP
MAKE OUR CITIZENS MORE SECURE. IT WILL ALSO HELP PROTECT
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SUBJECT: MARCH 26 PRESS GUIDANCE FOR THE EAP REGION

POSTS MAY DRAW FROM THESE GUIDANCES ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

5. CHINA: FUNDING ALLEGATIONS

Q. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT CAMPAIGN FUNDING ALLEGATIONS, IF
TRUE, COULD AFFECT OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH CHINA?

A. AS THE VICE PRESIDENT HAS INDICATED IN HIS
CONVERSATIONS IN BEIJING, THE ISSUE OF FOREIGN
INFLUENCE IN AMERICAN DOMESTIC POLITICS IS A
SERIOUS ONE AND COMPETENT AUTHORITIES ARE
INVESTIGATING THE ALLEGATIONS. THAT SAID, WE
SHOULD NOT JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS FROM APPARENT LEAKS
OF SENSITIVE BUT UNEVALUATED INFORMATION. CHINESE
OFFICIALS HAVE VIGOROUSLY DENIED THESE REPORTS.
OUR AUTHORITIES WILL INVESTIGATE THE MATTER
THOROUGHLY AND FAIRLY, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION WILL
BE TAKEN AS NEEDED.

-- OUR CHINA POLICY IS BASED ON OUR CALCULATION OF
HOW BEST TO ADVANCE AMERICAN NATIONAL INTERESTS,
AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE OUR MULTI-FACETED
GOALS BASED ON THAT CALCULATION. I AM NOT GOING
TO ADDRESS THE HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION OF THE EFFECT
OF SUBSTANTIATION OF THE ALLEGATIONS, THOUGH, AS I
SAY, IT WOULD BE A SERIOUS MATTER IF IT TURNS OUT
TO BE TRUE. IN THE MEANTIME, HOWEVER, WE WILL NOT
LET THE MERE FACT OF ALLEGATIONS DERAIL OUR
CURRENT EFFORTS.

6. TAIWAN: HIGH-LEVEL MEETING

Q. CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING WITH TAIWAN
OFFICIALS TOOK PLACE IN NEW YORK?

A. ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS HELD ONE DAY OF PRIVATE
TALKS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TAIWAN
AUTHORITIES JANUARY 13 IN NEW YORK. THE TALKS
TOOK PLACE AT A PRIVATE LOCATION APPROPRIATE TO
THE "UNOFFICIAL" CHARACTER OF OUR RELATIONS. WE
BELIEVE SUCH DISCUSSIONS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN
MAINTAINING PEACE AND STABILITY IN EAST ASIA.

Q. WHO ATTENDED?

A. THE ADMINISTRATION WAS REPRESENTED BY DEPUTY NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR JAMES STEINBERG AND UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS PETER TARNOFF. THEY MET WITH DING MOU-SHIH, SECRETARY GENERAL OF TAIWAN'S NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL.

Q. AT WHOSE REQUEST WERE TALKS HELD?

A. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT TALKS WOULD BE USEFUL.

Q. WHAT DID THE TALKS COVER?

A. THE PARTICIPANTS REVIEWED THE CURRENT STATE OF U.S.-TAIWAN RELATIONS.

Q. DID MR. DING COME TO WASHINGTON?

A. NO.

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Q. WAS THE PRC INFORMED ABOUT THE TALKS?

A. THE PRC UNDERSTANDS THAT WE HAVE UNOFFICIAL CONTACT WITH TAIWAN, PRINCIPALLY THROUGH THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN TAIWAN (AIT) IN TAIPEI AND THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE (TECRO) IN WASHINGTON.

Q. WAS THIS A PRECEDENT-SETTING MEETING?

A. NO. MR. DING HAD A PREVIOUS MEETING WITH THEN DEPUTY NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR BERGER AND UNDERSECRETARY TARNOFF ON MARCH 11, 1996. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS BETWEEN TAIWAN REPRESENTATIVES AND THE HEADS (CABINET SECRETARIES) OF U.S. ECONOMIC AGENCIES.

