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001. cable	re: Breifing Paper for Ambassador Richardson's Visit. (5 pages)	02/03/1998	P1/b(1)
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--CHINESE DISSIDENT WEL JINGSHENG WILL MEET WITH ASSISTANT
SECRETARY JOHN SHATTUCK (PAPAS 2 AND 4)
--CHINA HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT (PARAS 2 AND 5)
--SENATOR HELMS' STATEMENT OF JANUARY 29, 1998 CONCERNING
DEPARTMENT OF STATE GRIEVANCE PROCESS (PARAS 2 AND 6)

2. THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCES WERE PREPARED ON 2/04/98 AND
WERE NOT USED BY THE SPOKESMAN DURING THE DAILY BRIEFING.
POSTS MAY DRAW FROM THESE GUIDANCES FOR USE ON AN IF ASKED
BASIS.

3. CHINA - DETENTION OF CATHOLIC PRIESTS

CONTEXT: HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST AND BUSINESSMAN JOHN KAMM
EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE CONTINUED DETENTION OF SEVERAL
CATHOLIC PRIESTS IN CHINA. HE MADE THE COMMENTS IN HONG
KONG ON THE SAME DAY THAT A DELEGATION OF U.S. RELIGIOUS
LEADERS MET WITH PRESIDENT CLINTON AND PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED
PLANS OF THEIR TRAVEL TOAHINA. KARNRN CLAIMS THERE ARE
SEVERAL DOZEN PRIESTS UNDER SOME FORM OF DETENTION.

Q: WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO REPORTS THAT CHINA HAS
DETAINED DOZENS OF PRIESTS AND BISHOPS IN WHAT APPEARS TO
BE A "FOUR-YEAR" CRACKDOWN AGAINST THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
CHURCH?

A: WE ARE AWARE OF RECENT REPORTS BY HUMAN RIGHTS
ACTIVISTS ABOUT CASES OF CATHOLIC PRIESTS OR BISHOPS WHO
HAVE BEEN IN DETENTION FOR SOME TIME.

OUR POSITION ON THIS IS VERY CLEAR. WE HAVE LONG URGED THE
CHINESE TO RELEASE ALL THOSE DETAINED FOR THE PEACEFUL
EXPRESSION OF THEIR POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS IN
VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL NORMS AND STANDARDS.

THE JUST RELEASED HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT DETAILS OUR SPECIFIC
CONCERNS ABOUT RESTRICTIONS ON RELIGIOUS PRACTICE IN CHINA.

WE WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE IMPROVED HUMAN
RIGHTS, INCLUDING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, IN CHINA.

(IF ASKED) CHINA REQUIRES THAT RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS
REGISTER WITH THE STATE. UNREGISTERED RELIGIOUS GROUPS,
INCLUDING CATHOLICS IN THAT CATEGORY, HAVE EXPERIENCED
VARYING DEGREES OF OFFICIAL INTERFERENCE AND REPRESSION AS
THE GOVERNMENT HAS CONTINUED TO ENFORCE THE 1994
REGULATIONS THAT REQUIRE ALL RELIGIOUS GROUPS TO REGISTER
WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND COME UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE
OFFICIAL "PATRIOTIC" RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.

SOME CHURCH LEADERS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED OR REMAINED IN
DETENTION OR PRISON BECAUSE OF THEIR RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES.

DESPITE PRESSURE, THE NUMBER OF RELIGIOUS ADHERENTS IN MANY CHURCHES, BOTH REGISTERED AND UNREGISTERED, HAS CONTINUED TO GROW AT A RAPID PACE.

UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 05 STATE 020552

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4. CHINESE DISSIDENT WEI JINGSHENG WILL MEET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY JOHN SHATTUCK

CONTEXT: PROMINENT DISSIDENT WEI JINGSHENG, WHO WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON ON MEDICAL PAROLE IN NOVEMBER AND ALLOWED TO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES, IS IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEK FOR MEETINGS AND TO RECEIVE THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR DEMOCRACY'S ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD. THE AWARDS CEREMONY AND RECEPTION IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 4, ON CAPITOL HILL. WEI TESTIFIED YESTERDAY BEFORE THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S ANNUAL COUNTRY REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES. HIS REMARKS WERE CRITICAL OF THE REPORT AS WELL AS OF OUR CHINA POLICY IN GENERAL. HE IS QUOTED IN TODAY'S WASHINGTON TIMES AS SAYING "TRAPS SET BY THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS ARE WORKING...AND THE UNITED STATES HAS GONE AS FAR AS TO DISREGARD THE FACTS AND BEAUTIFY THE COMMUNISTS IN THIS YEAR'S REPORT."

