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2. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCES WERE PREPARED ON
6/10/98 AND NOT USED BY THE SPOKESMAN DURING THE
DAILY BRIEFING. POSTS MAY DRAW FROM THESE GUIDANCES
FOR USE ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

3. KOREA -- FUNDING FOR KEDO HFO PURCHASES

CONTEXT: UNDER THE AGREED FRAMEWORK, KEDO IS TO
SUPPLY 500,000 METRIC TONS OF HEAVY FUEL OIL TO
NORTH KOREA EVERY YEAR (ROUGHLY FROM OCTOBER TO
OCTOBER). THE U.S. IS COMMITTED TO HELP KEDO RAISE
THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR ITS ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING
THE PURCHASE OF HEAVY FUEL OIL, BUT IS NOT SOLELY
RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THESE FUNDS. SO FAR THIS
YEAR KEDO HAS DELIVERED APPROXIMATELY 130,000 METRIC
TONS OF HEAVY FUEL OIL. ANOTHER 22,000 METRIC TONS
IS SCHEDULED TO BE DELIVERED LATER THIS MONTH. WE
HAVE BEEN INTENSIVELY INVOLVED IN EFFORTS WITH OTHER
COUNTRIES TO RAISE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR KEDO'S
ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR. GIVEN A CONTINUED SHORTFALL
IN KEDO FUNDING, THE SECRETARY HAS APPROVED A PLAN
TO ELIMINATE KEDO'S DEBT AND KEEP THE OIL FLOWING TO
NORTH KOREA. FOR THIS YEAR, IT MEANS CONSULTING
WITH CONGRESS ON ADDITIONAL FUNDS ON TOP OF THE \$30
MILLION ALREADY APPROPRIATED. ALTHOUGH THE
PRESIDENT ALLUDED IN A GENERAL WAY TO THESE PLANS IN
HIS JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE WITH VISITING ROK
PRESIDENT KIM JUNE 9, WE ARE NOT YET READY TO
ANNOUNCE THE DETAILS OF THIS DECISION, AS OUR
CONSULTATIONS WITH CONGRESS ARE IN THEIR INITIAL
STAGES.

Q: WHAT ACTION IS THE ADMINISTRATION TAKING ON KEDO FUNDING FOR HEAVY FUEL OIL PURCHASES? WILL WE ASK CONGRESS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS?

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A: FOR THIS YEAR, CONGRESS APPROPRIATED \$30 MILLION DOLLARS FOR KEDO FUNDING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND PURCHASES OF HEAVY FUEL OIL. A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE EU OF \$16 MILLION DOLLARS IS EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED BY KEDO SHORTLY TO HELP KEDO RETIRE ITS DEBT FOR PAST OIL PURCHASES.

-- SO FAR THIS YEAR, KEDO HAS DELIVERED APPROXIMATELY 130,000 METRIC TONS OF HEAVY FUEL OIL TO NORTH KOREA. ANOTHER 22,000 METRIC TONS IS SCHEDULED TO BE DELIVERED LATER THIS MONTH.

-- UNDER THE AGREED FRAMEWORK, KEDO IS TO PROVIDE 500,000 METRIC TONS OF HEAVY FUEL OIL TO NORTH KOREA EACH YEAR.

-- AS YOU ARE AWARE, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD TO HELP KEDO RAISE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, BUT KEDO SO FAR HAS NOT RAISED SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR ITS HEAVY FUEL OIL DELIVERIES THIS YEAR.

-- AS THE PRESIDENT SAID YESTERDAY, HE IS ABLE TO INVOKE SOME PROVISIONS OF AMERICAN LAW THAT WILL ENABLE THE U.S. TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO HELP KEDO FULFILL ITS COMMITMENTS. THIS REQUIRES CONSULTATIONS WITH CONGRESS, WHICH ARE NOW UNDER WAY. BECAUSE THESE CONSULTATIONS ARE NOT YET COMPLETE, WE DO NOT WISH TO GET INTO DETAILS, BUT HOPE TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THEM SHORTLY.

