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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION MIDDLE EAST ZAIRE U.S. POLITICS

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1. MIDDLE EAST

2. ZAIRE
3. U.S. POLITICS: CAMPAIGN FUNDING

PAGE ONE STORIES

1. CONGRESS TO GIVE UP CLAIM TO FORM GOVT.
AFTER UNITED FRONT ELECTS NEW LEADER:

-- REPORTS THIS MORNING ASSERTED THAT THE CONGRESS PARTY HAS OFFICIALLY INFORMED THE UNITED FRONT (UF) OF ITS DECISION TO SUPPORT THE FRONT IN FORMATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT, IF IT CHANGES ITS LEADER. THE CONGRESS WORKING COMMITTEE (CWC) ALSO CLARIFIED THAT THE LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT STAKING CLAIM TO FORM GOVERNMENT WOULD BE WITHDRAWN AFTER THE UF ELECTS A NEW LEADER. REPORTS SAID THIS WAS CONVEYED TO FRONT CONVENER CHANDRABABU NAIDU BY CONGRESS PRESIDENT SITARAM KESRI, WHO ALSO SOUGHT TO ALLAY THE APPREHENSIONS OF UF LEADERS ABOUT THE CONGRESS' FUTURE PLANS.

-- THE HINDUSTAN TIMES AND OTHER DAILIES REPORTED THAT TWO DAYS AHEAD OF THE UF'S COMMENCEMENT OF FORMAL CONSULTATIONS TO CHOOSE A SUCCESSOR TO DEVE GOWDA, TAMIL MAANILA CONGRESS (TMC) LEADER G.K. MOOPANAR IS BEING WIDELY SEEN AS THE FRONT-RUNNER. IN A FIELD WITH SO MANY PRIME MINISTERIAL HOPEFULS, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER I.K. GUJRAL CLOSELY FOLLOWS MOOPANAR, WITH A LIKELY "TOSS-UP" BETWEEN THE TWO IN THE FINAL LAP TO LEAD THE COUNTRY. MEANWHILE, THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA (MARXISTS) HAS ALSO STATED THAT IT IS PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITH THE LEADERSHIP CHANGE--DESPITE ITS STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE REMOVE-DEVE GOWDA CAMPAIGN--IN THE INTEREST OF THE 13-PARTY COMBINE.

-- THE HINDU LEAD STORY SAID THE GOVERNMENT, UNDETERRED BY THE CONTINUING CONFUSION ON THE POLITICAL FRONT, ON TUESDAY FORMALLY ASKED LOK SABHA (LOWER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT) SPEAKER P.A. SANGMA TO CONVENE A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE HOUSE FROM APRIL 21 FOR THREE DAYS FOR TRANSACTING FINANCIAL BUSINESS. FINANCE MINISTRY SOURCES MAINTAINED THAT THE FINANCE BILL AND THE DEMANDS FOR GRANTS OF THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES WOULD BE PASSED DURING THE SESSION. THE OPPOSITION BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY (BJP) HAS MEANWHILE WRITTEN TO PRESIDENT S.D. SHARMA THAT IT WOULD NOT "COOPERATE" IN GETTING THE BILL PASSED IN CASE THERE WAS POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER GOVERNMENT BEING INSTALLED.

2. PAKISTAN RESISTS MOVE TO WIND UP UN MISSION IN KASHMIR:

-- SEVERAL MAINSTREAM DAILIES GAVE FOREIGN NEWS PAGE ATTENTION TO A PTI WIRE SERVICE REPORT FROM NEW YORK STATING THAT PAKISTAN IS UNHAPPY OVER JESSE HELMS' PROPOSAL TO A SENATE COMMITTEE FOR ABOLITION OF THE UN MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP IN BOTH JAMMU AND KASHMIR STATE

AND THE PARTS OCCUPIED BY PAKISTAN (POK). THE PROPOSAL TO ABOLISH THE GROUP'S PRESENCE IN BOTH INDIA AND PAKISTAN BY 1999 FORMS PART OF THE SUGGESTIONS HELMS IS REPORTED TO HAVE SET FOR THE U.S. TO PAY ITS ARREARS TO THE WORLD BODY, THE REPORT SAID.

3. NEW CREDIT POLICY ANNOUNCED:
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-- ALL LEADING NATIONAL DAILIES REPORTED THAT THE RESERVE BANK OF INDIA'S (RBI) SLACK SEASON CREDIT POLICY ANNOUNCED ON TUESDAY IS EXPECTED TO GIVE A BOOST TO INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION BY REDUCING INTEREST RATES BY ONE PERCENT, BESIDES CONSIDERABLY LIBERALIZING RULES FOR BANK LENDING. IN A MOVE THAT HAS BEEN WIDELY WELCOMED BY INDUSTRY, THE RBI HAS PERMITTED BANKS A LOT MORE FREEDOM TO ASSES THE CREDIT NEEDS OF INDUSTRY IT ALSO ABOLISHED CASH RESERVE RATIO (CRR) ON INTER-BANK LIABILITIES AND REDUCED INTEREST RATES ON SHORT-TERM DOMESTIC DEPOSITS. THE RBI CLAIMED THAT THE NEW POLICY IS A MAJOR ATTEMPT TO RESUSCITATE THE CASH- STARVED INDIAN INDUSTRY.

4. 100 INDIANS AMONG 300 KILLED IN MECCA FIRE:

-- ALL PAPERS GAVE PROMINENT PAGE ONE ATTENTION TO REPORTS FROM DUBAI STATING THAT AT LEAST 100 INDIAN HAJ PILGRIMS WERE KILLED IN A DEVASTATING FIRE IN THE CAMPS IN MINA. REPORTS QUOTED WITNESSES STATING THAT AT LEAST 300 PEOPLE DIED WHEN FIRE SWEEPED ACROSS A PILGRIMS' TENT ENCAMPMENT OUTSIDE MECCA AS TWO MILLION MUSLIMS GATHERED FOR HAJ. THE DEAD WERE MOSTLY INDIANS, PAKISTANIS AND BANGLADESHIS.

1. MIDDLE EAST

--"ISRAEL'S REBUFF," EDITORIAL IN APRIL 16 NATIONALIST THE HINDUSTAN TIMES:

"TOO MUCH SHOULD NOT BE READ INTO THE MALAPERTNESS WITH WHICH ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER BENJAMIN NETANYAHU TURNED DOWN PRESIDENT CLINTON'S PEACE

PROPOSALS DURING THEIR MEETING LAST WEEK IN WASHINGTON.... IF ANYTHING, THE SUMMIT BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS--BILLED AS A LAST CRUCIAL EFFORT TO SAVE THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS WHICH IS TEETERING ON THE EDGE OF COMPLETE COLLAPSE--SERVED TO RESTATE NETANYAHU'S CREDENTIALS AS A BLUSTERER PAR EXCELLENCE. HE NOT ONLY REAFFIRMED HIS INTENTIONS TO CONTINUE BUILDING ON JEFEL ABU GHNEIM...BUT ALSO THREW A SPANNER IN THE WORKS OF U.S.-PALESTINIAN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WERE PROCEEDING ALONGSIDE....

"NETANYAHU'S TACTICS IN WASHINGTON ARE PERFECTLY IN LINE WITH THE INTEMPERATE CAPERS WHICH HAVE BEEN THE HALLMARKS OF HIS BRIEF PERIOD IN OFFICE. DESPITE SWEARING BY THE OSLO ACCORDS DURING HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN, HE HAS OF LATE STARTED DESCRIBING THE NORWEGIAN COMPACT AS BEING THE FIRST STAGE IN THE DISMANTLING OF ISRAEL. CURIOUSLY, THE ISRAELI PREMIER WASTES NO OPPORTUNITY, EITHER, TO TELL THE PALESTINIANS THAT THEY SHOULD LIVE UP TO THOSE TREATY OBLIGATIONS! BUT THESE APPARENT INCONGRUITIES COULD ALSO VERY WELL BE A CAMOUFLAGE WHICH NETANYAHU USES TO PRESENT HIMSELF AS A TOUGH NEGOTIATOR, WHILE ALLOWING THE ARABS TO COMPLAIN BITTERLY ABOUT ISRAEL INTRANSIGENCE.... ALL THIS STRENGTHENS THE POSSIBILITY THAT NETANYAHU MAY SOON REALLY BRING THE DOVISH OPPOSITION LABOR PARTY INTO HIS ADMINISTRATION."

--"WILL PEACEMAKER JOIN TO BROADBASE ISRAELI COALITION," ANALYSIS IN APRIL 16 CENTRIST THE HINDU BY WEST ASIA CORRESPONDENT KESAVA MENON:

"TWICE OVER, IN THE RECENT DAYS...BENJAMIN NETANYAHU HAS SPECULATED ALOUD ON THE WISDOM OF FORMING...A NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT.... THE IDEA UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 04 NEW DELHI 003929

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SEEMS TO BE FOR THE FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT COMPOSED OF THE LIKUD AND THE LABOR PARTY WHICH IS THE MAJOR FORMATION OF THE LEFT WING IN ISRAEL POLITICS.... LABOR PARTY LEADER SHIMON PERES, AND COMMENTATORS WHO SUPPORT THE FORMATION OF A NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT DO SO ON THE GROUND THAT THIS WILL HELP THE FORGING OF A NATIONAL CONSENSUS ON CRUCIAL ISSUES WHICH HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATED WITH THE PALESTINIANS. THE PALESTINIANS HAVE YET TO ACCEPT NETANYAHU'S PROPOSAL THAT THE SETTLEMENT OF THESE

ISSUES--WHICH WILL SETTLE THE PERMANENT STATUS OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIANS SHOULD BE TELESCOPED INTO A SIX MONTH TIME FRAME.... IN A SENSE THIS TASK IS SOMEWHAT EASIER FOR THE PALESTINIANS SINCE THEIR GOALS ARE CLEAR-CUT--A PALESTINIAN STATE WITH EAST JERUSALEM AS ITS CAPITAL AND INCORPORATING MOST OF THE TERRITORY WHICH ISRAEL CAPTURED IN 1967....

"A MEDIAN ISRAEL POSITION ON THE THREE ISSUES--SOVEREIGNTY, JERUSALEM AND TERRITORY--IS MUCH MORE NEBULOUS. THE NATIONAL CONSENSUS MIGHT BECOME CLEARER IF THE TWO MAJOR PARTIES...WERE TO BE EQUALLY INVOLVED IN THE NITTY GRITTY OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.... A NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT MAKES SENSE IN ANOTHER RESPECT AS WELL SINCE BETWEEN 80 AND 90 PER CENT OF THE ISRAELI ELECTORATE STAUNCHLY SUPPORT EITHER THE LABOR OR THE LIKUD.... THE PALESTINIANS TOO WOULD NOT BE DISPLEASED IF SUCH A FORMATION WERE TO COME ABOUT SINCE THE ISRAELI POLITICAL FORCE WHICH FIRST ENTERED INTO AGREEMENTS, AND WITH WHICH THE PALESTINIANS WERE ABLE TO FORGE A MEASURE OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT, WOULD BE OFFICIALLY BACK ON THE BOARD AS INTERLOCUTORS."

2. ZAIRE

--"MOBUTU ON HIS WAY OUT," "GLOBAL WATCH" COLUMN IN PRO-ECONOMIC REFORMS THE ECONOMIC TIMES BY PUNDIT K. SUBRAHMANYAM:

"GENERAL MOBUTU OF ZAIRE IS ON HIS WAY OUT.... THE ZAIRIAN DICTATOR HAS BEEN ABANDONED BY HIS LONG TIME PATRON, THE U.S.... MOBUTU IS LIKELY TO JOIN THE ILLUSTRIOUS GROUP OF DICTATORS SUPPORTED BY THE U.S. AND THEN GOT CONSIDERED TO THE DUSTBIN OF HISTORY.... MOBUTU AIDED U.S. FLOW OF ARMS TO THE INSURGENTS IN ANGOLA, AND WAS SO CONSIDERED A STAUNCH ANTI-COMMUNIST DESERVING SUPPORT. MOBUTU ILLUSTRATES THAT THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS IS ONLY A QUESTION OF EXPEDIENCY. WITH THE END OF COLD WAR, MOST DICTATORS HAVE LOST THEIR VALUE FOR THE U.S. AND THEIR ABILITY TO BLACKMAIL THE U.S. THAT IS ONE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT. HOWEVER, THE FALLOUT OF THE COLD WAR STILL DOMINATES INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ENVIRONMENT IN MANY NATIONS, INCLUDING ZAIRE AND THE REST OF AFRICA.

"THANKS TO THE U.S. BACKING OF SUCH DICTATORS, DEVELOPMENTS OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND VALUES IN THESE COUNTRIES WERE RETARDED.... IN AFRICA TWO MAJOR PLAYERS ARE INVOLVED--THE U.S. AND FRANCE. THE LATTER HAS AN EARMARKED EXPEDITION FORCE FOR INTERVENTION IN BLACK AFRICA. THE U.S. WANTS TO DISPLACE FRANCE.... THERE ARE FEARS TODAY THAT BECAUSE OF PAST HISTORY AND THE PRESENT INTERACTION OF GREAT POWERS IN AFRICAN STATES, THE STATE SYSTEM MAY COLLAPSE IN SOME STATES LEADING TO ANARCHY. THIS IS THE COLD WAR LEGACY IN AFRICA."

