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anti-mcc protestors burn us flag, negroponte effigy

SOURCE: Panama City La Prensa in Spanish 10 Aug 97 p 4

TEXT:

[Report by Manuel Alvarez Cedenio]

[FBIS Translated Text] Juan Samudio, a Panamanian activist of the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FoR) [preceding three words in English], said US diplomat John Negroponte, known as the "cold warrior," was the mastermind of the Nicaraguan contras who harassed militarily the former Sandinist Government in Nicaragua.

Negroponte is in charge of negotiating with Jorge Ritter, Minister for Canal Affairs, the installation on the banks of the canal of the Multilateral Counternarcotics Center [MCC] .

Samudio believes "the United States is a country that has not had the slightest respect for Panama and it is now trying to extend the US military presence here with the MCC proposal."

Referring to Negroponte, he explained that FoR pacifists "call him the cold warrior because he opposed ending the war in Vietnam, among other things."

According to Samudio, Negroponte was a member of the US commission that negotiated peace in Vietnam and, although he knew more than 58,000 US soldiers had died during the conflagration, he "disagreed" with the end of the war.

"He withdrew from the post of negotiator when he saw that other members of the commission were reaching an agreement with the Vietnamese, and Henry Kissinger was annoyed about Negroponte's decision," Samudio asserted.

The FoR activist also said the US diplomat "became the mastermind of the Nicaraguan contras' creation" when he was ambassador to Honduras.

Samudio said: "This man, who never cared about the deaths of US soldiers in Vietnam, or the deaths of thousands of Nicaraguans, has been appointed by the United States to negotiate the MCC with Panama."

Samudio believes that Negroponte's "position" is to get what the US Department of State and ultraconservative US Senator Jesse Helms want: "to prolong the presence of the gringo soldiers and their bases in Panama."

Nevertheless, "the Panamanians must never allow that, in honour of General Omar Torrijos's memory," he emphasized.

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RUNDSCHAU)

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(GENERAL-ANZEIGER)

EDITORIALS FOCUS ON THE DISCUSSION ABOUT WHETHER
FINANCE MINISTER WAIGEL WILL RESIGN OR NOT. ARD-TV'S EARLY
EVENING NEWSCAST TAGESCHAU ALSO OPENED WITH FINANCE
MINISTER WAIGEL'S FUTURE.

- B. (BOSNIA) POWER STRUGGLE

1. ROLF PAASCH SAYS IN AN EDITORIAL IN
LEFT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU (08/22) UNDER THE
HEADLINE:

"WESTERN PROTECTORATE."

"FOR WEEKS, THE POWER STRUGGLE IN THE REPUBLIKA SRPSKA
HAS ESCALATED, BUT AN OPEN CIVIL WAR REMAINS UNLIKELY....

SFOR AND COMMISSIONER FOR BOSNIA WESTENDORP HAVE CLEARLY SIDED WITH MRS. PLAVSIC TO DEPRIVE HER CORRUPT OPPONENTS OF UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 06 BONN 010448

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THEIR POWER.... THIS MEANS THAT THE REPUBLIKA SRPSKA HAS TURNED DE FACTO INTO A WESTERN PROTECTORATE WHICH DAYTON DID NOT WANT TO CREATE IN BOSNIA AS A WHOLE.

"IN VIEW OF THEIR GROWING PAUPERIZATION, AN INCREASING NUMBER OF BOSNIAN SERBS UNDERSTAND THAT THEIR STATE HAS NO CHANCE TO SURVIVE WITHOUT WESTERN SUPPORT.... ONLY NOSTALGIC BUT NO POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REASONS SPEAK FOR KARADZIC'S POLICY. KARADZIC'S DAYS IN POWER SEEM TO BE NUMBERED. FIRST HE TRIED TO GET THE SUPPORT OF PARLIAMENT, THEN IT WAS THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT, AND NOW IT IS THE POLICE FORCES TO GET RID OF HIS EMBARRASSING RIVAL, BUT TO NO AVAIL. AND TO PREVENT AN ARMED SOLUTION, THE WESTERN COMMUNITY HAS - IN AN UNUSUAL SHOW OF DETERMINATION- SENT SFOR TROOPS."

2. RIGHT-OF-CENTER BONNER RUNDSCHAU (08/22) CARRIES AN EDITORIAL BY SANDRO SCHMIDT UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"ANOTHER TURNCOAT."

"THE INTERNATIONAL CONTACT GROUP, SFOR, NATO, THE EU, THE UNITED STATES OR OTHERS WHO ARE POLITICALLY ACTIVE IN BOSNIA SHOULD NOT ESTABLISH TOO CLOSE CONTACTS WITH THE PROFESSOR FROM BANJA LUCA WHO APPEARS ALL OF A SUDDEN AS 'CLEAN WOMAN.' EVEN THOUGH BILJANA PLAVSIC IS TRYING TO CURRY FAVOR WITH (THE WEST), SHE IS TO A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE RESPONSIBLE FOR WAR CRIMES, HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, AND ATROCITIES THAT BECAME WELL KNOWN UNDER THE TERM 'ETHNIC CLEANSING.' THE PRESIDENT JUSTIFIED THE EXPULSIONS IN IDEOLOGICAL TERMS, AND SHE PROPAGATED AND PROMOTED THE DISPLACEMENTS. THOUGH SHE MAY BE USEFUL FOR THE INTERNATIONAL MEDIATORS AND SUPPORTS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DAYTON AGREEMENT AND THE INTRODUCTION OF DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES: SHE SHOULD BE TRIED BEFORE THE WAR CRIMES

TRIBUNAL JUST AS KARADZIC AND THE NUMBER OF OTHER SUCH LEADERS IN THE BALKANS. HER HANDS ARE STAINED WITH BLOOD."

3. CENTRIST DER TAGESSPIEGEL OF BERLIN (08/22)
CARRIES AN EDITORIAL SAYING:

"THE WRESTLING ABOUT BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA'S FUTURE IS BACK AGAIN SINCE THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SERBS HAS SPLIT UP. THE POLITICAL DIVISION IS AT THE SAME TIME A GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION.... THUS THE REPUBLIKA SRPSKA IS ABOUT TO DISINTEGRATE INTO TWO HALVES. IF THIS DEVELOPMENT OCCURS, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE THAT WAS AGREED UPON IN DAYTON WOULD BE IN JEOPARDY.... BUT IT WOULD BE PROBLEMATIC TO UNWRAP THE (DAYTON) PACKAGE. FOR THE SERBS, THE TEMPTATION WOULD INCREASE TO ANNEX THE EASTERN PART THAT IS CONTROLLED BY KARADZIC AND INTEGRATE IT INTO SERBIA. AND THE WESTERN PART UNDER PLAVSIC'S LEADERSHIP
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WOULD HARDLY BE ABLE TO SURVIVE. NEW ELECTIONS FOR THE
SERB PARLIAMENT RULED BY KARADZIC SUPPORTERS CURRENTLY SEEM
TO BE THE BEST HOPE OF GIVING THE UNDIVIDED
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA OF ALL THREE PEOPLES A CHANCE...."

4. RIGHT-OF-CENTER NUERNBERGER ZEITUNG (08/22)
NOTES:

"THE REASON FOR WESTERN SUPPORT OF MRS. PLAVSIC IS
SIMPLY THAT THERE IS NO OTHER PERSON AVAILABLE AND THAT THE
PRESIDENT IS NOT ON THE MOST-WANTED LIST.... HOWEVER, THIS
PLEASANT DEVELOPMENT COULD QUICKLY BECOME UNTENABLE IF NATO
WERE FORCED TO DEFEND THE INCUMBENT BY USING FORCE AND
THEREBY RISKING THE LIVES OF SOLDIERS TO SAVE THE PRESIDENT
WHOSE AIMS ARE NOT COMPATIBLE WITH THE AIMS OF THE
WEST...."

C. (ISRAEL) ARAFAT'S LINKS TO HAMAS

JOSE JOFFE WRITES IN AN EDITORIAL IN CENTRIST
SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (08/22) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"IN THE BED OF THE ENEMY"

"THE CEREMONY IN THE ROSE GARDEN OF THE WHITE HOUSE
LOOKED LIKE A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM SINCE IN THE PAST FEW
WEEKS, THE WHOLE DEVELOPMENT HAS TAKEN A NEGATIVE TURN.
THE BAD THING IS THAT EVERYBODY IS DOING ONLY THOSE THINGS
THAT IRRITATE THE OTHER SIDE THE MOST AND CREATE FEARS....

"BUT NOW IT IS NOT NETANYAHU BUT YASSER ARAFAT WHO HAS
WRITTEN A NEW CHAPTER IN THE BOOK OF MIDDLE EAST
STUPIDITIES.... ON WEDNESDAY, ARAFAT ORGANIZED A 'NATIONAL
UNITY CONFERENCE' IN GAZA IN WHICH THE TERRORIST GROUPS
HAMAS AND JIHAD PARTICIPATED. WITH THEIR TERRORIST
ACTIVITIES, THESE TWO ORGANIZATIONS HAVE TRIED FOR YEARS TO
THWART THE PEACE PROCESS WITH BOMBS....

"IT MAY BE POSSIBLE THAT ARAFAT WITH HIS FRATERNIZING
ACTION WANTED TO BIND THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS TO HIS POLICY,
PUT REINS ON THEM, AND INTEGRATE THEM INTO THE PEACE
PROCESS. BUT - AND THE PERVERSE DIALECTICS IN THE MIDDLE
EAST IS RESPONSIBLE, HARDLY ANY ISRAELI WILL TAKE ARAFAT
SERIOUSLY WITH SUCH A STEP. EVEN THOSE WHO WANT PEACE NOW
SEE THEIR WORST NIGHTMARE COMING TRUE: THEY SEE AN ARAFAT
WHO IS EITHER TOO WEAK TO CONFRONT THE TERRORISTS OR - AND
THIS IS EVEN WORSE - WHO WANTS TO JOIN FORCES WITH THEM.

"BOTH ARAFAT AND NETANYAHU HAVE NOW REACHED THE MOST
DANGEROUS POINT OF THE TRIP THAT BEGAN IN WASHINGTON IN
1993. IN ORDER TO PLACATE OPPONENTS AT HOME, EACH OF THEM
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DOES THINGS WHICH ROB THE OTHER OF BELIEF IN THE
WILLINGNESS OF THE OTHER SIDE TO MAKE PEACE. THUS NONE OF
THEM WILL REACH THE FINAL DESTINATION."

D. (AFGHANISTAN) DRUG TRAFFICKING

UDO ULFKOTTE OPINES IN AN EDITORIAL IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER
FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (08/22) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"OUTMANEUVERED."

"THE AFGHAN TALIBAN MILITIA GROUP HAS BANNED THE
CONSUMPTION OF AND TRADE OF DRUGS. THE UNITED NATIONS HAS
NOW PROMISED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL.
THIS SOUNDS GOOD, SINCE AFGHANISTAN HAS BEEN THE SECOND
BIGGEST OPIUM PRODUCER IN THE WORLD.... HOWEVER, FOR GOOD
REASON, THE RELIGIOUS FIGHTERS HAVE NOT BANNED THE
CULTIVATION OF THE DRUG. THEY CONTROL 93 PERCENT OF THE
AFGHAN OPIUM AREA UNDER CULTIVATION, AND THE DESTRUCTION OF
POPPY FIELDS WOULD CERTAINLY BE THE TOUGHEST STRIKE AGAINST
DRUG TRAFFICKING. BUT THIS IS NOT THE TALIBAN'S
INTENTION, SINCE, LIKE ALL OTHER AFGHAN WAR GROUPS, THEY
LIVE FROM OPIUM. MORE THAN 200,000 LARGE FAMILIES
CULTIVATE THE DRUG, AND THE TALIBAN DEMAND TEN PERCENT...OF
THE YIELD COMING FROM POPPY FIELDS. BUT THIS IS NOT THE
ONLY SOURCE OF INCOME: WITH THE DECREE...TO BAN THE
CONSUMPTION AND TRAFFICKING OF DRUGS, THEY HAVE NOW AN
EXCLUSIVE SOURCE OF INCOME FOR THEIR OWN -- LUCRATIVE TRADE
IN OPIUM. BUT THE WESTERN DONORS OBVIOUSLY OVERLOOKED THIS
FACT."

E. (IRAN) NEW CABINET

1. RUDOLPH CHIMELLI NOTES IN AN EDITORIAL IN
CENTRIST SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (08/22) UNDER THE
HEADLINE:

"REFORM BUT NOT COUP."

"FROM KHATAMI'S ELECTION TO THE NAMING OF THE
GOVERNMENT TOOK A MONTH, FROM ITS NAMING TO THE DEBATE IN
THE MAJLIS TOOK A WEEK, AND THERE WERE ONLY TWO DAYS OF
DISCUSSION ABOUT THE LIST OF MINISTERS. THE RESULT OF THIS
THOROUGH PREPARATION BEHIND THE STAGE IS A PERSONNEL
COMPROMISE WHICH GIVES THE CONSERVATIVES THEIR SHARE IN THE
CABINET, TOO. IN THE RELIGIOUS IRANIAN STATE, SPIRITUAL
LEADER AYATOLLAH KHAMENEI IS THE STRONGMAN ANYWAY. HE
WOULD HAVE LIKED TO STOP KHATAMI'S RISE. HOWEVER, ISLAMIC
EXTREMISTS WILL IN THE FUTURE NOT MISS ANY OPPORTUNITY TO
THROW SPANNERS IN THE WORKS OF THE SECULAR LEADER. KHATAMI
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IS THINKING OF A MORE TOLERANT, MORE HUMANE, MORE OPEN
SOCIETY WHICH DOES NOT SHY AWAY FROM DIALOGUE WITH THE
EXTERNAL WORLD. WE SHOULD NOT EXPECT MORE FROM HIM. HE
DOES NOT QUESTION THE RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL ORDER OF THE
IRANIAN SOCIETY..... HE DOES NOT WANT TO BECOME AN IRANIAN
GORBACHEV."

2. RIGHT-OF-CENTER BERLINER MORGENPOST (08/22)

NOTES:

"FOR GERMANS AND EUROPEANS, THE INNER-IRANIAN
FACTIONAL FIGHTING IS NOT THE DECISIVE ISSUE. IRAN MUST BE
JUDGED ACCORDING TO ITS ACTION. THE FATWA AGAINST AUTHOR
SALMAN RUSHDIE MUST BE SUSPENDED, THE WRITER SARKUHI IS
STILL IN PRISON, STATE TERRORISM (WHICH A COURT IN BERLIN
CONFIRMED) MUST BE HALTED, AND THE SUPPORT OF THE
ANTI-ISRAELI HEZBOLLAH MOVEMENT MUST STOP. THIS WOULD BE A
REAL NEW BEGINNING."