4. UN COMMAND/NORTH KOREA GENERAL OFFICERS' TALKS

CONTEXT: THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND (UNC) AND THE NORTH KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY (KPA) AGREED JUNE 8 TO HOLD GENERAL OFFICERS' TALKS. THESE ARE THE FIRST

TALKS AT THIS LEVEL AND IN A FORMAL CONTEXT SINCE 1991 WHEN THE DPRK BEGAN SYSTEMATICALLY TO DISMANTLE THE 1953 ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. THE TALKS ARE IMPORTANT TO REDUCE THE RISK OF MISUNDERSTANDING AND

TO PREVENT AND RESOLVE INCIDENTS ALONG THE
POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DMZ.

Q: WHAT ARE THE GENERAL OFFICERS' TALKS?

A: THE MEETINGS WILL BE BETWEEN OFFICERS OF THE
UNITED NATIONS COMMAND AND THE (NORTH) KOREAN
PEOPLES' ARMY ON ARMISTICE-RELATED MATTERS. SUCH
DIALOGUE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.
MEETINGS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT A LEVEL BELOW THE
SENIOR MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND MILITARY
ARMISTICE COMMISSION.

Q: WHO WILL ATTEND?

A: OFFICERS FROM THE ROK, U.S., AND TWO OTHER UNC
NATIONS WILL REPRESENT THE UNC. THE KPA HAS NOT
SPECIFIED THE MAKEUP OF ITS DELEGATION YET.

(IF ASKED)

Q: HOW WILL THE UNC-TO-KPA GENERAL OFFICER CONTACT
BE ESTABLISHED?

A: AN INITIAL MEETING BETWEEN THE UNC AND KPA
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GENERAL OFFICERS WILL BE HELD TO INTRODUCE THE
REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH SIDE TO EACH OTHER. THE
DATE FOR THIS MEETING HAS NOT YET BEEN SET.

-- I REFER YOU TO DOD FOR FURTHER QUESTIONS.

5. NORTH KOREA: NODONG MISSILE DEPLOYMENT

CONTEXT: THE WASHINGTON TIMES REPORTS TODAY THAT AN UNNAMED
SENIOR U.S. MILITARY OFFICIAL SAID THAT NORTH KOREA'S MEDIUM
RANGE NODONG MISSILE IS NOW "A VIABLE SYSTEM", AND THAT NORT
KOREA IS BUILDING EVEN LONGER-RANGE MISSILES. WHILE IT IS
WELL KNOWN THAT NORTH KOREA HAS BEEN DEVELOPING THE NODONG
MISSILE WITH A 1,000 KM RANGE, AND IS WORKING ON TWO LONGER-

RANGE MISSILES KNOWN AS THE TAEPODONG-1 AND TAEPODONG-2, WE
HAVE NEVER SAID PUBLICLY THAT THE NODONG IS OPERATIONAL. WE
SHOULD NOT CONFIRM THAT THE MISSILE IS OPERATIONAL SINCE SUC
INFORMATION WOULD BE BASED ON U.S. INTELLIGENCE. WE CAN
ACKNOWLEDGE THAT NORTH KOREA IS IN THE ADVANCED STAGE OF
DEVELOPING THE NODONG AND IN THE EARLY STAGES OF DEVELOPING
THE LONGER-RANGE MISSILES. WE SHOULD NOTE THAT NORTH KOREA'

MISSILE PROLIFERATION ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN AND CONTINUE TO BE OF GREAT CONCERN TO US AND HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED AT THE U.S.-NORTH KOREAN MISSILE TALKS.

Q: ANY COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT NORTH KOREA'S NODONG MISSILES ARE OPERATIONAL? DOES THAT CAUSE YOU CONCERN?

A: NORTH KOREA'S MISSILE PROLIFERATION ACTIVITIES ARE OF GREAT CONCERN TO THE UNITED STATES AND HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED AT THE U.S.-NORTH KOREAN MISSILE TALKS.