3. U.S. POLITICS

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--"DEMAND FOR INDEPENDENT PROBE REJECTED," ANALYSIS IN
APRIL 16 CENTRIST THE HINDU BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT
SRIDHAR KRISHNASWAMI:

"IN A DEVELOPMENT THAT RAISES THE PROSPECT OF
A SHOWDOWN BETWEEN THE REPUBLICANS AND THE DEMOCRATS,
ATTORNEY GENERAL JANET RENO HAS REJECTED DEMANDS FOR AN
INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED FUND-RAISING
ABUSES BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND THE WHITE HOUSE...
RENO MAINTAINED THAT A SPECIAL COUNSEL TO PROBE THE
ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES WAS NOT JUSTIFIED AND THAT THE
MATTER WOULD BE ADEQUATELY COVERED BY THE ONGOING
INVESTIGATIONS BY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.... REPUBLICAN
LAWMAKERS IN BOTH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND IN
THE SENATE HAVE BEEN PRESSURIZING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
DEMANDING THAT RENO COME CLEAN ON THIS ISSUE AND APPOINT
A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR, AND IF SHE WAS NOT INCLINED SHE
SHOULD RESIGN. THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME RENO HAS
FACED INTENSE PRESSURE FROM INFLUENTIAL LAWMAKERS ON
CAPITOL HILL; BUT NEVER BEFORE HAVE THEY SUGGESTED THAT
SHOULD THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FALL SHORT OF THEIR
EXPECTATION, SHE SHOULD BE SUMMONED TO TESTIFY UNDER
OATH WITH A VIEW TO FINDING OUT HOW MUCH SHE KNEW OF THE
CAMPAIGN FINANCE SCANDAL AND IF HER DECISION OF NOT
APPOINTING A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR WAS AS A RESULT OF ANY
PRESSURE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE....

"THE WHITE HOUSE HAS BEEN INSISTING THAT
RENO'S DECISION ON THE FIFTH INDEPENDENT COUNSEL MUST BE
BASED ON 'LAW.' RENO IS A WELL RESPECTED PERSON KNOWN
FOR HER INDEPENDENCE AND TOUGH- MINDEDNESS. HER BACKERS
ON CAPITOL HILL SAY THAT SHE WOULD NOT HAVE HESITATED TO
APPOINT THE FIFTH SPECIAL COUNSEL EVEN IF THIS WERE TO
GET HER ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE WHITE HOUSE. AT THE
START OF THE SECOND CLINTON ADMINISTRATION THERE WERE
QUESTIONS ON WHETHER OR NOT THE PRESIDENT WILL ASK RENO
TO STAY ON... CLINTON ASKED RENO TO CONTINUE IN HER
PRESENT ASSIGNMENT KNOWING PERHAPS THE RISKS INVOLVED IN
ASKING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO GO." WILLS

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2. EAST-ASIA: HONG KONG
3. CHEMICAL WEAPONS TREATY
4. UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

PAGE ONE STORIES

1. CRUCIAL UNITED FRONT MEETING TODAY AS CONGRESS
INSISTS ON NEW LEADER TO HEAD GOVERNMENT:

-- ALL MAJOR NATIONAL DAILIES HIGHLIGHTED THE
CONFUSION PREVAILING IN THE UNITED FRONT (UF) AND LEFT
PARTY CIRCLES ON WHETHER THE COMBINE SHOULD INSIST THAT
THE CONGRESS FIRST WITHDRAW ITS LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT
STAKING CLAIM TO FORM A GOVERNMENT OR THE FRONT SHOULD
ELECT A NEW LEADER TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. CONGRESS
LEADERS REMAINED FIRM ON THEIR COMMITMENT THAT THE PARTY
WILL WITHDRAW ITS CLAIM AND EXTEND SUPPORT TO THE UF
ONCE AGAIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FRONT ELECTED A NEW
LEADER IN PLACE OF DEVE GOWDA. THE CONGRESS FEELS THERE
IS NO IMPROPRIETY IN ALLOWING THE UF TO LEAD A NEW
GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITS FIRST GOVERNMENT
COLLAPSED, IF THE COUNTRY HAS TO BE SPARED ANOTHER
ELECTION WITHIN TEN MONTHS.

-- A CRUCIAL MEETING OF THE UF STEERING COMMITTEE
HERE TODAY WILL BEGIN THE PROCESS OF SELECTION OF A
SUCCESSOR TO GOWDA. HOWEVER, REPORTS NOTED THAT THE
WRANGLINGS WITHIN THE UF OVER THE LEFT PARTIES' (WHO ARE
UF CONSTITUENTS) INSISTENCE THAT THE CONGRESS SHOULD
FIRST WITHDRAW ITS CLAIM TO FORM THE NEXT GOVERNMENT IS
BECOMING A MAJOR HURDLE IN THE SMOOTH ELECTION OF A NEW
LEADER. THE LEFT IS REPORTEDLY SUSPICIOUS THAT THE
CONGRESS HAS A "HIDDEN AGENDA"--TO EITHER LEAD THE NEXT
GOVERNMENT ITSELF OR BECOME PART OF THE GOVERNMENT AT A
LATER STAGE, IF NOT IMMEDIATELY. ALL PARTIES
NEVERTHELESS FEAR THE POSSIBILITY OF MID-TERM ELECTIONS,
AND MAY THEREFORE COBBLE UP SOME KIND OF ARRANGEMENT TO
AVOID IT.

-- REPORTS NOTED THAT THE CONGRESS HAS PLACED
GREAT HOPES ON TAMIL MAANILA CONGRESS (TMC) LEADER G.K.
MOOPANAR (WHO WAS SUSPENDED FROM THE CONGRESS LAST YEAR)
AS UF LEADER. THE LEFT PARTIES HAVE STOUTLY OPPOSED
MOOPANAR'S CANDIDATURE, SENDING SHOCKWAVES AMONG
CONGRESS MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WHO FEAR THAT IT COULD
LEAD TO DISSOLUTION OF THE LOK SABHA (LOWER HOUSE OF
PARLIAMENT) AND FRESH ELECTIONS.

1. MIDDLE EAST

--"PERSIAN CARPET," EDITORIAL IN APRIL 14 CENTRIST THE
TELEGRAPH FROM CALCUTTA:

"THE DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION TO WIELD

DIPLOMATIC SCISSORS TO TIES WITH IRAN...IS UNFORTUNATE
BECAUSE IT BOLSTERS THE UNCOMPROMISING 'CONTAINMENT'
STRATEGY OF THE U.S. WASHINGTON ESPOUSES A TOTAL
ISOLATION OF IRAN. THE PROBLEM WITH THIS POLICY IS THAT
IT LACKS A REALISTIC GOAL. SUCH ISOLATION FAILED TO
DISLODGE SADDAM HUSSEIN. IT IS LESS LIKELY TO EFFECT
THE ENTRENCHED AND MORE POPULAR ISLAMIC REGIME IN IRAN.
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AT BEST, IT MAY RESULT IN THE MODERATE ALI AKBAR
RAFSANJANI BEING REPLACED BY MORE ZEALOUS MULLAHS....
THE EU'S DRAMATIC ACTION DOES NOT HELP BRING IRAN INTO
THE GLOBAL MAINSTREAM. AND IT SHOWS EVERY SIGN OF BEING
DICTATED BY A COURT RULING RATHER THAN AN OBJECTIVE
ASSESSMENT OF NATIONAL INTERESTS.... THE HISTORY OF
SANCTIONS IS ONE OF REMARKABLE FAILURE.... THE LESSON
MAY NOT BE LOST ON IRAN."

--"WEST ASIA PEACE," EDITORIAL IN APRIL 14 PRO-LEFT THE
DAILY FROM MUMBAI:

"THE UNANIMOUS ENDORSEMENT OF PALESTINIAN
PRESIDENT YASSER ARAFAT'S APPEAL BY THE NON-ALIGNED
FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE IN DELHI FOR PUTTING BACK
ON RAIL THE WEST ASIAN PEACE PROCESS SHOULD BE ENOUGH A
WARNING TO BOTH ISRAEL AND VETO-WIELDING UNITED STATES
THAT PEACE CANNOT BE TAKEN FOR A RIDE. THE NON- ALIGNED
CONFERENCE HAS EVEN RECOMMENDED FREEZING OF RELATIONS
WITH TEL AVIV SHOULD IT CONTINUE WITH ITS BELLIGERENT
ATTITUDE. WITH THE RIFT BETWEEN ISRAELIS AND
PALESTINIANS CONTINUING TO WIDEN, UNCERTAINTY LOOMS
LARGE OVER THE FATE OF THE WEST ASIAN PEACE PROCESS."

2. EAST-ASIA: HONG KONG

--"CHINA, IN DRIVER'S SEAT, WILL IGNORE U.S. MESSAGE,"
ANALYSIS IN APRIL 17 CENTRIST THE HINDU BY TOKYO
CORRESPONDENT F.J. KHERGAMVALA:

"THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION'S GESTURE TO HONG
KONG, BY ARRANGING FOR PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON TO MEET
THE TERRITORY'S STRONGEST OPPOSITION LEADER SENDS A

STRONG MESSAGE OF CONCERN TO CHINA BUT HAS NO REAL IMPACT BECAUSE BEIJING HOLDS MOST OF THE CARDS IN WHATEVER IT WISHES TO DO ON HONG KONG.... AT BEST, PRESIDENT CLINTON'S MEETING WITH (MARTIN) LEE RAISES THE PROFILE OF THE HONG KONG OPPOSITION.... A SIDE ADVANTAGE OF THE WHITE HOUSE MEETING IS THAT THE MORE PRINCIPLED AMONG THOSE IN HONG KONG MAY FEEL ENCOURAGED TO CONTINUE TO OPPOSE CHINA'S LEGALLY ARGUABLE BUT GROWING ENCROACHMENT UPON THE TERRITORY'S FREEDOMS. THAT SAID, THERE IS LITTLE MORE THAT THE U.S. CAN DO, GIVEN U.S. ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY OF APPEASEMENT TOWARD CHINA.... THE ONLY CARD THAT THE U.S. HOLDS AGAINST CHINA IS TO HOLD UP THE RENEWAL OF CHINA'S MFN STATUS, DUE FOR RENEWAL IN JUNE. IT IS ALMOST A FOREGONE CONCLUSION THAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FORCE CLINTON'S HAND, BECAUSE CORRECTLY, THE ADMINISTRATION CAN ARGUE THAT IT IS HONG KONG THAT GETS HURT THE MOST, BECAUSE ALMOST HALF OF CHINA'S TRADE MOVES THROUGH THE TERRITORY....

"BEIJING ALSO KNOWS THAT WHATEVER IT DOES TO THE LAWS ON HONG KONG THEY CAN NEVER BRING THEM DOWN TO THE ABSENCE OF LAWS ON THE MAINLAND. HENCE, IF THE U.S. CAN BE MADE TO BEND ITS MAINLAND CHINA POLICY TO THE WISHES OF U.S. BUSINESS CORPORATIONS, SURELY NO AMOUNT OF CHANGES IN HONG KONG LAWS WILL DETER U.S. BUSINESS. BESIDES, HAVING EFFECTIVELY SPLIT THE WESTERN CAMP ON THE CENSURE MOVE AT THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN GENEVA, CHINA CAN BASK IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THE U.S. CAN HARDLY GO OUT ON A LIMB WITH ITS ALLIES ON CHINA AS IT DID WITH CUBA. IT IS ONE OF THE SUCCESSES OF BEIJING'S FOREIGN POLICY THAT HAVING CONVINCED THE U.S. TO DELINK TRADE FROM OTHER ISSUES, CHINA ITSELF HAS EMPHASIZED THE LINKAGE OF TRADE WITH UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 04 NEW DELHI 003982

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HUMAN RIGHTS BY PLAYING OFF EUROPEAN COMPANIES LIKE AIRBUS INDUSTRIES WHICH BELONG TO COUNTRIES THAT ARE LUKEWARM ON HUMAN RIGHTS AGAINST BOEING AIRCRAFT CORP. FROM A COUNTRY THAT PRETENDED TO BE TOUGH ON HUMAN RIGHTS."

3. CHEMICAL WEAPONS TREATY

--"NO LONGER A UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED TREATY," ANALYSIS IN
APRIL 17 CENTRIST THE PIONEER BY SENIOR EDITOR SHUBHA
SINGH:

"A SIGNIFICANT LANDMARK IN GLOBAL DISARMAMENT
WOULD BE ACHIEVED ON APRIL 29 WHEN THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS
CONVENTION (CWC) IS EXPECTED TO COME INTO FORCE.
HOWEVER,...THE CONVENTION WHEN IT BECOMES OPERATIONAL
WILL NOT BE THE UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED TREATY IT WAS
PLANNED TO BE.... INDIA WAS ONE OF THE EARLY
SIGNATORIES OF THE CONVENTION BUT NOW, IN THE RUN-UP TO
THE TREATY GOING INTO EFFECT, THE COUNTRY HAS STATED ITS
INTENTION TO REVIEW ITS DECISION. WITH THE U.S. AND
RUSSIA STAYING OUT OF THE CWC, THE MEET LOSES MUCH OF
ITS IMPORTANCE AND REMAINS A MEANS TO PLACE RESTRICTIONS
ON OTHER COUNTRIES. FOR INDIA, THE FACT THAT THREE
NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES--CHINA, PAKISTAN AND
MYANMAR--WOULD NOT BE PARTY TO THE TREATY, HAS GIVEN THE
ISSUE A DIFFERENT DIMENSION. NEW DELHI MAY BE FORCED TO
RECONSIDER ITS DECISION....