3. CENTRIST KOELNER STADT-ANZEIGER (08/22) HAS THIS
TO SAY:

"AFTER THE ELECTION OF MODERATE IRANIAN PRESIDENT
KHATAMI, WE ARE NOW CONFRONTED WITH THE SECOND SURPRISE:
HIS WHOLE NEW CABINET WAS CONFIRMED BY THE
CONSERVATIVE-DOMINATED PARLIAMENT. OF COURSE, THIS NEW
BEGINNING DOES NOT MEAN THAT KHATAMI IS NOW ABLE, OR EVEN
WANTS, STEER A PRO-WESTERN OR EVEN A PRO-AMERICAN COURSE,
SINCE IRAN'S SPIRITUAL LEADER AYATOLLAH KHAMENEI HAS THE
FINAL SAY...BUT THE ENVISAGED PATH TO REFORMS OPENS AT
LEAST POSSIBILITIES FOR MORE PRAGMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE
WEST AND FOR A LIBERALIZATION AT HOME. SINCE THE ISLAMIC
REVOLUTION OF 1979, THE CHANCES OF NORMALIZATION HAVE NEVER
BEEN AS GREAT."

F. (GERMANY-U.S.) RELATIONS

1. KLAUS-DIETER FRANKENBERGER JUDGES IN AN EDITORIAL
IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (08/22) UNDER THE
HEADLINE:

"PARTNER."

"AMERICA'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO GERMANY, KORNBLUM,
ARRIVED IN GERMANY BY SAYING THAT GERMAN-U.S. RELATIONS
MUST BE REDEFINED. IN DOING SO HE GAVE NO REASON TO BE
ALARMED BUT ONLY ALTERED THE COMMONPLACE (VIEW) THAT, AFTER
THE END OF THE COLD WAR AND THE DISINTEGRATION OF THE

SOVIET UNION, NOTHING IS AS IT WAS IN THE PAST. THIS IS TRUE FOR TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP IN GENERAL AND THE GERMAN-U.S. RELATIONSHIP IN PARTICULAR. BECAUSE THE UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 06 BONN 010448

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CONFRONTATION BETWEEN EAST AND WEST IS OVER NOW, SECURITY POLICY UNDER U.S. SPONSORSHIP IS NO LONGER THE DOMINATING FORCE IN A FABRIC OF RELATIONS WHICH ARE, DESPITE ALL NAY-SAYERS, INTACT AND CLOSE. IT IS A SIGN OF REDUCED DRAMATIZATION THAT GERMANY APPEARS ONLY FROM TIME TO TIME ON WASHINGTON'S 'RADAR SCREEN'. TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THIS WOULD MEAN TO HAVE NOSTALGIC FEELINGS ABOUT THE TIMES OF GERMANY'S DIVISION. CERTAINLY, U.S. INTERESTS TODAY ARE WIDELY SPREAD, BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT U.S. EXPECTATIONS VIS-A-VIS GERMANY HAVE BEEN REDUCED. ON THE CONTRARY, THE UNITED STATES WANTS A SELF-CONFIDENT, INNOVATIVE PARTNER WHO IS WILLING TO TAKE OVER RESPONSIBILITY AS AN ANCHOR IN EUROPE. IT IS DOES NOT HURT US TO BE REMINDED OF THIS FACT."

2. KURT KISTER JUDGES IN AN EDITORIAL IN CENTRIST SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (08/22) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"A REAL AMBASSADOR AT LAST."

"THERE IS AGAIN A REAL U.S. AMBASSADOR TO GERMANY.... THIS IS WORTH NOTING SINCE THE POST WAS VACANT FOR MORE THAN A YEAR. IT IS TRUE THAT CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AD INTERIM, JAMES BINDENAGEL, VIGOROUSLY FILLED THE GAP, BUT THE WORLD OF DIPLOMACY LIVES ON SYMBOLS, AND A CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IS NO AMBASSADOR.

"THE FACT THAT THE EMBASSY WAS 'HEADLESS' FOR SUCH A LONG TIME HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BONN AND WASHINGTON. THE SOLE GUILTY PARTY IS THE ARCH-CONSERVATIVE SENATOR JESSE HELMS WHO, AS THE HEAD OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, HAS BLOCKED MANY CANDIDATES OF THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION. FUNDAMENTALIST HELMS, WHO CONSIDERS THE UN TO BE A CENTER OF A GLOBAL CONSPIRACY, WANTED TO ACHIEVE SEVERAL

CONCESSIONS WITH HIS BOYCOTT. AND HE DID NOT GIVE A DAMN ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF HIS OBSTINACY HAVING IN THE CAPITALS WHERE NO U.S. AMBASSADOR WAS ACCREDITED.

"BONN CAN BE HAPPY THAT KORNBLUM IS NOT ONE OF THOSE AMBASSADORS WHO ARE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT BECAUSE OF THEIR GENEROSITY IN MAKING DONATIONS TO THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN. THE UNITED STATES IS ONE OF THE LAST WESTERN DEMOCRACIES WHERE SUCH POSITIONS - TO THE ANNOYANCE OF DIPLOMATS - CAN DE FACTO BE BOUGHT. KORNBLUM IS A CAREER DIPLOMAT OF BEST REPUTATION. HE KNOWS GERMANY AND CONSIDERS HIS POST, UNLIKE HIS PREDECESSORS HOLBROOKE AND REDMAN, NOT TO BE A SHORT-TERM WAY-STATION ON THE PATH TO BETTER JOBS. TWO STEPS FORWARD: THE U.S. EMBASSY HAS A NEW BOSS, AND HE IS HAPPY TO BE IN GERMANY."

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AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA/PRESS COVERAGE:

1. ALL MAJOR DAILIES RUN EXTENSIVE REPORTS ABOUT THE
NOMINATION OF KATHRYN WALT HALL AS NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR TO
AUSTRIA, POINTING OUT, HOWEVER, THAT SHE STILL HAS TO BE
CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE.

2. CONSERVATIVE "DIE PRESSE" HAS A PICTURE ON THE FRONT
PAGE AND A LONG REPORT BY U.S. CORRESPONDENT MONICA
RIEDLER. JESSE HELMS IS MENTIONED HERE AS SOMEONE WHO
IS KNOWN FOR DELAYING APPOINTMENTS OF AMBASSADORS IF HE
DISAGREES WITH A DECISION.

THE ARTICLE ALSO REPORTS THE NOMINATION OF DAVID TIMOTHY JOHNSON AS THE NEW AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. OSCE DELEGATION, REPLACING CURRENT AMBASSADOR SAM BROWN.

AMBASSADOR BROWN IS DESCRIBED AS."ONE OF THE VICTIMS OF JESSE HELMS." HE WAS KNOWN DURING THE SIXTIES AS AN ANTI-VIETNAM ACTIVIST, "WHICH JESSE HELMS COULD NEVER FORGIVE HIM."

"DIE PRESSE" MENTIONS THAT OUTGOING AMBASSADOR HUNT STRONGLY SUPPORTED HALL'S NOMINATION IN CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT CLINTON. "HUNT DEDICATED HER TIME IN VIENNA PARTICULARLY TO CHARITY PROJECTS IN BOSNIA," MONICA RIEDLER ADDS.

3. INDEPENDENT "DER STANDARD" REPORTS ABOUT THE NOMINATION AND, IN ADDITION, GIVES EXTENSIVE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ABOUT KATHRYN HALL IN ITS COLUMN "KOPF DES TAGES" ("PERSON OF THE DAY.")

4. MASS-CIRCULATION "KURIER" RUNS A COMMENTARY BY DEPUTY CHIEF EDITOR CHRISTOPH KOTANKO ABOUT "WASHINGTON'S LACK OF INTEREST IN VIENNA." THE COMMENTARY HAS THE TITLE "A MISSION FOR THE NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR." ON OUTGOING AMBASSADOR SWANEE HUNT, "KURIER" WRITES:

"SWANEE HUNT AND HER HUSBAND, A CONDUCTOR, SOON BECAME HOUSEHOLD NAMES OF AUSTRIA'S SOCIAL LIFE. SHE WAS ALSO PRESENT AS A NEWSPAPER COLUMNIST -- QUITE UNUSUAL IN HER POSITION....

SINCE THE END OF THE COLD WAR, AUSTRIA HAS LOST ITS SPECIAL ROLE BETWEEN THE EAST AND THE WEST. AMERICA'S ATTENTION IS FOCUSSED ON THE REFORMING STATES THESE DAYS. THIS IS ALSO DUE TO THE FACT THAT SECRETARY OF STATE ALBRIGHT WAS BORN IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND UNDERSTANDS HER ROLE AS THAT OF A LOBBYIST FOR THOSE COUNTRIES THAT WERE FREED FROM THE YOKE OF COMMUNISM."

KOTANKO QUOTES AUSTRIAN VICE CHANCELLOR SCHUESSEL, WHO REJECTS THE NOTION THAT WASHINGTON MIGHT NOT BE INTERESTED IN AUSTRIA: "WE ARE JUST THE CLASSICAL CASE OF AN UNPROBLEMATIC CENTRAL EUROPEAN COUNTRY." SCHUESSEL DOES NOT INTERPRET THIS AS NEGLECTING AUSTRIA.

HE BRIEFLY MENTIONS THE "WALDHEIM PROBLEM" AS THE ONLY HISTORICAL PROBLEM BETWEEN THE U.S. AND AUSTRIA, WHICH CANNOT BE SOLVED FOR "REASONS OF U.S. DOMESTIC POLICY."

5. "NEUE KRONEN ZEITUNG" HEADLINES: "RESOLUTE WOMEN'S RIGHTS ACTIVIST IS NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA"

6. THE SEMI-OFFICIAL DAILY "WIENER ZEITUNG" REPORTS ABOUT THE NOMINATION ON THE FRONT PAGE.

7. THE QUALITY DAILY "SALZBURGER NACHRICHTEN" HEADLINES "CLINTON SENDS BUSINESS WOMAN."

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[Commentary by Maria Eugenia Oyarzun: "Clinton Conditioned Arms Sales on Two-Year Moratorium: Elasticized Letters"]

[FBIS Translated Excerpt] Like lovers in a lovers quarrel, the presidents of the United States and Chile, Bill Clinton and Eduardo Frei Ruiz-Tagle, respectively, returned each other's letters and perhaps even the photos.

As happens in the relationship of a couple, a third person is to blame for the temporary tiff. In this case, it is Argentina's President Carlos Saul Menem, who got his act together and, courting the United States government with better tactics, won its heart and, in passing, an engagement ring that will make him the United States's "non-NATO strategic ally."

Although the date of the exchange of correspondence between Presidents Clinton and Frei is not known, the American leader sent a letter to the Chilean leader to inform him of the U.S. decision to lift the ban on sales of U.S. arms to Chile, but conditioning the purchase of the said war materiel on a two-year moratorium.

According to government sources, President Eduardo Frei's answer to Clinton was "very harsh." President Frei is said to have expressed his thanks for the notification, and then categorically refused the conditioned offer of sale of war materiel. As a result of the Chilean government's reaction, the State Department of the United States is said to have asked our Ministry of Foreign Affairs to consider the cited letters as "having not been sent."

It is not known whether the heads of the other Latin American countries also received Clinton's "elasticized" letter. If he indeed wrote to them, it would seem that he did not set any conditions, since we are unaware of any repetition of Uncle Sam's faux pas with Chile in the case of any other foreign ministry.

Chile would not be aware of this unusual situation had DC [Christian Democracy] Senator Gabriel Valdes, former minister of foreign affairs and former president of the Senate, not stated this week, in a closed session of the Senate and in the presence of Foreign Minister Jose Miguel Insulza and Undersecretary of the Navy Pablo Cabrera, that there had been an exchange of letters between Clinton and Frei. Foreign Minister Insulza acknowledged the exchange, stating that the United States government asked Chile to consider Clinton's letter not received and Frei's letter not sent.

Perhaps this occurred when Insulza rushed off to Washington where he met with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

If one links this event with the leaking of the agreement between the United States and Argentina, by which the White House confers upon the Buenos Aires government the title of "non-NATO strategic ally," one might well conclude that, less than eight months from the Summit of the Americas that is to be held in Santiago in April 1998, relations between the United States and Chile are not the most loving.

Improvisation and Benefits of the Club

In the opinion of some analysts, the performance of Chile's Ministry of Foreign Affairs with respect to these issues has been characterized by a lot of "improvisation" and perhaps lacking due coordination with the Defense Ministry, especially since reports of the possible United States-Argentina "partnership" were published in some newspapers on 5 December 1996, almost nine months ago.

The United States law on NATO enacted in 1961, was updated in July of last year with the participation of the United States Senate and the blessing of Senator Jesse Helms, creating a new kind of partnership between countries and the United States.

This, we were told, is a "very important law," that has already enabled the United States to bring into this club countries of strategic importance to the only world power--countries such as New Zealand, Israel, Australia, Egypt, Japan, Korea, and Jordan.
[passage omitted]

Armed Forces Not Surprised

Having discovered for themselves during the military government, and perhaps even before then, that it is not advisable for a nation to depend upon war materiel from one country alone, and even less if that country is a power, Chile's Armed Forces are not surprised at the United States's approach.

At one time, Chile's military equipped themselves almost exclusively in the United States, but--we are told--after buying ships, tanks, and planes from it, they remained tied hand and foot to the munitions the United States wished to send them. Today, some believe that though it may be convenient to buy military equipment in the United States, Chile must not remain tied to a sole supplier. They cite the experience of the military government, when the sale of arms to Chile was forbidden during years in which we faced at least two threats of war from our neighbors.

As a result, the branches of the Defense establishment then turned to Israel, England, Belgium, France, and other countries for their procurement needs, and received--they say--excellent service with respect to maintenance and munitions. Even Francois Mitterrand, the then President of France and great opponent of General Augusto Pinochet's government, did not object to sales of Mirage and Super Etandard planes, with their corresponding Exocets, to Chile.