-- I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT ON WHEN, WHERE, OR HOW MANY NODONG MISSILES MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED.

-- HOWEVER, IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT NORTH KOREA IS IN THE ADVANCED STAGE OF DEVELOPING THE NODONG MISSILE WITH 1000 PLUS KM RANGE, AND IN THE EARLY STAGES OF DEVELOPING LONG RANGER MISSILES, INCLUDING THE TAEPO DONG 1 AND 2.

-- NATURALLY, WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF ANY BALLISTIC MISSILE WITH A RANGE CAPABLE OF REACHING U.S. ALLIES AND FORCES.

Q: WHEN IS THE NEXT ROUND OF MISSILE TALKS?

A: THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF TALKS HAVE NOT BEEN MADE.

6. CHINA AND COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE LAUNCHES

CONTEXT: MOST U.S. SATELLITES LAUNCHED FROM CHINA ARE FOR NON-CHINESE COMPANIES. HOWEVER, CHINESE COMPANIES HAVE PURCHASED SOME U.S. SATELLITES, AND THE LORAL SATELLITE FOR WHICH A WAIVER WAS GRANTED IN 1998 WILL BE PURCHASED BY A CHINESE COMPANY. WE ASSUME THAT ALL SATELLITES PURCHASED BY CHINA WILL AT LEAST IN PART BE USED FOR COMMUNICATIONS BY THE CHINESE MILITARY AND OTHER CHINESE AGENCIES DUE TO UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 12 STATE 105016

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THE INTERLOCKING STRUCTURE OF ALL CHINESE COMPANIES.

THIS IS ONE REASON WHY THE U.S. HAS NOT PROVIDED CHINA ITS MOST SOPHISTICATED MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITES, WHICH REMAIN ON THE STATE DEPARTMENT MUNITIONS LIST. NEVERTHELESS, THE U.S. MAY FACE CRITICISM FOR SELLING CHINA SATELLITES THAT COULD BE USED BY THE CHINESE MILITARY.

Q: COULD THE SATELLITES THE U.S. SOLD TO CHINA BE USED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES? WHEN CONSIDERING A LICENSE REQUEST FOR EXPORT, IF WE KNEW OF A TIE BETWEEN A CHINESE COMPANY AND THE PLA, WOULD WE APPROVE THE REQUEST? DO WE HAVE ANY INTELLIGENCE THAT SUGGESTS THAT THE CHINESE MILITARY USES COMMERCIAL SATELLITES FOR MILITARY PURPOSES?

A: WE ARE WELL AWARE THAT A NUMBER OF CHINESE GOVERNMENT COMPANIES THAT MAY USE THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PROVIDED BY THESE SATELLITES COULD HAVE TIES TO THE MILITARY, EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT CONTROLLED DIRECTLY BY THE MILITARY.

-- THAT'S WHY FOR COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITES EXPORTED TO CHINA, WE STRUCTURE THE EXPORT SO THAT NO SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGY IS AUTHORIZED TO BE PROVIDED TO CHINA WHICH COULD COMPROMISE U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS. WE DO NOT EXPORT TO CHINA OUR MOST SOPHISTICATED MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY PRECISELY FOR THIS REASON.

-- COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITES AUTHORIZED FOR SALE TO CHINA DURING THE BUSH AND CLINTON ADMINISTRATIONS

COULD BE USED BY THE CHINESE MILITARY FOR COMMUNICATIONS PURPOSES IN THE SAME WAY THAT THE U.S. MILITARY FREQUENTLY USES COMMERCIAL TELEPHONE LINES FOR ITS COMMUNICATIONS IN THE U.S.

7. FORCED STERILIZATION AND ABORTION IN CHINA

CONTEXT: ABC NEWS NIGHTLINE FEATURED A REPORT ON "FORCED STERILIZATION AND ABORTION IN CHINA" LAST NIGHT. IT FEATURED MRS. GAO XIAODUAN, WHO DIRECTED A PLANNED BIRTH CONTROL CENTER FOR FUJIAN PROVINCE AND HAS SINCE EFFECTED TO THE U.S. THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS TOPIC THIS MORNING. AMONG OTHER WITNESSES, MS. GAO AND PROMINENT DISSIDENT HARRY WU WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE PANEL. NO USG OFFICIALS WILL PARTICIPATE.