"IT WOULD BE HIGHLY IRONICAL THAT THE CWC
WOULD GO INTO EFFECT WITHOUT THE U.S. BEING PART OF
IT.... IT IS NOW STILL DEADLOCKED IN THE U.S. SENATE
FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WHERE ITS CHAIRMAN JESSE HELMS
HAS TAKEN A TOUGH STAND... AS THE U.S. HAS NOT RATIFIED
THE TREATY, OTHER COUNTRIES LIKE CHINA AND RUSSIA HAVE
BEEN IN NO HURRY TO DO SO.... IT WOULD BE MOST
UNFORTUNATE IF THE CWC IS DERAILED BECAUSE OF SECOND
THOUGHTS IN SOME COUNTRIES. FOR WITHOUT RATIFICATION BY
THE U.S., RUSSIA AND CHINA, THE CONVENTION WILL NOT
SERVE THE PURPOSE IT WAS MEANT TO."

4. UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

"U.S. LOSES FACE; CHINA UPBEAT," ARTICLE IN APRIL 17
NATIONALIST THE HINDUSTAN TIMES BY WASHINGTON
CORRESPONDENT N.C. MENON:

"THE VOTE IN THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN
GENEVA WHICH FAILED BY 27 TO 17 TO APPROVE OF A DEBATE
OF CHINA'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD...REPRESENTED A
DIPLOMATIC DEFEAT FOR THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION WHICH
HAD AGONIZED OVER THE ISSUE AND FINALLY CO- SPONSORED
THE RESOLUTION WITH DENMARK.... CHINA MANAGED TO
ACHIEVE SUCCESS WITH A VIGOROUS LOBBYING CAMPAIGN WHICH
BASICALLY AIMED AT DIVIDING EUROPEAN NATIONS AND
PERSUADING ALLIES TO TONE DOWN THEIR CRITICISM.... IT
WAS CLEAR THAT MANY OF THE COUNTRIES HAD PRAGMATICALLY
PREFERRED PROFIT OVER PRINCIPLES, AN ATTITUDE APPARENTLY
STRENGTHENED BY CHINESE HINTS THAT IT WOULD RETALIATE
ECONOMICALLY AGAINST ANY NATION THAT SUPPORTED THE
RESOLUTIONS....

"THE U.S. WAS FINALLY LEFT WITH PUTTING THE BEST FACE ON ITS EMBARRASSING PREDICAMENT. AMERICAN OFFICIALS INSISTED THAT THE RESOLUTION HAD BEEN A UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 04 NEW DELHI 003982

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'MATTER OF PRINCIPLE,' AND THAT TUESDAY NIGHT'S TWO-HOUR DEBATE HAD HELPED KEEP THE SPOTLIGHT ON CHINA'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD. UNFORTUNATELY, IT ALSO SHONE THAT SPOTLIGHT ON AMERICA'S DIMINISHING CLOUT IN THE MATTER OF CONTAINING CHINA: ON THE PROCEDURAL VOTE ON TUESDAY, NINE COUNTRIES, INCLUDING RUSSIA, ABSTAINED." WILLS

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B) MAJOR PRESS STORIES

THE ISRAELI POLITICAL SCANDAL OVERSHADOWED ALL OTHER
FOREIGN NEWS TODAY.

1. MIDEAST
2. KOREA
3. IRAN
4. TRADE

C) SUMMARY

1. MIDEAST

THE HEADLINES SAY IT ALL. NETANYAHU AT BAY. BIBI IN THE
FIRING LINE. A TOTAL EMBARRASSMENT. AMERICAN FEARS FOR
PEACE. ALL OF THE SERIOUS PAPERS EDITORIALIZED ON THE
ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER NETANYAHU.
THERE WAS LITTLE SYMPATHY FOR HIM; THE TONE WAS OF
POLITICAL OBITUARY, WITH HOPE EXPRESSED THAT A FRESH
START COULD BE MADE WITH THE PEACE PROCESS.

2. KOREA

THE "ECONOMIST" URGED THE UNITED STATES AND SOUTH KOREA
TO KEEP TALKING TO PYONGYANG AND "HOPE FOR THE BEST, BUT
PREPARE FOR THE WORST."

3. IRAN

THE "ECONOMIST" PREFERRED FIRM ECONOMIC "PUNISHMENTS" TO
ARMED ACTION.

4. TRADE

THE "ECONOMIST" SAW UNITED STATES TRADE POLICY "IN
DISARRAY" AND IN NEED OF LEADERSHIP, WITH BLAME
ATTRIBUTED TO BOTH THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE CONGRESS.

D) TEXT

1. MIDEAST
"BIBI IN THE FIRING LINE"

THE CONSERVATIVE TABLOID "EXPRESS" HAD THIS COMMENTARY BY
PETER HITCHENS IN LONDON 4/18:

"MANY PEOPLE HAVE UNDERESTIMATED BINJAMIN 'BIBI'
NETANYAHU AND LATER WISHED THEY HAD NOT. BUT THE ISRAELI

PRIME MINISTER HAS NEVER BEEN SO CLOSE TO POLITICAL AND PERSONAL DISASTER AS HE IS TODAY..."

"PREMIER WHO FACES HIS WATERGATE"

THE CONSERVATIVE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" HAD COMMENTARY BY UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 05 LONDON 004480

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ANTON LA GUARDIA IN JERUSALEM 4/18:

"BEN NETANYAHU FAMOUSLY BROUGHT THE FLAVOR OF AMERICAN POLITICS TO ISRAEL. NOW HE FACES AN AMERICAN-STYLE POLITICAL SCANDAL THAT COULD DESTROY HIS GOVERNMENT AFTER LESS THAN A YEAR IN OFFICE..."

"WHAT IS CERTAIN IS THAT HE WILL BE UNABLE FOR SOME TIME TO DEAL WITH THE PEACE TALKS WITH THE PALESTINIANS."

"LEADER WHO LOST FRIENDS"

THE LIBERAL "GUARDIAN HAD THIS REPORT FROM JERUSALEM 4/18:

"REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE ISRAELI ATTORNEY GENERAL DECIDES TO PRESS CHARGES AGAINST HIM, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S DAYS IN OFFICE ARE NUMBERED..."
"IT IS TRUE THAT HE REMAINS INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY BY A COURT OF LAW, BUT THE DAMAGE HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE."

"U.S. FEARS PEACE IS PUT ON HOLD"

THE SAME PAPER HAD THIS REPORT FROM WASHINGTON 4/18:

"IN WASHINGTON, INITIAL OPTIMISM THAT THE PEACE PROCESS MIGHT BENEFIT FROM THE REPLACEMENT OF THE PRICKLY RIGHTWINGER IS GIVING WAY TO A MORE TROUBLED ANALYSIS, THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE SHELVED FOR THE DURATION OF THE CRISIS..."

"A TOTAL EMBARRASSMENT"

IN EDITORIAL COMMENT, THE LIBERAL "GUARDIAN" SAID 4/18:

"FROM TEL AVIV TO WASHINGTON VIA GAZA, THERE IS A HUGE AUDIENCE HOPING AGAINST HOPE THAT BEN NETANYAHU MAY, AS A RESULT OF ISRAEL'S CORRUPTION SCANDAL, HAVE FINALLY TAKEN A FATAL TUMBLE. HE HAS BEEN A DISASTER INFLICTED ON ISRAEL BY THE UNHAPPY CONSEQUENCES OF AN ASSASSIN'S BULLET -- HAVING FIRST CONTRIBUTED TO THE CLIMATE OF HATRED WHICH KILLED YITZAK RABIN BY MAKING COMMON CAUSE WITH RIGHTWING THUGS AND EXTREMISTS.

"HE HAS BROUGHT THE PEACE PROCESS TO THE EDGE OF BREAKDOWN BY A COMBINATION OF TARDY CONCESSIONS AND SENSELESS PROVOCATIONS WHICH GIVE AMMUNITION TO THE ENEMIES OF PEACE WHILE BAFFLING AND CONFUSING HIS OWN FRIENDS...

"WHATEVER DECISION IS TAKEN BY THE LAW OFFICERS ON WHETHER TO INDICT MR. NETANYAHU, HE COULD SAVE EVERYONE A LOT OF TROUBLE NOW -- BUT HE WILL NEED TO SHOW A MATURITY WHICH HAS SO FAR ESCAPED HIM."

"NETANYAHU'S DARKEST HOUR"
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THE CONSERVATIVE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" EDITORIALIZED 4/18:

"JUST WHEN HIGH-LEVEL CONTACT BETWEEN THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT AND THE PALESTINIANS HAVE BEEN RESUMED, ISRAEL FACES AT LEAST A PERIOD OF PARALYSIS AS THE PRIME MINISTER FIGHTS TO SAVE HIS POLITICAL LIFE.

"THE NATURE OF THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SYSTEM AND THE DEEP-SEATED HOSTILITY OF THE ARAB WORLD MEANT THAT MR. NETANYAHU'S TASK WAS NEVER GOING TO BE EASY. THAT CANNOT DISGUISE THE POOR FIST THAT HE HAS MADE OF HIS FIRST YEAR IN OFFICE."

"ISRAEL NEEDS A FRESH START"

THE INDEPENDENT "FINANCIAL TIMES" EDITORIALIZED 4/18:
"EVEN IF CHARGES ARE NOT PRESSED, THE PRIME MINISTER
SHOULD CONSIDER HIS POSITION. THE TAIN OF THE CURRENT
CASE WILL NOT LEAVE HIS GOVERNMENT. IN SUCH A CLIMATE
HIS ROOM FOR POLITICAL MANEUVER -- AT HOME AND IN THE
PEACE PROCESS -- CAN ONLY SHRINK TO VANISHING POINT.

"ISRAELIS ARE UNDERSTANDABLY WEARY OF ENDLESS
ELECTIONEERING, AND THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT ANY FRESH
POLL WOULD PRODUCE A DRAMATICALLY DIFFERENT RESULT FROM
THE LAST ONE. BUT THE PAST YEAR HAS AMPLY DEMONSTRATED
MR. NETANYAHU'S STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES. HE SHOULD GIVE
THE ELECTORATE A CHANCE EITHER TO REINFORCE HIS MANDATE
OR TO THROW HIM OUT."

"INDICTED OR NOT, NETANYAHU IS ALREADY GUILTY"
THE CENTRIST "INDEPENDENT" EDITORIALIZED 4/18:

"TRUE FRIENDS OF ISRAEL OUGHT TO WELCOME THE CONTROVERSY
THAT HAS ENGULFED PRIME MINISTER NETANYAHU. FOR TWO
REASONS. THE FIRST IS THE WAY THE NETANYAHU AFFAIR
REMINDS US OF ISRAELI FREEDOM. IT IS A STATE IN WHICH
THE RULE OF LAW IS, STILL, HELD IN HIGH REGARD.
"MR. NETANYAHU'S DIFFICULTIES ARE WELCOME FOR ANOTHER,
LESS SATISFYING REASON. THEY MAY LEAD TO HIS EVICTION
FROM THE OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER, AND SO TO THE
POSSIBILITY OF A NEW START IN THE PROCESS OF MAKING PEACE
WITH THE PALESTINIANS WHO -- INERADICABLE FACT OF HISTORY
AND GEOGRAPHY IT IS -- INHABIT THE SAME QUADRILATERAL
FORMED OF PHOENICIAN PLAINS, JUDEAN HILLS AND JORDAN
VALLEY...

"THE LONGER HE STAYS IN OFFICE THE LESS POSSIBLE WILL BE
THE EVENTUAL AND NECESSARY ACCOMMODATION WITH YASSER
ARAFAT AND THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WHICH SOONER OR LATER
MUST BE ACHIEVED...

"MR. NETANYAHU FACES AN INDICTMENT WHEN HE ALREADY STANDS
GUILTY OF WEAKENING HIS COUNTRY'S SECURITY AND STANDING."

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2. KOREA

"KEEP TALKING TO NORTH KOREA"

THE INDEPENDENT WEEKLY "ECONOMIST" EDITORIALIZED 4/18:

"SOME COUNTRIES ARE HARD TO HELP. NORTH KOREA IS ABOUT THE HARDEST OF ALL. ITS USUALLY SECRETIVE REGIME HAS ADMITTED THAT SOME CHILDREN HAVE DIED FROM MALNUTRITION. CONTINUES TO BITE THE HANDS TRYING TO FEED ITS HUNGRY PEOPLE.

"SO WHAT TO MAKE OF NORTH KOREA'S EXPECTED YES TO A JOINT AMERICAN-SOUTH KOREAN PROPOSAL FOR FOUR-WAY PEACE TALKS (TO INCLUDE CHINA, TOO) THAT COULD EASE TENSIONS AT ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST DANGEROUS FRONTIERS? HOPE FOR THE BEST, BUT PREPARE FOR THE WORST.

"INDEED, THE BIGGEST WORRY IS THAT IT MAY ALREADY BE TOO LATE TO PROP UP NORTH KOREA. BY ALL MEANS HOPE FOR A 'SOFT LANDING' FOR ITS CRUMPLING ECONOMY. BUT BE PREPARED FOR A CRASH."

3. IRAN

"IRAN IN THE DOCK"

THE INDEPENDENT WEEKLY "ECONOMIST" EDITORIALIZED 4/18:

"ARMED ACTION BY AMERICA COULD STRENGTHEN IRAN'S MEN OF VIOLENCE. THE LEADERSHIP IS SPLIT BETWEEN THOSE WHO FAVOR A WESTERN LINK AND THOSE WHO BELIEVE THEIR ISLAMIC REPUBLIC WOULD BE BETTER WITHOUT ONE. HOSTILE ACTION BY THE WEST, UNLESS CAREFULLY PREPARED FOR, WOULD BRING AID AND COMFORT TO THE LATTER GROUP.

"AN ARMED RESPONSE WOULD BE UNDERSTANDABLE -- AMERICA CANNOT LET ITS SERVICEMEN BE BLOWN UP WITH IMPUNITY. BUT A BETTER FIRST STEP WOULD BE ECONOMIC PUNISHMENTS -- PROVIDED THEY REALLY BITE, AND ARE JOINED BY EUROPEANS AND AMERICANS ALIKE."