Perhaps this is why the national defense policy favored by civilians and persons in uniform alike, with respect to war materiel, is to count on arms from a country having no expansionist intentions, but that is strongly attached to defending its sovereignty and territory through deterrence.

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SUMMARY: HONG KONG PRINT PRESS DEVOTED MAJOR HEADLINES TO THE SECOND DAY OF C. H. TUNG'S FOUR-DAY VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. TUNG'S BRIEF MEETING WITH SECRETARY OF STATE ALBRIGHT, HIS SPEECH TO THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, JESSE HELMS' CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM ON HONG KONG'S ELECTORAL METHODS AND A WASHINGTON POST EDITORIAL WERE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COVERAGE. LOCAL NEWSPAPERS RESPONDED IN COMPLETELY DIFFERENT WAYS TO THE BRIEF MEETING WITH SECRETARY ALBRIGHT. SOME CHEERED BECAUSE THE US GOVERNMENT GAVE MR. TUNG THE HIGHEST-LEVEL VIP TREATMENT TO SHOW ITS SINCERE INTEREST IN HONG KONG ISSUES. OTHER PAPERS EMPHASIZED THAT MS. ALBRIGHT'S DROP-IN ONLY LASTED FOR FIVE MINUTES, COMPARED TO THE HOUR-PLUS MEETING SHE HAD WITH HONG KONG DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER MARTIN LEE IN MAY. THEY SAW IT AS A CAUTIOUS WARNING FROM THE WHITE HOUSE TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

--"C.H.TUNG'S 'GOOD MOUTHING' JOURNEY TO AMERICA"
SING PAO
09/10 EDITORIAL

..."WHETHER THE US WILL INTERFERE IN HONG KONG AFFAIRS AFTER BRITAIN'S RETREAT FROM HONG KONG IN JULY IS A MATTER WORTHY OF PUBLIC ATTENTION. A NUMBER OF US SENATORS, ON THE FIRST DAY OF C. H. TUNG'S US VISIT, TABLED A CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION, CRITICIZING [HONG KONG'S] ELECTORAL METHOD. ON THE SAME DAY, ONE OF THE U.S.' MOST PROMINENT NEWSPAPERS, THE WASHINGTON POST, ALSO PUBLISHED AN EDITORIAL ATTACKING NEXT YEAR'S ELECTION PACKAGE...

..."IT IS ABSOLUTELY UNDERSTANDABLE THAT THE US GOVERNMENT TENDS TO TAKE SPECIAL CARE OF HONG KONG'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY, BECAUSE THE AMERICANS HAVE LONG TRIED TO INSTILL THEIR CONCEPT OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY IN OTHER COUNTRIES. BUT WHAT WAY TO ACHIEVE SUCH GOALS REMAINS A PROBLEM. TO FOLLOW THE MEDIA'S BASHING THE ELECTORAL METHOD IS DEFINITELY THE LEAST CONSTRUCTIVE TO US-HONG KONG AND US-CHINA RELATIONS...

..."THE US GOVERNMENT SHOULD STICK TO ITS MILD TONE THAT IT HOPES FOR AN EARLY, OPEN AND FAIR ELECTION, WHICH DOES NOT IMPOSE TOO MUCH PRESSURE ON C. H. TUNG ..."

--"WILL C. H. TUNG'S U.S. TRIP GO SMOOTHLY?"
SING TAO DAILY NEWS
09/10 EDITORIAL BY EX-LEGISLATOR EMILY LAU

..."IT WAS BELIEVED THAT C. H. TUNG'S LONG-TIME CONNECTION WITH THE US BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH POWERFUL US POLITICIANS WOULD HELP SMOOTH HIS US TRIP. WITH HONG KONG'S SITUATION OF 'BUSINESS AS USUAL' TWO MONTHS AFTER THE HANDOVER, THE WHITE HOUSE MAY ORALLY ACCEPT THE STORY THAT HONG KONG IS STILL A FREE INTERNATIONAL CITY RULED AND PROTECTED BY LAWS AS BEFORE. BUT THESE HIGH LEVEL PERSONAGES ON CAPITOL HILL ARE NOT DUMB. WHILE THEY WARMLY WELCOMED C. H. TUNG, THEY ALL HAVE BIG QUESTION MARKS IN THEIR HEARTS REGARDING HONG KONG'S FUTURE...

..."OF COURSE, THOSE AMERICANS WHO ONLY CARE FOR COMMERCIAL INTERESTS WOULD NOT QUESTION C. H. TUNG'S STANCE ON ISSUES OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY. FORTUNATELY, THERE ARE NUMEROUS COURAGEOUS AMERICANS, SUCH AS THE US MEDIA, WHO CARE FOR HONG KONG'S FREEDOM AND SUPPORT HONG KONG'S DEMOCRACY, WHO DARE TO RAISE ISSUES THAT EMBARRASS C. H. TUNG..."

--"C. H. TUNG BLAMES US MEDIA FOR DISTORTING HONG KONG IMAGE; STRESSES THE LEGISLATIVE ARRANGEMENT IS FOR INTERIM AND EVENTUALLY WOULD BE ACCEPTED BY THE PUBLIC"
ORIENTAL DAILY NEWS
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--"TUNG'S MEETING WITH ALBRIGHT 'VERY CORDIAL'; TUNG

DEFENDS CUT IN ELECTORATE"
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ADMINISTRATIVE
SUCCESS EARNS TUNG PRAISE AT START OF US
TRIP; WASHINGTON URGES MORE DEMOCRACY"
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--"TUNG: IN 10 YEARS, HONG KONG WILL HAVE COMPREHENSIVE
DEMOCRACY; TUNG MCCTS WITH US SECRETARY OF STATE AND
DEPUTY; TIME FOR TUNG TO MEET PRESIDENT CLINTON
CONFIRMED; SPECIAL ATTENTION HAS BEEN PAID TO CLINTON-
TUNG MEETING ARRANGEMENT; CHIEF EXECUTIVE EXPLAINS HONG
KONG'S REALITY TO AMERICANS; US MEDIA SAYS THE WHITE
HOUSE IS SATISFIED WITH HONG KONG'S FREEDOM"
HONG KONG COMMERCIAL DAILY
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--"C. H. TUNG'S SPEECH INDICATES US MEDIA'S
MISUNDERSTANDING OF HONG KONG'S REVERSION; TUNG ONLY
GETS FIVE MINUTES TO MEET WITH MS ALBRIGHT; US MEDIA LOW
KEY IN REPORTING TUNG'S VISIT, QUESTIONING IF TUNG WILL
PROVIDE DEMOCRACY TO HONG KONG PEOPLE; SENATORS TO
IMPEACH THE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENT"
HONG KONG ECONOMIC JOURNAL
09/10 NEWS

--"ENTITLED 'UNDOING HONG KONG'S DEMOCRACY', HOW
C.H.TUNG CHANGES US MEDIA CONCLUSION; C. H. TUNG MEETS
MS ALBRIGHT FOR 10 MINUTES, EXCHANGING POINTS OF VIEW
OVER ELECTORAL METHOD; TUNG: THE FUTURE 10 YEARS WILL
EXCEED THE PAST 100 YEARS; WASHINGTON POST: PROSPERITY
NO LONGER EXISTS AS DEMOCRACY BEING TAKEN AWAY"
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--"C. H. TUNG MEETS MS ALBRIGHT, FOCUSING ON ELECTORAL
METHOD AND HONG KONG'S FUTURE; TUNG INTRODUCES HONG
KONG'S REALITY AFTER THE HANDOVER BEFORE U.S.CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE"
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09/10 NEWS

--"ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENT CRITICIZED; C. H. TUNG TO MEET
US MEDIA TODAY; SENATORS TO IMPEACH ELECTORAL
ARRANGEMENT; MS ALBRIGHT BRIEFLY DROPS IN"
APPLE DAILY
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--"US IMPOSE PRESSURE ON C. H. TUNG; TUNG: HONG KONG'S
LONG TERM INTEREST IS MOST IMPORTANT; SECRETARY OF STATE
ALBRIGHT JOINS TUNG'S MEETING WITH TALBOTT; TUNG TELLS
US NO CHANGES TO BE MADE REGARDING THE ELECTORAL METHOD;
US SENATORS INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A
REFERENDUM ON THE METHOD FOR NEXT YEAR'S POLLS"
SING TAO DAILY NEWS
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--"CHIEF EXECUTIVE INTRODUCES HONG KONG'S POST-HANDOVER
REALITY TO US SECRETARY OF STATE; FIRST DAY OF VISIT:
WASHINGTON POST EDITORIAL CRITICIZES ELECTORAL METHOD;
SENATORS TO IMPEACH; SECRETARY OF STATES SQUEEZES TIME
TO MEET VISITOR FROM FAR AWAY"
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09/10 NEWS, FEATURES

--"C. H. TUNG EXPLAINS IN DETAIL TO AMERICANS ABOUT NEXT
YEAR'S LEGISLATIVE ELECTION; IMMEDIATELY AFTER ARRIVAL,
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THE CONSERVATIVE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" REPORTED FROM JERUSALEM 9/11:

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THE CONSERVATIVE "TIMES" HAD THIS REPORT FROM MIDDLE EAST EDITOR CHRIS WALKER 9/11:

"ACCUSATIONS OF PRO-ISRAELI BIAS GREETED MADELEINE ALBRIGHT WITHIN HOURS OF HER ARRIVAL IN THE MIDDLE EAST ON A MISSION DESCRIBED BY MANY ARABS AND ISRAELIS AS THE LAST CHANCE TO SAVE THE PEACE PROCESS..."

"IN AN EFFORT TO APPEAR EVEN-HANDED, WHICH EVEN STATE DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENTS ON HER PLANE DISMISSED AS INSUFFICIENT, MRS. ALBRIGHT URGED ISRAEL NOT TO TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION THAT UNDERMINED ITS 1993 PEACE DEAL..."

"ISRAEL CHEERS AS ALBRIGHT PUTS ARAFAT ON THE SPOT"

THE LIBERAL "GUARDIAN" REPORTED FROM JERUSALEM 9/11:

"ON HER FIRST VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST, MRS. ALBRIGHT DELIGHTED ISRAELI OFFICIALS BUT DISMAYED PALESTINIANS BY PLACING THE IMMEDIATE ONUS FOR SALVAGING PEACE ON YASSER ARAFAT..."

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"THE MOVE, WHICH COULD COME BACK TO HAUNT WASHINGTON IN DEALING WITH IMMIGRANTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES LIKE MEXICO, WAS PORTRAYED BY OFFICIALS AS A GESTURE TOWARDS ASSISTING THE NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PROCESS..."

"TRIMBLE TAKES BLAIR TO TASK OVER IRA CONCESSIONS' "

THE CONSERVATIVE "TIMES" REPORTED 9/11:

"DAVID TRIMBLE, THE ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY LEADER, PROTESTED TO THE PRIME MINISTER YESTERDAY ABOUT THE STRING OF CONCESSIONS HE SAYS THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE TO SINN FEIN IN RECENT WEEKS WHILE IGNORING UNIONIST FEARS..."

"WASHINGTON'S DEPORTATION ANNOUNCEMENT, RELATING TO SIX PEOPLE WHO

CONCEALED THEIR CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS WHEN THEY TRAVELLED TO AMERICA, INCENSED THE ULSTER DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND PROGRESSIVE UNIONIST PARTY, WHOSE PRESENCE AT THE TALKS IS ALMOST AS CRITICAL AS THAT OF THE ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY. THEY COMPLAIN THAT LOYALIST PRISONERS HAVE HAD NO CONCESSIONS, DESPITE A THREE-YEAR CEASEFIRE."

3. LANDMINES

"U.S. THREAT TO QUIT TALKS ON BANNING LANDMINES"

THE INDEPENDENT "FINANCIAL TIMES" REPORTED 9/11 FROM OSLO:

THE UNITED STATES HAS TOLD DIPLOMATS AT THE OSLO LANDMINES CONFERENCE IT MIGHT PULL OUT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS UNLESS IT WINS CONCESSIONS ON SPECIALIST ANTI-TANK MINES AND EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN PARTS OF THE WORLD, SUCH AS SOUTH KOREA...

"THE AMERICAN DELEGATION IS DISMAYED BY STRONG OPPOSITION TO ITS PROPOSED EXEMPTIONS FOR LATEST ANTI-TANK WEAPONS AND FOR THE USE OF ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES BY AMERICAN FORCES OPERATING WITHIN NATO.

"CONFERENCE OFFICIALS HOPE THE UNITED STATES, DESPITE ITS RESERVATIONS, WILL REMAIN PART OF THE PROCESS EVEN IF IT DECIDES ULTIMATELY NOT TO RATIFY THE TREATY DUE TO BE SIGNED IN OTTAWA IN DECEMBER."

"TALKS MAIMED"

IN EDITORIAL COMMENT, THE SAME PAPER SAID 9/11:

"FOR A FEW DAYS AFTER THE DEATH OF PRINCESS DIANA, IT WAS WIDELY HOPED THAT THE USE OF ANTI-PERSONNEL LANDMINES MIGHT BE SUBJECT TO AN INTERNATIONAL BAN. THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN A SPLENDID LEGACY, ACCLAIMED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

"THERE WERE SIGNS, BRIEFLY, THE UNITED STATES MIGHT BE WILLING TO SUPPORT SUCH A BAN... HOWEVER, AMERICAN DELEGATES TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN OSLO INTENDED TO TAKE THE PROCESS FORWARD HAVE MADE CLEAR THIS WEEK THEY STILL INSIST ON IMPORTANT EXCEPTIONS.

"THIS IS A DISAPPOINTMENT. THE PRINCESS'S VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE USE OF ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES HAD MADE AN IMPACT ON MANY GOVERNMENTS. THERE ARE STRONG ECONOMIC AS WELL AS HUMANITARIAN REASONS...

"PRECEDENT SUGGESTS THAT A COMPREHENSIVE BAN CAN ALMOST ELIMINATE UNACCEPTABLE WEAPONS: CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEVICES, FOR EXAMPLE. LANDMINES SHOULD JOIN THE LIST."

4. TRADE

"CLINTON IN WARNING ON FAST-TRACK'"

THE INDEPENDENT "FINANCIAL TIMES" REPORTED FROM WASHINGTON 9/11:

"PRESIDENT CLINTON YESTERDAY RAISED THE STAKES IN HIS CAMPAIGN TO GET NEW TRADE NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY, WARNING THAT THE UNITED STATES

WOULD LOSE INFLUENCE IN THE WORLD UNLESS IT WAS ABLE TO NEGOTIATE NEW TRADE PACTS...

