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A) BROADCAST MEDIA

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A) BROADCAST MEDIA

NO FOREIGN NEWS OF NOTE ON THIS MORNING'S NEWSCASTS. REPORTS  
CONCENTRATED ON THE WELSH VOTE ON DEVOLUTION, IN WHICH WALES JOINED  
SCOTLAND IN VOTING YES -- BUT BY THE NARROWEST MARGIN.

B) MAJOR PRESS STORIES

1. CHINA
2. LANDMINES
3. NORTHERN IRELAND
4. EGYPT
5. U.S. POLITICS

C) SUMMARY

1. CHINA

MOST PAPERS REPORTED A "VICTORIOUS" COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS FOR  
JIANG ZEMIN, WHO WAS SEEN AS HAVING PURGED HIS RIVALS AND SEIZED  
THE REINS OF ECONOMIC REFORM. IN EDITORIAL COMMENT, THE "DAILY  
TELEGRAPH" ANTICIPATED TROUBLE. "THE PROBLEM FOR BEIJING IS THAT  
THE CONTRADICTION BETWEEN ECONOMIC FLEXIBILITY AND POLITICAL  
RIGIDITY (WILL BE) EVER HARDER TO CONTAIN," THE PAPER OPINED.

2. LANDMINES

IN FURTHER COVERAGE OF THE TREATY SIGNING IN OSLO, REPORTS NOTED  
THE RESERVATIONS OF SOME SIGNATORIES AND THE ABSENCE OF SOME KEY  
PLAYERS.

3. NORTHERN IRELAND

THE THRUST OF REPORTS AND EDITORIAL OPINION WAS THAT THE THREE  
GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED -- BRITISH, IRISH AND AMERICAN -- SHOULD NOT  
HOLD THEIR BREATH IN ANTICIPATION OF A SWIFT RESOLUTION.

4. EGYPT

THE MURDER OF A BUS-LOAD OF TOURISTS IN CAIRO YESTERDAY WAS WIDELY  
REPORTED AS PART OF ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM'S CONFLICT WITH THE  
EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT. IN EDITORIAL COMMENT, THE "TIMES" URGED  
POLITICAL REFORM, ARGUING THAT "IMMOBILISM AT THE TOP" BREEDS  
FUNDAMENTALIST EXTREMISM.

5. U.S. POLITICS

THE "ECONOMIST" LAMENTED THE MANNER OF THE SENATE'S REJECTION OF  
BILL WELD'S NOMINATION AS AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO.

D) TEXT

1. CHINA

"JIANG SWEEPS THE DECKS"

THE LIBERAL "GUARDIAN" REPORTED 9/19:  
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"WITH THE LOCKSTEP OBEDIENCE OF LENINISM, THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY YESTERDAY ENDORSED A BLUEPRINT FOR RAW CAPITALISM AND A REVAMPED CENTRAL COMMITTEE THAT STRENGTHENS THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT JIANG ZEMIN AND BANISHES A POTENTIAL RIVAL..."

"OUT OF THE SHADOW OF DENG"

THE INDEPENDENT WEEKLY "ECONOMIST" HAD THIS REPORT FROM BEIJING 9/19:

"THIS WAS THE OCCASION FOR JIANG ZEMIN, PARTY BOSS AND STATE PRESIDENT, TO STEP OUT FROM THE LONG SHADOW CAST BY THE LATE DENG XIAOPING AND EMPHASISE HIS COMMAND OF PARTY AND STATE. IT WILL HAVE LASTING CONSEQUENCES FOR THE COUNTRY. THE PROBLEM IS DIVINING WHAT THESE WILL BE. MR. JIANG, AS A RHETORICIAN, IS A MASTERLY HEDGER OF BETS..."

"MR. JIANG CAN HANDLE OLD-STYLE PARTY BOSSES. HIS FUTURE CHALLENGES WILL COME MORE FROM THE FREE THINKERS."

"CHINA'S CONTORTIONS"

IN EDITORIAL COMMENT 9/19, THE CONSERVATIVE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" SAID:

"THE COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS WHICH CLOSED IN BEIJING YESTERDAY HAS PROVIDED THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY PROPERLY TO ASSESS THE DIRECTION CHINA WILL TAKE AFTER DENG XIAOPING'S DEATH. THE CHANGES INITIATED BY THE LATE PARAMOUNT LEADER WILL BE EXPANDED TO EMBRACE STATE-OWNED

"YET THE COMMITMENT TO FURTHER ECONOMIC REFORM FINDS NO COUNTERPART IN POLITICAL LIBERALISATION..."

"THE PROBLEM FOR BEIJING IS THAT THE ENTREPRENEURIAL FORCES WHICH

DENG UNLEASHED MAKE THE CONTRADICTION BETWEEN ECONOMIC FLEXIBILITY AND POLITICAL RIGIDITY EVER HARDER TO CONTAIN."

## 2. LANDMINES

"PRINCESS'S LANDMINE CRUSADE CLOSE TO VICTORY -- BUT U.S. HOLDS OUT"

THE INDEPENDENT "SCOTSMAN" (EDINBURGH) REPORTED 9/18:

"A TREATY BANNING THE WORLDWIDE USE OF LANDMINES WAS SIGNED IN OSLO YESTERDAY IN A HISTORIC MOVE THAT BRINGS THE CRUSADE OF PRINCESS DIANA CLOSER TO REALIZATION THAN EVER BEFORE..."

"OTHER FOLLOW U.S. LEAD TO OPPOSE MINES TREATY"

THE INDEPENDENT "SCOTSMAN" (EDINBURGH) REPORTED FROM OSLO 9/19:

"A DAY AFTER THE UNITED STATES REFUSED TO SIGN A PROPOSED TREATY ON BANNING LAND MINES, SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES AT THE TREATY TALKS YESTERDAY EXPRESSED OPPOSITION OR RESERVATIONS..."

"THE AMERICAN REJECTION RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW EFFECTIVE THE TREATY WOULD BE. THOSE DOUBTS ARE UNDERLINED BY THE HESITATION UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 05 LONDON 010871

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SHOWN BY JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA, AND BY THE FACT THAT SEVERAL OTHER MAJOR COUNTRIES, INCLUDING RUSSIA, CHINA AND INDIA, WERE NOT PART OF THE TREATY NEGOTIATING PROCESS..."

## 3. NORTHERN IRELAND

"BLAIR'S ULSTER STRATEGY TESTS A WINNING STREAK"

THE INDEPENDENT "FINANCIAL TIMES" REPORTED 9/19:

"PRIME MINISTER TONY BLAIR HAS YET TO LOSE A FIGHT HE PICKS OR MISS A DEADLINE HE SETS. BUT OF ALL THE CHALLENGES HE FACES, PERHAPS THE MOST INTRACTABLE IS FINDING A CONSTITUTIONAL SETTLEMENT FOR NORTHERN IRELAND. MR. BLAIR, UNCHARACTERISTICALLY, IS TAKING ON FORCES HE MAY NOT CONTROL..."

"EDGING FORWARD"

THE INDEPENDENT WEEKLY "ECONOMIST" REPORTED FROM BELFAST 9/19:

"THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE WEEK WHEN INCLUSIVE' POLITICAL TALKS, DEALING WITH SUBSTANTIVE' POLITICAL ISSUES, FINALLY TOOK PLACE IN NORTHERN IRELAND. INSTEAD, IN FAMILIAR ULSTER FASHION, THE WEEK WAS ONE OF POLITICAL BRINKMANSHIP, BOYCOTTS AND VIOLENCE DURING WHICH NO SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE ABOUT THE PROVINCE'S FUTURE...

"FROM ALL APPEARANCES, THEN, THE PROSPECTS FOR THE TALKS NOW LOOK BLEAK. BUT APPEARANCES IN NORTHERN IRELAND, WHERE POLITICS ARE AS MUCH ABOUT POSTURING AS POLICY, CAN BE DECEPTIVE.

"NO ONE REALLY BELIEVES THAT THE POLITICAL PROCESS IS DEAD, OR ARMED CONFLICT ABOUT TO RESUME...

"MR. TRIMBLE, DESPITE HIS OBVIOUS RELUCTANCE TO REJOIN THE TALKS, KNOWS THAT STAYING OUT OF THEM INDEFINITELY WOULD HAND SINN FEIN A PROPAGANDA COUP ON A PLATE... IT SEEMS ONLY A MATTER OF DAYS BEFORE MR. TRIMBLE FINALLY MEETS SINN FEIN LEADERS ACROSS THE TALKS TABLE TO CONFRONT THEM -- TO EXPOSE THEIR FASCIST CHARACTER' AS HE PUT IT...

"THE MESSAGE TO MR. TRIMBLE AND OTHER UNIONIST LEADERS SEEMS CLEAR: GET IN THERE AND REPRESENT US."

"THE CASE FOR ULSTER UNIONISM"

THE SAME PAPER EDITORIALIZED 9/19:

"THE IRA HAS AGAIN STOPPED ITS VIOLENT CAMPAIGN WITHOUT ACHIEVING ANY OF ITS GOALS, EXCEPT, LIKE LOYALIST PARAMILITARIES, TO BE REPRESENTED IN TALKS. ALL IRISH NATIONALIST PARTIES NORTH AND SOUTH, EXCEPT FOR SINN FEIN, RECOGNIZE THAT THE BORDER WILL REMAIN, AND THEY HAVE NO DESIRE TO COERCE UNIONISTS INTO A UNIFIED IRISH STATE. A THRIVING AND MODERNIZING IRISH REPUBLIC, ITS ATTENTION DIRECTED TOWARDS EUROPE, HAS LONG SINCE ABANDONED THE IRREDENTISM OF SINN FEIN. IT IS READY TO GIVE UNIONISTS THE ASSURANCES THEY SEEK.

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"THE BRITISH, IRISH AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS RECOGNIZE THAT THE PROVINCE'S TWO COMMUNITIES, PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC, ARE IN A SIMILAR PLIGHT, AND THAT BOTH NEED OUTSIDE HELP IN REACHING AN AGREEMENT. PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES ARE WEARY OF WAR, AND DO NOT WANT A RETURN TO THE PAST. FOR ALL THESE REASONS, NO SURRENDER' IS NO LONGER A VIABLE POLITICAL STRATEGY FOR UNIONISM, IF IT EVER WAS. THE STATUS QUO IS NOT AN OPTION. MORE THAN EVER, UNIONISTS NEED SOMEONE TO PUT THEIR CASE. IF MR. TRIMBLE IS NOT THE MAN TO DO THIS, THEY SHOULD LOOK FOR SOMEONE WHO IS."

"PEACE GAME WELL WORTH PLAYING"

THE INDEPENDENT "SCOTSMAN" (EDINBURGH) EDITORIALIZED 9/18:

"THOSE WHO BELIEVED THAT GETTING THE MAIN PARTIES ROUND THE CONFERENCE TABLE FOR THE NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE TALKS WAS THE DIFFICULT BIT, WILL NOW FIND THEY SERIOUSLY UNDERESTIMATED THAT PROVINCE'S POTENTIAL FOR INTRACTABILITY.

"THE PREAMBLE TO THE TALKS MAY WELL HAVE BEEN INCREDIBLY TOUGH FOR EVERYONE IN THE BRITISH, IRISH AND UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTS WHO WERE INVOLVED, BUT FOR THEM TO EMERGE, BLINKING INTO THE SUNLIGHT NEXT MAY WITH ANYTHING APPROACHING AN AGREEMENT WILL BE CLOSE TO A MIRACLE.

"WHAT THE THREE GOVERNMENTS' REPRESENTATIVES MUST ALWAYS HAVE REGARD TO IS THE FACT THAT, WHAT LOOKS LIKE A NEGOTIATING POSITION BY ANY REASONABLE PERSON, MAY BE SEIZED ON AS A MASSIVE CONCESSION OR CAVE-IN BY THOSE WHO WISH THE TALKS TO FOUNDER...

"NEVERTHELESS, THE GAME IS WELL WORTH PLAYING..."

#### 4. EGYPT

"BLOODSHED DEVASTATES GOVERNMENT'S CREDENTIALS"

THE INDEPENDENT "SCOTSMAN" (EDINBURGH) REPORTED 9/19:

"BY FIREBOMBING A COACH-LOAD OF GERMAN TOURISTS IN THE HEART OF CAIRO, ISLAMIST EXTREMISTS HAVE SHOWN THEY REMAIN DETERMINED TO USE TERROR AND ECONOMIC DESTABILISATION AS KEY WEAPONS TO OVERTHROW THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT.

"THE ACT OF TERROR AGAINST INNOCENT CIVILIANS IS A CALCULATED MOVE TO DAMAGE ONE OF EGYPT'S PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE: TOURISM. IT ALSO DEMONSTRATES THAT EVEN THOUGH THE MORE MAINSTREAM ELEMENTS OF THE ISLAMIC OPPOSITION APPEAR TO HAVE CONCLUDED THAT TERROR AGAINST TOURISTS IS UNLIKELY TO ENHANCE THE PROSPECTS OF TURNING EGYPT INTO A FUNDAMENTALIST ISLAMIC STATE, SOME HARDLINE ELEMENTS REMAIN WEDDED TO THE BOMB AND THE BULLET.

"THE DAMAGE TO THE GOVERNMENT COULD PROVE CONSIDERABLE. ITS POLITICAL AND SECURITY CREDENTIALS WILL BE SEVERELY DAMAGED..."

"DEATH IN CAIRO"

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THE CONSERVATIVE "TIMES" EDITORIALIZED 9/19:

"THIS ATTACK DOES NOT FIT WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S RECENT CLAIMS TO HAVE BEATEN BACK TERRORIST ACTIVITY TO A FEW PROVINCIAL POCKETS OF SOUTHERN EGYPT. BUT IT IS PROBABLY TRUE THAT, AFTER A FIVE-YEAR CAMPAIGN IN WHICH MORE THAN A THOUSAND EGYPTIANS HAVE BEEN MURDERED, THE OVERALL THREAT FROM ISLAMIC FANATICS HAS BEEN SHARPLY REDUCED...

"BUT THE PRICE IN CIVIL LIBERTIES HAS BEEN HIGH...

"ECONOMICALLY, EGYPT IS MODERNISING RAPIDLY BUT IT IS POLITICALLY STAGNANT. BROADER TRUST IN THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP IS NEEDED TO CONSOLIDATE A VICTORY THAT MUST STILL BE JUDGED PROVISIONAL. IMMOBILISM AT THE TOP IS NOT HEALTHY. IN STILL WATERS, EGYPTIANS KNOW, MOSQUITOS BREED."

##### 5. U.S. POLITICS

"NOT BY HELMS ALONE"

THE INDEPENDENT WEEKLY "ECONOMIST" EDITORIALIZED 9/19:

"FEW TARGETS ARE MORE INVITING IN AMERICAN POLITICS THAN JESSE HELMS, NOW IN HIS FIFTH RUMBUSTIOUS TERM AS A REPUBLICAN SENATOR FROM NORTH CAROLINA. MR. HELMS, A MODEL OF OLD SOUTHERN COURTESY WHO WILL ALWAYS HOLD A DOOR FOR A LADY, IS ALSO THE MOST BRUTAL CURMUDGEON IN CONGRESS: KNOWING WHAT HE THINKS, NOT BACKWARD IN SAYING IT, AND UNCARING OF THE WOUNDED BODIES HE LEAVES BEHIND HIM. MORE POWER TO HIM, YOU MIGHT THINK.

"BUT THE UNCOMFORTABLE FACT IS THAT MR. HELMS, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, HAS A VOICE IN FOREIGN POLICY ALMOST AS LOUD AS THAT OF THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF, AND SOMETIMES LOUDER. THE CASUALTIES HE HAS CAUSED INCLUDE RELATIONS WITH EUROPE AND CANADA, SOURED BY THE EGREGIOUS HELMS-BURTON RESTRICTIONS ON TRADING WITH CUBA; FOREIGN AID, WHICH HE SEES AS WATER DOWN A DRAIN; RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED NATIONS, TO WHICH HE SEES NO POINT

AT ALL; AND NOW THE HOPES OF WILLIAM WELD, THE FORMER GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BECOME AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO...

"THIS WAS INDEED, AS SENATOR JOHN KERRY DESCRIBED IT, A TRIUMPH OF RULES OVER REASON'. BUT THAT IS THE WAY THE SENATE WORKS.