Q. WILL THERE BE FUTURE SUCH MEETINGS?

A. NONE ARE PRESENTLY SCHEDULED.

7. PAPUA NEW GUINEA: SITUATION REPORT

Q. WHAT IS OUR REACTION TO THE RESIGNATION OF PM CHAN AND HIS FELLOW CBINET MEMBERS? WILL THIS RESULT IN POLITICAL STABILITY IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA?

A. ON MARCH 26, PRIME MINISTER CHAN ANNOUNCED IN A TELEVISED ADDRESS TO THE NATION THAT HE WAS STEPPING ASIDE, TOGETHER WITH THE DEPUTY PRIME

MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, IN FAVOR OF AN AS YET TO BE DETERMINED CARETAKER GOVERNMENT. PRIME MINISTER CHAN SAID HE WOULD STEP ASIDE UNTIL HE WAS CLEARED BY A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY THAT IS TO INVESTIGATE THE CONTRACT HIS GOVERNMENT ENTERED INTO WITH SANDLINE INTERNATIONAL.

-- PRIOR TO STEPPING DOWN, PRIME MINISTER CHAN SUSPENDED THE SANDLINE CONTRACT AND THE MERCENARIES HAVE NOW DEPARTED PAPUA NEW GUINEA. THE PRIME MINISTER'S DECISION TO SEND THE MERCENARIES AWAY WAS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF REGIONAL STABILITY.

-- WE URGE THE GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA TO CONTINUE TO WORK TO RESTORE CIVIL PEACE AND PUBLIC CONFIDENCE SO THAT THE ELECTIONS CAN GO FORWARD IN A PEACEFUL ATMOSPHERE.

8. CWC: REACTION TO HELMS' ANNOUNCEMENT ON A SENATE VOTE

Q. WHAT IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO SENATOR HELMS' ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION WILL BE SUBMITTED SOON TO CONGRESS FOR A VOTE?

A. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY SENATOR HELMS' STATEMENT.

-- WE BELIEVE THIS TREATY, NEGOTIATED BY PRESIDENTS REAGAN AND BUSH AND SUPPORTED BY THE U.S. CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, WILL MAKE KEY CONTRIBUTIONS TO U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY AND NONPROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES.

-- YESTERDAY SECRETARY ALBRIGHT SAID THAT THE UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 05 STATE 055863

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ARGUMENT THAT OUTLAWS STATES MAY NOT COMPLY WITH THE CONVENTION IS "SINCERELY MADE BUT...NOT CONVINCING. WE CAN'T LET THE BAD GUYS WRITE THE RULES. WE AND OTHER LAW-ABIDING NATIONS HAVE TO ESTABLISH THE RULES BY WHICH ALL MUST BE JUDGED."

-- WE ARE LOOKING FOR A SENATE VOTE ON RATIFICATION BY MID-APRIL SO THAT WE CAN BECOME AN ORIGINAL PARTY TO THE TREATY BEFORE APRIL 29.

-- APRIL 29 IS A REAL DEADLINE WITH REAL CONSEQUENCES. ON THAT DAY THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION COMES INTO FORCE. WITHOUT POSITIVE SENATE ACTION BEFORE THAT DATE, THERE WILL BE ADVERSE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND DIPLOMATIC CONSEQUENCES FOR THE UNITED STATES.

- WITHOUT RATIFICATION THE CREDIBILITY OF AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ACROSS THE FULL RANGE OF PROLIFERATION ISSUES WILL BE UNDERMINED.
- THE UNITED STATES WILL LOSE ITS ROLE IN SHAPING HOW THE TREATY IS IMPLEMENTED, AND AMERICANS NOW SERVING IN KEY POSTS WILL BE REPLACED BY NATIONALS OF COUNTRIES THAT HAVE RATIFIED THE CONVENTIOI.
- AMERICAN CHEMICAL COMPANIES WILL BEGIN LOSING SALES TO THEIR OVERSEAS COMPETITORS, AS MANDATORY TRADE RESTRICTIONS AGAINST NON-PARTIES PHASE IN, PUTTING AT RISK AS MUCH AS \$600 MILLION IN SALES AND MANY JOBS.