Q: (IF ASKED ONLY) : IS ANYONE IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT MEETING WITH MR. WEI DURING THE TIME HE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON.

A: JOHN SHATTUCK, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND LABOR, WILL MEET WITH MR. WEI THIS AFTERNOON TO HEAR HIS VIEWS ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CHINA.

5. CHINA HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT

THERE HAS BEEN NO FUNDAMENTAL, SYSTEMIC CHANGE IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CHINA.

THIS YEAR'S REPORT NOTES THAT THERE WERE POSITIVE STEPS IN HUMAN RIGHTS SUCH AS THE SIGNATURE OF THE U.N. COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, THE RELEASE OF A FEW POLITICAL PRISONERS, A SOMEWHAT MORE TOLERANT ATTITUDE TOWARD DISSENT, AND PROGRESS IN LEGAL REFORM EFFORTS.

HOWEVER, THE REPORT CONCLUDES THAT "THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUED TO COMMIT WIDESPREAD AND WELL-DOCUMENTED HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES, IN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONALLY-ACCEPTED NORMS" AS IT HAS EVERY YEAR SINCE 1994.

IF RAISED: THE REPORT STATES, AS IT HAS FOR A NUMBER OF

YEARS, THAT "CHINESE SOCIETY CONTINUED TO BECOME MORE OPEN AND TO DIVERSIFY AT A RAPID PACE." WE ALSO STATED FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT "AVERAGE CITIZENS GO ABOUT THEIR DAILY LIVES WITH MORE PERSONAL FREEDOM THAN EVER BEFORE." HOWEVER, WE ALSO NOTE THAT "CHINESE WHO SEEK TO EXPRESS OPENLY DISSENTING POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS VIEWS STILL LIVE IN AN ENVIRONMENT FILLED WITH REPRESSION."

Q: YOU SAY THAT CHINA HAS TAKEN POSITIVE STEPS IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS BUT THAT SERIOUS PROBLEMS REMAIN. WHAT HAS CHINA DONE IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO JUSTIFY YOUR ASSESSMENT THAT IT HAS TAKEN POSITIVE STEPS? WHAT ARE THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS THAT REMAIN AND WHAT IS THE UNITED STATES DOING TO ADDRESS THEM?

POSITIVE STEPS THAT CHINA HAS TAKEN:

--SIGNATURE OF THE COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

--RELEASE OF DISSIDENTS INCLUDING PROMINENT DISSIDENTS WEI JINGSHENG AND ZHOU GUOQIANG (JOE GWOJANG). ALSO WELL-KNOWN JOURNALIST XI YANG (SHEE YANG)

--RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH AN INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATION ON ACCESS TO PRISONS. DECISION UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 05 STATE 020552

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TO INVITE THE UN WORKING GROUP ON ARBITRARY DETENTION TO CHINA AND TO GRANT THE GROUP REASONABLE ACCESS TO PRISONS AND PRISONERS. INCREASED COOPERATION WITH A LEADING HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATE ON PRISON ACCOUNTING.

--INVITATION TO A DISTINGUISHED DELEGATION OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS TO VISIT CHINA.

--A SOMEWHAT MORE TOLERANT ATTITUDE TOWARD DISSENT. SEVERAL ACADEMICS, FORMER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND DISSIDENTS HAVE OPENLY EXPRESSED THEIR VIEWS ON POLITICAL ISSUES WITH NO REPERCUSSIONS. THIS IS A CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR WHEN WE CONCLUDED "ALL PUBLIC DISSENT AGAINST THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN SILENCED."

--CONTINUED EFFORTS AT LEGAL REFORM. PASSAGE OF NEW CRIMINAL LAW (1997). REVISED CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAW CAME INTO EFFECT JANUARY 1997.

--CHINA HAS ALSO SIGNIFICANTLY EXPANDED ITS DIALOG ON HUMAN RIGHTS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THE E.U., CANADA AND AUSTRALIA. CHINA HAS ALSO INCREASED COOPERATION ON RULE OF LAW ISSUES WITH US AND OTHERS

INTERESTED IN SEEING THE CONTINUED GROWTH OF RULE OF LAW IN CHINA.

6. SENATOR HELMS' STATEMENT OF JANUARY 29, 1998 CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOREIGN SERVICE GRIEVANCE PROCESS

CONTEXT: SENATOR HELMS STATED ON THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE ON JANUARY 29, 1998 THAT HE WAS DISTURBED ABOUT THE FOREIGN SERVICE DISCIPLINE AND GRIEVANCE PROCESSES THAT DO NOT ADEQUATELY PENALIZE THOSE INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH MISCONDUCT.