"NETANYAHU AT BAY"

THE INDEPENDENT WEEKLY "ECONOMIST" REPORTED FROM JERUSALEM 4/18:

"ISRAEL'S PRIME MINISTER FACES SUDDEN POLITICAL DEATH. EVEN IF HE ESCAPES PERSECUTION, MR. NETANYAHU WILL BE IN DEEP POLITICAL TROUBLE...

"IN THE QUICKLY SHIFTING DRAMA, THERE HAS NOT BEEN MUCH TIME FOR DEBATE ON ITS DEEPER SIGNIFICANCE. YET, BEYOND THE DIVISIONS OVER MR. NETANYAHU'S POLICIES, THERE IS A

SENSE OF TRAGIC LETDOWN."

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4. TRADE

"A QUESTION OF LEADERSHIP"

THE INDEPENDENT WEEKLY "ECONOMIST" EDITORIALIZED 4/18 ON
U.S. TRADE POLICY:

"IF A SINGLE WORD CAN SUMMARIZE AMERICA'S VIEW OF ITS
ROLE IN THE WORLD, IT IS 'LEADERSHIP'. IN INTERNATIONAL
DIPLOMACY, THIS IS NOT IN DOUBT. UNTIL RECENTLY IT WAS
ALSO TRUE IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE, AS AMERICA PUSHED
STEADILY FOR GLOBAL TRADE LIBERALIZATION. NOW, HOWEVER,
AMERICA'S TRADE POLICY IS IN DISARRAY.

"AN UNEASY TRUCE HAS BROKEN OUT WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION
OVER THE HELMS-BURTON ANTI-CUBA LAW. ANOTHER WAR, OVER
THE STATE OF DEAD AMERICAN POULTRY, IN WHICH TRADE BULKS
LARGE, IS DISINTEGRATING. AND HIS DREAM OF FREE TRADE IN
THE AMERICAS, BEGINNING WITH CHILE'S LONG-AWAITED
ADMISSION TO NAFTA, IS STILL JUST THAT.

"IN LARGE PART, THIS IS MR. CLINTON'S FAULT. BUT BLAME
ALSO BELONGS AT THE OTHER END OF PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE.
TOO MANY IN CONGRESS SEE TRADE AS A STICK WITH WHICH TO
BEAT THE PRESIDENT, NOT AS A ROUTE TO PEACE AND
PROSPERITY. AMERICA DESERVES, AND THE REST OF THE WORLD
NEEDS, STRONGER LEADERSHIP THAN THIS...

"MUCH OF THE MESS REFLECTS MR. CLINTON'S HABITUAL
INDECISIVENESS IN MANY AREAS OF POLICY, NOT JUST TRADE.
MUCH ALSO STEMS FROM THE CHANGES IN CONGRESS SINCE 1994.
GONE FROM KEY COMMITTEES ARE TRADE CHAMPIONS; IN THEIR
PLACE ARE LESSER LIGHTS. THERE ARE STILL FREE-TRADERS ON
THE HILL, BUT THEY, AND MR. CLINTON, HAVE LOST THE
INITIATIVE. NO WONDER THAT WHEN AMERICA SPEAKS OF TRADE,
ITS ALLIES NOW HEAR ONLY THE NORTH CAROLINIAN TONES OF

SENATOR JESSE HELMS." O'BRIEN

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2. ZAIRE
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PAGE ONE STORIES

1. POLITICAL CRISIS RESOLVED AS I.K. GUJRAL
TAKES OVER AS NEW PRIME MINISTER:

-- I.K. GUJRAL, WHO WAS THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER IN THE DEVE GOWDA GOVERNMENT, WAS SWORN IN AS THE 12TH PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA THIS MORNING, ENDING THE THREE-WEEK LONG POLITICAL TURMOIL IN THE COUNTRY FOLLOWING THE CONGRESS (I) PARTY'S WITHDRAWAL OF SUPPORT TO THE GOWDA GOVERNMENT ON MARCH 30. ALL NATIONAL DAILIES REPORTED THAT AFTER DAY-LONG SUSPENSE OVER THE FORMATION OF THE NEW UNITED FRONT (UF) GOVERNMENT, PRESIDENT S.D. SHARMA ON SUNDAY NIGHT APPOINTED GUJRAL AS THE NEXT PRIME MINISTER AND ASKED HIM TO PROVE HIS MAJORITY IN THE LOK SABHA (LOWER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT) ON APRIL 22.

-- THE UF, HOWEVER, SUFFERED A MAJOR SETBACK ON SATURDAY WHEN ONE OF ITS IMPORTANT CONSTITUENTS, THE TAMIL MAANILA CONGRESS (TMC), DECIDED NOT TO JOIN THE GOVERNMENT TO PROTEST AGAINST THE TREATMENT METED OUT TO ITS LEADER G.K. MOOPANAR BY SOME OF THE FRONT LEADERS IN THE PROCESS OF SELECTION OF A SUCCESSOR TO DEVE GOWDA. WITH THE UF REJECTING THE CLAIM OF MOOPANAR FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE FOLLOWING STRONG OBJECTIONS FROM THE LEFT PARTIES, THE 20-MEMBER-STRONG (IN PARLIAMENT) PARTY DECIDED THAT IT WOULD LIMIT ITS ROLE TO EXTENDING SUPPORT TO THE GUJRAL GOVERNMENT FROM OUTSIDE.

-- THE TMC'S DECISION TO STAY OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT EFFECTIVELY MEANS THE COUNTRY WILL HAVE A NEW FINANCE MINISTER. THE POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF FINANCE MINISTER P. CHIDAMBARAM FROM THE NEXT GOVERNMENT HAS CAST A SHADOW ON THE 1997-98 UNION BUDGET PRESENTED BY HIM ON FEBRUARY 28. THE HINDU REPORTED THAT WHILE IT IS CLEAR THAT THE NEW GUJRAL GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE WITH THE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS OF THE DEVE GOWDA REGIME, THE APPREHENSIONS ARE THAT NEXT FINANCE MINISTER MAY NOT WANT TO TAKE ON THE RISKS THAT CHIDAMBARAM TOOK WITH HIS BUDGET, WHICH WAS WIDELY DESCRIBED AS "BOLD," WITH PROPOSALS FOR DRASTIC CUTS IN DIRECT AND INDIRECT TAXES EVAN AS HE RAISED ALLOCATIONS FOR VARIOUS GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS.

-- SEVERAL PAPERS REPORTED GUJRAL'S STATEMENT THAT HIS NEW GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH ALL ITS NEIGHBORS, INCLUDING PAKISTAN. STATING THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WILL FOLLOW AN INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY, THE FORMER DIPLOMAT SAID HE ALSO DESIRED THAT INDIA'S RELATIONS WITH THE MAJOR WORLD POWERS LIKE EUROPE, AMERICA, CHINA AND RUSSIA SHOULD GET EQUAL ATTENTION OF THE UF GOVERNMENT. MEANWHILE, THE HINDU REPORTED PAKISTAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN

KHALID SALEEM'S COMMENT THAT GUJRAL'S TAKING OVER AS THE NEW PRIME MINISTER WAS A "GOOD AUGURY" FOR INDIA-PAKISTAN RELATIONS. A PTI WIRE SERVICE REPORT CARRIED IN SEVERAL PAPERS SAID GUJRAL'S ELECTION AS UF LEADER HAS BEEN WIDELY WELCOMED IN WASHINGTON AND DIPLOMATS FELT THAT HIS WIDE EXPERIENCE WOULD HELP NEW DELHI IN IMPROVING ITS RELATIONS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS. UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 05 NEW DELHI 004046

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2. INDIA WILL WITHDRAW IF U.S. FAILS TO RATIFY
CWC:

-- THE BUSINESS STANDARD REPORTED ON FRIDAY THAT INDIA WILL WITHDRAW FROM THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION (CWC) IF THE U.S. DOES NOT RATIFY THE TREATY IN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT. "INDIA WILL HAVE TO REVIEW ITS OPTIONS BECAUSE WE DON'T REGARD THE CWC AS A TREATY WHICH WE CAN BE SANGUINE ABOUT," SENIOR OFFICIALS IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SAID. HOWEVER, INDIA'S DECISION TO WITHDRAW WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN AT THE "HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVEL," AND THIS MIGHT POSE SOME PROBLEMS CONSIDERING THE POLITICAL SITUATION, THE SOURCES ADMITTED.

-- MEANWHILE, PAPERS REPORTED FROM WASHINGTON THIS MORNING THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS APPEALED TO THE REPUBLICANS TO WITHDRAW THE "KILLER" AMENDMENTS THAT WOULD DESTROY THE CWC TREATY AND HARM THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

3. U.S. SURE ABOUT REFORMS IN INDIA:

-- THE INDIAN EXPRESS AND OTHER DAILIES CARRIED REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON STATING THAT DESPITE THE UNSEEMLY POLITICAL SCENARIO IN INDIA, INDIAN AND U.S. OFFICIALSQ
QO/CK'W-'HKXY'QDAY THAT THE DEVELOPMENTS WOULD NOT AFFECT THE ECONOMIC REFORMS AGENDA. IN A REASSURING SIGN THAT THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION WAS NOT UNDULY PERTURBED BY THE CURRENT CRISIS IN INDIA, THE EXPRESS REPORT QUOTED U.S. COMMERCE SECRETARY WILLIAM DALEY STATING THAT THE U.S. ENJOYED A GOOD RELATIONSHIP ACROSS THE INDIAN POLITICAL

SPECTRUM--WITH THE CONGRESS PARTY, THE BJP AND THE UNITED FRONT COALITION. REPORTS NOTED THAT A DIVERSE GROUP OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE 22ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE U.S.-INDIA BUSINESS COUNCIL ON APRIL 16 STRESSED THAT POLITICAL CHANGES AT THE CENTER IN INDIA WILL NOT AFFECT ITS COMMITMENT TO ECONOMIC REFORMS AND LIBERALIZATION.

1. CHEMICAL WEAPONS TREATY

--"CHEMICAL REACTIONS," EDITORIAL IN APRIL 19 CENTRIST THE TIMES OF INDIA:

- "ACCORDING TO REPORTS, NOT OFFICIALLY CONTRADICTED, INDIA PROPOSES TO TAKE THE UNUSUAL STEP OF WITHDRAWING ITS RATIFICATION OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION (CWC) BEFORE IT COMES INTO FORCE ON APRIL 29.... REGARDLESS OF INDIA'S STAND, THE CONVENTION WILL BECOME A PART OF INTERNATIONAL LAW ON APRIL 29 SINCE 69 COUNTRIES OTHER THAN INDIA HAVE ALREADY RATIFIED IT.... THE ARGUMENT THAT THE TREATY WILL LOSE ALL SIGNIFICANCE WITHOUT RATIFICATION BY U.S., RUSSIA AND CHINA--THE LARGEST STOCKPILERS OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS--IS QUITE VALID. AT THE SAME TIME...INDIA HAS HAILED THE CONVENTION AS A MODEL DISARMAMENT TREATY THAT SHOULD BE APPLIED TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS AS WELL. THEREFORE, BEFORE UNDERTAKING THE EXTREME AND UNPRECEDENTED STEP OF PULLING OUT, THERE SHOULD BE A CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF THE COSTS AND BENEFITS INVOLVED....

- "A RASH DECISION AT THIS POINT WOULD MAKE INDIA LOSE ITS POSITION AS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE TREATY ORGANIZATION. NO CONVINCING ARGUMENT ABOUT HOW OUR NATIONAL SECURITY WOULD BE COMPROMISED BY UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 05 NEW DELHI 004046

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THE CWC HAS BEEN PUT FORWARD. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, RATHER THAN WITHDRAWING, INDIA MIGHT WELL CONSIDER AN ALTERNATIVE STRATEGY OF DECLARING ITS RATIFICATION TO BE ON HOLD UNTIL SUCH TIME THE LARGEST CHEMICAL WEAPONS STOCKPILERS RATIFY THE TREATY."

--"HALF A STEP FORWARD," EDITORIAL IN APRIL 21

NATIONALIST THE HINDUSTAN TIMES:

- "AN INITIATIVE THAT REDUCES GLOBAL TENSION DESERVES A CHEER, AND IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT THE U.S. SENATE'S DECISION TO GIVE A TENTATIVE NOD TO THE CWC SHOULD BE GREETED. THAT THE CWC HAS A BRACE OF DEBILITATING FLAWS IN IT--EXCLUDING AS IT DOES BOTH REPRESENTATIVENESS AND TOTAL DISARMAMENT STIPULATIONS--IS A DIFFERENT MATTER ALTOGETHER, DISTURBING FOOD FOR THOUGHT ONLY TO THOSE COUNTRIES ON THE PERIPHERIES OF WASHINGTON'S FOREIGN POLICY. ANYWAY, GAUGING FROM THE CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS IN WASHINGTON'S FOREIGN POLICY, IT MAY BE TOO SOON TO WELCOME WHAT CAN LOOK LIKE AN ADVANCE ON THE EARLIER HARD-NOSED AMERICAN POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE CWC....