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COUNTRY: HONDURAS

SUBJ: President Reina Responds to U.S. Daily Article on Kickbacks

SOURCE: San Pedro Sula Tiempo in Spanish 2 Apr 97 p 3

TEXT:

[FBIS Translated Text] Tegucigalpa -- President Carlos Roberto Reina yesterday said that what was stated in a daily article that people in Honduras ask foreign investors to pay kickback to expedite their opening "is nothing more than a rumor," of which he wants evidence or sources in order to proceed accordingly. "I want to ask you and Mr. Juan Tamayo himself ("The Miami Herald" reporter who wrote the article) to give me the names of those people to immediately forward them to the respective office," the president said at a news conference.

He added: "This is a very general way to say that the president is honest, but that he has relatives. My family is very big; however, if any of them have committed an unlawful action, they must be prosecuted as any other citizen would be."

Paragraphs of the article published by U.S. daily "The Miami Herald" reported that investors from that country have desisted from investing in Honduras, because officials of the current administration and Reina's relatives demanded kickbacks. The article published on 27 March was entitled: "Change Is Likely Where Kickbacks Are Common."

Reina said his nephew, Mario Reina Midence, who died yesterday two years ago, was attributed strange things, because he was a very honest youth inclined to succeed and because he used to resolve all the problems he faced. "I cannot forward abstract matters to the Commission against Corruption, because I have no information whatsoever," the president stressed at the news conference.

"I am certain that it is untrue. This is the response to those who are being tangibly accused of committing public crimes, to those whom a senator (Jesse Helms), whose name is known around the world, described as the world's most corrupt individuals. Then they strike back by saying that there are some relatives," President Reina affirmed in reference to a Tegucigalpa daily that reported on the article and to former President Rafael Leonardo Callejas.

Reina also said: "This is a way of defending themselves by resorting to vague charges. They are the ones who make up this information, which are then regarded as though they were tangible actions."

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TEXT:

[FBIS Transcribed Text] The challenge will be to define constraints acceptable to the EU's 15 members and to Congress -- and above all to Senator Jesse Helms, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee and co-author of Helms-Burton.

Part of Title IV of Helms-Burton, extending the sanctions to families, was originally inserted as a bargaining chip, suggesting he might be prepared to be flexible on a presidential waiver. Administration officials hope he will be tempted by the prospect of a comprehensive OECD agreement covers the use of expropriated assets not just in Cuba but in other countries.

But Senator Helms's advisers say he will not trade Helms-Burton's provisions for verbal promises by the EU and other countries, and that any international investment disciplines must meet tough standards and be legally enforceable. The belief that the EU has blinked in the confrontation may also encourage him to drive a hard bargain.

The task of securing an accommodation with Senator Helms is made no easier in that the government is wrangling with him on other issues -- United Nations funding, approval of official appointments and ratification of the chemical weapons treaty.

All this points to further tense negotiations in Washington and

Brussels, under the shadow of the EU's threat to reinstate its WTO case. It seems too early to declare transatlantic brinkmanship on Helms-Burton at an end.

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1. REFTTEL CITES A FOUR-MEMBER DELEGATION FROM THE NEW FRONTIER PARTY (NFP) TO VISIT WASHINGTON BETWEEN APRIL 28 AND MAY 2. CHARGE RECEIVED A LETTER APRIL 15 WITH MORE DETAILS (COPY FAXED TO EAP/J), WHICH WE HOPE CAN BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN PLANNING TO HOST THIS GROUP. THE NFP IS PASSING A SIMILAR REQUEST TO THE JAPANESE EMBASSY THROUGH MOFA.

2. DELEGATION MEMBERS ARE LISTED IN REFTTEL, BUT REPEATED HERE WITH TITLES:

--TAKESHI NODA, CHAIRMAN OF THE NFP POLICY RESEARCH COUNCIL
--DR. CHIKARA SAKAGUCHI, SHADOW CABINET FOREIGN MINISTER
--JIN MURAI, SHADOW CABINET DEFENSE MINISTER
--DR. YOSHIO SUZUKI, SHADOW CABINET FINANCE MINISTER
--TAKASHI OKA, STAFF AIDE AND INTERPRETER.