"BUT THE CEREMONY WAS BOYCOTTED BY LEADING REPUBLICANS AND MANY DEMOCRATS, WHO WERE IRKED THAT HE FAILED TO DELIVER HIS PROMISED BILL ON TIME YESTERDAY...

"THE DELAY IN SUBMITTING THE BILL HAS COME ABOUT BECAUSE THE WHITE HOUSE IS HOBbled BY FEUDING FACTIONS WITHIN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AS WELL AS BY DEMANDS FROM THE REPUBLICANS THAT THE PRESIDENT EXCLUDE LABOUR AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROVISIONS FROM FUTURE TRADE TALKS."

5. BOSNIA

"END THE DAYTON DAYDREAM"

THE CONSERVATIVE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" EDITORIALIZED 9/11:

"THE POLITICIANS AND PARTIES OF BOSNIA HAVE BEEN INDULGING IN A CHARACTERISTIC BOUT OF PLAYPEN TANTRUMS IN THE LEAD-UP TO THIS WEEKEND'S LOCAL ELECTIONS. SOME TWO-AND-A-HALF MILLION VOTERS, MUSLIM, CROAT AND SERB, HAVE BEEN REGISTERED TO CHOOSE HUNDREDS OF MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES IN AN ELECTION DESIGNED TO BE THE FINAL CONSTITUTIONAL STEP IN THE BOSNIAN PEACE PLAN AGREED AT DAYTON TWO YEARS AGO.

"LEADERS OF THE PRINCIPAL PARTIES OF TWO OF THE COMMUNITIES, THE SERBS AND THE CROATS, HAVE RECOMMENDED SUPPORTERS TO BOYCOTT THE POLL. THE LEADING PARTIES OF ALL THREE COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN DISPLAYING AN UGLY AUTHORITARIANISM, ENCOURAGING PROPAGANDA AND MENACE RATHER THAN POLITICAL DIALOGUE. NO WONDER THE ARCHITECT OF THE DAYTON PROJECT, RICHARD HOLBROOKE, HAS SAID IT IS NOW UNDERGOING ITS SEVEREST TEST, AND MAY NOT SURVIVE.

"THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SERBS, CROATS AND MUSLIMS HAVE FAILED TO HONOR EITHER THE LETTER OR SPIRIT OF THE DAYTON PEACE PLAN. THEY HAVE REFUSED TO ALLOW FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, AND PERMITTED ONLY A FEW OF THE MILLIONS OF REFUGEES TO RETURN TO THEIR PRE-WAR HOMES. THEY HAVE THUMBED THEIR NOSES AT THE NOTION THAT BOSNIA SHOULD BE A UNION OF ALL THREE COMMUNITIES, WITH TOLERANCE OF ALL CULTURES AND CREEDS -- THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF THE DAYTON ACCORD.

"ALL THREE COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN CONSPICUOUSLY RELUCTANT TO YIELD UP THEIR ACCUSED WAR CRIMINALS FOR TRIAL AT THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL IN THE HAGUE. ON THE CONTRARY, MANY OF THE KNOWN CRIMINALS STILL RIDE HIGH, WITH REAL POWER AND INFLUENCE, AMONG

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THEIR PEOPLE.

"THIS WEEK BRITISH NATO TROOPS PREVENTED THE CRONIES OF THE WARTIME LEADER AND INDICTED CRIMINAL RADOVAN KARADZIC FROM STAGING A PUTSCH AGAINST THE LEGITIMATELY ELECTED BOSNIAN SERB PRESIDENT, BILJANA PLAVSIC... THE BRITISH ACTION CONTRASTS SHARPLY WITH THE LESS-THAN-RESOLUTE CONDUCT OF AMERICAN TROOPS TWO WEEKS AGO IN THE FRONTIER TOWN OF BRCKO, AND WHEN THEY HANDED BACK A TRANSMITTER TO KARADZIC'S PROPAGANDA TELEVISION STATION.

"THE AMERICAN LEADERSHIP OF THE NATO FORCE IN BOSNIA AND THE INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATORS, WHOSE TASK IS TO IMPLEMENT THE DAYTON PLAN, HAVE CONTINUED THEIR WORRYING TENDENCY FOR TOUGH WORDS AND SOFT ACTION. IT IS TIME FOR THE DAYTON CHARADE TO STOP. THE PRINCIPAL INDICTED WAR CRIMINALS, LED BY DR. KARADZIC AND GENERAL RATKO MLADIC, MUST BE APPREHENDED IF THE WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL IS TO RETAIN ANY CREDIBILITY. THE DAYTON PLAN ALSO HAS TO BE REDRAWN BECAUSE NONE OF THE PARTIES BELIEVES IN A MULTI-ETHNIC BOSNIA.

"ABOVE ALL, THE GENERALS, DIPLOMATS AND POLITICIANS OF THE NATO COUNTRIES MUST DRAW UP CREDIBLE EXIT STRATEGY; OTHERWISE, LARGE CONTINGENTS OF BRITISH, AMERICAN AND FRENCH TROOPS RISK BEING DEPLOYED FOR DECADES TO COME AMONG THE FEUDING BALKAN TRIBES. "FINALLY, THE LEADERSHIP OF ALL THREE BOSNIAN COMMUNITIES, AND THEIR SPONSORS OUTSIDE -- PARTICULARLY THOSE IN ZAGREB AND BELGRADE, AND EVEN TEHERAN -- MUST BE LEFT IN NO DOUBT THAT COUNTRIES SUCH AS BRITAIN, FRANCE AND AMERICA (WHICH HAVE BEEN GENEROUS TO A FAULT WITH BLOOD AND TREASURE HITHERTO HAVE NO OPEN-ENDED COMMITMENT TO UNDERWRITE THEIR BLIND AND BLOODY FOLLIES."

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THE CONSERVATIVE "TIMES" EDITORIALIZED 9/11:

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"MADELEINE ALBRIGHT GAVE FULL BACKING YESTERDAY TO ISRAEL'S DEMAND THAT PALESTINIANS MAKE AN ASSAULT ON TERROR, BUT MADE NO PUBLIC REFERENCE TO ISRAELI SETTLEMENT EXPANSION AND LAND CONFISCATIONS. FROM THE MOMENT SHE ARRIVED, HER FOCUS WAS UNRELENTING...

"IN THE DAYS BEFORE MRS. ALBRIGHT BEGAN HER VISIT, PALESTINIAN LEADERS TRIED TO PERSUADE THE UNITED STATES THAT SHE SHOULD NOT CONCENTRATE SOLELY ON ISRAELI SECURITY, BUT ALSO ON ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE WEST BANK, RELEASE OF PRISONERS AND SAFE PASSAGE BETWEEN GAZA AND THE WEST BANK..."

"ALBRIGHT CALLS ON PALESTINIANS TO CURB MILITANTS"

THE CONSERVATIVE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" REPORTED FROM JERUSALEM 9/11:

"MRS. ALBRIGHT SEEMED TO PAY LITTLE HEED TO THE COMMENTS OF

PRESIDENT EZER WEIZMAN, WHO WAS REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD HER TO KNOCK HEADS TOGETHER' TO SAVE THE PEACE. INSTEAD, SHE SEEMED TO WAVE AMERICA'S BIG STICK AT MR. ARAFAT, AND SPOKE ONLY SOFTLY TO THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT..."

"ACCUSATIONS OF BIAS BLIGHT ALBRIGHT TRIP"

THE CONSERVATIVE "TIMES" HAD THIS REPORT FROM MIDDLE EAST EDITOR CHRIS WALKER 9/11:

"ACCUSATIONS OF PRO-ISRAELI BIAS GREETED MADELEINE ALBRIGHT WITHIN HOURS OF HER ARRIVAL IN THE MIDDLE EAST ON A MISSION DESCRIBED BY MANY ARABS AND ISRAELIS AS THE LAST CHANCE TO SAVE THE PEACE PROCESS..."

"IN AN EFFORT TO APPEAR EVEN-HANDED, WHICH EVEN STATE DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENTS ON HER PLANE DISMISSED AS INSUFFICIENT, MRS. ALBRIGHT URGED ISRAEL NOT TO TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION THAT UNDERMINED ITS 1993 PEACE DEAL..."

"ISRAEL CHEERS AS ALBRIGHT PUTS ARAFAT ON THE SPOT"

THE LIBERAL "GUARDIAN" REPORTED FROM JERUSALEM 9/11:

"ON HER FIRST VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST, MRS. ALBRIGHT DELIGHTED ISRAELI OFFICIALS BUT DISMAYED PALESTINIANS BY PLACING THE IMMEDIATE ONUS FOR SALVAGING PEACE ON YASSER ARAFAT..."

2. NORTHERN IRELAND

"U.S. SUSPENDS DEPORTATION OF IRA ACTIVISTS"

THE CENTRIST "INDEPENDENT" REPORTED 9/11:

"THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS SUSPENDED DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST SIX IRISH NATIONALS PREVIOUSLY IMPRISONED FOR TERRORIST ACTIVITIES CONNECTED WITH THE IRA -- A HIGHLY UNUSUAL DEPARTURE FROM ITS OWN RULES.

"THE MOVE, WHICH COULD COME BACK TO HAUNT WASHINGTON IN DEALING WITH IMMIGRANTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES LIKE MEXICO, WAS PORTRAYED BY OFFICIALS AS A GESTURE TOWARDS ASSISTING THE NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PROCESS..."

"TRIMBLE TAKES BLAIR TO TASK OVER IRA CONCESSIONS' "

THE CONSERVATIVE "TIMES" REPORTED 9/11:

"DAVID TRIMBLE, THE ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY LEADER, PROTESTED TO THE PRIME MINISTER YESTERDAY ABOUT HE STRING OF CONCESSIONS HE SAYS THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE TO SINN FEIN IN RECENT WEEKS WHILE IGNORING UNIONIST FEARS..."

"WASHINGTON'S DEPORTATION ANNOUNCEMENT, RELATING TO SIX PEOPLE WHO CONCEALED THEIR CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS WHEN THEY TRAVELLED TO AMERICA, INCENSED THE ULSTER DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND PROGRESSIVE

UNIONIST PARTY, WHOSE PRESENCE AT THE TALKS IS ALMOST AS CRITICAL AS THAT OF THE ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY. THEY COMPLAIN THAT LOYALIST PRISONERS HAVE HAD NO CONCESSIONS, DESPITE A THREE-YEAR CEASEFIRE."
3. LANDMINES

"U.S. THREAT TO QUIT TALKS ON BANNING LANDMINES"

THE INDEPENDENT "FINANCIAL TIMES" REPORTED 9/11 FROM OSLO:

THE UNITED STATES HAS TOLD DIPLOMATS AT THE OSLO LANDMINES CONFERENCE IT MIGHT PULL OUT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS UNLESS IT WINS CONCESSIONS ON SPECIALIST ANTI-TANK MINES AND EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN PARTS OF THE WORLD, SUCH AS SOUTH KOREA...

"THE AMERICAN DELEGATION IS DISMAYED BY STRONG OPPOSITION TO ITS PROPOSED EXEMPTIONS FOR LATEST ANTI-TANK WEAPONS AND FOR THE USE OF ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES BY AMERICAN FORCES OPERATING WITHIN NATO.

"CONFERENCE OFFICIALS HOPE THE UNITED STATES, DESPITE ITS RESERVATIONS, WILL REMAIN PART OF THE PROCESS EVEN IF IT DECIDES ULTIMATELY NOT TO RATIFY THE TREATY DUE TO BE SIGNED IN OTTAWA IN DECEMBER."

"TALKS MAIMED"

IN EDITORIAL COMMENT, THE SAME PAPER SAID 9/11:

"FOR A FEW DAYS AFTER THE DEATH OF PRINCESS DIANA, IT WAS WIDELY HOPED THAT THE USE OF ANTI-PERSONNEL LANDMINES MIGHT BE SUBJECT TO AN INTERNATIONAL BAN. THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN A SPLENDID LEGACY, ACCLAIMED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

"THERE WERE SIGNS, BRIEFLY, THE UNITED STATES MIGHT BE WILLING TO SUPPORT SUCH A BAN... HOWEVER, AMERICAN DELEGATES TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN OSLO INTENDED TO TAKE THE PROCESS FORWARD HAVE MADE CLEAR THIS WEEK THEY STILL INSIST ON IMPORTANT EXCEPTIONS.

"THIS IS A DISAPPOINTMENT. THE PRINCESS'S VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE USE OF ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES HAD MADE AN IMPACT ON MANY GOVERNMENTS. THERE ARE STRONG ECONOMIC AS WELL AS HUMANITARIAN REASONS...

"PRECEDENT SUGGESTS THAT A COMPREHENSIVE BAN CAN ALMOST ELIMINATE UNACCEPTABLE WEAPONS: CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEVICES, FOR EXAMPLE. LANDMINES SHOULD JOIN THE LIST."

4. TRADE

"CLINTON IN WARNING ON FAST-TRACK"

THE INDEPENDENT "FINANCIAL TIMES" REPORTED FROM WASHINGTON 9/11:

"PRESIDENT CLINTON YESTERDAY RAISED THE STAKES IN HIS CAMPAIGN TO GET NEW TRADE NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY, WARNING THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD LOSE INFLUENCE IN THE WORLD UNLESS IT WAS ABLE TO NEGOTIATE NEW TRADE PACTS...

"BUT THE CEREMONY WAS BOYCOTTED BY LEADING REPUBLICANS AND MANY DEMOCRATS, WHO WERE IRKED THAT HE FAILED TO DELIVER HIS PROMISED BILL ON TIME YESTERDAY..."

"THE DELAY IN SUBMITTING THE BILL HAS COME ABOUT BECAUSE THE WHITE HOUSE IS HOBBOLED BY FEUDING FACTIONS WITHIN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AS WELL AS BY DEMANDS FROM THE REPUBLICANS THAT THE PRESIDENT EXCLUDE LABOUR AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROVISIONS FROM FUTURE TRADE TALKS."