- "A GLOBAL BAN ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS WILL HAVE TO INCLUDE VERIFICATION REGIMES INTRUSIVE ENOUGH TO INSPIRE CONFIDENCE IN THOSE COUNTRIES THAT ENDORSE IT. BUT THAT IS NO REASON FOR THE U.S. TO MOVE SO CAUTIOUSLY ON THE CWC'S RATIFICATION. BUT NOT SUBSCRIBING TO THE CWC, WASHINGTON WOULD FORFEIT THE COVENANT'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP WITHOUT WHICH AMERICAN CITIZENS WOULD NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TREATY'S ENFORCEMENT. KEEPING AWAY FROM THE CWC WOULD INVITE TRADE RESTRICTIONS FROM EVEN WASHINGTON'S CLOSEST ALLIES AND TRADING PARTNERS, AND THIS IS BOUND TO HIT THE US CHEMICAL INDUSTRY--AMERICA'S SINGLE LARGEST EXPORTING SECTOR. THE LOSS WOULD BE TO THE TUNE OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN SALES, AND THOUSANDS OF JOBS."

--"CLINTON PUSHES FOR CHEMICAL WEAPONS BAN," ARTICLE IN APRIL 21 CENTRIST THE HINDU BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT SRIDHAR KRISHNASWAMI:

- "FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE WHITE HOUSE WILL BE DEVOTING ALL THEIR ENERGIES TO THE PASSING OF THE CWC.... AND IN THE MEANTIME, THE QUESTION IS BEING RAISED AS TO THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION IS GOING TO ALLOW CONSERVATIVES LIKE JESSE HELMS TO INFLUENCE FOREIGN POLICY.... IF ANYTHING, THE TIMING IS SUSPECT: HELMS DROPPED A MAJORITY OF HIS OBJECTIONS TO THE...CONVENTION ON THURSDAY AND ON FRIDAY THE ADMINISTRATION CAME OUT WITH ITS FOREIGN POLICY STRUCTURAL REORGANIZATION PLAN....

- "THERE IS NO DENYING THAT HELMS AND HIS HARDCORE BACKERS ARE CELEBRATING VICTORY. IN MOVING THE TREATY TO THE SENATE FLOOR, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HAS LOST VERY LITTLE.... THE QUESTION NOW IS ON THE KIND OF PUNCHES SENATORS LIKE HELMS ARE GOING TO PULL IN OTHER BROADER ASPECTS OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY.... A LOT OF DAMAGE COULD BE DONE BY THE REPUBLICAN HARDLINE ELEMENTS. AND THE ADMINISTRATION BECOMES AN EASIER TARGET ON ACCOUNT OF THE PERCEIVED WAFFLING ON CRITICAL ISSUES LIKE CHINA."

--"INDIA IS 'CHEMICALLY' WRONG," EDIT-PAGE ANALYSIS IN

APRIL 19 RIGHT-OF-CENTER THE INDIAN EXPRESS BY D.
SRIDHAR, DIRECTOR OF DYAN PRAKASH INSTITUTE OF STRATEGIC
STUDIES, PUNE:

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- "THE CWC...WILL FIND NEW DELHI IN AN EXTREMELY
EMBARRASSING SITUATION, WITH THE U.S., RUSSIA, CHINA AND
PAKISTAN CONTINUING TO REMAIN OUTSIDE THE CONVENTION.
THE UNUSUAL HASTE SHOWN BY NEW DELHI TO DEPOSIT ITS
INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION (IOR) ON SEPTEMBER 3 TO
BECOME THE 62ND COUNTRY TO DO SO HAS LANDED INDIA INTO
AN AVOIDABLE BUT NPT-LIKE SITUATION.... NEW DELHI
SHOULD, BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE, SEEK TO REDRESS THIS
UNNECESSARY STEP BY UNEQUIVOCALLY STATING THAT IT
RESERVES THE RIGHT TO OPT OUT FROM THE CONVENTION IF
INDIA'S NEIGHBORS AND THE U.S. AND RUSSIA DO NOT RATIFY
THE CWC BY APRIL 29....

- "ADMITTEDLY, THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE
OVERARCHING EXPLANATION THAT...IT WAS NATURAL THAT INDIA
BECOME ONE OF THE STATE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION
BECAUSE IT MET WITH THE COUNTRY'S BASIC CONCERNS LIKE
NON-DISCRIMINATION AND COMPREHENSIVE VERIFICATION
SYSTEM.... BUT THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED.... THE
DECISION OF MAJOR POWERS TO REMAIN OUTSIDE THE CWC,
MEANS THAT WHEN IT ENTERS INTO FORCE ON APRIL 29, 1997,
IT WILL BE REDUCED TO A TOOTHLESS BODY.... IT IS
IMPERATIVE FOR NEW DELHI TO RECONSIDER ITS STAND OF
BECOMING AN ORIGINAL PARTY TO THE CWC. THE RECENT
INDIAN STATEMENT INDICATING THAT INDIA WOULD REVIEW ITS
DECISION IF THE U.S., RUSSIA, CHINA AND PAKISTAN WERE
NOT TO RATIFY THE CWC IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT
DIRECTION.... INDIA COULD EITHER WITHDRAW ITS IOR, WITH
AN EXPLICIT COMMITMENT THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT
THE OBJECTIVES OF THE TREATY AND THAT IT WILL REJOIN THE
CWC AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME.... SUCH AN APPROACH WOULD
BE IN CONSONANCE WITH INDIA'S SECURITY INTERESTS."

2. ZAIRE

--"K.O. OR POINTS?," EDITORIAL IN APRIL 18 CENTRIST THE

STATESMAN:

- "MOBUTU SESE SEKO'S TIME IS UP.... THE UNITED STATES HAS SAID THAT 'SUPPORT FOR MOBUTU WAS NOT SUFFICIENT TO LEAD ZAIRE INTO THE NEXT CHAPTER OF ITS HISTORY' AND HAS ASKED HIM TO STEP DOWN AND GO ABROAD. KABILA HAS GIVEN AN ULTIMATUM.... THE TRUTH THAT KABILA REPRESENTS IS IRREFUTABLE: THE COUNTRY IS IN A SHAMBLES BECAUSE OF MOBUTU.... THE ONLY QUESTION IS KABILA HIMSELF: WHAT DOES HE STAND FOR? THE USE OF THE WORD 'DEMOCRATIC FORCES' IN THE AFRICAN CONTEXT DOES NOT MEAN MUCH.... IN ZAIRE AND ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA, THE TEMPTATIONS OF DICTATORSHIP ARE STILL IRRESISTIBLE. ONE WILL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT KABILA DOES IF AND WHEN HE ENTERS KINSHASA."

3. ASIAN ISSUES: CHINA/HUMAN RIGHTS

--"HELPING DEMOCRACY," EDITORIAL IN APRIL 20 CENTRIST
THE STATESMAN:

- "THE DEFEAT OF THE ANTI-CHINESE RESOLUTION AT THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IS NOT SURPRISING, EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES SEEMS, FINALLY, TO HAVE COME OUT WITH A CATEGORICAL VIEW OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION PREVAILING IN THAT COUNTRY; BUSINESS CALCULATIONS ARE NOT DOMINATING ITS FOREIGN POLICY COMPLETELY ANYMORE. THE AMERICANS, HOWEVER, ADMIT TO THE VIRTUAL INEFFECTIVENESS OF THE UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 05 NEW DELHI 004046

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RESOLUTION BY CALLING IT A 'MATTER OF PRINCIPLE'. UNFORTUNATELY, A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES, FRANCE, ITALY AND AUSTRALIA AMONG THEM, SEEM TO HAVE REVISED THEIR EARLIER POSITIONS AND COME AROUND TO THE VIEW THAT STEPPING ON CHINESE TOES DOESN'T PAY, LITERALLY....

- "IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CHINA MEASURES UP TO THE STANDARDS NOW UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED. THE SAME, OF COURSE, CAN BE SAID ABOUT MANY OTHER COUNTRIES AND THERE IS AS MUCH BAD FAITH INVOLVED IN CRITICISM OF CHINA'S HUMAN RIGHTS

RECORD. WHAT ABOUT SAUDI ARABIA, FOR INSTANCE, DEEPLY AND ECSTATICALLY IN WESTERN EMBRACE?.... RESOLUTIONS ARE NOT OF MUCH HELP. PERHAPS, PERSONAL CONTACT, OF THE TYPE ESTABLISHED BY U.S. VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE, WHICH FOCUSES ON THE PLIGHT OF INDIVIDUAL DISSIDENTS, MAY BE MUCH MORE USEFUL. LIVES CAN BE SAVED. IT IS TOO MUCH TO EXPECT CHINA TO CHANGE ITS REGIME OVERNIGHT OR EVEN IN THE SHORT RUN."

--"COLLISION WITH CHINA," EDIT-PAGE ANALYSIS IN APRIL 21 NATIONALIST THE HINDUSTAN TIMES BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT N.C. MENON:

- "A LOOMING CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE SENATE OVER RATIFICATION OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION HAS BEEN AVERTED, BUT AT A COST TO THE ADMINISTRATION: PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON CAVED IN TO SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JESSE HELMS' DEMAND FOR A MAJOR RESTRUCTURING OF THE FOREIGN POLICY APPARATUS.... BUT THERE IS ANOTHER IMPENDING CONFRONTATION IN WHICH THE OPPOSITION TO ADMINISTRATION POLICY IS MORE WIDESPREAD AND BIPARTISAN: THE COMING DEBATE OVER EXTENDING THE MOST-FAVORED NATION (MFN) TRADE STATUS TO CHINA.... THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF U.S. DISILLUSIONMENTS WITH REGARD TO CHINA'S PROCLIVITY TO PROLIFERATE HAS TO DO WITH A NEW WEAPONS SYSTEM ABOUT TO REACH IRANIAN HANDS. THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION HAS ALWAYS DISPLAYED A BENIGN UNWILLINGNESS TO CONFRONT BEIJING IN ITS VARIOUS KNOWN ACTS OF ARMS PROLIFERATION.... IT HAS SO FAR MAINTAINED THAT THE WAY TO CHANGE CHINA'S BEHAVIOR IS BY ENGAGING WITH IT. BUT NO ONE IN THE ADMINISTRATION HAS SO FAR BEEN ABLE TO EXPLAIN WHY THE SAME RATIONALE DOES NOT APPLY TO IRAN OR TO CUBA....

- "WHEN CHINA'S HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BECAME EGREGIOUS ENOUGH TO MAKE RENEWAL OF MFN POLITICALLY DIFFICULT, CLINTON'S RESPONSE WAS TO ANNOUNCE THAT HE WAS SEVERING THE LINK BETWEEN COMMERCIAL RELATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS.... CLINTON WAS THEN FACING FRESH ELECTIONS AND APPEARED TO BE QUITE APPREHENSIVE THAT SANCTIONING CHINA MIGHT LEAD TO RETALIATION.... APPARENTLY, THE PRESIDENT IS UNABLE TO GET THE APPEASEMENT SYNDROME OUT OF HIS SYSTEM EVEN AFTER HIS RE-ELECTION.... WHAT THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION HAS DISPLAYED IN DEALING WITH CHINA IS SPINELESSNESS WHICH ONLY ENCOURAGES BEIJING TO FURTHER ADVENTURISM. IT HAS COME TO A STAGE WHERE EACH TIME THE U.S. GENTLY AND PRIVATELY PROTESTS AT ANY CHINESE ACTION, IT IS BRUSQUELY TOLD NOT TO INTERFERE IN CHINA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. IN EFFECT, AMERICA IS TOLD TO MIND ITS OWN BUSINESS.... UNLESS HE (CLINTON) ENDS HIS OBFUSCATION, OSCILLATION AND VACILLATION ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE, HE MIGHT WELL BECOME THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE WHO PRESIDED OVER THE RAPID EROSION OF AMERICA'S STATURE AS THE LONE SUPERPOWER." WILLS#

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1. LEFT PARTIES FEAR SNAP POLLS; RUMBLINGS OVER
CONGRESS-UNITED FRONT COORDINATION PANEL:

-- THE PIONEER AND OTHER NATIONAL DAILIES GAVE LEAD ATTENTION TO REPORTS STATING THAT THE LONGEVITY OF THE I.K. GUJRAL GOVERNMENT HAS BECOME UNCERTAIN WITH THE CONGRESS AND THE LEFT PARTIES BECOMING WARY OF EACH OTHER'S FUTURE MOVES. SENIOR LEFT LEADERS HAVE REPORTEDLY WARNED COLLEAGUES IN THE RULING UNITED FRONT (UF), INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER GUJRAL, THAT THEY SHOULD BEGIN PREPARATIONS FOR ELECTIONS POSSIBLY WITHIN ONE YEAR. THE LEFT FEARS THAT THE CONGRESS MAY NOT ALLOW THE UF TO STABILIZE.

-- THE INDIAN EXPRESS REPORTED THAT CONSTITUTION OF THE COORDINATION COMMITTEE OF THE UF AND THE CONGRESS RAN INTO ROUGH WEATHER ON WEDNESDAY AFTER FORMER PRIME MINISTER DEVE GOWDA DECLINED AN OFFER OF MEMBERSHIP, AND THE CANDIDATURE OF FRONT CONVENER N. CHANDRABABU NAIDU TO HEAD THE PANEL PROVED UNACCEPTABLE TO THE CONGRESS. THE CONGRESS-UF COORDINATION MECHANISM ENVISAGES A TWO-TIER SYSTEM UNDER WHICH THE TOP COMMITTEE WILL COMPRISE THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE CONGRESS PRESIDENT, WHILE THE SUBORDINATE PANEL WILL HAVE FIVE MEMBERS FROM EACH SIDE. THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA (MARXIST) AND NAIDU INSIST THAT DEVE GOWDA BE RETAINED AS UF'S CHAIRMAN, BUT A MAJORITY OF THE REMAINING FRONT CONSTITUENTS FEEL THAT THE CONTINUANCE OF GOWDA WILL CREATE COMPLICATIONS IN THE COORDINATION EFFORT DUE TO HIS EMBITTERED RELATIONS WITH CONGRESS PRESIDENT SITARAM KESRI.