3. THE DELEGATION IS AVAILABLE FOR APPOINTMENTS BETWEEN APRIL 29 AND MAY 2. THEY ARE ASKING FOR SPECIFIC MEETINGS WITH:

--NSC: SANDY BERGER
--DOS: SECRETARY ALBRIGHT, DEPSEC TALBOTT, ACTING A/S KARTMAN
--DOD: SECRETARY COHEN, U/S SLOCOMBE, DASD CAMPBELL
--TREASURY: SECRETARY RUBIN, DEPSEC SUMMERS
--FEDERAL RESERVE: CHAIRMAN GREENSPAN

--SENATE: JESSE HELMS, RICHARD LUGAR, WILLIAM ROTH, JOHN MCCAIN
--HOUSE OF REPS: JOHN KASICH, RICHARD GEPHARDT, (EMBASSY ALSO RECOMMENDS DOUG BEREUTER)
--OTHERS: FRED BERGSTEN OF THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS, JOHN MAKIN OF THE AMERICAN ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE, CHARLES SCHULZ OF THE BROOKINGS INSTITUTE, FORMER HOUSE SPEAKER TOM FOLEY, AND FORMER SENATOR BILL BRADLEY.

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EDITORIALS ARE CONCENTRATED ON THE UPCOMING TAX
SUMMIT BETWEEN THE COALITION PARTIES AND THE SPD AND ON
THE RESERVATIONS OF THE FDP ABOUT THE OLD AGE PENSION
MODEL.

- B. (EU-U.S.) HELMS-BURTON
 - 1. WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT DIETRICH ZWAETZ FILED
THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL FOR BUSINESS NEWSPAPER
HANDELSBLATT OF DUESSELDORF (04/15) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"THE UNITED STATES IS NO GLOBAL TRADE COP."

"THE TALKS WITH CANADA'S PREMIER JEAN CHRETIEN, WHO
DOES NOT WANT TO ALLOW THE UNITED STATES TO DICTATE ITS
CUBA POLICY TO HIM, HAVE EVENTUALLY CONVINCED PRESIDENT
CLINTON EIGHT DAYS AGO THAT THE UNITED STATES HAVE
EMBARKED ON A WRONG PATH WITH THE HELMS-BURTON ACT. THE
PRESIDENT REALIZED THAT A SUSPENSION OF A CERTAIN
PROVISION OF THE ACT EVERY HALF A YEAR...DID NOT HELP TOO
MUCH WIN BACK PART OF THE LOST PRESTIGE OF THE UNITED
STATES. CLINTON CUT THE GORDIAN KNOT TOGETHER WITH THE
EUROPEAN UNION.

"NOW THE QUESTION IS NOT WHETHER AND WITH WHICH

MAJORITY THE U.S. CONGRESS WILL SOFTEN THE CATALOGUE OF SANCTIONS WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS. IT IS MUCH MORE UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 06 BONN 004473

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IMPORTANT WHETHER THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE ENTER INTO A DEEPER DISCUSSION ABOUT EXTRATERRITORIALITY, 'AS EU COMMISSIONER LEON BRITTAN WISHES. ONLY SUCH TALKS CAN DISCLOSE WHETHER THE UNITED STATES WANTS TO GIVE UP PERMANENTLY ITS CLAIM TO ACT AS THE GLOBAL TRADE COP. ...

"IT IS TRUE THAT, SINCE THE FAILED DEPLOYMENT OF SOVIET MISSILES IN CUBA, 35 YEARS HAVE PASSED, AND IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT THE EVIL EMPIRE IN THE EAST' HAS DISAPPEARED. NEVERTHELESS, U.S. CIRCLES STILL FEEL THREATENED BY CASTRO'S REGIME. BUT THIS FEELING IS BASED ON THE FACT THAT THE BIG UNITED STATES HAS BEEN UNABLE IN MORE THAN 37 YEARS TO FORCE THE LITTLE CUBA DOWN ON ITS KNEES. THIS IS WHAT SENATOR JESSE HELMS AND CONGRESSMAN BURTON WANT TO ACHIEVE WITH THEIR ACT. THE EU MUST NOW BEGIN AN INTENSE DIALOGUE WITH THE UNITED STATES ABOUT EXTRATERRITORIALITY. THEN THE HELMS-BURTON ACT WILL AT LEAST HAVE FULFILLED A REASONABLE PURPOSE."

2. WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT CAROLA KAPS WRITES THIS EDITORIAL FOR RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (04/15) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"RISKY SWITCH-ON, SWITCH-OFF DIPLOMACY."

WITH THE NEW 105TH CONGRESS, THE (U.S.) VIEW ON THE WTO AND ITS INTERNATIONALLY BINDING TRADE RULES HAVE BECOME EVEN MORE UNFRIENDLY. THIS IS WHY IT IS ALL THE MORE REMARKABLE HOW MUCH THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION USES THE WTO AS A TOOL FOR ITS FOREIGN TRADE AND FOREIGN POLICY STRATEGY. IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS STATEMENT AT THE BEGINNING OF HIS FIRST TERM WHEN HE SAID THAT TRADE AND COMMERCE CAN NO LONGER BE SEPARATED FROM FOREIGN POLICY, PRESIDENT CLINTON IS USING THE WTO AS AN INSTRUMENT TO OPEN UP MARKETS AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS OF HIS TRADING PARTNERS. VIA THE TRANSMISSION BELT OF THE WTO AND ITS

MULTILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENTS, THE UNITED STATES IS TRYING TO TRANSFER ITS OWN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC VALUES AND CONVICTIONS ONTO THE REST OF THE WORLD....

"BUT THERE ARE TWO REASONS WHY THIS TRIUMPHANT U.S. ADVANCE UNDER THE DISGUISE OF THE WTO IS CRITICIZED NOT ONLY BY THE SMALLER U.S. TRADING PARTNERS AS ECONOMIC IMPERIALISM: THE TIMES ARE OVER WHEN THE U.S. SUPERPOWER CONCEDED (TIDE) PREFERENCES TO OTHER COUNTRIES.... BUT THE PARTNERS ARE MORE ANNOYED AT THE ARROGANCE...WITH WHICH THE UNITED STATES USES THE MULTILATERAL OR THE BILATERAL APPROACH AT WILL. DEPENDING ON THE DOMESTIC POLICY SITUATION OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS, THE UNITED STATES USES THE MULTILATERAL APPROACH IF ITS INTERESTS CAN BE ASSERTED IN GENEVA IN AN EFFECTIVE MANNER, OR THE UNILATERAL ONE IF THIS PROMISES GREATER SUCCESS AND IF DOMESTIC PRESSURE GROUPS DEMAND IT. THE CONTROVERSY UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 06 BONN 004473

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ABOUT HELM-BURTON OR THE...BOYCOTT ON IRAN/LIBYA ARE ONLY THE VERY IRRITATING TIPS OF THE ICEBERG....

"EX-SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE SHULTZ CONDEMNED THIS FATAL INCLINATION TO TAKE UNILATERAL SANCTIONS 15 YEARS AGO AS SWITCH-ON, SWITCH-OFF DIPLOMACY.' HE SAID THAT ECONOMIC RELATIONS CANNOT BE SWITCHED ON AND OFF LIKE A LIGHT. BUT NEITHER CONGRESS NOR THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION SEEM TO RECALL THIS ADMONISHMENT. DEPENDING ON THE MOOD AND THE DOMESTIC POLICY SITUATION, GOVERNMENT AND CONGRESS OFFEND AGAIN AND AGAIN EVEN FRIENDS IN TIDE POLICY."

C. (CROATIA) ELECTIONS

1. WOLF BELL NOTES IN AN EDITORIAL IN CENTRIST GENERAL-ANZEIGER OF BONN (04/15) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"TUDJMAN'S DEMOCRACY."