5. BOSNIA

"END THE DAYTON DAYDREAM"

THE CONSERVATIVE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" EDITORIALIZED 9/11:

"THE POLITICIANS AND PARTIES OF BOSNIA HAVE BEEN INDULGING IN A CHARACTERISTIC BOUT OF PLAYPEN TANTRUMS IN THE LEAD-UP TO THIS WEEKEND'S LOCAL ELECTIONS. SOME TWO-AND-A-HALF MILLION VOTERS, MUSLIM, CROAT AND SERB, HAVE BEEN REGISTERED TO CHOOSE HUNDREDS OF MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES IN AN ELECTION DESIGNED TO BE THE FINAL CONSTITUTIONAL STEP IN THE BOSNIAN PEACE PLAN AGREED AT DAYTON TWO YEARS AGO.

"LEADERS OF THE PRINCIPAL PARTIES OF TWO OF THE COMMUNITIES, THE SERBS AND THE CROATS, HAVE RECOMMENDED SUPPORTERS TO BOYCOTT THE POLL. THE LEADING PARTIES OF ALL THREE COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN DISPLAYING AN UGLY AUTHORITARIANISM, ENCOURAGING PROPAGANDA AND MENACE RATHER THAN POLITICAL DIALOGUE. NO WONDER THE ARCHITECT OF THE DAYTON PROJECT, RICHARD HOLBROOKE, HAS SAID IT IS NOW UNDERGOING ITS SEVEREST TEST, AND MAY NOT SURVIVE.

"THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SERBS, CROATS AND MUSLIMS HAVE FAILED TO HONOR EITHER THE LETTER OR SPIRIT OF THE DAYTON PEACE PLAN. THEY HAVE REFUSED TO ALLOW FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, AND PERMITTED ONLY A FEW OF THE MILLIONS OF REFUGEES TO RETURN TO THEIR PRE-WAR HOMES. THEY HAVE THUMBED THEIR NOSES AT THE NOTION THAT BOSNIA SHOULD BE A UNION OF ALL THREE COMMUNITIES, WITH TOLERANCE OF ALL CULTURES AND CREEDS -- THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF THE DAYTON ACCORD.

"ALL THREE COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN CONSPICUOUSLY RELUCTANT TO YIELD UP THEIR ACCUSED WAR CRIMINALS FOR TRIAL AT THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL IN THE HAGUE. ON THE CONTRARY, MANY OF THE KNOWN CRIMINALS STILL RIDE HIGH, WITH REAL POWER AND INFLUENCE, AMONG

THEIR PEOPLE.

"THIS WEEK BRITISH NATO TROOPS PREVENTED THE CRONIES OF THE WARTIME LEADER AND INDICTED CRIMINAL RADOVAN KARADZIC FROM STAGING A PUTSCH AGAINST THE LEGITIMATELY ELECTED BOSNIAN SERB PRESIDENT, BILJANA PLAVSIC... THE BRITISH ACTION CONTRASTS SHARPLY WITH THE LESS-THAN-RESOLUTE CONDUCT OF AMERICAN TROOPS TWO WEEKS AGO IN THE FRONTIER TOWN OF BRCKO, AND WHEN THEY HANDED BACK A TRANSMITTER TO KARADZIC'S PROPAGANDA TELEVISION STATION.

"THE AMERICAN LEADERSHIP OF THE NATO FORCE IN BOSNIA AND THE INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATORS, WHOSE TASK IS TO IMPLEMENT THE DAYTON

PLAN, HAVE CONTINUED THEIR WORRYING TENDENCY FOR TOUGH WORDS AND SOFT ACTION. IT IS TIME FOR THE DAYTON CHARADE TO STOP. THE PRINCIPAL INDICTED WAR CRIMINALS, LED BY DR. KARADZIC AND GENERAL RATKO MLADIC, MUST BE APPREHENDED IF THE WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL IS TO RETAIN ANY CREDIBILITY. THE DAYTON PLAN ALSO HAS TO BE REDRAWN BECAUSE NONE OF THE PARTIES BELIEVES IN A MULTI-ETHNIC BOSNIA.

"ABOVE ALL, THE GENERALS, DIPLOMATS AND POLITICIANS OF THE NATO COUNTRIES MUST DRAW UP CREDIBLE EXIT STRATEGY; OTHERWISE, LARGE CONTINGENTS OF BRITISH, AMERICAN AND FRENCH TROOPS RISK BEING DEPLOYED FOR DECADES TO COME AMONG THE FEUDING BALKAN TRIBES. "FINALLY, THE LEADERSHIP OF ALL THREE BOSNIAN COMMUNITIES, AND THEIR SPONSORS OUTSIDE -- PARTICULARLY THOSE IN ZAGREB AND BELGRADE, AND EVEN TEHERAN -- MUST BE LEFT IN NO DOUBT THAT COUNTRIES SUCH AS BRITAIN, FRANCE AND AMERICA (WHICH HAVE BEEN GENEROUS TO A FAULT WITH BLOOD AND TREASURE HITHERTO) HAVE NO OPEN-ENDED COMMITMENT TO UNDERWRITE THEIR BLIND AND BLOODY FOLLIES."

6. HELMS

"SENATOR NO"

THE CONSERVATIVE "TIMES" EDITORIALIZED 9/11:

"WASHINGTON AWAITS AN EXTRAORDINARY BUT PREDICTABLE STRUGGLE. THE NORMALLY MUNDANE MATTER OF WHO SHOULD SERVE AS U.S. AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO A TITANIC POLITICAL CONTEST. BILL CLINTON'S DECISION TO NOMINATE WILLIAM WELD, A REPUBLICAN WHO WAS UNTIL RECENTLY THE GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS, MIGHT HAVE BEEN SEEN AS A CONCILIATORY SIGNAL TOWARDS A REPUBLICAN-CONTROLLED SENATE. INSTEAD, THE PROPOSAL HAS MET THE ABSOLUTE OPPOSITION OF SENATOR JESSE HELMS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. IT IS THE SENATOR RATHER THAN THE PRESIDENT WHO SEEMS LIKELY TO PREVAIL...

"THE OPTIMISTS THINK THAT MR. HELMS MIGHT FINALLY HAVE OVERREACHED HIMSELF ON THIS OCCASION, THAT HE WILL WIN ON MR. WELD BUT BE FORCED TO BEHAVE BETTER IN FUTURE. HIS RECORD IMPLIES THE OPPOSITE. THE SENATOR IS NOT SCHEDULED FOR RE-ELECTION IN NORTH

CAROLINA UNTIL 2002. MR. CLINTON MAY NOT, THEREFORE, BE THE LAST PRESIDENT THAT MR. HELMS TORMENTS." SMITH

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--"SENATORS' GIFT TO C.H.TUNG"
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09/11 EDITORIAL

..."THE U.S. SENATORS GAVE A "VERY STRANGE" GIFT TO THE
VISITING CHIEF EXECUTIVE C.H.TUNG WHEN SENATOR THOMAS
PRESENTED TO TUNG A CALLIGRAPHY SCROLL BEARING WORDS BY
ANCIENT CHINESE PHILOSOPHER LAO ZI AS A GIFT...

..."IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT C.H.TUNG STRONGLY ADVOCATES
CONFUCIANISM IN HIS MANAGEMENT, WHICH IS OPPOSITE TO LAO
ZI'S PHILOSOPHY OF GOVERNING BY DOING NOTHING THAT GOES
AGAINST NATURE. THE SENATOR'S CHOICE OF LAO ZI'S WORDS
AS A GIFT TO TUNG OBVIOUSLY IS A DELIBERATE PROVOCATION,
IF IT WAS NOT DUE TO HIS LIMITED KNOWLEDGE ABOUT CHINESE
PHILOSOPHY ...

..."'GOOD ADVICE HURTS THE EAR' (PART OF THE
24-CHARACTERS ON THE SCROLL) IS THOMAS'S DEFENSE FOR
MARTIN LEE'S BAD MOUTHING' OF HONG KONG IN MAY..."

--"CHIEF EXECUTIVE IS FEARLESS OF U.S. PRESSURE"
TIN TIN DAILY
09/11 EDITORIAL

..."MANY PEOPLE HAVE PREDICTED TUNG'S US TRIP WOULD NOT
BE AN EASY ONE, CONSIDERING THE FACT SO MANY U.S.
POLITICIANS HOLD POLITICAL PREJUDICE AGAINST HONG KONG
AND CHINA WITH LIMITED KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HONG KONG'S
SITUATION. IT IS WITHIN EXPECTATION THAT THESE GROUP OF
PEOPLE WOULD NOT BE EASILY CONVINCED BY TUNG'S VISIT AND
CHANGE THEIR MINDS. OTHER THAN THAT, IT IS REASONABLE
TO SAY THAT TUNG'S MEETING WITH NUMEROUS AMERICAN
OFFICIALS AND BUSINESS LEADERS WERE USEFUL AND
CONSTRUCTIVE TO INCREASING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE TWO SIDES...

..."WE VERY MUCH AGREED WITH C.H.TUNG THAT HONG KONG
SHOULD PROMOTE DEMOCRACY STEP BY STEP. IT IS GOOD IF
OTHER COUNTRIES RECOGNIZE OUR WAY OF DOING THINGS; IF
THERE IS A LACK OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, IT IS NOT
NECESSARY FOR THE SAR GOVERNMENT TO YIELD TO
OUTSIDERS...

..."THE REFERENDUM INTRODUCED BY JESSE HELMS IS JUST
ANOTHER WAY THAT SOME U.S. POLITICIANS USE TO HELP HONG
KONG'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO ACHIEVE SOMETHING THAT CAN'T
BE ACHIEVED IN HONG KONG. THE ARRANGEMENTS OF THE HONG
KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION GOVERNMENT WOULD BE
AFFECTED BY U.S. CRITICISM. IMPOSING PRESSURE WOULD NOT
WORK..."

--"TUNG SHOULD TELL US HE DID NOT ENJOY ENDLESS
EXPLAINING AND DEBATING"
HONG KONG ECONOMIC TIMES
09/11 EDITORIAL

..."ALTHOUGH THE U.S. MEDIA AND CAPITOL HILL HAVE
PUBLICLY DISAGREED WITH C.H.TUNG, THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD
HIM WAS NOT HOSTILE. INSTEAD, THEY HAVE BEEN QUITE
FRIENDLY TO HIM. THEY APPRECIATED TUNG'S KNOWLEDGE ABOUT
U.S. CULTURE AND VALUES AND THOUGHT HE IS A REASONABLE
PERSON WITH WHOM THEY COULD COMMUNICATE. FROM THIS
POINT OF VIEW, TUNG'S US TRIP IS A SUCCESS..."
--"TUNG'S LACK OF VISION LEAVES HIS US TRIP IN SHADOW"
HONG KONG ECONOMIC JOURNAL
09/11 EDITORIAL

..."C.H.TUNG'S SPEECH TO THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
SOUNDED LIKE TYPICAL CHINESE LEADERS' PROPAGANDA,
SHOWING NOTHING OF HIS VISION TO HIS AUDIENCE. IT WAS
POLITICALLY CORRECT TO BEIJING, BUT IN THE US, IT WOULD
CREATE NEGATIVE RESULTS...
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TEXT:

[FBIS Translated Text] David Norman Dorn's case is not an isolated case, but it has some curious details. Between 1996 and 1997, Cuban authorities detected dozens of similar operations by Freedom House emissaries and other similar organizations, predominantly by citizens from former European socialist countries of eastern Europe (Poland, Czechoslovakia, former Soviet republics, and other countries), and members of the Cuban community living abroad. However, in order not to link the United States openly with these actions, these organizations try to avoid hiring US citizens.

Using this US tourist, who participated in a similar action in 1995, Calzon and Freedom House planned to create a scandal in case our authorities imprisoned and condemned an innocent emissary by slandering and tarnishing Cuba's image before US public opinion and particularly among important union sectors, because David Norman Dorn is the international relations director of the American Federation of Teachers, a member of the powerful American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations [AFL-CIO].

They were wrong if they thought we were going to respond irrationally and desperately to their provocations and that we would swallow their bait. They planned to make US relations with Cuba

even worse and to divert the world's attention from Cuba's vigorous protest against the US's recent biological attack against Cuba with the thrips palmi.

Cuba defends itself with honor and integrity. It does not need scapegoats to prove that reason and the right to defend herself from open and hidden warfare are on her side.

Constantly seeking to create incidents and provocations, Calzon exerts enormous pressure on accredited foreign diplomats stationed in Cuba when they visit the United States or other countries, to personally carry funds for the subversive movement or include them in diplomatic bags going for their embassies in Havana.

Lawlessness and conspiracy are a part of Frank Calzon's normal environment; he is a parasite who has long profited from the war against Cuba. Calzon was recruited by the CIA when he was a university student, where, among other things, he helped the agency capture fellow students. He worked for the State Department as a translator, a position he obtained through that CIA.

In the terrorist arena, his previous position as a member of the board of directors of the Cuban-American National Foundation [FNCA] and his ties with Alpha 66 and Abdala stand out. He distanced himself from the FNCA not because he opposed their violent or extremist positions, but because of the incessant internal struggles for power which brought him face to face with capo Jorge Mas Canosa. In previous decades, Calzon was involved in the counterrevolutionary activities of the so-called People's Revolutionary Movement [MRP].

Calzon has participated in secret plots against groups within the Cuban community that defend normalization of US-Cuban relations. In the 1980's, Calzon was one of the protagonists in the marathons to raise money for the Nicaraguan Contras and was almost an ambassador for UNITA [National Union for the Total Independence of Angola] when thousands of Cuban soldiers fought alongside the Angolan people.

Calzon is also one of the hysterical protagonists of the anti-Cuban shows staged every year in Geneva, a resolute defender of the Helms-Burton law and of any anti-Cuban proposal the Batista machinery conceives to procure Cuba's annexation from their paid seats in the Capitol.

In March 1997, Calzon organized a dinner to unite efforts against congressmen opposed to the US policy to isolate Cuba, where the invited guests of honor were ultraconservatives Jesse Helms, Dan Burton, Connie Mack, and the three henchmen of the FNCA mafia (Lincoln Diaz Balart, Ileana Ross, and Bob Mendez) who are always ready to vote in favor of military aggression against Cuba.

According to a manual created by the Miami mafia, Freedom House is one of the public or private agencies that could be recruited to help in the transition to capitalism in Cuba. Frank Calzon has not only recruited it, but has penetrated it and used it openly in his open warfare scheme.

This, and much more, is Frank from Washington. This is usually enough.