"BLAME MR. HELMS, BY ALL MEANS. CASTIGATE MR. LOTT, AND EVEN PRESIDENT CLINTON, FOR DISMAYING FAILURES OF NERVE. BUT MR. WELD, CLUTCHING THE TATTERED REMAINS OF HIS SOMBRERO AND HIS SPANISH PHRASE-BOOK, RESERVED MOST OF HIS RIDICULE FOR THE INSTITUTION AND EVEN THE CITY IT SITS IN. AND HE WAS RIGHT." SMITH

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"TEN PEOPLE KILLED IN TERRORIST ATTACK IN CAIRO"  
(GENERAL-ANZEIGER)

EDITORIALS FOCUS ON THE TERRORIST ATTACK IN CAIRO, ON THE  
END OF THE PARTY CONGRESS OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY,  
AND ON DEUTSCHE TELEKOM'S NET INCOME FOR THE FIRST HALF OF  
THIS YEAR. ZDF-TV'S EARLY EVENING NEWSCAST HEUTE AND  
ARD-TV'S EARLY EVENING NEWSCAST TAGESSCHAU OPENED WITH THE  
TERRORIST ATTACK IN CAIRO.

- B. (MINES) OTTAWA GROUP MEETING

- 1. RIGHT-OF-CENTER MAIN-ECHO OF ASCHAFFENBURG  
(09/19) NOTES:

"EVEN MANY MILITARY OFFICIALS CONSIDER MINES, WHICH  
CANNOT DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN FRIEND AND FOE, TO BE  
COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. THE PENTAGON HAS ADMITTED THAT

THREE-QUARTERS OF ALL AMERICAN CASUALTIES IN THE VIETNAM WAR WERE KILLED BY MINES 'MADE IN THE U.S.' AND ALL THE U.S. MINES WERE UNABLE TO STOP THE ADVANCE OF NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES NOR U.S. DEFEAT IN THE VIETNAM WAR. FOR WASHINGTON'S 'NO,' ONE OTHER FACT WAS MORE DECISIVE: UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 07 BONN 011870

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RUSSIA AND CHINA DID NOT WANT TO SIGN THE BAN ON ANTI-PERSONNEL MIES AND, THEREFORE, DID NOT EVEN SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CONFERENCE IN OSLO. ACCORDING TO THE PATTERNS BEHAVIOR OF THE COLD WAR, THE U.S. SUPERPOWER DOES NOT WANT TO GIVE UP SOMETHING THAT THE OTHER SIDE CONTINUES TO HAVE."

2. HANNES GAMILSCHEGG NOTES IN AN EDITORIAL IN LEFT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU (09/19) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"BAN ON MINES IS GOOD EXAMPLE."

"THE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES DID NOT WANT TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WEAKENS THE FRONT AGAINST MINES. BUT THE TRANSITION PERIOD AND SPECIAL RULES WHICH WASHINGTON REQUESTED WERE UNACCEPTABLE. IF THE AGREEMENT HAD ENTERED INTO FORCE WITH A DELAY OF NINE YEARS - AS WASHINGTON DEMANDED - EVERYBODY COULD HAVE SIGNED THE TREATY WITHOUT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ANY KIND OF CONSEQUENCES. IN THE YEAR 2006, THE NATIONS WOULD HAVE CONVENED AGAIN, AND THE PROPOSED EXCEPTIONS FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF LAND MINES WOULD HAVE UNDERMINED THE WHOLE TREATY. IT IS BETTER TO HAVE A CLEARLY-FORMULATED TEXT WITHOUT ANY EXCEPTIONS WHICH IS SIGNED BY A FEW COUNTRIES ONLY THAN A DILUTED AGREEMENT WITH MANY SIGNATURES....

"IF THE SIGNATORIES HAD WAITED FOR THE ONES WHO HESITATED, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN A MUCH WEAKER TEXT. NOW EVERYBODY CAN JOIN THE TREATY BUT MUST, AT THE SAME TIME, ACCEPT THE COMPREHENSIVE BAN. THE OTTAWA PROCESS HAS BEEN A MODEL THAT CAN BE APPLIED TO OTHER PROBLEMS, TOO. BUT IT WILL BE CONSIDERED A REAL SUCCESS ONLY IF THE UNITED STATES ALSO JOINS THE BAN ON MINES.... AS LONG AS THE UNITED

STATES DOES NOT JOIN, THE WORLD WILL CONTINUE TO POINT ITS FINGER AT WASHINGTON, AND (ALL THOSE WHICH DID NOT SIGN) CAN DO WHATEVER THEY WANT BEHIND WASHINGTON'S BACK. IF THE UNITED STATES HAD SIGNED THE TREATY, THIS WOULD HAVE INTENSIFIED PRESSURE ON CHINA AND RUSSIA....

"PRESIDENT CLINTON IS UNDER PRESSURE FROM TWO SIDES: SO FAR HE SEEMS TO HAVE GIVEN IN TO THE CONSERVATIVE LOBBY WHICH THINKS THAT LAND MINES ARE INDISPENSABLE FOR THE PROTECTION OF U.S. SOLDIERS. BUT THE CAMPAIGNS TO BAN MINES ARE MEETING WITH INCREASING SUPPORT IN THE UNITED STATES, TOO - AND CLINTON KEEPS AN OPEN EAR FOR SUCH VOICES. BUT BEFORE THE AGREEMENT IS SIGNED IN OTTAWA, THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED IN OSLO. IF IT WERE AWARDED TO THE ORGANIZATIONS WHO LAUNCHED THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST LAND MINES, THIS WOULD BE NOT ONLY A WELL-DESERVED AWARD FOR INDEFATIGABLE ENGAGEMENT, BUT IT WOULD ALSO BE THE IMPETUS NECESSARY TO PROMPT THE UNITED STATES TO JOIN THE SIGNATORIES OF THE OTTAWA TREATY."

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3. STEPHAN-ANDREAS CASDORFF HAS THIS TO SAY IN AN EDITORIAL IN CENTRIST STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG (09/19) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"BITTER LESSON."

"THE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES DID NOT WANT TO SIGN THE BAN ON MINES IS BITTER. DOES THE UNITED STATES NOT CONSIDER ITSELF TO BE A WESTERN LEADING POWER, AS AN ADVOCATE WHICH EVERYBODY SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY? WASHINGTON'S CONDITIONS FOR A SIGNATURE WERE NOT ACCEPTED, AND THIS IS GOOD. THIS REFUSAL WAS AN ACT OF EMANCIPATION THAT WAS CORRECTLY UNDERSTOOD AND NECESSARY IN THIS CASE. AND BECAUSE THE DANGER OF MINES HAS NOT YET BEEN BANNED FOR MILLIONS OF PEOPLE, GERMANY SHOULD SET AN EXAMPLE: THE DEFENSE BUDGET PROVIDES ONLY FOR DM 13 MILLION FOR THE ELIMINATION OF MINES, BUT 70 MILLION FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF MINES. IN THIS CASE, EVERY DM IS TOO MUCH. AND THIS IS A LESSON THAT WAS CLEAR EVEN BEFORE OSLO."

## C. (CHINA) COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS

1. PETRA KOLONKO OPINES IN AN EDITORIAL IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (09/19) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"DEPRIVED OF POWER."

"FOR THOSE IN THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY WHO CONSIDER REFORMS TO BE MORE THAN THE TRANSITION TO MARKET ECONOMY PRINCIPLES, THE DEPRIVING OF POWER OF PARLIAMENTARY PRESIDENT QIAO SHI, WHICH WAS INITIATED BY THE PARTY CONGRESS, IS A TOUGH BLOW. QIAO SHI WAS THE SPOKESMAN OF THOSE WHO ADVOCATED MODERATE POLITICAL REFORMS.... AT THE BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR, HE MUST LEAVE HIS POST WHICH WILL BE TAKEN OVER BY HIS STRONGEST OPPONENT LI PENG.... LI PENG IS CONSIDERED A HARDLINER WHO THINKS THAT POLITICAL REFORMS ARE DANGEROUS. HE ONLY HESITANTLY BACKED THE POLICY OF ECONOMIC REFORMS. PARTY LEADER JIANG ZEMIN IS ALSO SENDING A POLITICAL SIGNAL BY OFFERING LI PENG THE OFFICE OF PARLIAMENTARY PRESIDENT, WHICH HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN OCCUPIED BY REFORMERS IN THE PARTY LEADERSHIP. THIS MEANS THAT JIANG ZEMIN'S FUTURE COURSE IS CLEAR: THERE WILL BE ECONOMIC REFORMS, BUT NO CHANGE IN THE POLITICAL SYSTEM WHICH SOME PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DEMANDING DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS. AS LONG AS LI PENG STAYS IN OFFICE, HE WILL ALSO KNOW HOW TO BLOCK A REASSESSMENT OF THE EVENTS OF 1989."

2. HERBERT KREMP NOTES IN A FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER DIE WELT OF BERLIN (09/19) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"POWER IN CHINA."

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"THE CHANGES IN PERSONNEL IN THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP CLEARLY SHOW THAT JIANG ZEMIN, THE INCUMBENT OF ALL MAIN POSTS IN PARTY, STATE, AND ARMED FORCES, WAS ABLE TO STAY

THE COURSE: THE COUNTRY WILL CONTINUE TO OPEN ITSELF UP ECONOMICALLY TO THE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE. AS FAR AS POLITICS IS CONCERNED, THE PARTY, HOWEVER, WILL CONTINUE TO PRESERVE ITS ABSOLUTIST LEADING ROLE...."

3. CENTRIST MITTELDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF HALLE (09/19) ARGUES:

"JIANG TOOK STOCK OF CHINA'S POLICY. HE SAID THAT CHINA IS STILL TOO POOR FOR SOCIALISM, WHICH MEANS THAT THE COUNTRY SHOULD FIRST MAKE SOME MONEY. FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE PARTY LEADERSHIP WANTS TO USE ALL AVAILABLE MEANS: IN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES, CAPITALIST ENTERPRISES ARE TO BE SET UP. OFTEN THEY ARE IN THE HANDS OF MILITARY OFFICIALS OR POLITICIANS. CHINA IS IN A CRAZE TO MAKE MONEY. THE PARTY CONGRESS SHOWED THAT THE POLITBURO HAS INCREASING DIFFICULTIES MAINTAINING THE PRETENSE OF A SOCIALIST SYSTEM. CHINA'S NEW CAPITALISTS ARE ALREADY WAITING FOR THE MOMENT WHEN POLITICS WILL TOPPLE THE LAST DOGMAS OF MAO'S BIBLE."

4. HARALD MAUSS FILED THE FOLLOWING FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL FROM BEIJING FOR CENTRIST STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG (09/190 UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"JIANG ZEMIN PREVAILS."

"DURING THE PARTY CONGRESS, JIANG ZEMIN MADE CLEAR THAT POLITICAL POWER WILL CONTINUE TO REMAIN IN THE HANDS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. JIANG CATEGORICALLY REJECTED POLITICAL REFORMS, DEMOCRATIZATION, AND GREATER FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. THE PARTY LEADERS ALSO REJECTED A POLITICAL REASSESSMENT OF THE BLOODY CRUSHING OF THE DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT OF 1989, AS OUSTED PARTY LEADER ZHAO ZIYANG HAD DEMANDED IN A LETTER. A SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE CLEAR ITS VIEWPOINT SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE. AND THE COMRADES DO NOT REALLY CARE TO KNOW WHETHER THE CHINESE PEOPLE ARE SATISFIED WITH THIS VIEW."

D. (EGYPT) BOMB ATTACK

1. WOLFGANG GUENTER LERCH HAS THIS TO SAY IN A FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (09/19) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"DEATH IN CAIRO."

"THE ISLAMISTS IN CAIRO PROFIT FROM THE FACT THAT THE PERMANENT SOCIAL MISERY OF THEIR STATE WILL DRIVE POOR  
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PEOPLE AGAIN AND AGAIN INTO THEIR CAMP. THESE PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO FOLLOW THE SALVATIONIST SLOGANS OF RADICAL ISLAMISTS. AND IT IS EASY TO PERSUADE THESE POOR PEOPLE TO ACCEPT THE VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR EGYPT IF THE 'INFIDELS' WITH PRESIDENT MUBARAK AT THE HELM, ARE OUSTED. THE REGIME, HOWEVER, HAS A TENDENCY TO HOLD FOREIGN COUNTRIES RESPONSIBLE FOR TERROR, ALTHOUGH A GREAT DEAL OF THE REASONS FOR TERRORISM HAS ITS ORIGIN IN EGYPT ITSELF.... BUT EGYPTIAN TERRORISM IS ALSO EMBEDDED IN THE MOVEMENT OF MILITANT POLITICAL ISLAM WHICH HAS AFFECTED THE WHOLE REGION WITH DIFFERENT LEVELS OF INTENSITY. THE ATTACKS BY EGYPTIAN TERRORISTS ALSO REVEAL GENERAL DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE CONDITION OF THE WHOLE MIDDLE EAST."

2. JOSEF JOFFE REMARKS IN AN EDITORIAL IN CENTRIST SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (09/19) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"TERROR AGAINST TOURISTS."

"EGYPT IS NOT ALGERIA WHERE ONLY NAKED VIOLENCE CAN KEEP TERRORISM AT BAY. NO OTHER DEMOCRATIC REGIME (IN THE REGION) BUT THE MUBARAK GOVERNMENT ENJOYS THE SUPPORT OF ITS PEOPLE. THIS IS WHY MUBARAK, UNLIKE ARAFAT, CAN USE ALL HIS MEANS TO FIGHT THE ISLAMISTS. 75 DEATH PENALTIES HAVE BEEN PRONOUNCED SO FAR, AND 50 HAVE ALREADY BEEN CARRIED OUT. MUBARAK CAN ALSO NOT GIVE IN, BECAUSE THE MAJORITY OF EGYPTIANS DO NOT WANT TO EXCHANGE MUBARAK'S MILD DESPOTISM FOR AN ISLAMIC DICTATORSHIP. THIS MEANS THAT THE KILLINGS WILL CONTINUE, AND THAT INNOCENT PEOPLE WILL FOOT THE BILL. TODAY, THESE ARE GERMANS; TOMORROW, SOMEBODY ELSE."

3. RIGHT-OF-CENTER RHEIN-NECKAR-ZEITUNG OF HEIDELBERG (0919) JUDGES:

"THE VERY REAL CURRENT WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WHICH HAS COST MORE CASUALTIES THAN ALL THE BLIND TERRORIST ACTS IN JERUSALEM AND HEbron TOGETHER CONTINUES TO BE WAGED UNREMARKED IN THE SHADOWS OF OTHER HEADLINES. 60,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED IN ALGERIA, MORE THAN 1,000 IN EGYPT. AND IT IS EXACTLY THIS GLOBAL DISRESPECT OF A CONFLICT WHICH WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND THAT PROVOKES ORGIES OF VIOLENCE SUCH AS THE ONE FROM YESTERDAY. THE TRAGIC DEATH OF INNOCENT TOURISTS IN CAIRO IS BRINGING TO LIGHT THE MERCILESS FIGHT BETWEEN ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM AND THE MORE OR LESS DEMOCRATIC, WESTERN-ORIENTED GOVERNMENTS OF THE

REGION. BUT ONLY FOR A BRIEF PERIOD OF TIME. TRIPS TO CAIRO AND LUXOR ARE CURRENTLY NOT RECOMMENDED. THE FANATICS ACHIEVED THEIR GOAL."

4. RIGHT-OF-CENTER ESSLINGER ZEITUNG (09/19) HOLDS:

"THE ATTACK HAS HIT A NERVE IN THE GOVERNMENT, SINCE UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 07 BONN 011870

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SECURITY FORCES HAVE BEEN TRYING TO CRUSH FUNDAMENTALIST FORCES SINCE 1992. IN ADDITION, EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE TRANSFERRED THE MAIN SOURCE OF INCOME FOR THE COUNTRY, TOURISM, TO THE RED SEA, WHERE TOURISTS LIVE IN TIGHTLY-SEALED HOTELS. HOWEVER, THIS STRATEGY ONLY RESULTED IN A BREATHER IN THE WAR AGAINST FUNDAMENTALISTS, SINCE THEY, TOO, HAVE CHANGED THEIR STRATEGY. IN THE PAST, THEY SHOT AT CRUISE SHIPS ON THE NILE OR AT THE NIGHT TRAIN FROM CAIRO TO LUXOR. BUT TODAY, THEY HAVE ADVANCED TO CENTER OF POWER AND ARE TRYING TO SHED AS MUCH BLOOD AS POSSIBLE AT TOURIST CENTERS IN CAIRO. YESTERDAY'S FLIGHT OF THE ATTACKERS TO CAIRO'S POOR SUBURB OR BULAK SHOWS WHICH POPULATION GROUPS SUPPORT THE TERRORISTS. THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE UNABLE TO WIN OVER THE TERRORISTS BY PURSUING A TOUGH POLICY. THE PROBLEMS OF POVERTY, MASS UNEMPLOYMENT, AND THE POPULATION EXPLOSION MUST BE RESOLVED TO CUT THE GROUND OUT FROM UNDER THE TERRORISTS' FEET."