-- MEANWHILE, THE LEFT TRIED TO PLACATE TAMIL MAANILA CONGRESS (TMC) PRESIDENT G.K. MOOPANAR, WITH CPI(M) GENERAL SECRETARY HARKISHAN SINGH SURJEET TELLING HIM THAT TAMIL DIGNITY WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE UF AND THAT THE LEFT MEANT NO INSULT TO THE PARTY WHILE VETOING HIS CANDIDATURE FOR PREMIERSHIP. REPORTS SAID SITARAM KESRI ALSO CALLED ON MOOPANAR TO PERSUADE HIM TO JOIN THE UF GOVERNMENT.

2. PERUVIAN TROOPS RESCUE HOSTAGES:

-- ALL MAINSTREAM DAILIES GAVE PAGE ONE ATTENTION TO REPORTS STATING THAT THE HOSTAGE CRISIS IN LIMA IS OVER. REPORTS NOTED THAT IN A STUNNING, BLOODY OPERATION, THE PERUVIAN SPECIAL FORCES STORMED THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON KILLING ALL 15 REBELS OF THE TUPAC AMARU MOVEMENT.

1. CHEMICAL WEAPONS TREATY

--"CHEMICAL WEAPONS: KNEE-JERK REACTION," ANALYSIS IN
APRIL 24 PRO-ECONOMIC REFORMS THE ECONOMIC TIMES BY
SCIENCE EDITOR
R. RAMACHANDRAN:
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- "THE CWC WILL ENTER INTO FORCE ON APRIL 29
WHETHER INDIA, WHICH RATIFIED THE TREATY ON SEPTEMBER 3,
1996, LIKES IT OR NOT. IN THE COURSE OF LAST THREE
WEEKS INDIA HAS ALL TOO SUDDENLY RAISED DOUBTS ABOUT THE
EFFECTIVENESS OF THE TREATY.... TO ANALYSTS, THIS
SUDDEN INDIAN TURN-AROUND (ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE
TREATY 'LACKS UNIVERSAL ADHERENCE AND REPRESENTATIVE
CHARACTER') AND THE THREAT TO WITHDRAW WOULD BE TOTALLY
UNTENABLE.... IF THE STATED CONCERNS ABOUT THE TREATY'S
EFFECTIVENESS ARE GENUINE, THE QUESTION THAT NATURALLY
ARISES IS THAT, HOW HAS THE SITUATION CHANGED BETWEEN
SEPTEMBER AND NOW TO WARRANT A WITHDRAWAL.... THE
ENTIRE EPISODE OF CWC'S DOMESTIC RATIFICATION AND
DEPOSITION OF THE INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION AT THE
HAGUE IS A CLASSIC CASE OF ONE ARM OF THE GOVERNMENT NOT
KNOWING WHAT THE OTHER ARM IS DOING....

- "INDIA'S DECISION TO WITHDRAW OR NOT NOW SEEMS
TO BE ONLY CONTINGENT UPON WHETHER CLINTON WOULD WIN
OVER THE REPUBLICANS LED BY JESSE HELMS AND RATIFY THE
TREATY.... THIS REDUCED PREMISE FOR WITHDRAWAL,
CONDITIONAL ONLY UPON THE U.S. DECISION AND NOT ON WHAT
RUSSIA, PAKISTAN, CHINA OR MYANMAR DO, IS IN ITSELF A
POINTER TO THE WEAKNESS OF THE NEW INDIAN POSITION....
FOR, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, THE U.S. WILL RATIFY THOUGH IT
IS NOT INCONCEIVABLE THAT HELMS CAN GET 34 VOTES IN HIS
FAVOR. AND, GIVEN THE TERMS OF THE TREATY, IT IS
FORTUITOUS FOR INDIA THAT THE U.S. TOO WILL HAVE TO
DECIDE BEFORE APRIL 29.... IF INDIA DECIDES TO WITHDRAW
IN THE EVENT OF THE U.S. NOT BEING ABLE TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE COP AND INFLUENCE CRUCIAL DECISIONS ON
IMPLEMENTATION THAT COULD HAVE IMPLICATIONS TO THE INDIA
CHEMICAL INDUSTRY. BUT, MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, INDIA'S
INSISTENCE ON 'REPRESENTATIVE ADHERENCE' TO THE CWC

WOULD BE IN SHARP CONTRAST TO ITS OPPOSITION TO THE SAME DEMAND MADE BY OTHERS IN THE CONTEXT OF CTBT."

--"INDIA SHOULD NOT WITHDRAW FROM THE CWC," ANALYSIS IN APRIL 24 CENTRIST THE PIONEER BY DIPANKAR BANERJEE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE FOR DEFENSE STUDIES AND ANALYSES:

- "THE CWC...IS A COMPLEX TREATY, BUT A LANDMARK ONE... THE TREATY IS UNIVERSAL AND NON-DISCRIMINATORY, WITH VERY DETAILED AND INTRUSIVE INSPECTION MECHANISMS AND PROCEDURES. TAKEN TOGETHER IT IS A MAJOR SUCCESS IN GLOBAL DISARMAMENT AND SETS AN IMPORTANT PRECEDENCE FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW.... U.S. RATIFICATION IS VITAL TO THE CONVENTION FOR SEVERAL REASONS. HARD-LINERS IN THE RUSSIAN DUMA WOULD NOT ALLOW IT TO BE RATIFIED TILL THE U.S. DOES SO. IF BOTH MAJOR POWERS WITH THEIR HUGE ARSENALS ARE LEFT OUT, THE TREATY WILL HAVE LITTLE CREDIBILITY....

- "WHERE DOES IT PLACE INDIA? NEITHER CHINA NOR PAKISTAN HAS RATIFIED THE TREATY AS YET.... BUT, THERE IS EVERY LIKELIHOOD THAT CHINA WILL RATIFY SOON.... PAKISTAN'S CASE MAY BE MORE INTRIGUING. WE NEED TO EXPLORE WHY IT HAS NOT RATIFIED AS YET.... EVEN THEN THESE ARE INSUFFICIENT REASONS FOR WITHDRAWING FROM THE TREATY AS SOME REPORTS IN THE MEDIA SEEM TO RECOMMEND. INDIA HAS TAKEN A PRINCIPLED POSITION RATIFYING THE TREATY. HAVING DONE SO, WE CAN HARDLY LET BEIJING AND ISLAMABAD DETERMINE INDIA'S POSITION AND FORCE US TO ALTER COURSE. IT IS INDEED TRUE THAT DISARMAMENT POLICIES NEED TO BE FRAMED WITHIN THE NATIONAL SECURITY CONCERNS OF THE NATION AND NOT ON MORAL GROUNDS. BUT, CHEMICAL WEAPONS DO NOT STRICTLY COME UNDER THAT UNCLAS SECTION 03 F 04 NEW DELHI 004182

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CRITERIA.... BESIDES, THE CWC MEETS ALL THE CRITERIA THAT NEW DELHI FOLLOWS FOR ACCEPTING ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS.... BEING A PART OF THIS CONVENTION AND FOLLOWING A PRINCIPLED POSITION ON GLOBAL DISARMAMENT WILL ENABLE US TO CONTINUE TO PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN THE DELIBERATIONS AROUND THE WORLD."

2. INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM: EU-IRAN

--"CAUTION OVER IRAN," EDITORIAL IN APRIL 24 CENTRIST
THE TIMES OF INDIA:

- "EVER SINCE A GERMAN COURT LAST WEEK FORMALLY
ACCUSED TOP IRANIAN LEADERS OF ORDERING THE 1992 KILLINGS OF KURDISH DISSIDE
EUROPEAN UNION AND IRAN HAVE TAKEN A NOSEDIVE.... IT IS
CLEAR BY NOW THAT THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE THEMSELVES
KEEN TO MINIMIZE THE FALL-OUT FROM THE COURT'S
VERDICT.... THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT EUROPE
ENJOYS CLOSE AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS
WITH IRAN.... AND DESPITE THE THREAT OF U.S. SANCTIONS
AGAINST ANY COMPANY INVESTING MORE THAN \$40 MILLION IN
IRAN'S OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY, EUROPEAN FIRMS LIKE TOTAL
HAVE COMMITTED HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS....

- "ANXIOUS AT WHAT IT SEES AS EUROPEAN
INDECISIVENESS, THE U.S. HAS JUMPED INTO THE FRAY WITH
THE DEMAND THAT THE EU TAKE PUNITIVE STEPS AGAINST
IRAN.... IN ORDER TO LEND MORE WEIGHT TO THE AS YET
UNPROVEN ALLEGATION THAT IRAN IS A 'SPONSOR OF
TERRORISM', THE U.S. HAS REPEATED ITS ACCUSATION OF
IRANIAN COMPLICITY IN THE BOMBING OF AN AMERICAN
MILITARY BASE IN SAUDI ARABIA LAST YEAR.... WHAT IS
MOST DISTURBING ABOUT THE RECENT U.S. ALLEGATIONS IS THE
GROWING TALK IN PENTAGON CIRCLES ABOUT THE NEED FOR AN
ALL-OUT, PEARL HARBOUR-STYLE ATTACK ON IRANIAN NAVAL AND
MISSILE STATIONS. WITH WASHINGTON'S STRATEGY OF 'DUAL
CONTAINMENT' AGAINST IRAN AND IRAQ FAILING TO DELIVER
THE DESIRED RESULTS, IT IS LOGICAL THAT PRESIDENT
CLINTON SHOULD FEEL DISCOMFITED. BUT RATHER THAN TOYING
WITH THE IDEA OF A MILITARY ADVENTURE, THE U.S. SHOULD
STOP TREATING THE TWO COUNTRIES AS OUTCASTS. THE BEST
WAY OF RESOLVING DIFFERENCES IS THROUGH NEGOTIATION, NOT
CONFRONTATION. THE EUROPEANS HAVE WISELY DECIDED TO
PLAY DOWN THE POSSIBILITY OF CONFLICT AND THE U.S. MUST
DO THE SAME."

--"EMBARGO ON IRAN," EDITORIAL IN APRIL 21 DECCAN HERALD
FROM BANGALORE:

- "OBVIOUSLY, THE BERLIN COURT RULING HAS GIVEN
AN EXCUSE TO THE EU GOVERNMENTS TO REVISE THEIR TRADE
RELATIONS WITH IRAN AND BRING THEIR POLICY OPTIONS ON
IRAN IN LINE WITH THOSE OF THE U.S. THOUGH WASHINGTON
HAS SUSPENDED ALL TRADE AND DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH IRAN
SINCE THE FALL OF THE SHAH IN 1979, THE EU GOVERNMENTS,
IN THEIR OWN INTERESTS, CONTINUED THEIR 'CRITICAL
DIALOGUE' WITH IRAN BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT AFFORD TO
ANTAGONIZE IT. SURELY, THE COURT RULING HAS PUT THEM IN
A STRANGE DIPLOMATIC AND COMMERCIAL DILEMMA. THE LATTER
HAVE NOW SUSPENDED THEIR 'CRITICAL DIALOGUE' WITH IRAN.
IN VIEW OF THEIR DEPENDENCE, THEY MAY NOT TAKE THE
EXTREME STEP OF IMPOSING TRADE SANCTIONS ON IRAN AT
THEIR MEETING ON APRIL 29. HOWEVER, IT REMAINS TO BE
SEEN HOW THE BERLIN VERDICT WILL AFFECT EUROPEAN TRADING

AND INVESTMENT INTERESTS IN IRAN."

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3. PERUVIAN HOSTAGE CRISIS

--"END OF CRISIS," EDITORIAL IN APRIL 24 NATIONALIST THE
HINDUSTAN TIMES:

- "THE KILLING OF 15 TUPAC AMARU GUERRILLAS
HOLDING 72 HOSTAGES AT THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S
RESIDENCE IN LIMA AND THE RELEASE OF ALL BUT ONE HOSTAGE
IN A SHREWDLY EXECUTED ARMY OPERATION HAVE DELIVERED A
CRUSHING BLOW TO THE PERUVIAN GUERRILLA MOVEMENT....
PRESIDENT ALBERTO FUJIMORI...HAD TAKEN A CALCULATED RISK
AND THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE LONGEST HOSTAGE CRISIS
IN LATIN AMERICA'S HISTORY HAS VINDICATED HIM.... THE
DEFT HANDLING OF THE HOSTAGE CRISIS HAS REINFORCED THE
ARGUMENT AGAINST SUCCUMBING TO THE BULLYING TACTICS OF
TERRORISTS. THE PROBLEM OF GUERRILLA VIOLENCE IN PERU
AND ELSEWHERE IN SOUTH AMERICA IS FAR FROM OVER, BUT THE
TUPAC AMARU GUERRILLAS MAY NOT RECOVER FROM THIS
HUMILIATING EXPERIENCE WHICH WAS OF COURSE
SELF-INFLICTED."