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1. MIDDLE EAST: ALBRIGHT TRIP TO ISRAEL, WEST BANK,
SYRIA, EGYPT, JORDAN

"ALBRIGHT'S FIRST TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST PRODUCES VERY
LITTLE" (BY XINHUA" OFFICIAL BEIJING MUNICIPAL "BEIJING
DAILY" (BEIJING RIBAO)" 09/15)

EXCERPTS: "ALBRIGHT DID NOT BRING ANY SPECIFIC PLAN FOR
RE-IGNITING THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS NOR DID SHE
PERSUADE ISRAEL TO CHANGE ITS HARD-LINE POLICY. HER
MIDDLE EAST TRIP HAS PRODUCED FEW RESULTS."

"WHAT DID ALBRIGHT'S VISIT TO PALESTINE AND ISRAEL
ACCOMPLISH?" (BY CHEN KEQIN, INTELLECTUALLY-ORIENTED
"GUANGMING DAILY" (GUANGMING RIBAO), 09/13)

EXCERPTS: "CONSIDERABLE CHANGE IN THE U.S. METHOD OF MEDIATION FOR THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE TALKS WAS NOTED. INSTEAD OF IMPOSING PRESSURE BY SETTING THE AGENDA" THIS TIME THE U.S. KEPT AN APPROPRIATE DISTANCE--URGING THE RELEVANT PARTIES TO SETTLE THE ISSUE BY THEMSELVES.

"THE ATMOSPHERE HAS RELAXED AND THE DANGER OF EXTINGUISHED PEACE TALKS HAS ALREADY BEEN AVOIDED. THESE MAY BE THE POSITIVE RESULTS ACHIEVED BY ALBRIGHT.

"SINCE THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL HAVE MANY INTERESTS IN COMMON, IT IS INEVITABLE FOR THE U.S. TO ADOPT A BIASED POLICY IN FAVOR OF ISRAEL. RESPECTING THE PALESTINIAN INTERESTS AND RESUMING THE PEACE TALKS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ARE ALSO IN LINE WITH THE MUTUAL INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL."

"ALBRIGHT'S PEACE FAILURE HER OWN DOING" (BY XINHUA, OFFICIAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE "CHINA DAILY", 09/15)

EXCERPTS: "THE REAL REASON FOR ALBRIGHT'S FAILURE TO RESUME THE PEACE PROCESS CAN BE TRACED BACK TO HER PRO-ISRAEL BIAS.

"EVEN ISRAELI OFFICIALS, ORIGINALLY BRACING FOR TOUGH U.S. PRESSURE, WERE STUNNED BY SECRETARY ALBRIGHT'S WARMTH AND UNDERSTANDING TOWARDS ISRAEL WHEN WORLD OPINION EXPECTED THE UNITED STATES TO PLAY THE ROLE OF AN IMPARTIAL MEDIATOR...

"ALBRIGHT'S FAILURE AND HER THREAT TO STAY AWAY FROM THE PROCESS WERE SIGNALS THAT THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PEACE PROCESS COULD SLIDE BACKWARDS INTO AN ABYSS OF MORE VIOLENCE AND WIDESPREAD CONFRONTATION IN THE REGION."

"SECRETARY ALBRIGHT'S TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST: GREAT MOMENTUM, FEW ACHIEVEMENTS" BYLINED GU QI, "THIS PAPER'S MONOGRAPH," SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COMMUNIST PARTY-CONTROLLED (JIEFANG RIBAO) 09/15

"THE 'BREAKTHROUGH' PEOPLE EXPECTED DID NOT OCCUR. ...ISRAEL STILL INSISTS THAT THE PALESTINIANS PLEDGE SECURITY" AS A PREREQUISITE TO RESTART THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS....A SENIOR PALESTINIAN OFFICIAL POINTED OUT THAT THE REASON FOR THE IMPASSE IN THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS IS THAT WITHOUT NEGOTIATING WITH PALESTINE, ISRAEL DECLARED JERUSALEM TO BE ITS CAPITAL AND BUILT THE NEW JEWISH SETTLEMENTS. "...(F)EWER AND FEWER PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THE ISSUE CAN BE SOLVED BY FORCE; FOR THIS REASON, THE U.S. HAS CHANGED ITS UNILATERAL SUPPORT OF ISRAEL. THE U.S. IS ATTEMPTING TO PROTECT ITS OIL AND STRATEGIC INTERESTS BY PROMOTING THE ISRAEL-PALESTINIAN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

"...THOUGH THERE WAS MUCH PROPAGANDA BEFORE ALBRIGHT'S FIRST TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST AS SECRETARY OF STATE,

ALMOST NOTHING WAS ACHIEVED IN THE...PEACE PROCESS."

2. FORMER YUGOSLAVIA: MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN BOSNIA
SEPTEMBER 13-14

"BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA HOLDS MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS' (BY LV
YANSONG" OFFICIAL COMMUNIST PARTY "PEOPLE'S DAILY"
(RENMIN RIBAO), 09/15)

EXCERPTS: "THE PRIMARY GOAL ACHIEVED IN THE BOSNIA-
HERZEGOVINA ELECTIONS HAS BEEN FOR THE THREE
NATIONALITIES TO SOLIDIFY CONTROL OVER THE REGIONS THEY
CAPTURED DURING THE CIVIL WAR."

"WHY DO BOSNIAN SERBS DECIDE TO JOIN MUNICIPAL
ELECTIONS?" (BY XU KUNMING, "PEOPLE'S DAILY OVERSEAS
EDITION" (RENMIN RIBAO HAIWAIBAN), 09/13)

EXCERPTS: "UNDER POWERFUL PRESSURE FROM THE WEST THE
SERBS DECIDED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MUNICIPAL
ELECTIONS...THE UNITED STATES HELD UP ITS BIG STICK
AGAIN AND THREATENED ECONOMIC SANCTIONS IF THE SERBS
RESISTED THE ELECTIONS.

"THE SERBS' DECISION TO PARTICIPATE DOES NOT MEAN THAT
THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA WILL GO
SMOOTHLY."

3. U.S. POLITICS

"ONE MAN CAN HOLD OUT AGAINST TEN THOUSAND -- SENATOR
HELMS HAS GREAT POWER AND KNOWS HOW TO PERSECUTE
OTHERS" BY ZHU XINGFU, WENHUI BAO CORRESPONDENT IN
WASHINGTON, "INTERNATIONAL NEWS," SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL
GOVERNMENT PROPAGANDA DEPARTMENT-CONTROLLED WENHUI BAO
09/15
NOMINATIONS SHAMED AND ASTONISHED HIS COLLEAGUES.

"... DEMOCRATIC SENATORS ON THE FOREIGN RELATIONS
COMMITTEE WERE DEPRIVED OF THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK,
AND THEY DECLARED THAT THIS HEARING WAS THE SADDEST DAY
FOR U.S. DEMOCRATIC POLITICS....

"CLINTON...SWORE THAT HE WILL NOT GIVE UP THE WELD
NOMINATION, BUT HE LACKS POWERFUL POLITICAL WEAPONS,
SINCE HE IS UNWILLING TO OFFEND KEY FIGURES LIKE HELMS
AND LOTT. ALTHOUGH WELD HAS USED THE MEDIA TO PUT
PUBLIC PRESSURE ON THE SENATE, PEOPLE HERE THINK THAT
WHILE HELMS IS CHAIRMAN...IT WILL BE HARD FOR WELD...TO
PASS THIS GATE OF HELL. WELD'S NOMINATION HAS REVEALED
THE INTERNAL STRIFE BETWEEN MODERATE AND CONSERVATIVE
REPUBLICANS.

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1. IN A BRIEF COMMENTARY IN "DIE PRESSE" PUBLISHED ON MONDAY, BURKHARD BISCHOF CALLS JESSE HELMS, CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN POLICY COMMITTEE IN THE U.S. SENATE, "THE UGLY AMERICAN," WHO KNOWS VERY LITTLE ABOUT WORLD POLITICS AND, MOREOVER, SEEMS TO BE IMMENSELY PROUD OF HIS ROLE AS BULL IN THE GLOBAL CHINA SHOP. A TRANSLATED PARAGRAPH FOLLOWS:

2. "AMERICAN DEMOCRACY ENDURES ENORMOUSLY MUCH: (...) JUST IMAGINE A MAN LIKE JESSE HELMS SITTING IN AN IMPORTANT EUROPEAN COUNTRY AT THE TOP OF THE FOREIGN POLICY PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE AND BEHAVING LIKE THE SENATOR FROM NORTH CAROLINA AT CAPITOL HILL. THERE'S NOTHING TO SAY AGAINST AN OCCASIONAL POLITICAL PUNCH AND JUDY SHOW -- BUT HELMS HOLDS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY POSTS IN THE ONLY CURRENT SUPERPOWER OF THE WORLD. JESSE HELMS IS A DISGRACE: A DISGRACE FOR THE U.S. SENATE, A DISGRACE FOR THE UNITED STATES AND A DISGRACE FOR CONSERVATISM." CARRINGTON, ACTING

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- B. (MIDDLE EAST) ALBRIGHT TRIP

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT MARTIN WINTER ANALYZES IN AN

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THE OUTCOME OF MADELEINE ALBRIGHT'S TRIP TO THE MIDDLE
EAST. HE WRITES UNDER THE HEADLINE:

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"WHAT MADELEINE ALBRIGHT BRINGS BACK FROM HER SIX-DAY
TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST SEEMS TO BE LITTLE. EVEN THE
UNITED STATES DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE THE MEANS THAT COULD
HELP CREATE ORDER IN THE VIOLENT CHAOS OF THE ISRAELI-ARAB
CONFLICT. NEITHER FLATTER BEHIND CLOSED DOORS NOR THREATS
IN PUBLIC HELPED THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAKE A VISIBLE
STEP FORWARD ON THE PATH TO PEACE.... ALBRIGHT'S FAREWELL
REMARKS THAT SHE WOULD COME BACK ONLY IF THERE IS MORE TO
DO THAN TO 'TREAD WATER' SPEAKS VOLUMES. BUT BECAUSE A
LITTLE BIT IS BETTER THAN NOTHING, IT IS WORTH TAKING A
CLOSER LOOK AT THE RESULTS OF HER TRIP....

"THIS MAKES CLEAR THAT IT IS UNIMPORTANT WHAT THE
SECRETARY OF STATE BRINGS BACK HOME BUT WHAT SHE LEFT TO
HER ISRAELI, PALESTINIAN AND ARAB HOSTS. IT IS THE MESSAGE
THAT THE UNITED STATES, DESPITE ITS FRIENDSHIP WITH ISRAEL
AND DESPITE THE TERRORIST ATTACKS, DOES NOT SIDE WITH
ISRAEL NOR OPPOSE ITS NEIGHBORS. THIS IS NOT LITTLE IN
VIEW OF THE DOMESTIC PRESSURE ON PRESIDENT CLINTON
ORCHESTRATED BY ISRAEL'S PREMIER NETANYAHU AND CONSERVATIVE
AND ORTHODOX JEWISH CIRCLES IN THE UNITED STATES TO GIVE UP
SPONSORSHIP OF THE PEACE PROCESS AND SIDE (WITH ISRAEL).
THE REACTION OF THE ARAB LEADERS SHOWED THAT THEY
UNDERSTOOD THE SIGNAL FROM WASHINGTON AND TOOK NOTE OF IT
WITH SATISFACTION...."

"IT IS CERTAINLY TRUE THAT MRS. ALBRIGHT HOPED TO
ACHIEVE MORE.... NEVERTHELESS, SHE SUCCEEDED IN LEAVING A
DECISIVE BENCHMARK FOR THE MIDDLE EAST POLICY OF THE UNITED
STATES.... THE INTENSE TALK WITH SYRIA'S PRESIDENT ASSAD
AND THE WHIRLWIND VISIT TO LEBANON INDICATE ONE OF THE
POSSIBLE DIRECTIONS WHICH COULD LEAD VIA MANY DETOURS TO

PEACE.... TALKS WITH SYRIA AND LEBANON WILL INEVITABLY RESULT IN TALKS WITH THE PALESTINIANS EVEN IF THE ONLY REASON (FOR THEM) IS THAT THE UNITED STATES CANNOT AFFORD ANYTHING ELSE IF IT WANTS TO DEFEND ITS ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND STRATEGIC INTERESTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

"THOSE WHO RAISED GREAT HOPES WITH THE OSLO TREATIES LIKE THE UNITED STATES MUST PRODUCE RESULTS AT SOME POINT, NAMELY COMPREHENSIVE PEACE. THIS WILL NOT BE AN EASY TASK, FOR, SO FAR, WASHINGTON HAS ALSO DODGED THE DECISIVE QUESTION OF ISRAEL'S FUTURE BORDERS AND WHETHER PALESTINE WILL BE AN INDEPENDENT STATE. SINCE THE ISRAELIS AND THE PALESTINIANS ARE OBVIOUSLY UNABLE TO RESOLVE THIS QUESTION ON A BILATERAL BASIS, SOMEBODY ELSE MUST MAKE PROPOSALS. IN THE CURRENT SITUATION, THIS CAN ONLY BE THE UNITED STATES. THIS IS WHY IT WAS WISE OF MADELEINE ALBRIGHT TO ACT IMPATIENTLY AND DEMANDINGLY BUT ALSO CLEARLY AS A MODERATOR."

C. (U.S.) WELD NOMINATION
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1. KLAUS-DIETER FRANKENBERGER SAYS IN AN EDITORIAL IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (09/17) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"HIGH-HANDED."

"WHAT SENATOR JESSE HELMS DID WITH PRESIDENT CLINTON'S CANDIDATE FOR THE U.S. AMBASSADORIAL POST IN MEXICO IS AN INCREDIBLE DISPLAY OF HIGH-HANDED POWER. HELMS, THE LEADER OF THE REPUBLICAN RIGHT WING WHO SHOWS A TENDENCY TO EXTREME VIEWS AND A LIKING FOR CAMPAIGNS AGAINST SIN, SEX, AND THE UNITED NATIONS, CONSIDERED WELD, BECAUSE OF HIS MORE LIBERAL VIEWS, TO BE UNSUITED TO REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES IN MEXICO. THIS IS WHY HELMS DENIED THE USUAL HEARING AND CONSISTENTLY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF HIS POWER AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.... HELMS HAS

TURNED INTO A CHAMPION WHEN IT MANIPULATING PROCEDURAL RULES. HE USES HIS RIGHTS AS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN IN AN EXCESSIVE MANNER IN ORDER TO FIGHT THE RELICS OF THE PARTY'S LEFT WING OR TO SHOW DEMOCRAT BILL CLINTON HIS LIMITS. (WITH HIS MOVES) THE REPUTATION OF THE SENATE AS AN INSTITUTION HAS SUFFERED."