Q: HOW DO YOU REACT TO SENATOR HELMS; STATEMENT ABOUT THE FOREIGN SERVICE DISCIPLINE AND GRIEVANCE PROCESSES?

A: FIRST OF ALL, SECRETARY ALBRIGHT HAS ASKED ME TO REITERATE HER VERY STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE 7,000 DEDICATED MEN AND WOMEN THAT MAKE UP THE PROFESSIONAL CORPS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES. THEY SERVE AT 260 POSTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, OFTEN IN DIFFICULT, HARDSHIP SITUATIONS, AND ALL TOO MANY HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY.

LIKE ANY LARGE ORGANIZATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS ITS SHARE OF DISCIPLINE PROBLEMS; THERE ARE LEGAL MECHANISMS IN PLACE TO DEAL WITH THESE MATTERS AND THEY WORK. WE AGGRESSIVELY USE THESE PROCESSES TO ENSURE THAT JUSTICE IS SERVED AND ABUSES CORRECTED.

Q: HOW DOES THE FOREIGN SERVICE DISCIPLINE SYSTEM ACTUALLY WORK?

A: THE DISCIPLINE PROCESS IS A MANAGEMENT TOOL INTENDED TO CORRECT DEFICIENCIES IN AN EMPLOYEE'S BEHAVIOR AND ATTITUDE OR CORRECT SITUATIONS THAT INTERFERE WITH THE EFFICIENT

OPERATION OF THE MISSION OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

WHEN THE BUREAU OF PERSONNEL RECEIVES A REQUEST TO TAKE ADMINISTRATIVE DISCIPLINARY ACTION, IT UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 05 STATE 0^0552

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MAY PROPOSE A PENALTY BASED ON THE WRITTEN

RECORD WHICH IS THEN PROCESSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS.

THE EMPLOYEE IS PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO THE CHARGES IN WRITING OR ORALLY, OR BOTH TO THE DECIDING OFFICIAL, A DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PERSONNEL.

THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DECIDES WHAT PENALTY IS APPROPRIATE, GIVING CONSIDERATION TO ALL FACTORS INVOLVED, I.E., AGGRAVATING AND MITIGATING FACTORS, AND NOTIFIES THE EMPLOYEE BY LETTER. THE LETTER ALSO INFORMS THE EMPLOYEE OF APPEAL AND GRIEVANCE RIGHTS.

IF A FOREIGN SERVICE EMPLOYEE WISHES TO CHALLENGE THE DISCIPLINARY ACTION, HE OR SHE MAY DO SO THROUGH THE GRIEVANCE PROCESS. THE FOREIGN SERVICE ACT OF 1980 PERMITS GRIEVANCES BASED ON ALLEGEDLY WRONGFUL DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

AN EMPLOYEE MAY FILE A GRIEVANCE CONTESTING THE DISCIPLINARY ACTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S GRIEVANCE STAFF AND GENERALLY ASKS THAT THE DISCIPLINARY ACTION, E.G. SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION, BE STAYED PENDING THE DEPARTMENT'S DECISION ON THE GRIEVANCE.

HOW DOES THE FOREIGN SERVICE GRIEVANCE PROCESS WORK?

A: THE GRIEVANCE STAFF REVIEWS THE RECORD OF INVESTIGATION, THE LETTER PROPOSING DISCIPLINE AND THE LETTER IMPOSING DISCIPLINE, FOR ADHERENCE TO DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS, ADEQUACY OF EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE FINDINGS AND APPROPRIATENESS OF THE SANCTION IMPOSED.

WHEN THE DISCIPLINE DECISION IS MADE (WHETHER UPHELD OR NOT), THE GRIEVANCE STAFF PREPARES A DECISION LETTER FOR A DEPUTY ASSISTANT

SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE (DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE WHO MADE THE DECISION TO IMPOSE DISCIPLINE).

THE FOREIGN SERVICE EMPLOYEE MAY APPEAL A NEGATIVE DECISION ON HIS OR HER GRIEVANCE TO THE FOREIGN SERVICE GRIEVANCE BOARD. WHEN A DISCIPLINE CASE IS TAKEN TO THE BOARD, THE AGENCY HAS THE BURDEN OF ESTABLISHING BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE THAT THE DISCIPLINARY ACTION IS JUSTIFIED.