4. MYANMAR

--"U.S. MAY DRAW FLAK FOR CURBS ON MYANMAR," ANALYSIS IN
APRIL 24 CENTRIST THE HINDU BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT
SRIDHAR KRISHNASWAMI:

- "IN A MOVE THAT HIGHLIGHTS THE COMPULSIONS OF
DOMESTIC POLITICS RATHER THAN THE SUBSTANCE OF AMERICAN
FOREIGN POLICY, THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION ON TUESDAY
DECIDED TO IMPOSE 'SANCTIONS' ON MYANMAR CITING THE
CONTINUED 'REPRESSION' BY YANGON REGIME.... THE ISSUE
IS NOT WHETHER THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION HAS IDENTIFIED
MYANMAR CORRECTLY AS A REPRESSIVE REGIME. WASHINGTON
DOES NOT HAVE TO CERTIFY MYANMAR, FOR THE WHOLE WORLD
KNOWS ENOUGH ABOUT THE WAYS OF SLORC. BUT THE CLINTON

ADMINISTRATION IS ADOPTING DOUBLE STANDARDS IN ITS DEALINGS WITH MYANMAR AND BELIEVES THAT SANCTIONS WILL WORK ONLY WITH MYANMAR. IN SOME WAYS, THE ADMINISTRATION IS SETTING ITSELF UP FOR CRITICISM FROM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO WILL NOW BE ASKING WHY THE SAME SANCTIONS CANNOT BE USED TO BRING AROUND CHINA....

- "THE ANSWER IS EVIDENT, BUT IT WILL NOT BE SPELT OUT IN PUBLIC.... BUT IT WILL BE PRESUMPTUOUS FOR WASHINGTON TO ASSUME THAT ITS ALLIES IN SOUTH EAST ASIA OR JAPAN ARE GOING TO BE SOMEHOW 'ENCOURAGED' BY THE SANCTIONS MOVE.... EVEN AS THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION IS GIVING THE IMPRESSION OF TIGHTENING THE SCREWS ON YANGON, SOUTH EAST ASIA IS GETTING READY TO WELCOME MYANMAR FORMALLY INTO THE LARGER POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC NETWORK, ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH EAST ASIAN NATIONS. AND JAPAN...IS MORE INTERESTED IN THE MYANMAR-CHINA CONNECTION.... IN FACT, ONE ARGUMENT HAS BEEN THAT THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION RUSHED IN WITH ITS MYANMAR SANCTIONS IDEA BECAUSE A BILL IS TO BE INTRODUCED NEXT WEEK ON THE ISSUE. THE APPREHENSION IN THE WHITE HOUSE COULD WELL BE THAT THIS LEGISLATION WILL REQUIRE SANCTIONS TO BE SEEN IN A BROADER PERSPECTIVE AND NOT NARROWLY CONFINED TO BANNING 'FUTURE' INVESTMENTS."
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- B. (U.S.) MFN STATUS FOR CHINA, BOSNIA

1. ASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT DIETRICH ZWAETZ FILED
TH FOLLOWING EDITORIAL FOR BUSINESS NEWSPAPER

HANDLSBLATT OF DUESSELDORF (05/22) UNDER THE
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"BLUNT WEAPON."

"OPPONENTS TO TH MFN STATUS FOR CHINA OPENLY SAY
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IT, AND U.S. TRADE POLICY EXPERTS ADMIT IT BEHIND CLOSED
DOORS: THE ECONOMIC WEAPON AGAINST CHINA IS BLUNT
WHEN IT COMES TO HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY. BUT EVEN IF THE
MFN STATUS WERE TO BE GRANTED AFTER A TOUGH DOMESTIC
POLICY FIGHT, IT WOULD NOT HAVE ANY INFLUENCE ON THE
ANTI-HUMAN RIGHTS ATTITUDE OF THE BEIJING REGIME. AND
TO AN INCREASING DEGREE, U.S. POLITICIANS ARE
CONFRONTED WITH THREATS FROM BEIJING....

"HOWEVER, THIS YEAR'S DEBATE ABOUT THE MFN STATUS
COULD BE TOUGHER THAN THE PREVIOUS ONES, SINCE THE
BEIJING REGIME TRIED TO BUY INFLUENCE ON U.S. POLICY
DURING LAST YEAR'S ELECTION CAMPAIGN. WASHINGTON, IN
TURN, IS SUSPICIOUSLY LOOKING TO HONG KONG.... FOR THE
WASHINGTON GOVERNMENT, A FIERCE CONTROVERSY WITH
ANTI-CHINESE HARDLINERS IN CONGRESS WOULD COME AT AN
INAPPROPRIATE TIME, SINCE CHINA'S PRESIDENT JIANG ZEMIN
WILL COME FOR A STATE VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN THE FALL
OF THIS YEAR. AND THEN THE MOTION FOR THE MFN STATUS
FOR CHINA COULD BE VOTED DOWN, SOMETHING WHICH
WOULD CERTAINLY NOT BE A PLEASANT WELCOME FOR JIANG
ZEMIN. CLINTON KNOWS THAT CHINA'S MEMORY WORKS
WELL.... AND IN ADDITION TO THE U.S. CONTROVERSY, THERE
WOULD ALSO BE THE ENVY OF THE PARTNERS WHO DO NOT
HAVE MANY SCRUPLES WHEN IT COMES TO STRIKING DEALS
WITH BEIJING."

2. RIGHT-OF-CENTER NORDWEST-ZEITUNG OF OLDENBURG
(05/22) ARGUES:

"THE FOLLOWING FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION MUST BE

RAISED: ARE SANCTIONS AN APPROPRIATE MEANS TO BRING TO REASON GOVERNMENTS THAT TRAMPLE ON HUMAN RIGHTS? THERE IS NO CLEAR ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION, AND IT MUST BE DECIDED CASE BY CASE. THE YARDSTICK FOR THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION SHOULD BE HOW FAR SANCTIONS HELP THE PEOPLE IN THE CORRESPONDING COUNTRIES. IN REALPOLITIK, HOWEVER, THE WHOLE MATTER LOOKS DIFFERENT. IT IS TRUE THAT THERE ARE CASE BY CASE DECISIONS, BUT ONLY THE BENEFIT (OF SANCTIONS) OF ONE'S OWN ECONOMY IS OF ANY INTEREST. THIS IS THE ONLY INTERPRETATION FOR PRESIDENT CLINTON'S DECISION TO EXTEND THE MFN STATUS FOR CHINA. AND THE GERMAN AND FRENCH POLICY TOWARDS CHINA IS ALSO RATHER FRIENDLY."

3. ROBERT VON RIMSCHA DEALS IN HIS EDITORIAL WITH THE BOSNIA INITIATIVE, WHICH SECRETARY OF STATE, MADELEINE ALBRIGHT, WILL PRESENT TODAY. THE EDITORIAL CARRIES THE HEADLINE:

"PEACE MISSION IN ONE'S OWN INTEREST."

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"HALF A YEAR AFTER IT TOOK OFFICE, THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION HAS DECIDED TO EXERT PRESSURE, TO COMMIT ITSELF TO THE DAYTON AGREEMENT AND TO PURSUE A LONG-TERM ENGAGEMENT IN BOSNIA. HOWEVER, THE QUESTION OF THE WITHDRAWAL FROM BOSNIA WAS RULED OUT. THIS NEW BOSNIA INITIATIVE COMPRISES A BUNDLE OF MEASURES. THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE IS PROBABLY THE CLEAR U.S. COMMITMENT TO AN ENGAGEMENT BEYOND JUNE OF 1998, WHEN THE SFOR MANDATE OF THE AMERICANS IS TO END.... THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WANTS TO INTEGRATE ITS BOSNIA POLICY MUCH MORE INTO ITS CONCEPT FOR THE REGION AS A WHOLE. AND IN THE MEDIUM-TERM, WASHINGTON SEES AN INTERACTION BETWEEN NATO'S ENLARGEMENT AND THE STABILIZATION OF BOSNIA.... COOPERATION OF INTERNATIONAL POLICE FORCES AND SFOR UNITS IS TO BE INTENSIFIED, AND ACCORDING TO THE PLANS,

THE POSITION OF THE WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL IN THE HAGUE IS TO BE IMPROVED....

"THIS NEW BOSNIA INITIATIVE IS ALSO A VICTORY OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OVER THE PENTAGON AND DEFENSE SECRETARY COHEN, WHO, DURING A CONGRESSIONAL HEARING, SURPRISED EVERYBODY WITH HIS ANNOUNCEMENT OF A DEFINITE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES FROM BOSNIA IN JUNE OF 1998.... THIS IS WHY BOSNIA WILL PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE AT THE SUMMIT MEETING OF THE EU WITH THE UNITED STATES IN THE HAGUE ON MAY 28....

"THE UNITED STATES NOW SHARES THE VIEW THAT, AFTER A WITHDRAWAL OF THE SFOR, CHAOS WOULD BREAK OUT WITHIN A FEW WEEKS. THE NECESSARY CONCLUSIONS WILL NOW BE DRAWN FROM THIS FACT. EXPERTS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING PROCESS SAID THAT THE STRATEGY WITH WHICH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WANTS TO GET THE SUPPORT OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE REPUBLICANS UNDER ISOLATIONIST REPUBLICAN JESSE HELMS IS AS FOLLOWS: 'WE WILL TELL THE SENATE THAT, IF WE WANT TO LEAVE BOSNIA IN 1998, WE MUST TAKE ACTION NOW.' THE PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE U.S. PUBLIC AND TO CONGRESS AS AN INVESTMENT THAT WILL BE LOST IF MASSIVE PRESSURE ON ALL WARRING PARTIES IS NOT EXERTED NOW. THUS, THE MISSION FOR PEACE IN BOSNIA WILL BE DEFINED AS BEING 'IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST' OF THE UNITED STATES - A KIND OF HINGE THAT IS SUPPOSED TO OPEN THE DOOR FOR A FURTHER ENGAGEMENT."

C. (NATO) ENLARGEMENT

LOTHAR RUEHL SAYS IN AN EDITORIAL IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER DIE WELT OF BERLIN (05/22) UNDER THE HEADLINE:
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"YELTSIN'S WARNING."

"PRESIDENT YELTSIN'S PROVISIO REGARDING THE AGREEMENT WITH NATO ON A SECURITY PARTNERSHIP IS A WARNING THAT IS DIRECTED TO WASHINGTON AND BRUSSELS: EVEN BEFORE HIS TRIP TO PARIS...THE RUSSIAN PRESIDENT HAS RAISED THE DEMAND FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS IF FORMER SOVIET REPUBLICS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE ALLIANCE. HE REFERS MAINLY TO THE BALTIC REPUBLICS.... FOR MOSCOW, THE BALTIC STATES ARE A KIND OF GEO-POLITICAL GLACIS OF GREAT HISTORIC VALUE SIMILAR TO BELARUS AND UKRAINE....

"BUT THE GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON HAS NOW AGAIN REJECTED THE NEW FORMATION OF SPHERES OF INFLUENCE AS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL SECURITY IN EUROPE AND CONFIRMED THE RIGHT OF THE BALTIC AS WELL AS ALL OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO JOIN NATO. THE ALLIANCE CONTINUES TO RULE OUT NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT OTHER STATES WITH RUSSIA, SOMETHING YELTSIN HAS TRIED AGAIN AND AGAIN. HOWEVER, MOSCOW REMAINS ADAMANT AND CONSIDERS A CHANGE OF SIDES OF FORMER PARTS OF THE USSR TO NATO UNACCEPTABLE.... THE PROBLEM OF THE SECURITY PARTNERSHIP OF AN ENLARGED NATO WITH RUSSIA AND THUS OF FUTURE RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW HAS NOT YET BEEN RESOLVED AND IS STILL PENDING."

D. (NEAR EAST) IRAN, AFGHANISTAN

1. KARL-LUDWIG GUENSCHKE FOCUSES ON THE HOPES THE EUROPEANS HAVE IN THE IRANIAN ELECTIONS TOMORROW. HE SAYS IN AN EDITORIAL IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER DIE WELT OF BERLIN (05/22) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"FALSE HOPES FOR A CHANGE OF COURSE IN IRAN."

"30 MILLION IRANIANS WILL DECIDE TOMORROW ABOUT WHETHER AN ARCH CONSERVATIVE...OR A MODERATE POLITICIAN WILL SUCCEED PRESIDENT RAFSANJANI.... HOWEVER, THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS SIGNAL ONLY TO A LIMITED DEGREE A SHIFT OF POLICY. IT IS THE RELIGIOUS LEADER AYATOLLAH KHAMENEI WHO DETERMINES THE POLITICAL COURSE OF THE COUNTRY AND MAINLY ITS POSITION TOWARDS THE WEST. FOREIGN MINISTER VELAJATI ALREADY EXPRESSLY EMPHASIZED THAT IT IS ONLY KHAMENEI WHO DECIDES ON IRAN'S RELATIONS WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD. ON THE RADIO, THE AYATOLLAH SAID THAT THE IRANIANS WOULD NEVER VOTE FOR A CANDIDATE WHO IS TOO YIELDING TOWARDS THE WEST.... THIS IS WHY THE HOPES OF THE EUROPEANS OF A SHIFT OF POLICY ARE NOTHING BUT POLITICAL EYEWASH....

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"KHAMENEI'S STATEMENTS ARE CLEAR, AND IN IRAN THEY
ARE CONSIDERED INCONTESTABLE. THE HOPE THAT A
CHANGE OF THE PRESIDENT COULD RESULT IN MORE THAN A
CHANGE OF WORDS AND STYLE WOULD, THEREFORE, BE AN
ILLUSION. NEVERTHELESS, THE EUROPEANS DID NOT TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF THE TIME BUT STUCK THEIR HEADS INTO THE
SAND.... THIS MAKES ALARMINGLY CLEAR THAT THE EU HAS
NOT YET FOUND A CONCEPT FOR ITS POLICY TOWARDS IRAN
AFTER THE MYKONOS VERDICT."

2. RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER NEUE PRESSE (05/22)
CONCENTRATES ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN
AFGHANISTAN AND WRITES:

"AGAIN A STRONG MAN HAS TO GIVE IN. GENERAL DOSTUM,
THE APPARENTLY INVINCIBLE RULER OVER NORTHERN
AFGHANISTAN, MUST CLEAR ONE POSITION AFTER THE NEXT.
HIS ENEMIES, THE ISLAMIC TALIBAN FANATICS, HAVE ALMOST
ACHIEVED THE FINAL VICTORY. WHAT MANY 'HINDUKUSH
EXPERTS' DESCRIBED AS A PROPAGANDA LIE OF GOD'S
WARRIORS HAS NOW COME TRUE: THE USBEK GENERAL HAS NO
MORE MEANS TO LEND WINGS TO THE FIGHTING SPIRIT OF HIS
FORCES. IN CONTRAST TO THE PAST, HIS FORCES AND THE
PEOPLE IN THE NORTH EVEN LACK THE MOST ELEMENTARY
MEANS TO SURVIVE. FOR MANY MONTHS, PEOPLE HAVE LIVED
ON BREAD AND TEA, THEN THERE WAS THE HARDSHIP OF A
TOUGH WINTER AS WELL AS LOOTINGS AND DISPLACEMENTS
BY MARAUDING SOLDIERS. IN THIS SITUATION, IT IS NO
SURPRISE THAT MANY TORMENTED PEOPLE ARE LONGING FOR
THE VICTORY OF THE PRIMITIVE KORAN STUDENTS AFTER THIS
WAR THAT HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS NOW."

E. (NORTHERN-IRELAND) RESUMPTION OF TALKS

ERIK-MICHAEL BADER NOTES IN AN EDITORIAL IN
RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (05/22) UNDER
THE HEADLINE:

"OUT OF THE DEAD END STREET"

"THERE IS STILL A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE THERE CAN BE
PEACE IN NORTHERN IRELAND. BUT WITH THE

ESTABLISHMENT OF CONTACTS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NEW LABOR GOVERNMENT AND SINN FEIN...A WAY OUT OF THE DEAD END STREET HAS BEEN INITIATED.... HOWEVER, PROGRESS CAN NOW ONLY BE ACHIEVED IF SINN FEIN...TAKES PART IN MULTI-PARTY TALKS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF NORTHERN IRELAND DESPITE ITS LINKS TO THE IRA, AND IF THE IRA AGAIN ABIDES BY THE CEASE-FIRE. BOTH THINGS FORM A 'POLITICAL PACKAGE,' SINCE THE FORMER CANNOT BE UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 07 BONN 006107

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MAINTAINED WITHOUT THE LATTER. BOTH DECISIONS MUST BE MADE WITH A HIGH DEGREE OF IRREVERSIBILITY IF PROGRESS IS TO BE ACHIEVED, AND SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED IF THE TALKS GET BOGGED DOWN OR THE CESSATION OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IS BROKEN BY THE FORMATION OF A NEW SPLINTER GROUP."

F. (TURKEY) GOVERNMENT CRISIS

1. WOLFGANG GUENTER LERCH REMARKS IN AN EDITORIAL IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (05/22) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"THE WRONG WAY."

"AFTER THE FAILURE OF THE VOTE OF NO-CONFIDENCE AGAINST THE ERBAKAN GOVERNMENT, TURKEY'S CONSTITUTIONAL COURT IS SUPPOSED TO DECIDE ABOUT A BAN OF THE ISLAMIST REFAH PARTY. AS FAR AS THE LAW IS CONCERNED, THIS IS POSSIBLE, BUT FROM A POLITICAL POINT OF VIEW THIS IS NONSENSE. HOW SHOULD A PARTY BE BANNED WHOSE CHAIRMAN WAS ELECTED IN FREE ELECTIONS AS PREMIER? IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT THE MAJORITY OF TURKS AND THE MILITARY WANTS TO GET RID OF ERBAKAN SOONER RATHER THAN LATER, BUT THE ISLAMISTS CANNOT BE SIMPLY BANNED FROM POLITICAL LIFE. IT IS A FACT THAT, FOR MORE THAN THREE DECADES, ISLAM, ACCORDING TO ERBAKAN, HAS A FIRM PLACE IN TURKEY'S SOCIETY.... BANS

AND RESTRICTIONS ARE NOT APPROPRIATE TO 'PROCESS' SUCH A HISTORICAL LEGACY. ONLY ELECTIONS, A GOOD POLICY, AND BETTER ARGUMENTS CAN TOPPLE ERBAKAN."

2. LEFT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU (05/22)
CARRIES AN EDITORIAL UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"DANGEROUS NAIVETE."

"IT WOULD NOT BE THE FIRST BAN OF A PARTY. SEVERAL PRO-KURDISH PARTIES HAD TO ACCEPT THIS KIND OF PROCEDURE BEFORE.... HOWEVER, A BAN ON THE REFAH PARTY WOULD HAVE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT DIMENSION, AND THIS NOT ONLY BECAUSE THE PREMIER IS A REFAH MEMBER.... THE REFAH PARTY IS A MASS MOVEMENT, AND TENS OF THOUSANDS OF ITS MEMBERS SYSTEMATICALLY GOT ARMS OVER THE PAST MONTHS. THIS ALONE GIVES US AN IDEA OF THE UNFORESEEABLE DOMESTIC POLICY CONSEQUENCES OF A BAN.

"THE PLAN OF THE PROSECUTOR-GENERAL TO STOP THE ADVANCE OF THE ISLAMIC ZEALOTS REVEALS A DANGEROUS DEGREE OF NAIVETE. IF THE ISLAMISTS ARE FORCED TO GO UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 07 BONN 006107

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UNDERGROUND INSTEAD OF BEING DEALT WITH POLITICALLY,
SOMETHING THE SECULAR PARTIES HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DO
SO FAR, TURKEY WILL SOONER OR LATER BE FACED WITH
ALGERIAN DIMENSIONS."

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US AID

PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY(NEA): DETENTION OF DAOUD KUTTAB

PEACE PROCESS (NEA): ISRAELI OFFER TO BUILD ARAB HOUSING

IRAN: ELECTIONS

Q. IS THE CURRENT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN IRAN DEMOCRATIC?

A. -- WE DO NOT HAVE AUTHORITATIVE INFORMATION ON THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION.

-- I WOULD NOTE THAT 234 OF THE 238 CANDIDATES WHO WISHED TO RUN IN THE ELECTION WERE ELIMINATED BY A POLITICAL VETTING PROCESS.

-- THE IMPORTANT THING FOR US IS NOT WHO RUNS IRAN BUT WHAT KIND OF FOREIGN POLICY THE GOVERNMENT CONDUCTS.

ISRAEL: DEATH OF DETAINED PALESTINIAN

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY CO-ENT ON THE DEATH IN DETENTION OF PALESTINIAN KHALID ABU DAUYEH THAT LED TO CLASHES BETWEEN PALESTINIAN PROTESTERS AND THE IDF?

A. -- WE HAVE SEEN THE PRESS REPORTS OF THIS INCIDENT BUT DO NOT HAVE INDEPENDENT INFORMATION ON THE FACTS SURROUNDING IT.

-- WE ARE LOOKING INTO THE MATTER.

PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY: CONGRESSIONAL CALLS FOR HALT TO US AID

Q: WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE TO THE LETTER FROM SENATOR HELMS AND REP. GILMAN TO THE SECRETARY SAYING THEY WOULD OPPOSE THE FLOW OF FURTHER US AID TO THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY UNTIL THE SECRETARY ASSURES THEM THAT THE PA WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE RECENT KILLING OF TWO PALESTINIANS AND UNTIL THE PA WITHDRAWS LEGISLATION PROHIBITING PALESTINIANS FROM SELLING PRIVATE LAND TO JEWS?

A. -- WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE LETTER AND WILL RESPOND TO IT DIRECTLY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

-- WE ARE AWAITING THE RESULTS OF THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN INVESTIGATION INTO THE TWO KILLINGS.

-- WE WERE DISTURBED BY INITIAL STATEMENTS BY SOME PA OFFICIALS AND MADE OUR VIEWS VERY CLEAR TO THE PA.

-- PA OFFICIALS HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY DENIED PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY ANY CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH.

PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY: DETENTION OF DAOUD KUTTAB

Q. WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE STATUS OF THE
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DETAINED PALESTINIAN-AMERICAN, DAOUD KUTTAB?

A. -- DAOUD KUTTAB IS STILL IN DETENTION, UNCHARGED WITH
ANY CRIME. WE UNDERSTAND HE HAS BEGUN A HUNGER STRIKE.

-- FOLLOWING CONSUL GENERAL ED ABINGTON'S VISIT TO KUTTAB
YESTERDAY, ABINGTON SENT A LETTER TO CHAIRMAN APAFAT,
CALLING FOR KUTTAB'S IMMEDIATE RELEASE.

-- WE REMAIN DEEPLY DISTURBED BY KUTTAB'S DETENTION. THE
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY MUST DEMONSTRATE ITS COMMITMENT TO
THE RULE OF LAW AND FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.

PEACE PROCESS: ISRAELI OFFER TO BUILD ARAB HOUSING

A. -- WE HAVE SEEN THE REPORTS OF AN ISRAELI PROPOSAL TO
BUILD 3,400 HOUSING UNITS FOR PALESTINIANS, ALTHOUGH WE
HAVE NO DETAILS ON THE PROJECT.

-- THIS IS OBVIOUSLY SOMETHING THAT MUST BE DISCUSSED AND
WORKED OUT WITH THE PALESTINIANS.

-- AS WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY SAID, WE WELCOME ANY AND ALL
STEPS THAT RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN THE LEVEL OF TRUST AND
CONFIDENCE BETWEEN THE ISRAELIS AND THE PALESTINIANS.
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[FBIS Translated Text] [Martinez] Next is the turn for Dr. Santiago Cuba, who is a juridical commentator for Havana Radio Progreso Network and Havana Radio Havana Cuba, to ask a question to Foreign Minister Roberto Robaina.

[Cuba] Thanks. Comrade Minister, we will ask you a question that also has a certain juridical flavor. As you have mentioned earlier, the United States has constantly raised obstacles in the path of the Cuban Revolution and has been attacking us for many years through every possible means: by military attacks, through sabotage, through plans to attack our leaders, through a permanent economic blockade, and recent through a biological attack. All of these ?~nstitute an obvious violation of basic principles of international law.

The United States has used many excuses for this attack. However, it has most commonly used the revolutionary government's nationalization process as an excuse, arguing that the US companies and owners that were harmed received no compensation. As you well know, this nationalization process was carried out in Cuba in harmony with Cuba's positive domestic law and with international law. Please refer to this subject, particularly to one aspect of the Helms-Burton law. This law recently became more rigid against Cuba through certain agreements that certain commissions of the US

House of Representatives made to allow the filing of lawsuits against Cuba for the nationalization process by Cuban-born individuals, who were mostly henchmen or squanderers under the tyrant regime and were not US citizens at that time, but became US citizens afterwards. They usually use the term confiscation, even though they know that nationalization is the accurate term, which is even what UN documents use in reference to this kind of action.

Thank you very much.

[Robaina] It is a very interesting subject. I feel deep solidarity with legal experts on this. I believe legal experts feel most offended because this pamphlet is called a law. In my opinion, professional legal experts experienced a trauma when they read this document, which is called a law, but contains extremely irrational ideas. Of course, I honestly say there are irrational ideas in that country, which has made an entire career and a business by disguising a product to sell it at any rate. It has become an expert in trademarks. It has become an expert in advertising the worst shampoo in the best possible container and design to make you believe your hair will grow longer and many other lies. The best or the worst soap is advertised in such a way that they have fabricated a truly market-oriented philosophy, which they have attempted to use in politics. They have become experts in using every sort of excuses and in making reiterated changes.

We have studied the law and all of these matters thoroughly. In my opinion, we must bear in mind, my friend, that even though this law may have startled the world, it did not startle Cubans. For us, this law has already been disguised under other names, such as the Platt Amendment at one time, the Torricelli bill on another occasion, and now the so-called Helms-Burton or Burton-Helms law. There is confusion to determine who is the father and who is the mother. They change last names without any objection. It has to do with a problem. It may have another name tomorrow. I repeat what I said at the beginning. The great mistake that is common to all of these laws is that they were written in a foreign language and are made in another country. In this country, our laws are written in our language and are made at our parliament and our congress. However, there is no discussion about it.

In addition, they contain other errors. It is not worth it for our legal experts to waste their time explaining this legal pamphlet, as I call it, although someone may have already done this task. I call it a legal cocktail because it should have been prepared at a night club with a couple of drinks on. In other words, I have no doubts about it because it is not normal or rational for entirely normal individuals to come up with such a thing.

Of course, for instance, I realize that individuals like Jesse Helms are behind the scenes. I assure you that I am one of the main promoters of Jesse Helms' interviews. Each time I grant anyone an interview, I tell that one to go talk with Jesse Helms because it is very important for that one to interview him because the more he talks, the more he helps us. I honestly say so. On the occasion of the US great dispute with Bolivia, this individual even dared to go before US television networks to mercilessly say the United States should send aircraft carriers to the Bolivian coasts! In other words, this individual thus resolved Bolivia's problem of having access to the sea with one shot. You would understand that evidently the Bolivians were very happy to see on television that they had access to the ocean, but they did not know it. [laughs]

Therefore, knowing the individual who has been behind this pamphlet evidently shows how realistic this matter is.

Nevertheless, for many years there has been a psychological impact, among other effects. This law fosters doubts, threats, and restrictions, which evidently have had very serious consequences for us because of its implementation. They have disguised the famous matter of properties. None of the executives, great chains, and sectors of the US media has set forth in black and white what we have stated in this regard. Why has Cuba been able until now to resolve the property problem with every country except for the United States? When will the US people realize that this problem was resolved with the entire world, except for the United States, because the US Government refused at that time to discuss what Cuba discussed with the entire world?

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