2. FORMER WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT KURT KISTER WRITES IN CENTRIST SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (09/17):

"(WITH WELD'S WITHDRAWAL), HELMS HAS AGAIN ACHIEVED ONE OF THOSE VICTORIES THAT HAS MADE HIM AN IDOL AMONG RIGHT-WINGERS. IN ADDITION, HE AGAIN MADE CLEAR THAT THERE WILL BE NO MOVEMENT IN FOREIGN POLICY WITHOUT HIS APPROVAL - AT LEAST IN THE WIDE FIELD OF POLICY THAT DEPENDS ON THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE SENATE. IN THE 25 YEARS DURING WHICH HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS CIRCLE OF 100, HELMS HAS CONTINUOUSLY EXTENDED HIS POWER BASE. TODAY, HE HAS REACHED THE PINNACLE OF HIS INFLUENCE. THOSE WHO WILL FOLLOW U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IN THE COMING THREE TO FOUR YEARS MUST ALWAYS KEEP IN MIND THAT FOREIGN POLICY WILL BE DECIDED IN A TUG-OF-WAR BETWEEN, ON THE ONE HAND, THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND, ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SENATE'S FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, I.E. JESSE HELMS.... HELMS CREDO IS: AMERICA FIRST. HE REJECTED THE MISSION OF GIS IN BOSNIA AS WELL AS NAFTA. JESSE HELMS IS THE NEMESIS FOR ALL THOSE IN THE UNITED STATES AND ELSEWHERE WHO WANT TO INTEGRATE THE UNITED STATES INTO INTERNATIONAL STRUCTURES. AND THE SENATOR IS RATHER PROUD OF IT."

3. PETER TAUTFEST WRITES IN A REPORT IN LEFT-OF-CENTER DIE TAGESZEITUNG OF BERLIN (09/17) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"HOW NOT TO BECOME U.S. AMBASSADOR."

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"WHAT HAS THE WORLD LEARNED FROM THIS GAME (IN WASHINGTON)? THE SENATE IS AN ANTIQUATED CHAMBER IN WHICH

INDIVIDUAL SENATORS PLAY THE ROLE OF PRINCES AND CAN HARASS THE MAJORITY. THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES MUST KOW-TOW TO A STRANGE HOLY MAN BY THE NAME OF HELMS."

D. (NORTHERN IRELAND) PEACE TALKS

1. LONDON CORRESPONDENT GERD KROENCKE JUDGES IN AN EDITORIAL IN CENTRIST SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (09/17) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"TALKS AMONG THE IRRECONCILABLE."

"THERE ARE GOOD REASONS TO BELIEVE THAT THESE TALKS WILL FAIL, TOO. THERE IS A CERTAIN LIKELIHOOD FOR THIS DEVELOPMENT SINCE THE IRA IS EVEN MORE ADAMANTLY STICKING TO ITS VIEWS THAN THE PROTESTANTS. IT MADE THIS CLEAR ONLY LAST WEEK, WHEN ONE OF ITS ANONYMOUS REPRESENTATIVES REJECTED THE MITCHELL PRINCIPLES IN AN INTERVIEW....

"THE MEN WITHOUT FACES AND NAMES (IRA) AGAIN DEMONSTRATED THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE GOAL FOR THEM, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THEY GET THE BACKING OF THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE. THEY WILL NOT ACCEPT ANYTHING, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHAT WILL BE AGREED UPON IN THE TALKS, LESS THAN THE UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL OF THE BRITISH AND THE POLITICAL UNIFICATION OF THE ISLAND. THOSE WHO HAVE NO POLITICAL MANDATE APART FROM AN PRESUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE IRISH PEOPLE, DISREGARD DEMOCRATIC RULES.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, IT IS MINOR PROGRESS THAT SINN FEIN, FOR THE FIRST TIME, HAS ACCEPTED SOME DEMOCRATIC STANDARDS. BECAUSE SINN FEIN, ALLEGEDLY A REGULAR PARTY, AND THE UNDERGROUND ORGANIZATION, ALLEGEDLY AN ARMY, ARE TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN, THESE TALKS COULD REALLY MEAN THE BEGINNING OF THE END TO VIOLENCE AS GERRY ADAMS HAS SAID. HE AND HIS SINN FEIN FRIENDS WILL HAVE TO BEHAVE IN A CIVILIZED MANNER - NO MATTER HOW PROTRACTED THE PEACE PROCESS MAY BE."

2. RIGHT-OF-CENTER NORDKURIER OF NEUBRANDENBURG (09/17) HAS THIS TO SAY:

"WHOEVER PLANTED THE BOMB AT MARKET HILL, THEY HIT THE TALKS AT A CRITICAL MOMENT. DAVID TRIMBLE, THE HEAD OF THE ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY (UUP), FOR INSTANCE, IS STILL PLAYING A RISKY POKER GAME ON WHEN AND UNDER WHICH CIRCUMSTANCES HE WANTS TO ENTER THE CONFERENCE ROOM. ACCORDING TO A POLL, 93 PERCENT OF UUP SUPPORTERS FAVOR UUP'S PARTICIPATION IN UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 07 BONN 011728

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THE TALKS. THE NEGOTIATING AIM OF DISARMING THE IRA IS
ALSO VERY TEMPTING FOR TRIMBLE, BUT IN ORDER TO COME CLOSER
TO THIS GOAL, HE MUST SHAKE OFF HIS RESERVATIONS AND TALK
TO REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS DECLARED ENEMY, SINN FEIN. THE
EXPECTATIONS OF THE MAJORITY OF NORTHERN IRISH ARE SIMILAR:
THEY REGARD THE PARTICIPATION OF SINN FEN IN THE TALKS AS
THE GREATEST CHANCE FOR PEACE SINCE NORTHERN IRELAND'S
FOUNDATION IN 1922. THE EXTREMISTS WHO LOVE THEIR BOMBS
ARE OBVIOUSLY HIGHLY WORRIED ABOUT THIS VIEW."

E. (RUSSIA) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

JOSEF RIEDMILLER JUDGES IN AN EDITORIAL IN CENTRIST
SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (09/17) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"YELTSIN REBUFFS PARVENUS."

"A DOZEN BANKERS AND INDUSTRY BOSSES DOMINATE RUSSIA'S
ECONOMY. WHEN THE SOVIET UNION COLLAPSED, THEY HAD THE
RIGHT INSTINCT AND THE BEST LINKS TO POLITICAL POWER....
BUT NOW RUSSIA'S OLIGARCHY IS AT ODDS WITH ITSELF, AND THIS
AT A TIME WHEN THE RUSSIAN ECONOMY IS ABOUT TO IMPROVE.
AND WHAT DOES BORIS YELTSIN DO? HE NO LONGER NEEDS TO BE
GRATEFUL TO THE BANKERS WHO FINANCED HIS LAST ELECTION
CAMPAIGN. HE CALLED THE SQUABBLING BANKERS TO THE KREMLIN
AND GAVE THEM A DRESSING DOWN - OR ADMONISHED THEM NOT TO
GO TOO FAR. BUT THE PRESIDENT IS ALSO WELL KNOWN FOR
RESOLVING PROBLEMS WITH HIS PERSONNEL POLICY. VICE PREMIER
ANATOLI CHUBAIS SEEMS TO BE ON A SOUND FOUNDATION, BUT
BORIS NEMZOV LESS SO. YELTSIN IS LESS PREDICTABLE THAN THE
EXCHANGE RATE OF THE RUBLE."

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JOSEF JOFFE STATES IN AN EDITORIAL IN CENTRIST
SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (09/17) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"WAITING FOR HELL TO FREEZE OVER."

"WHILE EUROPE IS FOCUSING ON THE EURO...THE EU IS
TOTALLY AT ODDS WITH EACH OTHER REGARDING ANOTHER DECISIVE
QUESTION: THE EU ENLARGEMENT WHICH COULD PROVE TO BE EVEN
MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE EURO. THE LATEST CONTROVERSY AMONG
EU FOREIGN MINISTERS REVEALED A RATHER STRANGE VIEW. ON
THE ONE SIDE, THERE ARE THE GERMANS WHO WANT TO ALLOW ONLY
A 'MINOR ENLARGEMENT' WITH POLAND, HUNGARY, AND THE CZECH
REPUBLIC TO KEEP COSTS FOR FARM SUBSIDIES IN PARTICULAR
SMALL. ON THE OTHER SIDE, THERE ARE MADRID AND ATHENS
WHICH WOULD LIKE TO HAVE NO ENLARGEMENT AT ALL, SINCE THEY
ARE AFRAID OF LOSING THEIR EU SUBSIDIES. FINALLY, THERE
ARE FRANCE, BELGIUM, AND ITALY WHICH CONSTITUTE ANOTHER
FRONT. THEY ARGUE THAT THE EU MUST FIRST BE REFORMED
BEFORE IT SHOULD EXPAND.

"THIS CONTROVERSY BASICALLY MEANS: THE EU DOES NOT
CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO THE REMAINING EU STATES (THERE ARE
ELEVEN CANDIDATES WHO WANT TO JOIN THE EU). THE EU MEMBERS
DO NOT WANT TO TACKLE THE ABSURD EU FARM SUBSIDY REGIME TO
HELP THE POOR COUNTRIES IN THE EAST. BELGIUM IS EVEN
THREATENING TO 'TAKE THE EU HOSTAGE.' IF THERE IS NO
REFORM, THEN THERE WILL BE NO ENLARGEMENT THE BELGIAN
DEMAND WHEN HELL FREEZES OVER. THE EU STATES WILL NOT
QUICKLY GIVE UP THEIR SOVEREIGNTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF

MAJORITY DECISIONS IN THE EU. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, THE NEW DEMOCRACIES WILL CONTINUE TO STAND OUTSIDE. THIS IS BAD ENOUGH, BUT THE SUSCEPTIBILITY OF THE EU STATES TO NEW ROWS IS EVEN WORSE. IT DOES NOT BODE WELL FOR THE EURO WHICH REQUIRES AN IRON, COMMON WILL."

H. (GERMANY-U.S.) MIDAIR COLLISION OF AIRCRAFT OFF NAMIBIA

RIGHT-OF-CENTER NEUE RUHR/NEUE RHEIN ZEITUNG OF ESSEN HAS THIS TO SAY:

"WHAT HAPPENED DURING THIS OMINOUS FLIGHT? THE SEARCH FOR REASONS WHY (THE TWO PLANES COLLIDED MIDAIR) RESEMBLES PIECES OF A PUZZLE EVEN FOUR DAYS AFTER THE CRASH. BUT ALTHOUGH THE ANSWERS ARE NOT SATISFYING, QUESTIONS MUST STILL BE RAISED. WHY DID NOBODY IN NAMIBIA KNOW ANYTHING OF THE TUPOLEV FLIGHT OF THE GERMAN AIR FORCE? WHY DID THE LUFTWAFFE RECEIVE THE FIRST INFORMATION (ON A POSSIBLE CRASH) FROM A LUFTHANSA EMPLOYEE IN PRETORIA? THIS COST PRECIOUS TIME, AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN RESCUE SERVICE WAS INFORMED ONLY HOURS LATER. THE INFORMATION TIMIDITY OF THE UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 07 BONN 011728

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AMERICANS IS ALSO STRANGE. THE U.S. PUBLIC -- AND THE BUNDESWEHR, TOO?? -- LEARNED ONLY ONE DAY LATER THAT A U.S. PLANE WAS LOST. SOMETHING IS WRONG REGARDING COMMUNICATION WITH THE AMERICAN NATO PARTNER."
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- B. (MIDDLE EAST) ALBRIGHT TRIP

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT MARTIN WINTER ANALYZES IN AN

EDITORIAL IN LEFT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU (09/17)
THE OUTCOME OF MADELEINE ALBRIGHT'S TRIP TO THE MIDDLE
EAST. HE WRITES UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"U.S. PEACE BROKER."

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"WHAT MADELEINE ALBRIGHT BRINGS BACK FROM HER SIX-DAY
TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST SEEMS TO BE LITTLE. EVEN THE
UNITED STATES DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE THE MEANS THAT COULD
HELP CREATE ORDER IN THE VIOLENT CHAOS OF THE ISRAELI-ARAB
CONFLICT. NEITHER FLATTER BEHIND CLOSED DOORS NOR THREATS
IN PUBLIC HELPED THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAKE A VISIBLE
STEP FORWARD ON THE PATH TO PEACE.... ALBRIGHT'S FAREWELL
REMARKS THAT SHE WOULD COME BACK ONLY IF THERE IS MORE TO
DO THAN TO 'TREAD WATER' SPEAKS VOLUMES. BUT BECAUSE A
LITTLE BIT IS BETTER THAN NOTHING, IT IS WORTH TAKING A
CLOSER LOOK AT THE RESULTS OF HER TRIP....

"THIS MAKES CLEAR THAT IT IS UNIMPORTANT WHAT THE
SECRETARY OF STATE BRINGS BACK HOME BUT WHAT SHE LEFT TO
HER ISRAELI, PALESTINIAN AND ARAB HOSTS. IT IS THE MESSAGE
THAT THE UNITED STATES, DESPITE ITS FRIENDSHIP WITH ISRAEL
AND DESPITE THE TERRORIST ATTACKS, DOES NOT SIDE WITH
ISRAEL NOR OPPOSE ITS NEIGHBORS. THIS IS NOT LITTLE IN
VIEW OF THE DOMESTIC PRESSURE ON PRESIDENT CLINTON
ORCHESTRATED BY ISRAEL'S PREMIER NETANYAHU AND CONSERVATIVE
AND ORTHODOX JEWISH CIRCLES IN THE UNITED STATES TO GIVE UP
SPONSORSHIP OF THE PEACE PROCESS AND SIDE (WITH ISRAEL).
THE REACTION OF THE ARAB LEADERS SHOWED THAT THEY
UNDERSTOOD THE SIGNAL FROM WASHINGTON AND TOOK NOTE OF IT
WITH SATISFACTION...."