E. (U.S.) JESSE HELMS PORTRAIT

YVONNE ESTERHAZY WRITES IN A REPORT IN BUSINESS NEWSPAPER HANDELSBLATT OF DUESSELDORF (09/190 UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"JESSE HELMS KNOWS HIS POWER."

"JESSE HELMS IS RESPECTED AND SOME PEOPLE ARE AFRAID OF HIM, BUT HE IS NOT POPULAR. EVEN AMONG HIS OWN RANK AND FILE, THE ARCH-CONSERVATIVE SENATOR...IS A CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE.... THE FORMER REPORTER AND EX-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF DOES NOT GIVE A DAMN NEITHER ABOUT ATTACKS ON HIM IN THE MEDIA

NOR PUBLIC SUPPORT OF HIM WHEN HE FEELS IT NECESSARY TO DEFEND HIS PRINCIPLES. HE GAVE EVIDENCE OF THIS ONLY A WEEK AGO WHEN THE ISSUE WAS THE NOMINATION OF WILLIAM WELD...AS U.S. AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO.... THE ICE-COLD MANNER IN WHICH HE FINALLY FOILED WELD'S NOMINATION IS CONSIDERED A HIGH POINT OF ABSURD POLITICAL THEATER IN WASHINGTON AND WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR A LONG TIME.....

"HELMS DOES MIND WHAT PRESIDENT CLINTON THINKS OF HIM. THE SENATOR DOES NOT LIKE THE PRESIDENT BECAUSE HE DODGED MILITARY SERVICE DURING THE VIETNAM WAR. THE SITUATION IS A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT THE OTHER WAY ROUND. BILL CLINTON KNOWS THAT HE NEEDS HELMS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN ACCEPTANCE FOR CERTAIN FOREIGN POLICY POSITIONS. THIS IS WHY CLINTON'S SUPPORT OF WELD WAS AS SOFT AS WAX, AND THE WHITE HOUSE IS LIKELY TO HAVE INDICATED TO WELD THAT HE SHOULD HAD BETTER WITHDRAWN HIS NOMINATION.

"IT WOULD BE UNWISE FOR CLINTON TO RISK A POWER STRUGGLE WITH HELMS SINCE THE AMBASSADORIAL POST IN MEXICO IS NOT CONSIDERED SO IMPORTANT IN ANY CASE. IN THE COURSE UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 07 BONN 011870

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OF THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS, MORE IMPORTANT ITEMS ARE ON THE AGENDA: THE SENATE MUST VOTE ON NATO'S ENLARGEMENT TO THE EAST FOR WHICH CLINTON NEEDS A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY. HE ALSO NEEDS THE SUPPORT OF THE SENATE FOR FAST-TRACK AUTHORITY TO SET UP FUTURE FREE TRADE ZONES. IN THE PAST, HOWEVER, HELMS OPPOSED NAFTA, AND HE PUT UP RESISTANCE TO A NEW ORIENTATION OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY TOWARDS CHINA." ROUNDS

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A) BROADCAST MEDIA

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C) SUMMARY

1. UNITED NATIONS

BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY ROBIN COOK, IN NEW YORK, WAS REPORTED SUPPORTING EXPANSION OF THE UNSC. COOK WAS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE HAD AN "UGLY SPAT" WITH SENATOR JESSE HELMS.

2. NORTHERN IRELAND

THE FIRST FACE TO FACE ENCOUNTER OF UNIONIST AND SINN FEIN LEADERS IN 75 YEARS -- AT THE MULTI-PARTY TALKS AT STORMONT -- WAS REPORTED, WITH THE UNIONISTS CALLING FOR THE EXPULSION OF SINN FEIN. IN MIXED EDITORIAL COMMENT, THE "GUARDIAN" SAID THAT THE OMENS FOR PEACE "ARE AS GOOD AS ONE COULD REASONABLY HOPE FOR" WHILE THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" SAW NO PLACE FOR SINN FEIN AT THE TALKS AND EXCORIATED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT FOR DEALING WITH THEM. LONDON'S "EVENING STANDARD" SAID THE TALKS SHOULD GO AHEAD WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL PARTIES.

3. MIDEAST

THERE WAS FURTHER CONJECTURE ABOUT THE STATE OF YASSER ARAFAT'S HEALTH.

4. U.S. POLITICS

FORMER WHITE HOUSE AIDE HAROLD ICKES WAS REPORTED IN THE MOOD FOR REVENGE AND EMERGING AS A "PIVOTAL" FIGURE IN INVESTIGATIONS INTO CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISING.

D) TEXT

1. UNITED NATIONS

"COOK ARGUES FOR EXPANSION OF U.N."

DIPLOMATIC EDITOR IAN BLACK REPORTED FROM NEW YORK IN THE LIBERAL "GUARDIAN" 9/24:

"BRITAIN YESTERDAY GAVE ITS STRONGEST BACKING EVER TO EXPANDING THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL BY ALLOWING IN NOT ONLY GERMANY AND JAPAN BUT ALSO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NEVER SAT AT THE WORLD'S TOP TABLE.

"LINKING THE MODERNISATION OF BRITAIN UNDER THE LABOUR GOVERNMENT TO THAT OF THE U.N., FOREIGN SECRETARY ROBIN COOK TOLD THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE TIME HAD COME TO CHANGE THE FROZEN STATUS QUO OF HALF A CENTURY...

"MR. COOK ALSO USED HIS MAIDEN SPEECH TO THE ASSEMBLY TO ENDORSE UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 04 LONDON 011052

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WARMLY THE CONTROVERSIAL REFORM PROPOSALS OF SECRETARY-GENERAL KOFI ANNAN...

"EARLIER, MR COOK'S FORTHRIGHT STYLE PROVOKED AN ANGRY RESPONSE FROM JESSE HELMS, HEAD OF THE POWERFUL SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND A BITTER CRITIC OF THE U.N."

"COOK CLASHES WITH SENATOR OVER U.N. DEBT"

THE CONSERVATIVE "TIMES" HAD THIS REPORT FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK 9/24:

"ROBIN COOK, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, GOT INTO AN UGLY SPAR WITH A POWERFUL RIGHT-WING AMERICAN SENATOR YESTERDAY AFTER INSISTING THAT WASHINGTON SHOULD PAY ITS DEBT TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN FULL AND ON TIME'.

"THE BRUSQUE MR. COOK HAD A DISASTROUS MEETING WITH THE STATELY SENATOR HELMS IN MAY, WHICH THE SENATOR CURTAILED BECAUSE HE FOUND MR. COOK'S MANNER TOO ABRASIVE.

"A CONGRESSIONAL SOURCE DESCRIBED THE ENCOUNTER AS INCREASINGLY UNPLEASANT' AND SAID THE TWO, OF DIFFERENT IDEOLOGICAL STRIPES, HAD DISAGREED DISAGREEABLY'.

2. NORTHERN IRELAND

"FACE TO FACE FOR 30 MINUTES"

THE LEFT-WING TABLOID "MIRROR" REPORTED 9/24:

"THE WARRING SIDES OF THE ULSTER CONFLICT SAT FACE TO FACE

YESTERDAY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 75 YEARS THE HISTORIC MEETING LASTED JUST HALF AN HOUR -- IN WHICH THE UNIONISTS LAID INTO SINN FEIN FOR THEIR LINKS TO IRA TERRORISTS AND CALLED FOR THEM TO BE THROWN OUT OF THE PEACE TALKS..."

"WEARY OF WAR AND DYING FOR PEACE"

THE CENTRIST "HERALD" (GLASGOW) HAD THIS OP-ED ESSAY BY ACADEMIC/AUTHOR BERNARD CRICK 9/23:

"BOTH GERRY ADAMS AND DAVID TRIMBLE HAVE COME A LONG WAY... SHEER WAR-WEARINESS HAS REKINDLED COMMON SENSE. THEY WANTED NOT SURRENDER BUT AN HONORABLE WAY OUT OF THE MISERY..."

"PROGRESS, IF NOW INEVITABLE, WILL BE SLOW. TIME IS NEEDED TO ACCUSTOM PARTY ACTIVISTS TO THE NECESSITY OF COMPROMISE. THINGS WILL APPEAR TO GET WORSE BEFORE THEY GET BETTER. THERE ARE FANATIC IRRECONCILABLES IN BOTH CAMPS BEYOND ALL POLITICAL REASON. BUT THEIR EFFORTS ARE ACTUALLY A SIGN THAT REAL MOVEMENT, HOWEVER SLOW IT MUST BE, IS AFOOT. THEIR OWN PEOPLE WILL EVENTUALLY TURN ON THEM, OR TURN THEM IN."

"IT'S RIGHT TO TALK"

LONDON'S CONSERVATIVE "EVENING STANDARD" LAST NIGHT, 9/23, EDITORIALIZED (FULL TEXT):

"THE FACE-SAVING FORMULA WHICH BRINGS THE ULSTER UNIONISTS TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE WITH SINN FEIN AT STORMONT TODAY, FOR THE FIRST UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 04 LONDON 011052

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TIME SINCE THE PARTITION OF IRELAND IN 1921, IS THAT THE TWO SIDES CAN MEET TO ABUSE EACH OTHER. THIS MAY NOT BE A TEXTBOOK NEGOTIATING PLOY, BUT IT IS AN ADVANCE. THE ULSTER UNIONIST LEADER, DAVID TRIMBLE, HAS HAD TO SWALLOW SOME PAINFUL PILLS: THE BITTEREST BEING THE DECISION TO TALK FACE TO FACE WITH THE POLITICAL WING OF THE IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY, WHOSE MURDEROUS ACTIVITIES IN THE VIEW OF MOST PEOPLE -- INCLUDING OURSELVES -- HAVE SET BACK THE CAUSE OF IRISH UNITY BY A GENERATION.

"MR. TRIMBLE IS AWARE THAT IF HIS GAMBLE FAILS, HE WILL BE ACCUSED BY IAN PAISLEY'S DEMOCRATIC UNIONISTS AND MANY OF HIS OWN PEOPLE OF

SELLING OUT. HE KNOWS FURTHERMORE, AS DOES DOWNING STREET, THAT IN THE PAST THE IRA HAVE ALWAYS EXPLOITED CEASEFIRES AND THE PROMISE OF NEGOTIATIONS TO RESTOCK THEIR ARSENALS AND STRENGTHEN THEIR POLITICAL GRIP ON CATHOLIC AREAS ENJOYING A HOLIDAY FROM THE ATTENTIONS OF THE SECURITY FORCES.

"YET IN THE END, THE ULSTER UNIONISTS HAVE NO REAL CHOICE BUT TO JOIN SINN FEIN AT THE STORMONT TALKS. MR. TRIMBLE HAS BEEN UNDER GREAT PRESSURE, NOT ONLY FROM PRIME MINISTER BLAIR WHO HAS ALLOWED THE IMPLIED THREAT OF AN IMPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL SETTLEMENT TO HANG IN THE AIR, BUT FROM THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WORLD OPINION -- PARTICULARLY AMERICAN OPINION -- IS READY TO CONDEMN THE ULSTER UNIONISTS AS REACTIONARIES IF THEY WALK OUT NOW.

"YET THERE ARE SOME POSITIVE REASONS, AS WELL AS NEGATIVE ONES, WHY THE UUP SHOULD BE READY AND WILLING TO TALK PEACE IN THE COMPANY OF SINN FEIN. THE LONGER SINN FEIN IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE, THE GREATER CHANCE THERE IS OF A PERIOD OF PEACE IN NORTHERN IRELAND, AND CONSEQUENTLY OF SPLITS WITHIN THE IRA BETWEEN HARDLINERS AND MORE MODERATE REPUBLICANS. FOR IRA HARDLINERS WHO HAVE DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO THE ARMED STRUGGLE FOR A UNITED IRELAND, ANYTHING LESS IS IRRELEVANT -- AND BESIDES, THEY STAND TO LOSE THEIR PROTECTION RACKETS, AND THE DEPRAVED EXCITEMENT OF VIOLENT ACTION AGAINST THE ENEMY'.

"IF THE STORMONT PROCESS BREAKS DOWN, OR THE SUBSEQUENT PEACE COLLAPSES, BECAUSE THE IRA HARDLINERS SABOTAGE IT, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE A MUCH TOUGHER LINE AGAINST THEM WITH THE BACKING OF BOTH DUBLIN AND WASHINGTON. IF THEY DO NOT SABOTAGE IT, AND THE CEASEFIRE LASTS FOR TWO YEARS OR MORE, FEWER AND FEWER REPUBLICANS WILL WANT TO RETURN TO VIOLENCE. THIS IS WHY IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT MR. TRIMBLE STAYS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND SEES THEM THROUGH."

"POSTURING OVER: NOW TALK"

THE LIBERAL "GUARDIAN" EDITORIALIZED 9/24:

"YESTERDAY'S GATHERING AT STORMONT WAS A PIECE OF HISTORY... EVERYONE HAS TAKEN RISKS TO ARRIVE AT THE TABLE...

"DECOMMISSIONING SHOULD BE QUIETLY DROPPED AS AN ISSUE FOR THE TIME BEING...

"WHAT MR. ADAMS AND MR. MCGUINNESS MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE DONE IN THE PAST IS NOT IRRELEVANT, BUT IT IS SECONDARY TO THEIR PRESENT POTENTIAL FOR CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRESS...

"THE OMENS ARE AS GOOD AS ONE COULD REASONABLY HOPE FOR."  
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"EXPEL THEM"

THE CONSERVATIVE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" EDITORIALIZED 9/24:

"SADLY, IN RESPECT OF THE CLANDESTINE CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY KNOWN AS THE IRA, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT DOES NOT DISCHARGE ITS RESPONSIBILITY PROPERLY... IF THE PRIME MINISTER HAD ANY STRENGTH, HE WOULD... THROW THE REPUBLICANS OUT OF THE TALKS, FORTHWITH..."

"A PRIME MINISTER WHO PROCLAIMS HIMSELF TO BE A UNIONIST IS LIKELY TO SHAKE HANDS IN A FEW WEEKS WITH GERRY ADAMS. HOW ARE WE TO EXPLAIN SUCH CONTRADICTIONS?"

### 3. MIDEAST

"PALESTINIANS FACE THE FUTURE WITHOUT AN HEIR TO ARAFAT"

THE CENTRIST "INDEPENDENT" REPORTED 9/24:

"HIS AIDES SAY ROBUSTLY THAT HE IS AS STRONG AS A HORSE, BUT... IN RECENT WEEKS, AS THE STALEMATE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL CONTINUES, HE HAS LOOKED INCREASINGLY HAGGARD AND DEPRESSED.

"IF MR. ARAFAT DOES DIE, HE HAS NO OBVIOUS SUCCESSOR AS EITHER PALESTINIAN LEADER OR NATIONAL SYMBOL..."

### 4. U.S. POLITICS

"AIDE WHO WAS SACKED BY CLINTON BEGINS HIS REVENGE"

THE CONSERVATIVE "TIMES" REPORTED FROM WASHINGTON 9/24:

"PRESIDENT CLINTON LAST NIGHT SUFFERED THE FIRST INSTALMENT IN THE REVENGE OF HAROLD ICKES, THE SACKED SENIOR AIDE WHOSE COPIOUS NOTES MAY HOLD THE KEY TO IRREGULAR WHITE HOUSE FUNDRAISING..."

"IT IS THE ROLE OF MR. ICKES WHICH MAY PROVE PIVOTAL IN BOTH THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION AND SENATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE HEARINGS..."