A GRIEVANT CHALLENGING DISCIPLINARY ACTION HAS THE RIGHT TO A HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD UPON REQUEST.

AN ADVERSE DECISION BY THE GRIEVANCE BOARD CAN ALSO BE APPEALED BY THE EMPLOYEE TO THE FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT.

WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE CAN ALWAYS BE ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT IN THESE PROCESSES. WE ARE READY TO WORK WITH CONGRESS, THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND EMPLOYEE UNION ON WAYS WE MIGHT FURTHER IMPROVE THE DISCIPLINE AND GRIEVANCE PROCESSES.

Q: HOW MANY DISCIPLINARY CASES DOES THE UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 05 STATE 020552

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE HANDLE EVERY YEAR?

A: ANNUALLY APPROXIMATELY 70 FOREIGN SERVICE CASES REACH THE POINT WHERE WE PROPOSE DISCIPLINARY ACTION. ACCORDING TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, THE PERCENTAGE OF DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS IS APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AS THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE AVERAGE. USAID AND USIA HAVE THEIR OWN SEPARATE DISCIPLINARY PROCESSES.

Q; WHAT ABOUT THE CASES SENATOR HELMS RAISES? THEY DETAIL SOME OUTRAGEOUS AND SERIOUS ACTIONS. IS IT TRUE THAT THE INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED HAVE GOTTEN OFF SCOT-FREE?

A: DUE TO PRIVACY ACT CONSIDERATIONS, IT IS INAPPROPRIATE TO COMMENT ON THE SPECIFICS OF ANY OF THE INDIVIDUAL CASES CITED BY SENATOR HELMS. AS I SAID, DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT FEELS THAT WE HAVE DISCIPLINE AND GRIEVANCE PROCESSES

IN PLACE THAT DEAL APPROPRIATELY WITH SUCH SITUATIONS.
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TEXT:

[Interview with Rafael Dausa, deputy director of the Cuban Foreign Ministry's North America Department, by journalist Jose Mayo and newscaster Felix Fernando Garrido; from the "Doing Radio" newscast -- live]

[FBIS Translated Text] [Garrido] Good morning.

[Mayo] Good morning, Garrido and everyone else in the program, as well as listeners. As you said, we have with us Rafael Dausa, deputy director of the Foreign Ministry's North America Department. He will talk with us about the US embargo against Cuba, which Commander in Chief Fidel Castro referred to recently when he appeared on the Cuban radio and television.

[Garrido] Welcome and good morning, Dausa.

[Dausa] Thanks.

[Mayo] Well, Dausa. To begin, we would like you to talk about a proposal which Castro mentioned that opposes the embargo against the shipping of food and medicines to Cuba. The proposal was introduced in the US House of Representatives by Charles Rangel and Esteban Torres. We would also like you to discuss the US Chamber of Commerce's position on this matter.

[Dausa] Good morning and thanks for the opportunity to be with you here today. Late in 1997, Congressman Esteban Torres, Democrat from California, and Charles Rangel, Democrat from New York, introduced in the US Congress a proposal to lift the embargo on medicines and food. This proposal was complemented by another one, introduced in the Senate by Senator Christopher J. Dodd for the same purpose. So far, the proposal has 90 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives and there are rumors that there are some 18 co-sponsors in the Senate. In other words, the proposal still does not enjoy a majority to be passed. Nevertheless, the existence of 90 co-sponsors indicates that there is not just a single sector in the US Congress that endorses this initiative. As the Commander in Chief said recently, this is a noble, well-intentioned, properly aimed proposal.

Nevertheless, this does not solve the problem completely. The US embargo against our country involves much more than trade, medicines, and foodstuffs. We do not have access to international credit, loans, or direct transportation between the two countries. As he said, this is a noble effort, but it has certain limitations. Of course, we are following with interest the development of this

proposal.

[Garrido] Now I think it is necessary to touch upon something that has been abundantly covered by the US press. I mean a proposal by the reactionary lawmaker Jesse Helms in collusion with the Miami annexationist mafia to ship humanitarian aid to the Cuban people without the participation of the revolutionary government. I would like you to talk about this because it is something that has been commented on by journalists in this station. We have received a number of phone calls and remarks from listeners of the "Doing Radio" program.