"CROATIA'S DEFICIENCIES IN DEMOCRACY HAVE NOT BEEN RESOLVED BY THE ELECTIONS OVER THE WEEKEND. THE

FORESEEABLE SUCCESS OF THE HDZ, PRESIDENT FRANJO TUDJMAN'S PARTY, MEANS THAT HIS QUESTIONABLE LEADERSHIP METHODS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE. SOCIAL LIBERALS AND REFORMIST DEMOCRATS MUST CONTINUE TO BE AT DISADVANTAGE. THE PRESS AND JUSTICE AUTHORITIES WILL CONTINUE TO FEEL RESTRAINED. THE VIOLENT CROATIAN MAFIA IN THE BOSNIAN CITY OF MOSTAR CAN NOW BE PLEASED BECAUSE OF BENEVOLENT SUPPORT FROM ZAGREB. WE CAN HARDLY HOPE FOR BETTER COOPERATION WITH THE WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL IN THE HAGUE. AND THE ELECTORAL MANIPULATIONS IN EASTERN SLAVONIA DO NOT OFFER REASON FOR HOPE FOR FUTURE COOPERATION WITH THE SERBIAN MAJORITY IN THIS REGION. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, AN EARLY CROATIAN EU MEMBERSHIP IS OUT OF THE QUESTION."

2. JOSEF ABAFFY HOLDS IN AN EDITORIAL IN BUSINESS NEWSPAPER HANDELSBLATT OF DUESSELDORF (04/15) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"UNSTABLE PEACE."

"THE LATEST ELECTION IN CROATIA CLEARLY REFLECTS THE GENERAL TREND: A SLIGHT WEAKENING OF THE HDZ, A STRENGTHENING OF THE OPPOSITION, THE CENTRIST PARTIES IN PARTICULAR. EVERY OTHER DEVELOPMENT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE COUNTRY. A STRENGTHENED HDZ WOULD INEVITABLY HAVE STRENGTHENED THE TREND TO AN AUTHORITARIAN SYSTEM OF PRESIDENT TUDJMAN, WHILE A RADICAL LOSS OF SUPPORT OF THE HDZ WOULD HAVE CAUSED UNEASE AMONG CROATIA'S ECONOMIC PARTNERS AND THREATENED CROATIA'S STABILIZATION. BUT A DESTABILIZATION WOULD UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 06 BONN 004473

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HAVE BEEN THE LAST THING THE WEST COULD WISH RIGHT NOW. THE FACT ALONE THAT THE ELECTIONS HAD TO TAKE PLACE WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE U.N. DEMONSTRATES HOW UNSTABLE PEACE STILL IS IN THE WHOLE REGION."

3. LEFT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU (04/15)

CARRIES AN EDITORIAL BY ROLF PAASCH UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"TUDJMAN'S VICTORY."

"PRESIDENT FRANJO TUDJMAN CONTINUES TO DOMINATE THE POLICY OF HIS COUNTRY.... IN NOVEMBER, WHEN TUDJMAN RETURNED FROM WASHINGTON'S REED HOSPITAL TO HIS CAPITAL, 100,000 PEOPLE TOOK TO THE STREET TO PROTEST THE CLOSURE OF A LOCAL RADIO STATION AND SPECULATED ABOUT HIS DEPARTURE. HIS PARTY WAS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN CORRUPTION SCANDALS AND UNABLE TO MASTER THE NEW TIMES.... BUT IF THE LATEST ELECTION RESULTS ARE CORRECT, THIS WILL NO LONGER BE THE CASE. A RESTRENGTHENED TUDJMAN SAID: THOSE WHO ARE AGAINST THE HDZ, ARE OPPOSED TO CROATIA'S SOVEREIGNTY.' FOR SUCH PHRASES ALONE, POLITICIANS ARE VOTED OUT OF THEIR OFFICES IN DEMOCRACIES."

D. (MIDDLE EAST) PEACE PROCESS

RIGHT-OF-CENTER MAIN-POST OF WUERZBURG (04/15)
ARGUES:

"OBVIOUSLY, ISRAEL WITH NETANYAHU AT THE HELM HAS MANEUVERED ITSELF INTO A DEAD-END STREET. AND THE DISCUSSED GRAND COALITION WILL OBVIOUSLY ALSO BE UNABLE TO FIND A WAY OUT. THIS IS WHY THE GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON AND THE EUROPEAN UNION MUST RAISE THEIR VOICES IF THE DAMAGE IS TO BE LIMITED. EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN WILL NOT BE ENOUGH. BUT THE WHITE HOUSE STILL DEMONSTRATES NOBLE RESTRAINT TOWARDS NETANYAHU - THUS CREATING A DANGEROUS SITUATION FOR U.S. (FOREIGN) POLICY. PALESTINIAN PRESIDENT YASSER ARAFAT HAS DEMONSTRATED A COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE IN THIS DELICATE SITUATION, WHILE, IN REALITY, ISRAEL MUST BE BLAMED FOR THE CURRENT SITUATION. IT IS TIME TO TALK PLAIN ENGLISH WITH THE INTRANSIGENT (ISRAELI) GOVERNMENT LEADER."