"MR. ICKES WAS UNCEREMONIOUSLY SACKED AFTER MR. CLINTON'S RE-ELECTION CONSERVATIVE NEW CHIEF OF STAFF." SMITH

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1. "TED AND BILL AT THE UN"  
THE LIBERAL MONTREAL GAZETTE (9/24) COMMENTED THAT,  
"AMERICANS LIKELY PREFER TO SEE THEMSELVES IN MR.  
TURNER, A MAN WHO HAS COME TO EMBODY MANY OF THE  
HISTORIC STRENGTHS OF THE UNITED STATES - VISIONARY  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP, AN OPEN SPIRIT AND A GENEROUS HAND.  
BY COMPARISON, THEIR PRESIDENT LOOKS ISOLATIONIST AND,  
IN THE END, KIND OF WEAK. TO DO THE RIGHT THING, HE  
WOULD HAVE HAD TO SPEND POLITICAL CAPITAL TRYING TO  
PERSUADE CONSERVATIVE CONGRESSMEN TO PAY THE [UN] BACK  
DUES. TED TURNER TALKED ABOUT 'JUST SAYING YES.' IT  
WAS THE WRONG MOMENT FOR BILL CLINTON TO SAY NO."
2. "LITTLE MINES, BIG SUPERPOWER"  
COLUMNIST GWYNNE DYER WROTE IN THE OTTAWA CITIZEN  
(9/24) "THE U.S. HAS LESS MILITARY REASON TO WANT

LAND-MINES THAN OTHER MAJOR MILITARY POWERS, AND BANNING THEN WOULD HAVE NO SERIOUS DOMESTIC IMPACT IN TERMS OF MONEY AND JOBS: . . . SO WHY HAS THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION PAID A VERY LARGE PRICE, IN DIPLOMATIC AND PUBLIC RELATIONS TERMS, TO FIGHT AN ARMS-CONTROL TREATY SO POPULAR AT HOME AND ABROAD? AT ONE LEVEL, THE REASON CLINTON TOOK THIS STAND IS CRASSLY POLITICAL. TREATIES LIKE THE LAND-MINE BAN MUST BE APPROVED BY SENATE, AND NEANDERTHALS LIKE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS CHAIRMAN JESSE HELMS . . . WHO . . . MIGHT WELL BE ABLE TO BLOCK RATIFICATION. BUT AT ANOTHER LEVEL THE WHITE HOUSE'S REASONING IS ALMOST THEOLOGICAL. THE UNITED STATES, AS THE WORLD'S LEADING GREAT POWER, MUST NOT ACCEPT ANY CURBS ON ITS BEHAVIOUR THAT ARE NOT ALSO BINDING ON ALL THE OTHER MAJOR MILITARY POWERS. . . . THIS ANTIQUATED THINKING WILL KEEP THE U.S. FROM SIGNING THE TREATY FOR A LEAST A COUPLE OF YEARS, AND IT WILL LESSEN THE PRESSURE ON THE OTHER HOLDOUTS TO DO THE SAME."

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B. (U.S.) WITHDRAWAL FROM BOSNIA, CROATIA, GORE IN  
RUSSIA

1. MARTIN WINTER SAYS IN AN EDITORIAL IN  
LEFT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU (09/25) UNDER THE  
HEADLINE:

"A FIRST STEP."

"THE FIRST STEP HAS BEEN TAKEN. THE UNITED STATES IS

PREPARING ITSELF TO STAY LONGER THAN PLANNED IN BOSNIA. THIS WILL AT LEAST REMOVE SOME OBSTACLES ON THE NARROW PATH TO PEACE. THE EUROPEANS - ABOVE ALL THE GERMANS, BRITISH, AND FRENCH - CAN NOW PREPARE FOR A CONTINUATION OF THEIR MISSION IN BOSNIA. THEIR UNFOUNDED FEAR OF EXPERIENCING A UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 06 BONN 012139

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DEBACLE IN BOSNIA WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF THE U.S. MILITARY SEEMS TO BE OVER NOW. ON THE OTHER SIDE, THE ENEMIES OF PEACE IN BOSNIA AND SERBIA, WHO WANTED TO WAIT OUT THE UNLOVED DAYTON AGREEMENT BY MID-1998..., MUST NOW RETHINK (THEIR POSITIONS).

"PRESIDENT CLINTON WILL CONDUCT TOUGH NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EUROPEANS. BONN, PARIS, AND LONDON WILL HAVE TO BE READY TO SHOULDER A GREATER PART OF THE BURDEN. THE UNITED STATES IS INDEED WILLING TO EXTEND ITS ENGAGEMENT (IN BOSNIA) FOR STRATEGIC REASONS, BUT IT WANTS TO KEEP THE COSTS...LOW IN ORDER TO DAMPEN DOMESTIC POLICY CRITICISM. BUT THE GUARANTEE AGAINST A U.S. WITHDRAWAL, EVEN IF THE TALKS WITH THE ALLIANCE PARTNERS SHOULD FAIL, IS THE CONSENSUS AMONG POLITICIANS OF ALL STRIPES IN WASHINGTON THAT A NATO DISASTER IN BOSNIA WOULD THREATEN THE ALLIANCE AND COULD JEOPARDIZE ITS ENLARGEMENT TO THE EAST.

"SINCE THE U.S. STRATEGIC INTEREST IN BEING A 'EUROPEAN POWER' IS LINKED TO A STRONG NATO, THE U.S. HAS NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO CONTINUE ITS MISSION IN BOSNIA. THE ADVOCATES FOR A WITHDRAWAL - AMONG THEM HENRY KISSINGER - HAVE INDEED BEEN LOCAL BUT ARE NOT STRONG."

2. KLAUS-DIETER FRANKENBERGER DEALS IN HIS EDITORIAL WITH THE U.S. CALL TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE TO SUSPEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF CROATIA FOR THE TIME BEING. HE WRITES IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (09/25) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"PRESSURE FROM WASHINGTON."

"THE UNITED STATES...WANTS TO END ITS MISSION TO BOSNIA NEXT YEAR. THE TIMETABLE FOR THE WITHDRAWAL IS

REALISTIC ONLY IF STABILITY AND A CIVILIZED CONDITIONS MORE OR LESS PREVAIL IN THE REGION. BUT THIS IS OUT OF THE QUESTION TODAY, AND WE CAN ALSO NOT SAY THAT THE FORMER WARRING PARTIES ARE ADHERING STRICTLY TO THE DAYTON AGREEMENT. THIS MEANS THAT THE UNITED STATES IS EXERTING PRESSURE ON...THE RECALCITRANT 'PARTNERS.' THIS IS THE ONLY REASON FOR THE 'VIGOROUS' UNREASONABLE REQUEST PUT BY THE UNITED STATES TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE TO SUSPEND CROATIA'S MEMBERSHIP F THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE.... THOUGH ZAGREB CERTAINLY OFFERS MANY GROUNDS FOR COMPLAINTS, THIS (U.S.) APPROACH SEEMS INSULTING.

"THE UNITED STATES IS AN 'OBSERVER' IN STRASBOURG, AND SUCH A STATUS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO GIVE INSTRUCTIONS. THE OUTRAGE IN THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE IS UNDERSTANDABLE. HOWEVER, THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE SHOULD NOT IGNORE TWO THINGS: WITH THE ACCEPTANCE OF CONTROVERSIAL ACCESSION CANDIDATES, THE COUNCIL ITSELF CREATED THIS MISERABLE SITUATION; AND IF IN 1995, THE UNITED STATES HAD NOT MILITARILY TAKEN THE LEAD, THIS MULTINATIONAL CLUB OF UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 06 BONN 012139

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DELEGATES WOULD HAVE CONTINUED TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE HORROR IN THE BALKANS."

3. JENS HARTMANN OPINES IN AN EDITORIAL IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER DIE WELT OF BERLIN (09/25) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"ON SIDE TRACKS."

"A LOT OF EXPECTATIONS WERE CERTAINLY RAISED BEFORE...THE SO-CALLED GORE-CHERNOMYRDIN COMMISSION MEETING THAT ENDED YESTERDAY.... BUT THE TRAIN THAT WAS TO BRING RUSSIA A FLOURISHING MARKET ECONOMY...AND OFFER THE UNITED STATES A MARKET WITH MANY NEW OPPORTUNITIES WITH 150 MILLION CONSUMERS CONTINUES TO STAND ON THE SIDE TRACKS. EVEN MORE THAN A DOZEN SIGNED DECLARATIONS CANNOT OBSCURE ONE FACT: THERE IS A CRISIS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA, AND THERE CAN BE NO TALK OF A COMMON TIMETABLE FOR THE TRIP TO THE YEAR 2000. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE BAN

ON THE PRODUCTION OF WEAPONS-GRADE PLUTONIUM, THE SUMMIT DID NOT PRODUCE ANY TANGIBLE RESULTS....

"IT SEEMS THAT RUSSIA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE CURRENTLY LITTLE TO SAY TO EACH OTHER. MOSCOW HAS TO CONCENTRATE TOO MUCH ON ITS OWN PROBLEMS AND DOES NOT HAVE TIME TO LISTEN TO THE ADVICE OF ITS FORMER ENEMY.... AS FAR AS DOMESTIC POLICY IS CONCERNED, IT IS DESPERATELY TRYING TO SET UP A MODEL FOR AN ECONOMIC RECOVERY, AND IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS MOSCOW IS WANDERING AROUND WITHOUT KNOWING WHERE TO GO....

"THE DISRUPTED RELATIONS ARE DISADVANTAGEOUS TO BOTH SIDES. RUSSIA IS CARELESSLY THWARTING PLANS FOR INVESTMENTS WORTH BILLIONS OF DOLLARS, MAINLY FOR THE EXPLORATION OF CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS DEPOSITS...WHILE THE UNITED STATES, WITH ITS TRADE OBSTACLES, IS DEPRIVING ITSELF OF THE CHANCE TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN RUSSIA. MUTUAL MARKET ACCESS WOULD ELIMINATE THIS ECONOMICALLY NONSENSICAL STALEMATE - AND COULD GET THE TRAIN BACK ON TRACK."

C. (RUSSIA) YELTSIN SPEECH

1. RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (09/25)  
CARRIES A FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"MARKET IN RUSSIA."

"YELTSIN IS RIGHT: A RETURN TO (COMMUNISM) IS IMPOSSIBLE. BUT EQUALLY VALID IS THE QUESTION OF WHAT KIND OF SOCIETY THE MARKET ECONOMY IN RUSSIA WILL PRODUCE. THE DIAGNOSIS, HOWEVER, IS QUESTIONABLE: RUSSIA IS NOT SUFFERING FROM AN OVERLY UNBRIDLED MARKET ECONOMY. IT IS THE CORPORATE SYSTEM OF THE MUTUAL DEPENDENCE OF THE  
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POLITICAL AND THE ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP THAT OFTEN IS IN THE WAY OF A FREE MARKET AND FREE COMPETITION. AND IN THE RUSSIAN ECONOMY, THE STATE PLAYS MORE THAN A SIDE ROLE. BUT THE STATE IS NOT PLAYING THE CORRECT ROLE. INSTEAD OF

CREATING DEPENDENCY THROUGH THE GRANTING OF PRIVILEGES, MOSCOW NEEDS TO CREATE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES UNDER EQUAL CONDITIONS FOR EVERYBODY. THIS DOES NOT REQUIRE MORE STATE CONTROLS BUT THE DISENTANGLEMENT OF POLITICS AND CAPITAL, THE CONTAINMENT OF CORRUPTION, AND REASONABLE ECONOMIC LAWS. IT SHOULD BE THE PRESIDENT AND GOVERNMENT'S PRIME CONCERN TO PUSH SUCH BILLS - IN THE FORM OF A NEW TAX LAW - THROUGH PARLIAMENT....

2. MIRIAM NEUBERT REMARKS IN AN EDITORIAL IN CENTRIST SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (09/25) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"NEITHER MARKET ANARCHY NOR A PLANNED ECONOMY."

"IN HIS LATEST SPEECH, PRESIDENT BORIS YELTSIN SAID THAT THE MARKET ALONE IS NOT BE A PANACEA AND THAT THE STATE, THEREFORE, HAS TO EXTEND ITS ROLE IN THE ECONOMY.... BUT AT LEAST AT A FIRST GLANCE, YELTSIN'S REMARKS MEAN A STEP BACKWARD. THEY ARE THE OVERDUE ATTEMPT TO CREATE TRADE REGULATIONS FOR THE UNCONTROLLED RUSSIAN MARKETS. THE PROBLEM IS A REDEFINITION OF THE ROLE OF THE STATE IN THE ECONOMY.... YELTSIN HAS NOW SAID THAT HE WANTS TO FIGHT THE BACKSCRATCHING WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN POWER AND CAPITAL, ON THE ONE HAND, AND STATE BUREAUCRACY AND THE ECONOMY ON THE OTHER....

"EMPTY STATE COFFERS HAVE CAUSED THE GOVERNMENT TO PURSUE A NEW COURSE. THE NEW COURSE WAS SET IN MOTION IN MARCH WHEN ANATOLI CHUBAIS AND BORIS NEMZOV OCCUPIED KEY POSITIONS IN THE GOVERNMENT.... BUT CAN YELTSIN BE SUCCESSFUL IN CHANGING A MARKET WITHOUT RULES TO A MARKET WHERE EVERYBODY CAN ENJOY THE SAME RULES OF THE GAME? CAN THE STATE BUREAUCRACY APPARATUS BE RESTRUCTURED AND TURNED INTO A NEUTRAL PROVIDER OF SERVICES?

"IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE ORDER THAT IS PART OF THE MARKET ECONOMY, YELTSIN MUST FIGHT STATE NEPOTISM. HE WANTS TO UNDERScore HIS AIMS IN A RADIO SPEECH THAT WILL FOCUS ON THE PROBLEM OF CRIME AND POWER STRUCTURES. BUT THIS FIGHT WILL GO FAR BEYOND HIS OWN TERM."

3. RIGHT-OF-CENTER MAIN-ECHO OF ASCHAFFENBURG (09/25) HAS THIS TO SAY:

"RUSSIA'S MOST IMPORTANT POLITICIAN AGAIN GAVE EVIDENCE OF HOW FAR HE HAS DISTANCED HIMSELF FROM RUSSIAN REALITIES. FOR HIM, THE PARLIAMENT IS ONLY THE 'LOW MAINTENANCE' UPPER HOUSE. YELTSIN'S UNDERSTANDING OF DEMOCRACY CONTINUES TO RESEMBLE THAT OF WELL-MEANING BUT UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 06 BONN 012139

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ABSOLUTE RULER. WHAT YELTSIN REFERS TO AS 'NORMAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS' IS AGAIN A HARDLY COMPREHENSIBLE MIXTURE OF SEMI-STATE PRIVILEGES AND TOTAL CONTROL OF SOCIETY. AS HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE CASE, EFFORTS TO MANAGE THE BUDGET ONLY SERVE POWER STRUGGLES ABOUT THE FUTURE COURSE OF POLITICS.... AND THEN (HE) DECLARES 1998 TO BE THE YEAR THAT WILL HERALD A TURNABOUT IN RUSSIA'S ECONOMY - JUST AS HE HAS DECLARED EVERY YEAR SINCE 1992."

D. (UN) GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. CENTRIST KOELNER STADT-ANZEIGER (09/25) JUDGES:

"THE UNITED NATIONS IS AT A CROSSROADS. IT EITHER DOES ITS HOMEWORK IN THE 52ND YEAR OF ITS EXISTENCE, OR IT WILL VERY LIKELY HAVE NO FUTURE. AN INFLATED APPARATUS IN NEW YORK AND ENORMOUS FINANCIAL PROBLEMS ARE THREATENING ITS CAPABILITY TO ACT. NEW SECRETARY-GENERAL KOFI ANNAN HAS NOW TACKLED A GREAT CHALLENGE, SINCE THE UNITED NATIONS IS DEALING NOT ONLY WITH CRISES AND SOCIAL AND HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD, BUT IS ALSO ATTEMPTING TO STOP THE FINANCIAL SLOPPINESS IN ITS OWN HOUSE. GERMANY'S FOREIGN MINISTER KINKEL EVEN UNDERSTATED THE DANGERS IN HIS SPEECH BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHEN HE SAID THAT THE UN IS THREATENED WITH A POLITICAL LOSS OF SIGNIFICANCE. IN REALITY, THE UN IS THREATENED WITH A TOTAL LOSS OF SIGNIFICANCE. IF FINANCIAL REFORM FAILS, THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT PAY ITS DEBTS AND THE GLOBAL PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS AS WELL AS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE LIST OF UN TASKS."

2. ADRIAN ZIELCKE NOTES IN AN EDITORIAL IN CENTRIST STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG (09/25) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"WRONG CONCLUSION."