[Dausa] This is a proposal that the ultraconservative and anti-Cuban par excellence US Senator Helms announced late in January precisely as an indication that pressures against the embargo and the Helms-Burton law have increased both in the United States and abroad. Pressures for a changed policy have increased. And this has been felt by Helms himself, who proposed a presumed donation to the Cuban people. And I say presumed because the proposal includes several limitations. For instance, aid would be delivered only to counterrevolutionaries; aid would be delivered through US organizations and institutions without the participation of the Cuban government or institutions. Of course, no aid would be given to active party members, government officials, or revolutionaries and their relatives. Therefore, the anti-Cuban, cruel nature of this proposal is evident. As the Commander in Chief said, our response is not long in coming. Our response is this: We will not accept this proposal. What we want is the embargo to be lifted, the Helms-Burton law and the Torricelli law to be eliminated, and that we can be allowed to live and work in peace.

[Mayo] In this regard, I think it would also be positive if you could discuss recent remarks by US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who said that Cuba had received humanitarian aid of \$1 billion in the past few years. But this is not true. What can you say about this?

[Dausa] This is one of many distorted ideas about Cuba that the US Government tries to spread. The lady spoke of \$1 billion. Others have mentioned \$2.3 billion in humanitarian aid. This is absolutely false. The donations that have been received from the United States since 1992 to date amount to \$13 million. It is worth mentioning that these donations were not received from but despite the US Government, which all the time imposes a number of regulations, conditions, and limitations on this aid. May I repeat. The aid received amounts to \$13 million, from US religious, charitable, and social institutions. But this aid has not come from, but despite, the US Government. Therefore, these figures of \$1 billion or \$2.3 billion are completely false.

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[FBIS Translated Text] [Castro continues] There are still some issues we have not mentioned. Despite the urgency of time, of those who may be falling asleep, and all the calamities we have had tonight, we must mention these issues.

Those who forged this dirty maneuver cannot disguise their clear intentions. It has been conceived in a hasty manner. It can be easily appreciated in the public news we have recently received. Here we have an AP cable from Washington datelined 30 January, a part of which I will read: Senator Jesse Helms, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, today endorsed a legislative initiative to give food and medicine to needy Cubans. The initiative is partly designed to respond to the opposers of the embargo, who requested the sale of food and medicine to Cuba. This is according to the cable. These critics to the embargo base their arguments on statements by Pope John Paul II, who criticized the embargo during his recent visit to the island.

In other words, it is stated here that the initiative has that purpose, namely responding to the opposition against the embargo.

[Martinez Pirez] Which is growing.

[Castro] They called for the sale of food and medicine to Cuba. This has grown rapidly. And I perceive a stronger movement in this direction following the statements made by the Pope. This process has advanced quickly and has generated a crisis, to the point that extreme right members are discussing this initiative amongst

themselves. Some favor it; others don't. This has generated some sort of chaos. Now, I have here another cable. This one from ITAR-TASS is datelined 30 January in Washington, and says: Senator Jesse Helms, an irreconcilable enemy of the regime of Fidel Castro... [pauses] they should have said inseparable friend of the benefits, of those who collaborate in these plans, and thus irreconcilable enemy of the regime. He unexpectedly made statements in favor of giving humanitarian aid to Cuba, but on the condition of keeping the US embargo. I strongly support the initiative from the Cuban-American community to give medicine and food to Cubans in need, says the statement from the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee received last Thursday by the ITAR-TASS correspondent. Part of that aid could be given by the US Government.

But Senator Helms presented three conditions: Humanitarian aid must be given through nongovernmental religious organizations; it must be directly given to those who need it; and the US embargo on Cuba, which has been in effect for almost four decades, must be maintained. But well, he declared: I strongly support the initiative from the Cuban-American community to give medicine and food to the Cubans who need it, provided some conditions are met. We are not over yet. There is a little bit more. This shows the idea... [pauses] I am not going to say Machiavellian in order not to offend Machiavelli who was an intelligent man, a studious of politics.

This other is a cable from Reuter and is datelined Havana, because there is something I must say. Thousands of people requested a visa. They requested many visas and we allowed all those wishing to come into the country. Very few restrictions were placed on those who did not... [pauses] for blunders and things they have done. But curiously, two people appeared there and requested... [pauses] [words indistinct] very Catholic, that they please be given a visa to come to Cuba on the occasion of the Pope's visit. They were none other than two advisers of Mr. Helms.

Of course, when they heard that, everybody was shocked. Not a chance. When I was told about this, I recommended that they be allowed to come in. Let them come and see what Cuba is like. They were authorized to come.

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[FBIS Translated Text] [Castro continues] Very pious! They came. They went about as free as the 3,000 journalists. They went about. They even requested to be allowed to stay five days after the Pope's visit. This is why this statement is datelined in Havana.

This is what Reuter says: An aid of Jesse Helms, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the US Senate, is promoting a plan to provide humanitarian aid to Cuba while maintaining the economic embargo imposed by Washington on the island of the communist regime.