E. (BALKANS) UNREST

1. PETER MUENCH HAS THIS TO SAY IN AN EDITORIAL IN CENTRIST SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (04/145) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"A MARSHALL PLAN FOR THE BALKANS."

"OPERATION ALBA IS TO SAVE ALBANIA.... THIS MISSION IS TO MARK A NEW BEGINNING, BUT WE DOUBT WHETHER IT WILL
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BE A NEW BEGINNING, FOR, WHY SHOULD SOMETHING WORK OUT IN ALBANIA THAT DID NOT FUNCTION ELSEWHERE IN THE BALKANS? THESE FORCES FOR ALBANIA ARE AGAIN NOTHING BUT A FIREFIGHTING COMMANDO. THERE IS NO CONCEPT ON HOW EUROPE WANTS TO TREAT THE BALKANS IN THE LONG TERM.... THE REACTION OF THE WEST - WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MACEDONIA - HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE SAME: IT HESITATES UNTIL THE DISASTER HAS COME ABOUT, THEN IT INTERVENES. SO FAR, SO BAD. BUT IT CANNOT BE ENOUGH TO EXTINGUISH THE FUSE OF THE POWDER KEG. A COMPREHENSIVE CONCEPT MUST BE DEVELOPED - A MARSHALL PLAN' FOR THE BALKANS....

"AFTER WW II, THE MARSHALL PLAN IN GERMANY HAS NOT IMPLEMENTED WITH FORMER NAZIS. THIS MEANS THAT, AFTER THE COLLAPSE OF COMMUNISM AND THE YUGOSLAV WARS, A POLITICAL RENEWAL IS AS IMPORTANT AS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. BUT THE WEST HAS BADLY NEGLECTED THIS RENEWAL. EVERYTHING WAS SUBORDINATED TO THE WISH FOR STABILITY. AND (THE WEST) OBVIOUSLY HOPES FOR STABILITY ONLY FROM THE STRONG MEN IN THE BALKANS. AND BASED ON THIS DECEPTIVE HOPE, (THE WEST) IS NOW TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH YUGOSLAVIA'S RECONSTRUCTION WITH THE TRAILBLAZERS OF THE WAR.... BUT DEFICIENCIES IN DEMOCRACY ARE DELIBERATELY IGNORED SUCH AS IN ALBANIA, WHERE PRESIDENT BERISHA FALSIFIED THE ELECTIONS WITH IMPUNITY.. ALL THIS WON'T DO. IT IS TRUE THAT, FIVE YEARS AFTER THE END OF COMMUNISM, THERE ARE NO PERFECT ALTERNATIVE CANDIDATES, BUT THERE ARE AT LEAST OPPOSITION FORCES WHICH COULD WELL BE INFLUENCED IN A WESTERN SENSE.

"THE WEST MUST WANT THIS, BUT THE COMMON WILL IS LACKING. OFTEN THE EU IS BLOCKED BECAUSE, FOR INSTANCE, A GERMAN MOVE TO ASSIST CROATIA NURTURES FEARS IN PARIS AND LONDON.... BUT AN ORGANIZATION SUCH AS THE OSCE COULD DISTINGUISH ITSELF IN THE BALKANS. IN BOSNIA, IT MORE OR LESS ORGANIZED ELECTIONS. IN SERBIA, THE OSCE DELEGATION UNDER FELIPE GONZALES CONTRIBUTED TO MILOSEVIC MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS. AND IN ALBANIA IT IS CONDUCTING A MILITARY MISSION FOR THE FIRST TIME. BUT THE OSCE MUST TURN FROM A CRISIS MANAGER TO A RECONSTRUCTION MANAGER. OTHERWISE OPERATION ALBA COULD, RIGHT FROM THE OUTSET, BE RENAMED TO OPERATION ALIBI.'"