"(FOREIGN MINISTER) KLAUS KINKEL IS RIGHT: THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL CAN INDEED NOT BE A CREDIBLE AND EFFECTIVE GUARDIAN OF PEACE IN THE 21ST CENTURY IF IT CONTINUES TO PRESERVE THE COMPOSITION FROM 1945. HOWEVER, KINKEL DRAWS THE WRONG CONCLUSION FROM THIS CORRECT DIAGNOSIS. KINKEL'S PLAN TO ACCEPT JAPAN AND GERMANY AS NEW PERMANENT MEMBERS IN THE UNSC DOES NOT REVEAL A FORWARD-ORIENTED THINKING. IF KINKEL SAYS THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL MUST FINALLY REFLECT THE POLITICAL REALITIES OF TODAY, THEN THIS BODY SHOULD LOOK COMPLETELY DIFFERENT. THEN EUROPE SHOULD HAVE

ONLY ONE SEAT IN ADDITION TO THE UNITED STATES, CHINA, JAPAN, RUSSIA, INDIA, LATIN AMERICA, AND AFRICA, SINCE, OVER THE PAST 50 YEARS, EUROPE'S SIGNIFICANCE HAS CONTINUOUSLY DECLINED."

3. LEFT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU (09/25)  
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"NOBLE WORDS."

"WITH NEW SECRETARY-GENERAL KOFI ANNAN, WHOM WASHINGTON IN PARTICULAR CANNOT LEAVE IN THE LURCH AT THE BEGINNING OF HIS TERM, THERE IS INDEED THE RARE CHANCE FOR SOME CHANGES IN THE SLUGGISH UN APPARATUS. BUT THIS DOOR WILL NOT BE OPEN FOR TOO LONG, AND IT IS RIGHT TO PRESS FOR QUICK FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES NOW. ANNAN'S LITTLE REFORMS COULD PROBABLY BUILD A BRIDGE TO THE UNITED STATES IN STRENGTHENING ITS WILLINGNESS TO PAY (ITS DEBTS) AND SAVE THE UN FROM GOING BANKRUPT. SOME ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES WILL BE STREAMLINED IN THIS PROCESS, TOO.

"BUT THIS WILL NOT RESOLVE TWO CORE PROBLEMS, NOR WILL A BIGGER UNSC MAKE THINGS EASIER. SINCE SOMALIA AND BOSNIA, THE UN HAS LACKED AUTHORITY IN PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS. AND THE GREATER THE GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR, THE MORE DIFFICULTIES THE RICH WILL HAVE SETTING UP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOR THE POOREST. UN REFORM WILL NOT BE ENOUGH. THE BIG AND POWERFUL UN NATIONS WHICH HAVE SO VEHEMENTLY DEMANDED UN REFORM SHOULD BEGIN TO CHANGE THEIR POLITICAL COURSE -- NOT IN NEW YORK WHERE THEY CAN EASILY PROMISE SOMETHING, BUT AT HOME."

4. MICHAEL SCHWELIEN JUDGES ON THE FRONT PAGE OF LEFT-OF-CENTER WEEKLY DIE ZEIT OF HAMBURG (09/25) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"MAGNAMINITY."

"HE WANTED HIS GESTURE TO BE UNDERSTOOD AS A CALL TO

OTHERS (TO DO THE SAME). TED TURNER, MULTI-BILLIONAIRE FROM ATLANTA, WAS NOT VAGUE IN ANNOUNCING HIS DONATION OF ONE BILLION DOLLARS TO THE UNITED NATIONS. HE SAID: 'THIS IS ALSO A WARNING SIGNAL TO THE RICH IN THE WORLD.' HE CALLED UPON THEM TO DO THE SAME. BUT DID TURNER ALSO WANT TO CRITICIZE HIS OWN COUNTRY, THE UNITED STATES?

"WASHINGTON IS IN DEFAULT TO THE UN AND OWES THE UN APPROXIMATELY 1.3 BILLION DOLLARS MORE THAN THE FOUNDER OF CNN WANTS TO DONATE. BILL CLINTON, WHO HAD NOTHING BUT PRAISE FOR THE DONOR, HAS NOW PROMISED THAT CONGRESS WILL SOON APPROVE OVERDUE CONTRIBUTIONS. BUT BEFORE WASHINGTON WILL DO SO, UN AGENCIES WILL HAVE TO BE STREAMLINED, AND THE U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UN WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE REDUCED. CLINTON IS AGREEING TO EVERYTHING THAT THE ARCH-CONSERVATIVE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE'S FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, JESSE HELMS, SAYS. BUT WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THIS UN OPPONENT, CLINTON WILL BE UNABLE TO TRANSFER A SINGLE CENT TO THE UN...."

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[Report by Manuel Alvarez Cedenol]

[FBIS Translated Text] Carlos Alfredo Lopez Guevara, former negotiator of the Panama Canal Treaties, has said that Republican Senator Jesse Helms can do a great deal of harm to Panama, because he has repeatedly shown that he disapproves of the treaties. La Prensa interviewed Lopez Guevara on the influence Helms exerted to make former Massachusetts Governor William Weld give up his aspirations of becoming US ambassador to Mexico, a post for which President Bill Clinton had nominated him.

Weld's nomination was blocked by the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee -- Helms -- who refused to hold the hearings on this case. In this regard, the Panamanian foreign affairs expert explained that "what we are seeing is the case of a very powerful US senator who certainly wields his power in Congress with a great deal of effectiveness, as was the case with Weld, who had to give up thanks to Helms' maneuvers."

The former Panama Canal treaties negotiator recalled that "there is a saying that goes like this: there are no small enemies, and we

have seen how Helms has become the enemy of many causes." This is why "we Panamanians have remained alert, because this individual can still harms us a great deal" with regard to the compliance with these treaties.

The Panama Canal Treaties stipulate that, at noon on 31 December 1999, the US military forces must leave Panama and that, in addition, Panama will take over the full control of the Canal on that date. However, Helms has repeatedly stated that the United States yielded a great deal to Panama by signing the treaties.

Lopez Guevara affirmed that "one does not know what issues Helms can hinder at the Senate," adding that, "obviously, Helms is not pleased with the Canal treaties, and whatever he can do against them, he will do it. This is why we have to be aware that the (US) Senate still has an individual who fires heavy artillery." For Lopez Guevara, Helms "is an individual alienated from historical currents who can still do harm."

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A) BROADCAST MEDIA

ON THE MIDDLE EAST, BBC-TV 10/08 REPORTED LAST NIGHT'S "SURPRISE"

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A) BROADCAST MEDIA

ON THE MIDDLE EAST, BBC-TV 10/08 REPORTED LAST NIGHT'S "SURPRISE" MEETING BETWEEN BEN NETANYAHU AND YASSER ARAFAT:

"THE SURPRISE MEETING WAS ARRANGED BY AMERICAN ENVOY DENNIS ROSS. SHEIKH YASSIN HAD MADE A TENTATIVE OFFER OF A CEASEFIRE. THE ISRAELIS WERE CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC IN THEIR RESPONSE. SO THE SUMMIT MAY HELP TO REFOCUS ATTENTION ON THE PEACE PROCESS. BUT THERE ARE STILL FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS TO OVERCOME...

"MR. ROSS HAS MOVED SWIFTLY, AND WITH QUITE A BIT OF SKILL, TO EXPLOIT THE NEW SET OF POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT EMERGED AFTER THE RELEASE OF HAMAS LEADER SHEIKH YASSIN. BOTH MR. NETANYAHU AND MR. ARAFAT NOW FEEL THERE IS A NEW SET OF POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES. THE GAME HAS CHANGED, AND THEY NEED TO GET TOGETHER AND START TALKING OR THEY MIGHT BE BYPASSED. THIS WHOLE PROCESS MAY HAVE ENTERED A NEW ERA."

B) MAJOR PRESS STORIES

1. MIDEAST
2. IRAQ
3. NATO
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C) SUMMARY

1. MIDEAST

ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER NETANYAHU WAS ATTACKED IN SEVERAL COMMENTARIES AS REACTION TO THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION IN AMMAN AND ITS AFTERMATH CONTINUES. HEADLINES SAID HE HAD SHOT HIMSELF IN THE FOOT, BLUNDERED, YET REFUSES TO RESIGN. "IF MR. NETANYAHU WERE TO RESIGN TOMORROW, THE SIGH OF RELIEF AMONG ISRAEL'S FRIENDS AS WELL AS ITS ARAB NEIGHBORS WOULD ECHO ROUND THE WORLD," OPINED THE "GUARDIAN" IN ITS LEAD EDITORIAL.

2. IRAQ

BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES, IN THE FACE OF FRENCH AND RUSSIAN RESISTANCE, WERE REPORTED CONSIDERING NEW PUNITIVE MEASURES AGAINST IRAQ FOR FAILING TO COOPERATE WITH U.N. INSPECTORS.

3. NATO

SENATOR JESSE HELMS WAS REPORTED STRESSING HIS SUPPORT FOR ENLARGEMENT SO LONG AS THE WEST EUROPEANS "PAID THEIR SHARE" OF THE COSTS.

4. NORTHERN IRELAND

"FULL-SCALE" TALKS BETWEEN UNIONISTS AND SINN FEIN WERE REPORTED PROCEEDING IN BELFAST FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE PARTITION IN 1921. PROGRESS AT THESE TALKS COULD FACILITATE A MEETING BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER TONY BLAIR AND SINN FEIN LEADER GERRY ADAMS.

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D) TEXT

1. MIDEAST

"NETANYAHU SHOOTS HIMSELF IN FOOT"

THE INDEPENDENT "SCOTSMAN" HAD THIS OP-ED ANALYSIS BY JOHN ROBERTS 10/07:

"ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER BENJAMIN NETANYAHU NOW FINDS HIMSELF CONFRONTING A SECURITY SCANDAL WITH PROFOUND REPERCUSSIONS FOR THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS, BUT PROBABLY NOT FOR HIS OWN IMMEDIATE PROSPECTS OF STAYING IN OFFICE.

"IN ORDER TO BAIL HIMSELF OUT OF A FEROCIOUS DIPLOMATIC CRISIS WITH JORDAN -- THE ONE COUNTRY WITH WHICH ALMOST ALL ISRAELIS CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO HAVE A WORKING PEACE TREATY -- MR. NETANYAHU HAS HAD TO RELEASE THE SPIRITUAL LEADER OF HAMAS. AND YET, IN THE WEEKS AND MONTHS BEFORE THE LATEST CRISIS, MR. NETANYAHU AND HIS OFFICIALS WERE SOLIDLY TRUMPETING A SINGLE LINE; IF THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY UNDER PRESIDENT YASSER ARAFAT DID NOT CRACK DOWN ON HAMAS, THEN IT COULD NOT EXPECT EVEN A RESUMPTION OF TALKS WITH ISRAEL ON ISRAELI ACTIONS WHICH THE PALESTINIANS CONSIDER HAVE RENDERED THE PEACE PROCESS A FARCE.

"THE FAILURE OF THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST KHALAD MESHAL, AND THE WAY IN WHICH TWO ISRAELIS -- GENERALLY ASSUMED TO BE AGENTS OF THE MOSSAD SECRET SERVICE -- WERE CAPTURED IN THE WAKE OF THE BOTCHED OPERATION, HAS RESULTED IN MAKING HAMAS EVEN MORE RESPECTABLE IN THE EYES OF PALESTINIANS. AMERICAN OFFICIALS PERSISTENTLY ARGUE THAT LITTLE MORE THAN A TENTH OF THE PALESTINIAN POPULATION SUPPORTS HAMAS: PUTTING THE ORGANISATION ROUGHLY IN THE SAME LEAGUE AS THE IRA IN TERMS OF SUPPORT AMONGST NORTHERN IRISH

CATHOLICS.

"HOWEVER, PALESTINIAN OPINION SURVEYS PERSISTENTLY SHOW A MUCH HIGHER RATE OF SUPPORT, CLIMBING ON OCCASION TO WELL OVER ONE-QUARTER

"THE REASON IS SIMPLE SO LONG AS THE PEACE PROCESS APPEARS TO BE FAILING -- AND TO THE PALESTINIANS EVERY NEW BRICK THAT IS LAID FOR AN ISRAELI HOUSE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IS PROOF OF THAT FAILURE -- THE POPULARITY OF HAMAS GROWS."

"BIBI BLUNDERS AGAIN"

DIPLOMATIC EDITOR IAN BLACK HAD THIS OP-ED COMMENTARY IN THE LIBERAL "GUARDIAN" 10/8:

"MR. NETANYAHU IS BEING BLAMED FOR INCOMPETENCE BUT THE REAL CHANGE IS FAR GRAVER: SINCE BEING ELECTED HE HAS DISTANCED HIMSELF FROM THE AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN HIS MURDERED LABOUR PREDECESSOR, YITZHAK RABIN, AND YASSER ARAFAT, THE PALESTINIAN LEADER. EXPANDING THE BORDERS OF JEWISH JERUSALEM AND APPEASING RIGHT-WING SETTLERS IS MORE IMPORTANT TO "BIBI" THAN PURSUING THE OSLO COMPROMISE."

"A MAN WHO WON'T RESIGN"

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IN EDITORIAL COMMENT 10/08, THE SAME PAPER SAID:

"BINYAMIN NETANYAHU, BY ANY RATIONAL STANDARD, SHOULD NO LONGER BE PRIME MINSTER OF ISRAEL. THE FAILED ASSASSINATION IN AMMAN WHICH IS NOW REVEALED IN FULL DETAIL BETRAYS A STRATEGIC AS WELL AS MORAL BLINDNESS, AND HAS STRENGTHENED RATHER THAN WEAKENED THE HAND OF THOSE HE DESCRIBES AS ISRAEL'S ENEMIES. IF MR. NETANYAHU WERE TO RESIGN TOMORROW, THE SIGH OF RELIEF AMONG ISRAEL'S FRIENDS AS WELL AS ITS ARAB NEIGHBOURS WOULD ECHO ROUND THE WORLD. YET THE POLLS SHOW THAT WHILE NEARLY 60 PERCENT OF ISRAELIS ARE DISSATISFIED WITH HIS PERFORMANCE, THE SAME PERCENTAGE BELIEVE THAT HE SHOULD NOT RESIGN.

"UNDER THE NEW RULES, IT WOULD REQUIRE THE POLITICAL IMPOSSIBILITY OF A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY IN THE KNESSET TO REMOVE HIM. THE DISASTROUS CONTRADICTION OF A MAN WHO CREATES DISASTERS AND THEN

THRIVES ON THEM HAS TO BE UNDERSTOOD IF IT IS EVER TO BE SOLVED...

"NONE OF THIS SHOULD INHIBIT THE UNITED STATES AND ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT WITH INFLUENCE IN JERUSALEM FROM MAKING ABSOLUTELY CLEAR ITS DISPLEASURE WITH AN ACTION WHICH PLACES MR. NETANYAHU ON THE SAME LEVEL AS THE TERRORISTS (COMPOUNDED BY THE APPARENT USE OF A NERVE GAS IN THE ATTACK). IT HAS MOVED THE WHOLE CRISIS ON TO A NEW STAGE IN WHICH THE HAMAS, THROUGH THE FIGURE OF SHEIKH YASSIN, MAY HAVE ENTERED THE POLITICAL DIALOGUE WITH ITS OWN PEACE TERMS. THIS MAY ONLY BE A LULL BEFORE NEW STORMS, BUT IT COULD CONCEIVABLY LEAD TO A NEW WAY FORWARD. ISRAEL -- AND THE PALESTINIANS --- SHOULD BE LUCKY.

## 2. IRAQ

"ALLIES CLASH OVER IRAQ SANCTIONS"

THE LIBERAL "GUARDIAN" HAD THIS REPORT BY DIPLOMATIC EDITOR IAN BLACK 10/08:

"THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN ARE FACING A NEW CLASH ON SANCTIONS WITH RUSSIA AND FRANCE IN THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL AFTER THE RELEASE OF A NEW REPORT DAMNING IRAQ FOR FAILING TO CO-OPERATE WITH U.N. INSPECTORS.

"AS DIPLOMATS EXAMINED THE LATEST FINDING BY THE U.N. SPECIAL COMMISSION (UNSCOM) AND IRAQI LEADERS POSTURED DEFIANTLY, LONDON AND WASHINGTON WERE LOOKING AT IMPOSING NEW PUNITIVE MEASURES AGAINST BAGHDAD...

"THE POTENTIAL NEW PROBLEMS OVER IRAQ HAVE ARISEN AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF BITTER TRANS-ATLANTIC DISAGREEMENT ON THREATENED AMERICAN ACTIONS AGAINST THE FRENCH OIL COMPANY TOTAL, AFTER IT SIGNED A \$2 BILLION DEAL WITH IRAN -- AND ARMED ATTACKS ON U.N. OFFICES IN IRAQ.