The pious aid of Helms it adds. The truth is that the embargo will not be lifted; it cannot be lifted. What Senator Helms is trying to do is to find an initiative that may respond to the Pope's request, he said.

They don't know what to fabricate next!

We want to help the church fill and expand the space opened by the Pope, he said.

According to (Tiesen) -- this is the most cynical part -- Helms is aware that the Cuban Government will probably see with skepticism any aid proposed and backed by its most bitter enemies abroad. However, he said that if the Castro government rejects the aid, the Cuban leader will not be able to allege that the United States is responsible for the island's economic problems. He adds: There is no way of being on the right side by saying no to humanitarian aid.

They have no good intentions. This is just a clear plan to see if they fabricate some illusions. What they want to do is to

shatter the movement that has arisen, which is very strong...

[Martinez Pirez, interrupting] To distract attention.

[Castro] ... and to impede the passing of this bill, which as we have said, will not resolve the problem but does represent a step forward and has constructive and good intentions.

[Martinez Pirez] Truly humanitarian intentions.

[Garcia Luis] The other one is a trick.

[Castro] They are going to give us gifts! And look who is going to do it!

[Martinez Pirez] This is like the retirement of the Liberation Army.

[Castro] No! That was worse! [words indistinct] This here is a plot of Helms and the foundation.

As you can see this is a sickening and immoral maneuver, a gross answer to the Pope's words who described restrictive economic measures imposed from outside Cuba as unjust and ethically unacceptable. These were his exact words.

This was an insult to Cuba's religious organizations, a challenge to a revolutionary and heroic people who honorably resist and will continue resisting, we must say. They will not have to wait too long for an answer: The Cuban Government, with all the dignity of the world and on behalf of a nation that is a symbol of dignity in the world says: No! We may lack a few things, but...

[Martinez Pirez, interrupting] It is incredible to find that Helms is also very active against President Clinton at this moment. He is one of those making statements despite the fact that other members of the Republican Party are being more cautious, but not Helms.

[Castro] They have been plotting against Clinton. Clinton at this moment is going through personal difficulties. We sincerely wish that he may overcome them. I really think that actions by his adversaries are really dirty. This exemplifies what is happening in that country. There is a lack of ethics in that country.

Recently a journalist wrote a good article analyzing all this. Clinton has difficulties and this does not make us happy. We rather wish he may overcome them. This is what I can say about this. In a certain way, you have mentioned this: The scandal took coverage away from the Pope's visit to Cuba. The two almost coincided. It broke out the day after the arrival and many networks sent for their best journalists in Cuba. The networks remained here and the visit was reported on, but their best newsmen were recalled to handle that case, thus taking coverage away from the Pope's visit.

But it has been reported that in spite of everything, for two days the Pope's visit was absolute priority, and during the following two days, despite the fact that the scandal took the headlines, there was much information on the Pope's visit to Cuba. This is what I know.

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[From the "Evening Information Review" newscast]

[FBIS Translated Text] Advisers of US Senator Jesse Helms, coauthor of a law that intensified the blockade against Cuba, engaged in a broad program of meetings with important Cuban Government, state, and Communist Party officials.

The participants at these meetings included Mark Thiessen, spokesmen for Helms; Roger Noriega, chief of the team of advisers of the Foreign Relations Committee of the US Senate; and Charles McCurry, adviser of the chairman of the International Relations Committee of the House of Representatives.

Always at their request, the US Congress officials met with Cuban parliamentarians and Public Health and Foreign Ministry officials and visited Havana hospitals and traveled to the provinces of Camaguey and Santiago de Cuba.

Their meeting with deputies and Parliament officials was also attended by National Assembly President Ricardo Alarcon, who said that the dialogue was very respectful and that the advisers gave the impression that they were considering some modifications to the implementation of the Helms-Burton law in the fields of medicine and others.

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SOURCE: Guayaquil El Universo (Internet Version) in Spanish
8 Feb 98

TEXT:

[Unattributed Report: "Situation Appropriate for a Final Solution"]

[FBIS Translated Text] Foreign Minister Jose Ayala Lasso stated yesterday, following his return from Cuba, that there is a generalized international sentiment characterizing the current situation as particularly appropriate to reach an honorable, realist, global, and definite solution to the territorial conflict with Peru.

The statements were made by the minister regarding a letter sent last week by Republican Senator Jesse Helms, president of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee to President Fabian Alarcon, expressing interest in a solution to territorial differences with Peru.