"IT IS CERTAINLY TRUE THAT MRS. ALBRIGHT HOPED TO
ACHIEVE MORE.... NEVERTHELESS, SHE SUCCEEDED IN LEAVING A
DECISIVE BENCHMARK FOR THE MIDDLE EAST POLICY OF THE UNITED
STATES.... THE INTENSE TALK WITH SYRIA'S PRESIDENT ASSAD
AND THE WHIRLWIND VISIT TO LEBANON INDICATE ONE OF THE
POSSIBLE DIRECTIONS WHICH COULD LEAD VIA MANY DETOURS TO

PEACE.... TALKS WITH SYRIA AND LEBANON WILL INEVITABLY RESULT IN TALKS WITH THE PALESTINIANS EVEN IF THE ONLY REASON (FOR THEM) IS THAT THE UNITED STATES CANNOT AFFORD ANYTHING ELSE IF IT WANTS TO DEFEND ITS ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND STRATEGIC INTERESTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

"THOSE WHO RAISED GREAT HOPES WITH THE OSLO TREATIES LIKE THE UNITED STATES MUST PRODUCE RESULTS AT SOME POINT, NAMELY COMPREHENSIVE PEACE. THIS WILL NOT BE AN EASY TASK, FOR, SO FAR, WASHINGTON HAS ALSO DODGED THE DECISIVE QUESTION OF ISRAEL'S FUTURE BORDERS AND WHETHER PALESTINE WILL BE AN INDEPENDENT STATE. SINCE THE ISRAELIS AND THE PALESTINIANS ARE OBVIOUSLY UNABLE TO RESOLVE THIS QUESTION ON A BILATERAL BASIS, SOMEBODY ELSE MUST MAKE PROPOSALS. IN THE CURRENT SITUATION, THIS CAN ONLY BE THE UNITED STATES. THIS IS WHY IT WAS WISE OF MADELEINE ALBRIGHT TO ACT IMPATIENTLY AND DEMANDINGLY BUT ALSO CLEARLY AS A MODERATOR."

C. (U.S.) WELD NOMINATION
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1. KLAUS-DIETER FRANKENBERGER SAYS IN AN EDITORIAL IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (09/17) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"HIGH-HANDED."

"WHAT SENATOR JESSE HELMS DID WITH PRESIDENT CLINTON'S CANDIDATE FOR THE U.S. AMBASSADORIAL POST IN MEXICO IS AN INCREDIBLE DISPLAY OF HIGH-HANDED POWER. HELMS, THE LEADER OF THE REPUBLICAN RIGHT WING WHO SHOWS A TENDENCY TO EXTREME VIEWS AND A LIKING FOR CAMPAIGNS AGAINST SIN, SEX, AND THE UNITED NATIONS, CONSIDERED WELD, BECAUSE OF HIS MORE LIBERAL VIEWS, TO BE UNSUITED TO REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES IN MEXICO. THIS IS WHY HELMS DENIED THE USUAL HEARING AND CONSISTENTLY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF HIS POWER AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.... HELMS HAS

TURNED INTO A CHAMPION WHEN IT MANIPULATING PROCEDURAL RULES. HE USES HIS RIGHTS AS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN IN AN EXCESSIVE MANNER IN ORDER TO FIGHT THE RELICS OF THE PARTY'S LEFT WING OR TO SHOW DEMOCRAT BILL CLINTON HIS LIMITS. (WITH HIS MOVES) THE REPUTATION OF THE SENATE AS AN INSTITUTION HAS SUFFERED."

2. FORMER WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT KURT KISTER WRITES IN CENTRIST SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (09/17):

"(WITH WELD'S WITHDRAWAL), HELMS HAS AGAIN ACHIEVED ONE OF THOSE VICTORIES THAT HAS MADE HIM AN IDOL AMONG RIGHT-WINGERS. IN ADDITION, HE AGAIN MADE CLEAR THAT THERE WILL BE NO MOVEMENT IN FOREIGN POLICY WITHOUT HIS APPROVAL - AT LEAST IN THE WIDE FIELD OF POLICY THAT DEPENDS ON THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE SENATE. IN THE 25 YEARS DURING WHICH HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS CIRCLE OF 100, HELMS HAS CONTINUOUSLY EXTENDED HIS POWER BASE. TODAY, HE HAS REACHED THE PINNACLE OF HIS INFLUENCE. THOSE WHO WILL FOLLOW U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IN THE COMING THREE TO FOUR YEARS MUST ALWAYS KEEP IN MIND THAT FOREIGN POLICY WILL BE DECIDED IN A TUG-OF-WAR BETWEEN, ON THE ONE HAND, THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND, ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SENATE'S FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, I.E. JESSE HELMS.... HELMS CREDO IS: AMERICA FIRST. HE REJECTED THE MISSION OF GIS IN BOSNIA AS WELL AS NAFTA. JESSE HELMS IS THE NEMESIS FOR ALL THOSE IN THE UNITED STATES AND ELSEWHERE WHO WANT TO INTEGRATE THE UNITED STATES INTO INTERNATIONAL STRUCTURES. AND THE SENATOR IS RATHER PROUD OF IT."

3. PETER TAUTFEST WRITES IN A REPORT IN LEFT-OF-CENTER DIE TAGESZEITUNG OF BERLIN (09/17) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"HOW NOT TO BECOME U.S. AMBASSADOR."

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"WHAT HAS THE WORLD LEARNED FROM THIS GAME (IN WASHINGTON)? THE SENATE IS AN ANTIQUATED CHAMBER IN WHICH

INDIVIDUAL SENATORS PLAY THE ROLE OF PRINCES AND CAN HARASS THE MAJORITY. THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES MUST KOW-TOW TO A STRANGE HOLY MAN BY THE NAME OF HELMS."

D. (NORTHERN IRELAND) PEACE TALKS

1. LONDON CORRESPONDENT GERD KROENCKE JUDGES IN AN EDITORIAL IN CENTRIST SUEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (09/17) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"TALKS AMONG THE IRRECONCILABLE."

"THERE ARE GOOD REASONS TO BELIEVE THAT THESE TALKS WILL FAIL, TOO. THERE IS A CERTAIN LIKELIHOOD FOR THIS DEVELOPMENT SINCE THE IRA IS EVEN MORE ADAMANTLY STICKING TO ITS VIEWS THAN THE PROTESTANTS. IT MADE THIS CLEAR ONLY LAST WEEK, WHEN ONE OF ITS ANONYMOUS REPRESENTATIVES REJECTED THE MITCHELL PRINCIPLES IN AN INTERVIEW....

"THE MEN WITHOUT FACES AND NAMES (IRA) AGAIN DEMONSTRATED THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE GOAL FOR THEM, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THEY GET THE BACKING OF THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE. THEY WILL NOT ACCEPT ANYTHING, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHAT WILL BE AGREED UPON IN THE TALKS, LESS THAN THE UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL OF THE BRITISH AND THE POLITICAL UNIFICATION OF THE ISLAND. THOSE WHO HAVE NO POLITICAL MANDATE APART FROM AN PRESUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE IRISH PEOPLE, DISREGARD DEMOCRATIC RULES.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, IT IS MINOR PROGRESS THAT SINN FEIN, FOR THE FIRST TIME, HAS ACCEPTED SOME DEMOCRATIC STANDARDS. BECAUSE SINN FEIN, ALLEGEDLY A REGULAR PARTY, AND THE UNDERGROUND ORGANIZATION, ALLEGEDLY AN ARMY, ARE TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN, THESE TALKS COULD REALLY MEAN THE BEGINNING OF THE END TO VIOLENCE AS GERRY ADAMS HAS SAID. HE AND HIS SINN FEIN FRIENDS WILL HAVE TO BEHAVE IN A CIVILIZED MANNER - NO MATTER HOW PROTRACTED THE PEACE PROCESS MAY BE."

2. RIGHT-OF-CENTER NORDKURIER OF NEUBRANDENBURG (09/17) HAS THIS TO SAY:

"WHOEVER PLANTED THE BOMB AT MARKET HILL, THEY HIT THE TALKS AT A CRITICAL MOMENT. DAVID TRIMBLE, THE HEAD OF THE ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY (UUP), FOR INSTANCE, IS STILL PLAYING A RISKY POKER GAME ON WHEN AND UNDER WHICH CIRCUMSTANCES HE WANTS TO ENTER THE CONFERENCE ROOM. ACCORDING TO A POLL, 93 PERCENT OF UUP SUPPORTERS FAVOR UUP'S PARTICIPATION IN UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 07 BONN 011729

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THE TALKS. THE NEGOTIATING AIM OF DISARMING THE IRA IS
ALSO VERY TEMPTING FOR TRIMBLE, BUT IN ORDER TO COME CLOSER
TO THIS GOAL, HE MUST SHAKE OFF HIS RESERVATIONS AND TALK
TO REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS DECLARED ENEMY, SINN FEIN. THE
EXPECTATIONS OF THE MAJORITY OF NORTHERN IRISH ARE SIMILAR:
THEY REGARD THE PARTICIPATION OF SINN FEN IN THE TALKS AS
THE GREATEST CHANCE FOR PEACE SINCE NORTHERN IRELAND'S
FOUNDATION IN 1922. THE EXTREMISTS WHO LOVE THEIR BOMBS
ARE OBVIOUSLY HIGHLY WORRIED ABOUT THIS VIEW."

E. (RUSSIA) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

JOSEF RIEDMILLER JUDGES IN AN EDITORIAL IN CENTRIST
SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (09/17) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"YELTSIN REBUFFS PARVENUS."

"A DOZEN BANKERS AND INDUSTRY BOSSES DOMINATE RUSSIA'S
ECONOMY. WHEN THE SOVIET UNION COLLAPSED, THEY HAD THE
RIGHT INSTINCT AND THE BEST LINKS TO POLITICAL POWER....
BUT NOW RUSSIA'S OLIGARCHY IS AT ODDS WITH ITSELF, AND THIS
AT A TIME WHEN THE RUSSIAN ECONOMY IS ABOUT TO IMPROVE.
AND WHAT DOES BORIS YELTSIN DO? HE NO LONGER NEEDS TO BE
GRATEFUL TO THE BANKERS WHO FINANCED HIS LAST ELECTION
CAMPAIGN. HE CALLED THE SQUABBLING BANKERS TO THE KREMLIN
AND GAVE THEM A DRESSING DOWN - OR ADMONISHED THEM NOT TO
GO TOO FAR. BUT THE PRESIDENT IS ALSO WELL KNOWN FOR
RESOLVING PROBLEMS WITH HIS PERSONNEL POLICY. VICE PREMIER
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JOSEF JOFFE STATES IN AN EDITORIAL IN CENTRIST
SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (09/17) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"WAITING FOR HELL TO FREEZE OVER."

"WHILE EUROPE IS FOCUSING ON THE EURO...THE EU IS TOTALLY AT ODDS WITH EACH OTHER REGARDING ANOTHER DECISIVE QUESTION: THE EU ENLARGEMENT WHICH COULD PROVE TO BE EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE EURO. THE LATEST CONTROVERSY AMONG EU FOREIGN MINISTERS REVEALED A RATHER STRANGE VIEW. ON THE ONE SIDE, THERE ARE THE GERMANS WHO WANT TO ALLOW ONLY A 'MINOR ENLARGEMENT' WITH POLAND, HUNGARY, AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC TO KEEP COSTS FOR FARM SUBSIDIES IN PARTICULAR SMALL. ON THE OTHER SIDE, THERE ARE MADRID AND ATHENS WHICH WOULD LIKE TO HAVE NO ENLARGEMENT AT ALL, SINCE THEY ARE AFRAID OF LOSING THEIR EU SUBSIDIES. FINALLY, THERE ARE FRANCE, BELGIUM, AND ITALY WHICH CONSTITUTE ANOTHER FRONT. THEY ARGUE THAT THE EU MUST FIRST BE REFORMED BEFORE IT SHOULD EXPAND.

"THIS CONTROVERSY BASICALLY MEANS: THE EU DOES NOT CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO THE REMAINING EU STATES (THERE ARE ELEVEN CANDIDATES WHO WANT TO JOIN THE EU). THE EU MEMBERS DO NOT WANT TO TACKLE THE ABSURD EU FARM SUBSIDY REGIME TO HELP THE POOR COUNTRIES IN THE EAST. BELGIUM IS EVEN THREATENING TO 'TAKE THE EU HOSTAGE.' IF THERE IS NO REFORM, THEN THERE WILL BE NO ENLARGEMENT THE BELGIAN DEMAND WHEN HELL FREEZES OVER. THE EU STATES WILL NOT QUICKLY GIVE UP THEIR SOVEREIGNTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF

MAJORITY DECISIONS IN THE EU. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, THE NEW DEMOCRACIES WILL CONTINUE TO STAND OUTSIDE. THIS IS BAD ENOUGH, BUT THE SUSCEPTIBILITY OF THE EU STATES TO NEW ROWS IS EVEN WORSE. IT DOES NOT BODE WELL FOR THE EURO WHICH REQUIRES AN IRON, COMMON WILL."

H. (GERMANY-U.S.) MIDAIR COLLISION OF AIRCRAFT OFF NAMIBIA

RIGHT-OF-CENTER NEUE RUHR/NEUE RHEIN ZEITUNG OF ESSEN HAS THIS TO SAY:

"WHAT HAPPENED DURING THIS OMINOUS FLIGHT? THE SEARCH FOR REASONS WHY (THE TWO PLANES COLLIDED MIDAIR) RESEMBLES PIECES OF A PUZZLE EVEN FOUR DAYS AFTER THE CRASH. BUT ALTHOUGH THE ANSWERS ARE NOT SATISFYING, QUESTIONS MUST STILL BE RAISED. WHY DID NOBODY IN NAMIBIA KNOW ANYTHING OF THE TUPOLEV FLIGHT OF THE GERMAN AIR FORCE? WHY DID THE LUFTWAFFE RECEIVE THE FIRST INFORMATION (ON A POSSIBLE CRASH) FROM A LUFTHANSA EMPLOYEE IN PRETORIA? THIS COST PRECIOUS TIME, AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN RESCUE SERVICE WAS INFORMED ONLY HOURS LATER. THE INFORMATION TIMIDITY OF THE UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 07 BONN 011729

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AMERICANS IS ALSO STRANGE. THE U.S. PUBLIC -- AND THE BUNDESWEHR, TOO?? -- LEARNED ONLY ONE DAY LATER THAT A U.S. PLANE WAS LOST. SOMETHING IS WRONG REGARDING COMMUNICATION WITH THE AMERICAN NATO PARTNER."

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