## 3. NATO

"EUROPE GETS WARNING OVER NATO"

"SENATOR JESSE HELMS, REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN OF THE SFRC, YESTERDAY WARNED THAT NATO EXPANSION WOULD FAIL ID WEST EUROPEANS DID NOT PAY UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 04 LONDON 011626

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THEIR SHARE. BUT THE ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE SENATOR STRESSED THAT HE STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE PRINCIPLE OF, AS LONG AS THE PROJECT DID NOT DILUTE THE ALLIANCE.

"THE STRONG, THOUGH CONDITIONAL, MESSAGE OF SUPPORT FROM MR. HELMS BODED WELL FOR A SENATE VOTE IN FAVOR OF PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ENLARGEMENT PLAN IF THE COST ISSUE IS SOLVED..."

4. NORTHERN IRELAND

"THREE-STRAND ULSTER TALKS LAUNCHED"

THE INDEPENDENT "FINANCIAL TIMES" REPORTED 10/08:

"NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF NORTHERN IRELAND BEGAN IN EARNEST IN BELFAST YESTERDAY AS UNIONISTS ENTERED FULL-SCALE TALKS WITH SINN FEIN, THE IRA'S POLITICAL WING, FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE PARTITION OF IRELAND IN 1921..."

"THE PARTIES ARE EXPECTED TO MEET TODAY TO FINALISE AN AGENDA. INTEREST WILL THEN SWITCH TO A MEETING PLANNED BETWEEN TONY BLAIR AND GERRY ADAMS -- THE FIRST BETWEEN A UNITED KINGDOM PRIME MINISTER AND A SINN FEIN LEADER SINCE PARTITION." SMITH

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- B. (ISRAEL) NETANYAHU-ARAFAT MEETING

1. JERUSALEM CORRESPONDENT ANNE PONGER FILED THE  
FOLLOWING EDITORIAL FOR CENTRIST SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF  
MUNICH (10/09) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"SUDDEN MEETING BETWEEN ARAFAT AND NETANYAHU SHOWS

THAT

BOTH ARE UP TO THEIR NECK IN DIFFICULTIES."

"AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE FIASCO RELATING TO THE ATTACK IN AMMAN AND THE UPGRADING OF HAMAS BY THE RELEASE OF ITS FOUNDER, SHEIKH JASSIN, BOTH NETANYHAU AND ARAFAT ARE UP TO UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 06 BONN 012712

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THEIR NECK IN DIFFICULTIES. THIS IS WHY THE NIGHT-TIME MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO DID NOT RESULT IN ANY REAL NARROWING OF VIEWS.... IN ADDITION TO THE FIASCO IN AMMAN, THERE IS ANOTHER SCANDAL THAT HAS NOW COME TO THE FORE AND AFFECTS NETANYAHU. THE STUNNED PUBLIC LEARNED THAT KING HUSSEIN, THREE DAYS BEFORE THE ATTEMPTED ATTACK, SENT A MESSAGE TO NETANYAHU THAT CONTAINED THE HAMAS OFFER OF A TEN-YEAR CEASE-FIRE. BUT THE PROBLEM IS THAT NETANYAHU ONLY RECEIVED THE OFFER ONE DAY AFTER THE FAILED ATTACK....

"FOR ARAFAT, TOO, THE SITUATION HAS BECOME MORE COMPLICATED BY THE RETURN OF THE CHARISMATIC SHEIKH JASSIN. ARAFAT WILL NOW HAVE TO SHARE POWER WITH HAMAS AND LISTEN TO JASSIN'S ADVICE. IT WILL BECOME MORE DIFFICULT FOR ARAFAT TO ARREST HAMAS MEMBERS AT THE SAME TIME THAT ISRAEL IS SETTING THEM FREE. HAMAS HAS WON A VICTORY NOT ONLY OVER ISRAEL AND ITS LEGENDARY MOSSAD, BUT ALSO OVER ARAFAT. HOW CAN THIS PROMOTE THE PEACE PROCESS?"

2. LEFT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU (10/09) WRITES UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"FORCED TO SUCCEED."

"HOWEVER BIZARRE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE NETANYAHU-ARAFAT MEETING, THE OUTCOME IS IMPORTANT. THE AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION ON ALL LEVELS AND THE AGREEMENT TO START EARLY NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT A FINAL TREATY COULD REALLY BE THE IMPETUS WHICH COULD BREATHE FRESH AIR INTO THE PEACE PROCESS. BUT THE REAL 'CARDIAC PACEMAKER' OF THE PEACE PROCESS IS THAT BOTH NETANYAHU AND ARAFAT HAVE AN URGENT NEED FOR VISIBLE SUCCESSES."

## 3. LEFT-OF-CENTER BREMER NACHRICHTEN (10/09) WRITES:

"NETANYAHU AND ARAFAT EITHER MISSED ADDRESSING THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE DURING THEIR MEETING OR THEY WERE UNABLE TO AGREE ABOUT IT. THE ISSUE IS THE REVIVAL OF THE PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED PRINCIPLE ACCORDING TO WHICH NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE CONTINUED DESPITE ANY EXTERNAL ATTEMPTS TO DISRUPT THE PEACE PROCESS. IF THE SETTLERS AND TERRORISTS KNOW THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO DELAY OR TO EVEN STOP THE PEACE PROCESS BY EITHER CREATING 'UNILATERAL FACTS' OR WITH SUICIDE ATTACKS, THEN THERE WILL ALSO BE THE CHANCE FOR AN END TO THE PROVOCATIONS AND MASSACRES."

## 4. RIGHT-OF-CENTER BRAUNSCHWEIGER ZEITUNG (10/09) ARGUES:

"ATTACKS USUALLY CREATE DISCORD AND HEIGHTENED POLITICAL TENSIONS. IN THE CASE OF THE FAILED MOSSAD ATTACK AGAINST A HAMAS OFFICIAL IN AMMAN, THE OPPOSITE HAS NOW BECOME TRUE. BECAUSE OF THIS FAILURE, ISRAEL'S PREMIER UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 06 BONN 012712

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NETANYAHU HAS BEEN WEAKENED TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT HE, UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE AMERICANS, HAD TO AGREE TO A NIGHT-TIME MEETING WITH ARAFAT. BUT THIS IS NOT THE ONLY IMPLICATION. BY AGREEING ON REGULAR MEETINGS AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS, HE EVEN HAD TO UPGRADE ARAFAT -- A TOTAL REVERSAL OF HIS PREVIOUS POLICY WHICH DELIBERATELY AIMED AT WEAKENING ARAFAT."

## 5. RIGHT-OF-CENTER BERLINER MORGENPOST (10/09) OPINES:

"IT MAY BE THAT NETANYAHU HAS REALIZED THE PRECARIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION AND IS NOW TRYING TO BACK ARAFAT A LITTLE BIT WITH SOME LITTLE GIFTS SUCH AS THE OVERDUE ISRAELI APPROVAL FOR THE OPENING OF AN AIRPORT AND A HARBOR IN THE GAZA STRIP. BUT THE EFFECT OF SUCH CONCESSIONS CANNOT HAVE A LONG-LASTING EFFECT. IT IS NOW

IMPORTANT THAT THE PEACE PROCESS MAKE QUICK PROGRESS. AFTER THE MEETING AT EREZ, EXPECTATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN RAISED TOO HIGH. BOTH SIDES TALKED ABOUT A 'NEW BEGINNING' BUT NOT ABOUT A 'SUCCESS.' BUT CONCRETE RESULTS, WHICH WILL POSITIVELY INFLUENCE THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES, SHOULD NOT BE DELAYED FOR TOO LONG. IN SUCH A CASE, JASSIN AND HAMAS WOULD BE THE REAL WINNERS."

C. (U.S.) NATO ENLARGEMENT, DEATH PENALTY

1. JOSEF JOFFE DEALS WITH THE UPCOMING DISCUSSION IN THE SENATE ABOUT THE COSTS OF NATO'S ENLARGEMENT IN AN EDITORIAL IN CENTRIST SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (10/09) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"HOW MUCH DO WE WANT TO SPEND ON THE NEW NATO?"

"IN THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, THE THREE 'EASTIES'...HAVE ALREADY CLEARED THE FIRST OF SEVERAL BIG HURDLES. JESSE HELMS, WHO, AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE IS ALMOST AS POWERFUL IN FOREIGN POLICY AS PRESIDENT CLINTON, HAS ALREADY SHOWED HIS SUPPORT.... THIS IS THE GOOD PART OF THE NEWS; THE BAD PART HAS - AS ALWAYS - TO DO WITH MONEY.

THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION CALCULATED THAT (NATO'S ENLARGEMENT) WOULD COST 35 BILLION DOLLARS SPENT OVER A PERIOD OF 10 YEARS. WASHINGTON WANTS TO PAY TWO BILLION, WHILE THE EUROPEANS ARE ALREADY NOW COMPLAINING ABOUT PAYING THE REST. AND HELMS COOL ANSWER IS THAT THE ENLARGEMENT PROCESS DEPENDS ON WHETHER EUROPE WILL BEAR THE BRUNT OF THE ENLARGEMENT COSTS. HE IS SECONDED BY REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC SENATORS. THIS MEANS THAT, BEFORE THE SENATE VOTES ON THE EXTENSION EARLY NEXT YEAR, WE WILL SEE SEVERAL TOUGH TRANSATLANTIC NEGOTIATING ROUNDS  
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ABOUT FUNDING. STILL, THE THREE CANDIDATES CAN SLEEP FAIRLY PEACEFULLY. 63 PERCENT OF THE AMERICANS FAVOR THE

ENLARGEMENT AND ONLY 18 PERCENT ARE OPPOSED TO IT. BUT THIS SUPPORT IS NOT VERY STRONG: ONLY ONE-TENTH OF THE INTERVIEWED WERE ABLE TO MENTION THE NAME OF A SINGLE ACCESSION CANDIDATE."

2. RIGHT-OF-CENTER DITHMARSCHER LANDESZEITUNG OF HEIDE (10/09) SAYS:

"A DARK BLOT ON THE WHITE VEST OF THE SELF-APPOINTED GLOBAL COP: THE UN IS PILLORYING THE DEATH PENALTY IN THE 'FREEST COUNTRY' IN THE WORLD. IT IS REALLY NOT PLEASANT TO BE PUT IN THE SAME COMPANY AS CHINA, CUBA, OR SAUDI ARABIA. BUT IF ONE TAKES HUMAN RIGHTS SERIOUSLY AND IF LIFE AS AN INALIENABLE RIGHT, WHAT THE UNITED STATES CARRIES OUT IN SOME OF ITS STATES IS NOTHING BETTER THAN STATE MURDER. AND IT DOES NOT MATTER WHETHER ANY KIND OF TRIAL PRECEDES EXECUTIONS BY INJECTION, ELECTRIC CHAIR, OR HANGING. TAKING THE LIFE OF ANOTHER PERSON IS COMPLETELY BELOW ANY STANDARD. APART FROM CASES OF SELF-DEFENSE OR EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE MEASURES, WHICH CAN, UNFORTUNATELY, ALSO INCLUDE A WAR, THERE IS NO LEGITIMATE DEFENSE FOR THIS FORM OF DEADLY VIOLENCE. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, IT IS NECESSARY TO PILLORY THE UNITED STATES IN EVERY HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT."

D. (BOSNIA) WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL

CARL GUSTAF STROEHM STATES IN AN EDITORIAL IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER DIE WELT OF BERLIN (10/09) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"STRANGE LOOK AT THINGS."

"WITH MASSIVE PRESSURE, THE WEST ACHIEVED THE DEPARTURE OF TEN ALLEGED BOSNIAN CROATS FOR THE HAGUE WHERE THEY WILL STAND TRIAL BEFORE THE WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL. THE ZAGREB GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT THESE 'VOLUNTARY' EXTRADITIONS HAVE SPARED THE COUNTRY FROM SANCTIONS, AND IT IS NOW EXPECTING AS A REWARD THE UNFREEZING OF LOANS WHICH HAD BEEN BLOCKED....

"WHATEVER THE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE TEN BOSNIAN CROATS, IT WOULD BE A SICK JOKE IF THE REAL AUTHORS OF THE HORRIBLE BOSNIAN BLOODSHED, NAMELY THE MILITARY OFFICERS FROM GREATER SERBIA AND THEIR STRING-PULLERS, DO NOT APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT IN THE HAGUE. THOSE WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KILLINGS, RAPES, AND DISPLACEMENTS OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN BOSNIA ARE NOW IN THE BACKGROUND....

"NOBODY SHOULD BE SURPRISED IF THE VIEW IS  
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DISSEMINATED IN CROATIA THAT...JUSTICE IS NOT AN ISSUE IN  
THE HAGUE BUT 'HIGHER' GEO-STRATEGIC INTERESTS. AT THE  
TIME OF THE 'VOLUNTARY' DEPARTURE OF THE TEN BOSNIAN  
CROATS, U.S. ENVOY GELBHARD EXPLICITLY MENTIONED KARADZIC,  
MLADIC, AND OTHER MAJOR CRIMINALS. BY DOING SO, HE EQUATED  
THE MAIN CRIMINALS WITH PEOPLE WHO COULD - IN CASE THEY ARE  
GUILTY - BE AT BEST CONSIDERED SMALL FISH.

"THE U.S. ATTEMPT TO CEMENT THE DAYTON AGREEMENT  
THROUGH TRIALS AGAINST WAR CRIMINALS COULD, IN THE END,  
HAVE THE OPPOSITE EFFECT OF WHAT WAS PLANNED. IT WAS THE  
AMERICANS WHO PREVENTED THE CROATIAN AND MUSLIM-BOSNIAN  
ARMY IN 1995 FROM CONQUERING BANJA LUCA, THUS 'CLEARING THE  
TABLE' IN BOSNIA. NOW THE UNITED STATES MUST DEAL WITH THE  
'REPUBLIKA SRPSKA' AND THIS IS - IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER  
MRS. PLAVSIC OR MR. KARADZIC IS AT THE HELM - HARD TO  
SWALLOW."

E. (NORTH KOREA) KIM YONG-IL ASSUMES OFFICE

GEBHARD HIELSCHER REMARKS IN AN EDITORIAL IN CENTRIST  
SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (10/09) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"KIM - THE FIRST COMMUNIST DYNASTY."

"WITH THE NAMING OF KIM YONG-IL...TO BECOME THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE NORTH KOREAN LABOR PARTY, THE  
FIRST COMMUNIST DYNASTY IN THE WORLD'S HISTORY WAS BORN.  
HOWEVER, IT IS QUESTIONABLE WHETHER THIS WILL EXTEND THE  
LIFE EXPECTANCY OF THE REGIME WITH ITS RAVAGED ECONOMY....  
NORTH KOREA'S NEIGHBORS WELCOME THE SUCCESSOR ON THE  
THRONE. THEY HOPE FOR A STABILIZATION OF THE SITUATION ON  
THE KOREAN PENINSULA, ALTHOUGH 'NORMAL' RELATIONS WITH  
NORTH KOREA SEEM TO BE VERY UNLIKELY. PYONGYANG CONTINUES  
TO CARRY OUT ITS ROLE AS AN OUTSIDER."

F. (ENVIRONMENT) KYOTO CLIMATE CONFERENCE

INGRID MUELLER HAS THIS TO SAY IN AN EDITORIAL IN  
CENTRIST DER TAGESSPIEGEL OF BERLIN (10/08) UNDER THE  
HEADLINE:

"ANOTHER TEN YEARS WITHOUT PROGRESS REGARDING CLIMATE

PROTECTION?"

"EVERY DAY, WE ATTACK THE CLIMATE. IF WE LOOK AT THE THINGS WHICH POLITICIANS ARE DOING TO STOP THE WARMING OF EARTH, HOWEVER, WE MUST ASSUME THAT THE LEADERS ARE AGAIN MORE INTERESTED IN THEIR OWN POLITICAL FUTURES AND DO NOT FEEL COMMITTED TO THE FUTURE OF THE PLANET. AS A FIRST REACTION WE ARE TEMPTED TO HEAVE A SIGH OF RELIEF REGARDING UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 06 BONN 012712

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THE LATEST JAPANESE PROPOSAL TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND THE U.S. STATEMENTS ON CLIMATE POLICY.... BUT AT A CLOSER LOOK...THE JAPANESE PROPOSAL WILL HARDLY HELP ACHIEVE A SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT, SINCE THE JAPANESE ADDED TO THEIR PROPOSAL THAT THE EMISSION OF GREENHOUSE GASES IN THE YEAR 2010 SHOULD NOT BE HIGHER THAN IN THE 1990....