In this regard, Ayala stated that the fact that Senator Helms decided to associate his point of view to such a prevalent opinion, imprints more strength to a policy which the people of Ecuador are committed to follow in search for a solution, and one which the Foreign Ministry has been able to interpret and put into practice.

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The minister announced that on Monday he will be meeting with members of the Ecuadorian negotiating commissions to provide guidelines as well as information, and that consultations with other state organizations such as the Foreign Relations Advisory Board, the National Security Council, and other national agencies will continue.

Ayala Lasso pointed out that the Foreign Ministry is awaiting a decision by the guarantor nations, whose responsibility is to propose to Ecuador and Peru three candidates for each of the two technical judicial groups that will also include a representatives from each of the two countries.

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SOURCE: Havana Tele Rebelde Network in Spanish 0300 GMT 12 Feb 98
TEXT:

[FBIS Summary] A rebroadcast of Fidel Castro's statements to journalists and writers at the Eighth International Book Fair held in Havana on 10 February adds the following to pa1202013998.

Castro said without a doubt, the visit had an important influence on the media because it brought Cuba closer to the public eye.

Castro then added: "The Pope said the measures being adopted against the country from abroad are unfair and ethically unacceptable. The Pope said it. The country was filled with glory because of its attitude, its behavior, its culture, and its hospitality. Since the world was seeing a different image of Cuba, which undoubtedly made an impact, even though part of the media was busy with the scandal I just mentioned, these gentlemen, Helms and the others, became desperate. They did not even have time to reach an agreement among themselves before they could call the people from Cuban-American National Foundation [FNCA]."

He said congressmen had a disagreement with the FNCA because they had no time to get together to discuss their plans and the congressmen, led by Helms, decided to issue their statement, which was carried by the television networks. He said the administration's position was, therefore, not clear. He asks: "How

much longer will a mafia, a gang continue to exert an influence on the foreign policy of a country?"

Castro continues: "We are a symbol of dignity for the world so we accept no alms, no aid. What we demand is what has to be done. They should show their humanitarian nature if in fact capitalism has a human side, if in fact imperialism as a system has a human side. There may be many Americans with humanitarian feelings and there are, in fact, many of them, despite the endless propaganda, but why are they prevented from coming to Cuba? Look at what they saw, the good and the bad. When I say the bad I am referring to the difficulties we are going through. They may say: That is socialism. What kind of socialism is there in Latin America? What kind of socialism is there in Central America, Santo Domingo? How many Dominican immigrants are there? Over a million. At least 80 percent of those who migrated did it for economic reasons. Cubans left to seek better living conditions. As soon as they reached Miami they had to say that they opposed communism and all the rest. That was the trick.

"What would happen if they were to open the doors to the Mexicans? There are about 15 million Mexicans already there even though the doors are closed. They may be trying invent some kind of wall. How many Central Americans, how many Latin Americans are there? Who many Africans are there in Europe? Is the Revolution to blame for this? They [the Cubans] are called exiles, not immigrants. They had to certify that they were opponents of the Revolution. They were healthy and educated. They were not illiterate. They at least had a high school education or more. You do not find that in any Third World immigrant. This is a highly skilled migration. We are talking about a migration that knows how to read and write and can think. They are people who have learned and have an education, but the Americans insist in calling them exiles. That is a very important point. They are just trying to blame socialism for the difficulties. There are no other blockaded socialist countries. There was a time in which the USSR and China were blockaded. Today, there is no one facing a blockade except perhaps the DPRK and Iraq."

Castro continues talking about the blockade and says Cuba has been facing a blockade for almost 40 years. He said Iraq is not blockaded for social reasons but because it is an oil-producing country. He noted that the Argentine military is to blame for thousands of missing people, the Guatemalan Government is to blame for 100,000 missing people, and the Salvadorans murdered Jesuits yet the United States continues to support them with weapons, money, credit, and resources.

Castro concludes that Cuba is being punished because it is a bad example. "They cannot stand the idea of Cuba writing one of the most admirable pages in history. What Cuba is doing today is unprecedented."

Reporter Esther Barroso said that at the conclusion of the two-hour conversation with the journalists, Castro greeted writers and persons, who were present at book fair held in Pabexpo in Havana.

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SOURCE: Havana Trabajadores (Internet version) in Spanish 16 Feb 98
TEXT:

[Article by Nicanor Leon Cotayo: "Plot by Helms and the FNCA"]

[FBIS Translated Text] The plan conceived by Senator Jesse Helms and the so-called Cuban-American National Foundation [FNCA], which among other things tries to block two bills that would allow the sales of US medicines and food items to Cuba, is a red flag for our country.