2. RIGHT-OF-CENTER NUERNBERGER ZEITUNG (04/15)
NOTES:

"THE IMPRESSION IS GAINING THE UPPER HAND THAT THE NATIONAL REVOLT HAS EXCEEDED ITS CULMINATION AND THE

CHAOS IS DISAPPEARING. MAYBE THE PEOPLE HAVE REALIZED THAT THEY INFLICTED THE GREATEST DAMAGE UPON THEMSELVES BY ELIMINATING LAW AND ORDER. SEEN FROM THIS ANGLE, THE TIMING OF OPERATION ALBA IN ALBANIA HAS RIGHT, SINCE THE UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 06 BONN 004473

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OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE AND ANARCHY IS NOW OVER AND THE NATIONAL HANGOVER BEGINS."

F. (U.S.-SAUDI ARABIA) RELATIONS

RUDOLPH CHIMELLI HAS THIS TO SAY IN AN EDITORIAL IN CENTRIST SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (04/15) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"GOD'S ENEMY AND ITS DESERT PROTECTORATE."

"THE PRESENCE OF U.S. FORCES IN SAUDI ARABIA, EVEN IF THE MAJORITY OF THESE FORCES HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO LESS CONSPICUOUS DESERT AREAS, REMINDS (MANY SAUDIS) OF THE FACT THAT THEIR MONARCHY IS UNDER THE PROTECTORATE OF THE UNITED STATES. BUT WASHINGTON'S LATEST VETO AGAINST ISRAEL'S CONDEMNATION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL SHOWS HOW UNCOMFORTABLE THIS NEIGHBORHOOD IS FOR THE SAUDI MONARCHY. SAUDI ARABIA, TOO, REJECTS ISRAEL'S SETTLEMENT POLICY, BUT ONLY BEHIND CLOSED DOORS DO THE SAUDIS EXPRESS THEIR ANNOYANCE AT THE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT DISAPPROVE OF ISRAEL'S POLICY..

"THE WIDESPREAD UNEASE ABOUT THIS (U.S.-SAUDI) ALLIANCE INTENSIFIES BECAUSE OF THE HUMILIATING INSIGHT THAT THE MONARCHY CANNOT DO WITHOUT U.S. PROTECTION. BECAUSE THIS IS SO, ARMS SPENDING IS A GREAT CAUSE OF CONCERN. AND ALTHOUGH SAUDI ARABIA SPENT MORE THAN 100 BILLION DOLLARS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ADVANCED WEAPONRY, ITS FORCES ARE ONLY OPERATIONAL TO A LIMITED DEGREE. AND THIS ARMS BUILD-UP CONTINUES - DESPITE HIGH DEBTS AND ALTHOUGH EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT THE AMERICANS WOULD INTERVENE IN CASE OF A SERIOUS CONFLICT....

"IN A COUNTRY WITHOUT ELECTIONS, WITHOUT PARTIES AND WITHOUT A FREE PRESS, IT IS HARD TO FIND OUT TO WHAT EXTENT VISIBLE DISSATISFACTION HAS BECOME A POLITICAL FACTOR.... BUT THE OLD RECIPE OF PROSPERITY INSTEAD OF DEMOCRACY' CAN NO LONGER BE APPLIED.. THE POPULATION INCREASES BY FOUR PERCENT EVERY YEAR, AND TENS OF THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS GRADUATE EVERY YEAR FROM THE UNIVERSITIES. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, THE KING CALLED UPON THE SAUDIS TO ACCEPT SEVERAL JOBS AT THE SAME TIME. AND A DOZEN OF JOBS ARE RESERVED ONLY FOR SAUDI CITIZENS.... BUT NINE-TENTHS OF THE WORKFORCE ARE STILL GUEST WORKERS. IN THE MEDIUM-TERM, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND MODERN ECONOMIC STRUCTURES WILL DESTABILIZE THE REGIME MORE THAN ALL POLITICAL CONSPIRACIES."
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