"THERE MAY BE ANOTHER REASON WHY THE JAPANESE INITIATIVE COMES JUST AT THE TIME OF THE NATIONAL U.S. CONFERENCE. POSSIBLY, THE HOSTS WANTED TO TAKE THE LEAD REGARDING PROPOSALS FOR A REDUCTION OF EMISSION. BUT THIS PROPOSAL COULD ALSO MEAN A TRIAL BALLOON WITH THE UNITED STATES IN ORDER TO GAUGE THE INTERNATIONAL REACTION BEFORE THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION WILL FINALLY PRESENT ITS OWN PROPOSAL. THEN BOTH JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES COULD TRY TO FIND AN AGREEMENT WITH ALL OTHER COUNTRIES BASED ON THE LOWEST ACCEPTABLE COMMON DENOMINATOR. IT IS QUESTIONABLE WHETHER CLINTON'S INSISTENCE THAT NOT ONLY THE INDUSTRIALIZED BUT ALSO ALL OTHER COUNTRIES MUST COMMIT THEMSELVES TO ACCEPTING TANGIBLE AND BALANCED REDUCTIONS IS USEFUL. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE THAT THIS DEMAND IS SUPPOSED TO PUSH FORWARD AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON 'JOINT IMPLEMENTATION.'..."  
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1. LOCAL MEDIA GIVE THE CLINTON VISIT SUSTAINED  
COVERAGE.

"LEFTISTS AGAINST CLINTON: THE MOST IMPORTANT CAMPAIGN-  
RALLY"

ESTEBAN SCHMIDT, POLITICAL ANALYST IN LEFT-OF-CENTER  
"PAGINA 12" (10/09; CIRCULATION 20,000) WRITES "NEXT  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, WHEN BILL CLINTON DINES AT THE  
RURAL FAIR IN PALERMO WITH ARGENTINA'S THOUSAND TOP  
LEADERS, KEY LEFTIST FORCES WILL HOLD THEIR MOST  
IMPORTANT POLITICAL ACTIVITY THIS YEAR, AFTER THE MAY 1  
CELEBRATION. IT WILL BE A RALLY AGAINST THE VISIT OF  
THE U.S. PRESIDENT. 'THIRTY YEARS AFTER CHE'S DEATH,  
CLINTON AND IMF, OUT' IS THE SLOGAN AGREED UPON BY THE  
CALLING PARTIES WHICH, FOR THIS RALLY, SHOWED A NATURAL  
DISPOSITION FOR ACCORDS WHICH THEY REGRETFULLY LACK  
WHEN THEY NEED TO SHOW THEY ARE A UNIFIED ELECTORAL  
ALTERNATIVE.

"EVEN THOUGH THE FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RALLY WAS

MADE YESTERDAY BY THE UNIFIED LEFT-WING PARTY (AN ELECTORAL ALLIANCE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE

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WORKERS SOCIALIST MOVEMENT), THE RALLY ALSO COUNTS ON SUPPORT FROM FORCES SUCH AS THE WORKERS PARTY, THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY, FREE COUNTRY PARTY AND THE HUMANE PARTY....

"THE ORGANIZATION OF THIS ACTIVITY NEEDED A WEEK OF ANALYSIS AND A COUPLE OF MEETINGS: AN EFFICIENCY TO MAKE DECISIONS WHICH EVEN SURPRISED THE LEADERS OF THE ORGANIZING PARTIES THEMSELVES...

"ONE OF THE MAJOR CONCERNS OF THE ORGANIZERS IS THE POSSIBLE ACTION OF RIOTERS DURING THE RALLY AND THE FOLLOWING STOP AT THE DOORS OF THE RURAL. IN ORDER TO AVOID THIS POSSIBILITY, THEY SAY THERE WILL BE STRICT INTERNAL SECURITY MEASURES AND THAT 'WE WILL NOT GO BEYOND THE POLICE'S OFFICIAL ROPES, WHEREVER THEY ARE DISPLAYED.'

"WITH THIS RALLY, IN ADDITION TO THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST RITUAL, THE LEFT-WING PARTIES ARE IN SEARCH OF MARKING A CLEAR DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM AND THE FREPASO-UCR ALLIANCE. 'THEY WANT TO BE CLINTON'S SERVILE CHORUS', SAID REPRESENTATIVE ZAMORA (OF THE UNIFIED LEFTIST PARTY)."

2. "GESTURE BEFORE WEDNESDAY'S VISIT: CLINTON APPOINTED ARGENTINA MNNA OF THE U.S."

ANA BARON, WASHINGTON-BASED CORRESPONDENT FOR LEADING "CLARIN" (10/09; CIRCULATION 500,000), POINTS OUT "BILL CLINTON'S ADMINISTRATION TOOK ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN THE PROCESS OF APPOINTING ARGENTINA AS THE U.S.'S MNNA BY SENDING A LETTER TO CONGRESS WITH THAT REQUEST.

"THE LETTER WITH CLINTON'S SUPPORT IS ADDRESSED TO SENATOR JESSE HELMS...

"ARGENTINA'S APPOINTMENT AS MNNA RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE THE U.S. GRANTS TO ARGENTINE CONTRIBUTIONS TO U.N. PEACE TROOPS.

".... IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT SUCH STATUS IS MORE OF A POLITICAL NATURE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE THERE WERE LEGISLATORS WHO WERE RELUCTANT VIS-A-VIS CLINTON GRANTING ARGENTINA SUCH STATUS."

"'ACCORDING TO THE LAW, EVEN THOUGH LEGISLATORS ARE ENTITLED TO OBJECT TO THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION, SAID

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DAVIDOW, 'NOW WE WILL HAVE TO WAIT THIRTY DAYS FOR ARGENTINA TO REALLY BECOME A MNNA' OF THE U.S."

3. TWO DAILIES INFORM OF A PRESS CONFERENCE BY THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S., DIEGO GUEJAR, HELD AT

THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB IN WASHINGTON.

DAILY-OF-RECORD "LA NACION" (10/09; CIRCULATION 130,000) CARRIES A STORY BY WASHINGTON-BASED CORRESPONDENT JORGE ELIAS, UNDER HEADLINE "CLINTON WILL PROPOSE AGENDA WITH MERCOSUR" AND "THE PRESIDENT WILL UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 BUENOS AIRES 005199

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DEFEND U.S. EXPORTS."

SERGIO SERRICHIO, WASHINGTON-BASED CORRESPONDENT FOR BUSINESS-FINANCIAL "BUENOS AIRES ECONOMICO" (10/09; CIRCULATION 5,000) REFERS TO AMBASSADOR GUELLAR'S DECLARATIONS UNDER HEAD "CLINTON LOOKS FOR 'FAST-TRACK' OPTION" AND "THE U.S. PRESIDENT WILL REFLOAT THE 4 PLUS 1 MERCOSUR MECHANISM AGREED UPON IN 1991." SERRICHIO ADDS "CLINTON WOULD SEND A MESSAGE RECOGNIZING THE BLOC AND WOULD MAKE SURE THE U.S. FOLLOWS THE SOUTH AMERICAN PROCESS 'FROM INSIDE'." SERRICHIO HEADLINES ANOTHER STORY "CORRUPTION: AN UNCOMFORTABLE ISSUE FOR THE U.S. PRESIDENT."

#### 4. SAMPLE HEADLINES ON OTHER ISSUES

BUSINESS-FINANCIAL "AMBITO FINANCIERO" (10/09; CIRCULATION 30,000) "CLINTON WILL MEET WITH THE OPPOSITION (THE ALLIANCE) TO AVOID BEING ACCUSED OF PARTIALITY." AND "FOR SECURITY REASONS NO INFORMATION ON HIS RETURN DATE IS DISCLOSED."

LEADING "CLARIN" (10/09; CIRCULATION 500,000) FRONTPAGES "CLINTON'S GESTURE: ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS U.S. MILITARY ALLIANCE."

BUSINESS-FINANCIAL "BUENOS AIRES ECONOMICO" (10/09; CIRCULATION 10,000) ON FRONT PAGE "CLINTON'S PROPOSAL FOR MERCOSUR" AND INSIDE "CLINTON WANTS MORE DATA ON (AMIA AND ISRAELI EMBASSY) ATTACKS."

PRO-GOVERNMENT "LA PRENSA" (10/09; CIRCULATION 6,000) FRONTPAGES "THEY DENY CLINTON WILL MEDDLE WITH DOMESTIC AFFAIRS" AND BELOW "CORRUPTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE." INSIDE "(MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR) CORACH RULED OUT THAT CLINTON WILL INTERFERE WITH DOMESTIC MATTERS" AND "HE DENIED HE WILL TAKE PART IN CASES

LINKED WITH CORRUPTION OR THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE." LA PRENSA ADDS "HE EXPLAINED 'IT IS AS IF THE

ARGENTINE PRESIDENT WENT TO WASHINGTON AND TOLD HIS COLLEAGUE THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE TRANSPARENCY REGARDING A DETERMINED ISSUE."

OTHER LA PRENSA HEADLINES "(DAIA CHIEF) BERAJA: FIGHT TERRORISM" AND "PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL ALSO PRESENT THEIR CLAIMS (TO CLINTON)".

BUSINESS-FINANCIAL "EL CRONISTA" (10/09; CIRCULATION 10,000) HEADLINES INSIDE "CLINTON'S AGENDA IN ARGENTINA: FOUR DAYS OF PERMANENT PRESIDENTIAL CONTACTS." ALSO "THEY ANTICIPATE THE U.S. PRESIDENT'S POSITION" AND "INTEREST IN FIGHTING TERRORISM HIGHLIGHTED" AND "(MIN. OF THE INTERIOR) CORACH DENIED CLAIMS REGARDING CORRUPTION."  
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[Article by Ana Baron]

[FBIS Translated Text] Yesterday Clinton sent Argentina's proposed designation as a non-NATO U.S. ally to Congress. If Congress makes no objections within 30 days, it will take effect. This information was given to Clarin by the undersecretary for Latin American affairs.

Washington. The Clinton administration has taken another step in the process of naming Argentina a non-NATO ally of the United States by sending a letter to Congress with this designation.

The Clinton-endorsed letter was addressed to Senator Jesse Helms, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and signed by the State Department's undersecretary for legal affairs, Barbara Larkin.

Argentina's designation as a non-NATO ally recognizes the importance the United States attributes to Argentina's contributions to U.N. peacekeeping missions.

"I would like to emphasize that this status does not imply any sort of strategic-military alliance or defense obligations," the undersecretary of state for Latin American affairs, Jeffrey Davidow, said during an exclusive interview with Clarin.

He explained that "Argentina is the first country to which the United States has granted this status after the Cold War, so Argentina's status is different from that of other non-NATO U.S. allies, like Egypt and Israel."

According to Davidow, in Argentina's case this status is fundamentally linked to Argentina's support for U.N. peacekeeping missions. "The benefits Argentina will gain from this status are also associated with maintaining peace," he said. As an example, Davidow mentioned "more access to military training and cooperation in antiterrorism operations."

Although this status is more political than anything else, up until the last minute some members of Congress were reluctant to have Clinton grant this status to Argentina.

During a hearing held yesterday by the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee to discuss Clinton's trip to Argentina, Brazil, and Venezuela, which begins on Sunday, one member asked Davidow why the Clinton administration did not require that Argentina adopt a pharmaceutical patents law in harmony with U.S. standards before conferring this status.

Another asked Davidow what the administration intended to do about the Lanco problem. Lanco is a U.S. company which operates in Argentina as Argentine Port Terminals. It has been engaged in a

dispute with the [Argentine] government for over three years about what it claims are irregularities in the fulfillment of the bilateral investment treaty, and the company is thinking of going to international arbitration.

"I explained that we were very disappointed, that we had raised this problem with the Argentine government, but that it was lucky that there was a treaty that allows arbitration," Davidow told Clarin. Davidow did not recall exactly how many companies are in the same or a similar situation to that of Lanco.

According to the U.S. legislation, while Congress can raise objections, it can not overturn the president's decision, said Davidow, who added: "Now we have to wait 30 days for Argentina to really become a non-NATO U.S. ally.

#### Corruption

Davidow confirmed, as Clarin reported yesterday, that President Clinton will speak in the three countries he will visit during his trip about "strengthening democracies and how this can be done in a cooperative manner. Strengthening democracies includes the issues of how to promote government transparency and how to have a better judicial system."

According to Davidow, throughout Clinton's entire trip, including his visit to Argentina, the intention is to discuss what sort of programs can be adopted jointly to promote democracy. "We will not be giving lessons on specific issues like corruption."

"We think Argentina is a democracy. It has a very active press and an opposition. It is up to Argentina to work out its own specific issues. But on a working level where we can act in cooperation with governments and with civil institutions, the United States is very eager to promote activities that will strengthen democracy."

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BREAKTHROUGH CANNOT BE EXPECTED BY THE 'WELCOMED'  
DECLARATION OF INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH IS  
SUPOSED TO GIVE ANNAN MORE LEEWAY IN HIS ACTIONS. OE  
SHOULD NOT GIVE UP ON UN REFORM. BUT AS LONG S THE  
AMERICAN CONSTITUTION ALLOWS A SINGLE MAN IKE JESSE HELMS,  
WITH HIS BLINKERED HEGEMONIC VIEWS, TO DETERMINE THE WAY  
THE ONLY REMAINING SUPEROWER DEALS WITH THE WORLD,  
PROGRESS WILL NOT BE OSSIBLE. THAT ALSO MEANS THAT THE UN  
WILL NOT BEABLE TO FULFILL ITS ROLE AS THE ONE BODY WITH  
COLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO  
STEER AND SUPERVISE THE DRAMATIC PROCESS OFGLOBALIZATION.  
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[Column by Rosental Calmon Alves: "Fidel on the Spot"]  
[FBIS Translated Text] President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State  
Madeleine Albright will tell their colleagues in Brazil, Argentina,  
and Venezuela this week that the United States would like to see an  
explicit condemnation of Cuba at the Seventh Ibero-American Summit  
Meeting in Venezuela a month from now. At last year's meeting, Fidel  
Castro signed a joint statement in which the signatories implicitly  
pledged to adopt democracy.

As the Fifth Congress of the Communist Party of Cuba, now being  
held in Havana, very clearly shows, Castro is not taking any steps  
in the direction of a democratic opening up. On the contrary, he is  
talking for the umpteenth time about again embracing the principles  
of orthodox communism with no concessions. So what happens to that  
pledge? the Americans ask. Is what it says valid or not?

Although not invited to the summit meeting that brings together  
Portugal, Spain, and their former colonies in the Americas and the  
Caribbean, the United States is in the midst of a diplomatic effort  
to persuade the countries in the group to put Fidel Castro on the  
spot. The idea is that they should considerably increase the  
pressure that the Cuban president already felt at the Sixth Ibero-  
American Summit Meeting, which was held in Vina del Mar, Chile, in  
November of last year.

On that occasion, Castro was sharply criticized by at least two  
of his colleagues and by a surprising friend. Argentine President  
Carlos Menem and Jose Maria Aznar, president of the Spanish  
Government, were quite explicit in their criticism of Fidel Castro,  
even in face-to-face talks with him. The surprise was provided by  
Hortensia Busi, the widow of Chilean President Salvador Allende, who  
asked for "free, competitive, and periodic elections in Cuba."

At the end of the meeting, the presidents explained that although  
it contained no direct mention, the joint statement did contain a  
clear warning to Cuba. The document, which Fidel Castro signed,  
says: "In Iberian America, there exists the conviction that the  
independence of the branches (of government), adequate  
representativeness, participation by the majorities and the  
minorities, freedom of expression, association, and assembly, full  
access to information, and transparent elections... are essential  
elements."

Not only are those "essential elements," to which Fidel Castro is  
considered to have committed himself by signing the document,  
nonexistent in Cuba, but violations of human rights have been  
growing increasingly worse on the island, according to the argument  
presented by the U.S. Government. The pressure for reforms that some  
countries in the Ibero-American group are putting on Cuba are

reportedly having no effect whatever.

Clinton will meet this week with the Venezuelans, Brazilians, and Argentines, who are respectively semi-reluctant, very reluctant, and absolutely enthusiastic when it comes to doing almost anything against Fidel Castro. Menem will have no problems per se and will not be alone in that additional Washington-pleasing undertaking.