This recent variation is being portrayed in the US Congress as "humanitarian aid," a noble term used in the past to hide the most hideous actions, as was the case in Somalia during the Republican administration of George Bush.

People have not forgotten the negative influence that the direct and indirect infiltration of US groups, led by extreme-right groups, had on the disappearance of the USSR. They carried out their mission disguised as evangelists.

Those missions in the USSR were strictly coordinated with the so-called Christian Coalition and other extremely conservative sectors with huge economic power in the United States. They usually flex their economic muscle by funding the electoral campaigns of candidates akin to them.

These groups were urged to seize every opportunity to set up bases of operation and undermine the Socialist country. It was to be masked always as humanitarian aid or something similar.

Through subversive actions, they tried to ignite situations that would portray the USSR as a country where Christians were persecuted and other human rights violated

These groups acquired lots of experience as they schemed to "peacefully" undermine Socialism from inside. Their more prominent leaders included the likes of TV Evangelist Pat Robertson and Dan Hoddell.

Weeks earlier, Republican Congressman Christopher Smith submitted to Congress an aggressive bill against what he calls religious persecution. Proving his political nearsightedness, Smith included Cuba as a nation that could be tried for that.

In view of the above, it is important to identify the conniving actions of the extreme right, especially if shrouded in an artificial veil of religion. These groups walk a much different path than other respectable institutions, such as the US Council of the Church of Christ, which encompasses the major US Protestant denominations and numbers around 52 million members.

The alleged humanitarian plan developed by Helms and the FNCA is the work of extreme-right groups. It is a clear attempt, among many others, to defeat the Torres-Rangel and Dodd bills that with the

firm support of many organizations and prominent individuals, including religious leaders, are trying to lift the blockade on medicines and food.

The whole world knows that Jesse Helms and that so-called Foundation have been outspoken sponsors of the Cuban blockade. One of their main goals is to cut off the supply of food and medical supplies to the people, hoping it will be blamed on poor public administration.

The new conspiracy is once again trying to pave the way for groups known as "independents," with the excuse of placing in their care the gathering and distribution of sensitive goods that few Cubans had access to because of the blockade.

These groups do not appoint the independents that they really should. They would soon offend them and appoint, instead, other groups and individuals willing to follow their perverse annexationist orders.

The new plot, thus cannot make headway here; it is born headless. It tries to open the door to alleged religious groups that helped dismember the USSR, as said earlier. But Cuba is not, nor will it be, naive. Neither does it have suicidal tendencies. Our position on this matter is very clear.

The Torres-Rangel and Dodd bill does not solve the basic problem of the blockade, but it is a step in the right direction, and it represent a noble initiative worthy of recognition and respect.

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[FBIS Translated Text] Ottawa, 9 Mar (NOTIMEX) -- Jaime Crombet, vice president of Cuba's National Assembly (unicameral parliament), today criticized a US Senate report which accuses foreign tourists of sponsoring prostitution in the island.

"The prostitution issue is used by enemies of the Cuban Revolution as a weapon to denigrate the revolution," Crombet said in a news conference.

The deputy, who leads a delegation of 23 Cuban legislators on a visit in Canada, referred to a report from the US Senate's Foreign Relations Committee, chaired by Republican Senator Jesse Helms.

The report accused the Cuban Government of sponsoring prostitution in the island to attract tourism and foreign tourists, particularly Canadians, to visit the island looking for sexual favors from local residents.

Crombet admitted "there are some manifestations of prostitution" in Cuba, but not "at the level that the enemies of the revolution claim."

The legislator accused Washington of being the indirect cause of this problem in Cuba, given the economic situation that prevails in Cuba as a result of the strengthened unilateral US economic embargo.

"We morally reject prostitution and we hope it is reduced to the minimum expression (in Cuba), and that it totally disappears in the measure that the country's economic situation improves," he added.

Referring to child prostitution, Crombet categorically stated that it has been "totally eradicated" in Cuba, emphasizing that one of the main goals of the revolution is children's welfare.

He emphasized that Cuba has abolished illiteracy and the average level of education among young Cubans is the ninth grade, one of the highest in the American continent.

He also considered "unwarranted" the attacks on Canadians who visit Cuba because, in the Cuban people's opinion, tourism from Canada "is of a very high level" due to their "responsible, serious, sound, and positive" conduct, perhaps with a few exceptions, he said.

"We hope that Canadians continue to visit Cuba," it was underscored by Crombet when emphasizing that Canada and Italy represent the main points of origin, in numerical importance, of tourists who travel to the island.

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