At this moment, however, the thing that unites all the countries in the Ibero-American group and almost all the countries in the world against the United States and in favor of Fidel Castro is the Helms-Burton Act, which Clinton signed last year. The absurdity and despotism of that law comes from the fact that the United States considers itself entitled to punish foreign citizens and firms who violate the economic embargo and do business with state-owned firms that are leftovers from the former U.S. companies expropriated by the revolution.

At last year's meeting, the Ibero-American summit unanimously condemned that attitude on the part of the United States--as had already happened at practically every international forum where the subject was discussed. Of the 185 member countries of the United Nations, only three voted against the resolution condemning the Helms-Burton Act. Even in the OAS, where the United States always wins, there was almost complete unanimity against the absurd law. A similar result, which will be even more important, is expected at the World Trade Organization, to which the case has been submitted by the European Union.

Clinton is leaving Washington today in the midst of a new offensive by powerful Senator Jesse Helms, the law's coauthor, to force the White House to enforce the more violent provisions for retaliation against firms and executives doing business with Cuba. On Thursday, Helms, who presides over the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, demanded that the administration provide him with documents proving that it is enforcing the law.

He wants Clinton to immediately begin denying entry visas to the executives of companies that are doing business with expropriated U.S. firms and to begin criminal proceedings against those businessmen and their companies for "theft." The president claimed in a letter to Helms that he was delaying enforcement of the act's tougher measures because of "the ongoing efforts by our allies to promote a peaceful democratic transition in Cuba."

It had been expected that Clinton would veto the bill last year, but he signed it immediately after the Cuban Air Force shot down a U.S. civilian aircraft owned by a group of exiles in Miami who had allegedly invaded Cuba's airspace. The election campaign was about to begin, and the President probably did not want to lose the support of Democrats in Florida, where Cuban-Americans have great influence. Perhaps the White House had not gaged the extent of the international repudiation which the law would provoke.

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[Article by Clovis Rossi]

[FBIS Translated Text] President Bill Clinton arrived in Brasilia on 13 October carrying a letter which contains certain demands much more relevant than those concerning security that have raised so much dust.

This letter is signed by two of the most powerful U.S. lawmakers: The chairpersons of the International Relations Committees of both houses. The letter in question openly urges Clinton to pressure Fernando Henrique Cardoso to "make sure U.S. fiber optics exports to Brazil are treated as favorably as similar domestic products."

Senator Jesse Helms, and Representative Benjamin Gilman, signed the letter and delivered it on 10 October. They had the following to say about Brazil: "It is unfortunate that the Brazilian Government has implemented discriminatory taxes and regulations that practically prevent U.S. fiber optics manufacturers from competing in the growing Brazilian market."

The two U.S. lawmakers also complain about Venezuela and Argentina, the two other countries President Clinton will visit.

In the case of Argentina they claim that local intellectual property laws do not duly protect U.S. pharmaceutical products. As to Venezuela, the letter also complains about the lack of respect for intellectual property rights and patents, but focuses mainly on "protecting the rights of U.S. investors in key areas of the Venezuelan economy."

If Clinton were to do in Brazil the same he did in Caracas on 13 October, he will convey the complaints of the two powerful lawmakers to President Cardoso.

The need to review local regulations on patents and intellectual property rights was one of the issues the U.S. president discussed with his Venezuelan counterpart Rafael Caldera.

In their letter, Helms and Gilman hint that Clinton's pressure on the administrations of the countries he is now visiting would be key to the executive getting the so-called "fast-track" approved. This is a mechanism which allows the U.S. executive to negotiate trade agreements which Congress must later either approve or reject as a whole without making any amendments.

[Description of source: Center-left opposition daily; Brazil's top circulation paper]

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**SUBJ:** SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN  
WANTS TO VISIT U.S. IN MAY, 1998

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SUBJECT: SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN  
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REF: A) GENEVA 7164; B) KUEHL/ZWEIBEN E-MAIL 10/15; C)  
ZWEIBEN/KUEHL E-MAIL 10/20

1. SUMMARY: THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR (SR) OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (CHR) ON THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES IN MAY, 1998. THE FOCUS OF THE VISIT WOULD BE SEXUAL ABUSE OF WOMEN IN DETENTION/PRISON. THE SR WOULD TENTATIVELY LIKE TO VISIT NEW YORK, WASHINGTON, MINNESOTA AND ONE OR TWO OTHER STATES IN ORDER TO MEET U.S. FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS AND TO MEET WITH WOMEN PRISONERS AND NGOS. MISOFF ASKED THE SR TO PROVIDE A

WRITTEN REQUEST FOR THE VISIT TO BE TRANSMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE SR PLANS TO VISIT AFGHANISTAN IN DECEMBER AND RWANDA AND HAITI IN THE NEAR FUTURE. END SUMMARY.

2. AS PER REF A, MISSION HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICER AND MISSION INTERN MET OCTOBER 20 WITH RADHIKA COOMARASWAMY (SRI LANKA), SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR (SR) OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (CHR) ON THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, AND MAARIT KOHONEN OF THE STAFF OF THE OFFICE OF THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (OHCHR).

3. COOMARASWAMY REPORTED THAT SHE HAD RECEIVED A "FORMAL" INVITATION TO VISIT THE U.S. FROM U/S WIRTH WHEN SHE RECEIVED AN HONOR IN WASHINGTON LAST SPRING FROM THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW GROUP. SHE WOULD LIKE TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION AND WORK OUT THE DETAILS.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS COOMARASWAMY SAID:

A. THE FOCUS OF HER VISIT WILL BE SEXUAL ABUSE OF WOMEN PRISONERS, WITH A SECONDARY FOCUS ON BROADER ISSUES CONCERNING WOMEN IN PRISON, SUCH AS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN BY GUARDS, PRISON AUTHORITIES AND LOCAL, STATE OR FEDERAL AUTHORITIES;

B. SHE WOULD LIKE TO MEET FEDERAL OFFICIALS FROM THE DOS AND THE DOJ, INCLUDING ATTORNEY GENERAL RENO IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

C. (OBVIOUSLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE CONTROVERSY ABOUT THE RECENT VISIT OF THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON SUMMARY OR ARBITRARY EXECUTIONS) SHE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO MEET SENATOR HELMS TO EXPLAIN TO HIM THE BENEFITS OF U.S. COOPERATION WITH VISITS BY UN RAPPORTEURS;

D. SHE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT NEW YORK TO SEE HOW THE REPORTED IMPROVEMENT IN THE CRIME SITUATION HAD AFFECTED THE NUMBER AND TREATMENT OF WOMEN PRISONERS;

E. SHE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT MINNESOTA, BECAUSE SHE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE STATE'S TREATMENT OF WOMEN PRISONERS WAS BETTER THAN ELSEWHERE;

F. SHE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT TWO OR THREE OTHER STATES TO GET A REPRESENTATIVE IDEA OF PRISON CONDITIONS IN THE U.S;

G. SHE WOULD LIKE TO MEET UNACCOMPANIED WITH SPECIFIC WOMEN PRISONERS WHOSE NAMES AND CASE HISTORIES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY NGOS WHO HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HER; SHE IMPLIED THAT THE INFORMATION SHE HAD RECEIVED FROM NGOS WAS EXTENSIVE AND TROUBLING;

H. THIS WOULD BE HER FIRST VISIT TO A WESTERN

COUNTRY;

I. SHE WOULD LIKE THE VISIT TO TAKE PLACE IN MAY, 1998;

J. SHE WOULD INDICATE IN HER REPORT TO THE 1998 CHR UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 GENEVA 007237

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THAT THE VISIT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING AND WOULD  
DESCRIBE BRIEFLY SOME OF THE CASES SHE HAD HEARD  
ABOUT AND WOULD WANT TO INVESTIGATE; A FULL REPORT  
OF THE U.S. VISIT APPEAR IN A DOCUMENT OF THE 1999  
CHR.

5. IN ADDITION TO HER PRIMARY PURPOSE,  
COOMARASWAMY SAID SHE WOULD BE INVESTIGATING MORE  
GENERAL PRISON CONDITIONS FOR WOMEN, INCLUDING THEIR  
TREATMENT IN THE OVERALL U.S. LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND  
PROCEDURES, AND WOULD LOOK AT SUCH QUESTIONS AS RACE AND  
CLASS AS THEY AFFECT WOMEN IN DETENTION. SHE WOULD LOOK  
AT THE ATTITUDE AND APPROACH OF GUARDS CONCERNING SEXUAL  
ABUSE AND THE TREATMENT OF MEN VS. WOMEN. SHE WOULD  
ANALYZE HOW PROBLEMS SHE ENCOUNTERS ARE ADDRESSED BY  
STATE AND NATIONAL AUTHORITIES. THE VISIT TO MINNESOTA  
WOULD HELP HER PRESENT A BALANCED REPORT.

6. THE SR SAID THAT SHE HAD CONSIDERED MAKING GERMANY  
THE SITE OF HER FIRST VISIT TO A WESTERN COUNTRY, BUT HAD  
DECIDED TO MAKE THAT VISIT AT A LATER TIME, SINCE SHE  
FELT HER 1998 THEME (SEXUAL ABUSE IN PRISON) WOULD BE  
MORE PERTINENT TO A U.S. VISIT. (SHE ASKED THAT THE  
INFORMATION ABOUT GERMANY BE CLOSELY HELD.)

7. HER 1999 THEME WILL BE TREATMENT OF WOMEN MIGRANT  
WORKERS, WHICH SHE BELIEVES TO BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR  
GERMANY. THE SR HAS MADE PREVIOUS VISITS TO JAPAN AND  
SOUTH KOREA (COMFORT WOMEN), POLAND (TRAFFICKING IN  
WOMEN), BRAZIL (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE) AND SOUTH AFRICA  
(RAPE). IN A NEAR FUTURE VISIT TO RWANDA SHE WILL LOOK  
AT GENOCIDE AND VIOLENCE IN ARMED CONFLICT. SHE PLANS TO  
VISIT AFGHANISTAN IN DECEMBER TO EXAMINE WOMEN AND  
RELIGIOUS (IN)TOLERANCE. SHE ALSO PLANS TO VISIT HAITI.

8. AS PER REFS A-C, MISOFF MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT THE  
USG WOULD LIKE A DETAILED, WRITTEN REQUEST FOR A VISIT  
BEFORE MAKING A FORMAL DECISION ON THE PROPOSED VISIT.

THE SR HOPES TO PROVIDE SUCH A REQUEST WITHIN THE NEXT  
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## 2. -- MIDDLE EAST: PRIMAKOV TRIP --

## "ARABS WANT RUSSIA BACK"

CENTRIST NEZAVISIMAYA GAZETA (10/24) RAN AN ARTICLE BY MARINA MISHINA PREVIEWING RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER YEVGENY PRIMAKOV'S VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST: "THE ARABS WANT RUSSIA BACK IN THE MIDDLE EAST, CONVINCED THAT ITS ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN THE PEACE PROCESS WILL MAKE IT MORE BALANCED. IT SEEMS DOUBTFUL, THOUGH, THAT THE AMERICANS WILL BE HAPPY TO SEE THE RUSSIANS TAKE PART IN THE PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI TALKS. NEITHER WILL THE ISRAELIS. BUT THERE ARE OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST, LIKE SYRIA AND LIBYA. THEY WILL CERTAINLY PREFER RUSSIA TO THE UNITED STATES AS A MEDIATOR."

## 3. "PALESTINIAN TRACK MOST PROMISING"

ALEKSANDR REUTOV SAID IN CENTRIST NEZAVISIMAYA GAZETA (10/24): "PRIMAKOV'S MAIN GOAL IS TO TRY TO 'DEFROST' ARAB-ISRAELI RELATIONS OVERALL AND TO HELP A THAWING PROCESS WHERE IT HAS ALREADY STARTED. OF ALL THE TRACKS IN THAT PROCESS, THE PALESTINIAN IS THE MOST PROMISING, OF COURSE. THE TRIP, ADMITTEDLY, WILL NOT PRODUCE ANY SPECTACULAR RESULTS, THE CURRENT STAGE OF THE PEACE PROCESS BEING ONE OF CAUTIOUS MOVES, BUT PRIMAKOV MAY PARTIALLY DEFUSE TENSION, AS HE DID LAST YEAR."

## 4. "PRIMAKOV TO EFFECT RUSSO-U.S. SCENARIO"

REFORMIST, BUSINESS-ORIENTED KOMMERSANT DAILY (10/24) RAN THIS COMMENT BY LEONID GANKIN: "IN TALKS WITH LEBANON, SYRIA, ISRAEL, THE PALESTINIAN AUTONOMY, JORDAN AND EGYPT, THE RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WILL FOLLOW THE SCENARIO HE DEVELOPED JOINTLY WITH U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE MADELEINE ALBRIGHT IN SEPTEMBER. THIS IS WHAT MAKES HIS CURRENT TRIP DIFFERENT FROM ALL HIS PREVIOUS ONES."

## 5. -- NATO --

## "HELMS WANTS NATO TO ISOLATE RUSSIA"

ACCORDING TO VLADIMIR KUZAR IN CENTRIST, ARMY KRASNAYA ZVEZDA (10/24): "BASED ON THE LOGIC OF NATO MOVEMENT EASTWARD, RUSSIA POSES A DANGER TO EUROPE. U.S. SENATOR JESSE HELMS HAS THE OTHER DAY CONFIRMED THIS CONCLUSION BY STATING THAT NATO ENLARGEMENT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, MUST SERVE TO ISOLATE RUSSIA.... AN EARLY DISCUSSION OF NATO'S PLANS IN THE U.S. CONGRESS

SHOWED THAT U.S. ARMS MANUFACTURERS SEEK TO MAKE RATIFICATION DEPENDENT ON WHETHER NEW NATO MEMBERS WILL BUY AMERICAN ARMS."

6. "NATO STILL 'IN'"

ALEXEI PUSHKOV MUSED ON PAGE ONE OF CENTRIST NEZAVISIMAYA GAZETA (10/24): "IN THE NEXT UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 MOSCOW 027082

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CENTURY ARMS WILL BE VALUED NOT FOR THEIR QUANTITY AND KILLING POWER BUT QUALITY AND 'INTELLECT,' WHICH WILL HARDLY MAKE THE WORLD DEMILITARIZED. IN THAT SENSE, NATO WILL STILL BE 'IN' AND THE CURRENT GEOPOLITICAL SCHEMES WILL REMAIN VALID. THIS IS WHY THE UNITED STATES, THE LEADER OF ALL TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTIONS AND THE WORLD'S GREATEST ECONOMIC POWER, HAS BEEN BUSY BUILDING AND UPDATING INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCES. RATHER THAN FORSAKING NATO, THE AMERICANS HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD TO EXPAND AND STRENGTHEN IT. GEOPOLITICS, THOUGH NOT AS POWERFUL AS BEFORE, ARE STILL FAR FROM DEAD."

7. -- RUSSIA: CIS SUMMIT --

"CIS DOOMED?"

LYUDMILA FELIKSOVA REPORTED FOR OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT ROSSIYSKAYA GAZETA (10/24) FROM A CIS SUMMIT IN CHISINAU, MOLDOVA: "BEFORE THE MEETING LOCAL OBSERVERS MADE GLOOMY FORECASTS, SPEAKING OF AN ATTEMPT TO REVIVE THE COMMONWEALTH. IF THAT DOES NOT HAPPEN, THEY SAID, THE SUMMIT IN CHISINAU MIGHT BE THE LAST IN THE CIS'S SHORT HISTORY. BUT MOST PRESIDENTS DON'T SEEM TO SHARE THAT VIEW."

8. "PESSIMISTS PROVED WRONG"

YURY NIKOLAYEV SAID ON PAGE ONE OF ROSSIYSKIYE VESTI (10/24), A NEWSPAPER OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION: "THE PESSIMISTIC FORECASTS OF AN EARLY DEMISE FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF

INDEPENDENT STATES HAVE PROVED A LOT GLOOMIER THAN REALITY. THE SUMMIT NOT ONLY CONSIDERED IMPORTANT PROBLEMS BUT, CERTAINLY, GAVE A FRESH IMPETUS TO INTEGRATION."

9. "SEVERED TIES NEED A LOT OF GLUING"

SVETLANA GAMOVA IN CHISINAU FILED FOR REFORMIST SEGODNYA (10/24): "ARRIVING IN CHISINAU, BORIS YELTSIN SAID, 'WE HAVE COME APART SOMEWHAT, SO WE HAVE TO DO SOME GLUING.' HE HAS PROVED RIGHT. A LOT OF GLUING NEEDS TO BE DONE."  
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