Q: DOES THE U.S. SUPPORT THE FAMILY PLANNING POLICIES OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT?

A: THE U.S. HAS STRESSED REPEATEDLY ITS CONCERNS OVER THOSE ELEMENTS OF CHINA'S FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS WHICH ARE ANTITHETICAL TO THE INTERNATIONALLY AGREED PRINCIPLES OF NON-COERCION AND VOLUNTARISM, IN PARTICULAR THOSE ASPECTS THAT MAY LEAD TO COERCED STERILIZATIONS OR ABORTIONS. WE REMAIN EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT ANY PROGRAMS THAT ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THESE PRINCIPLES.

-- THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALLY PROHIBITS THE UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 12 STATE 105016

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USE OF FORCE TO COMPEL PEOPLE TO SUBMIT TO ABORTION AND STERILIZATION. NEVERTHELESS, POOR SUPERVISION OF LOCAL OFFICIALS, WHO ARE UNR INTENSE PRESSURE TO MEET FAMILY PLANNING TARGETS, CAN RESULT IN ABUSE. FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS VARY GREATLY BETWEEN PROVINCES AND REGIONS. FERTILITY IN CHINA IS 2.1 BIRTHS PER WOMAN.

Q: WHAT IS THE STATUS OF GAO XIAODUAN' 5 REQUEST FOR ASYLUM?

A: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AUTHORIZED SPECIAL BENEFIT PAROLE FOR MRS. GAO IN EARLY MAY, AND THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE FACILITATED HER ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES AT THAT TIME. I WOULD REFER YOU TO INS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

Q: WHAT IS THE U.S. POSITION ON THE NEW UN POPULATION FUND (UNFPA) PROGRAM IN CHINA?

A: CURRENT U.S. LAW REQUIRES THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO SUBTRACT THE VALUE OF UNFPA'S 1998 EXPENDITURES FOR CHINA FROM THE U.S. ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF \$25 MILLION TO UNFPA. THUS, AS UNFPA PLANS TO SPEND \$5 MILLION ON CHINA IN 1998, OUR CONTRIBUTION THIS YEAR WAS ONLY \$20 MILLION, IN ADDITION, AS REQUIRED BY LAW, UNFPA KEEPS U.S. FUNDS IN A SEPARATE ACCOUNT SO THAT NONE MAY BE USED FOR THE CHINA PROGRAM.

-- THIS NEW PROGRAM AS DESIGNED BY UNFPA REFLECTS THE PRINCIPLES OF VOLUNTARISM AND NON-COERCION WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS BEEN ASKING CHINA TO ADOPT, AND BEGINS TO ADDRESS MANY OF THE CONCERNS WE

HAVE. IT REPRESENTS SIGNIFICANT CHANGES AND CONCESSIONS BY CHINA. UNFPA HAS STATED THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED THAT BIRTH QUOTAS AND TARGETS WILL BE SUSPENDED OR REMOVED IN THE COUNTIES IN WHICH IT IS WORKING. UNFPA WILL ONLY DISBURSE FUNDS CONTINGENT ON THE REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION OF THESE QUOTAS AND TARGETS, AND WILL UNDERTAKE EXTENSIVE MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF ITS ACTIVITIES IN CHINA. WE WILL BE WATCHING CLOSELY TO SEE WHETHER THESE COMMITMENTS ARE FULLY IMPLEMENTED.

Q: WHAT IS U.S. INTERNATIONAL POPULATION POLICY?

A: OUR POPULATION POLICY IS A CRITICAL ELEMENT IN OUR COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, WHICH INTEGRATES GOALS FOR POPULATION AND HEALTH WITH THOSE OF PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT, BUILDING DEMOCRACY, AND ENCOURAGING BROAD-BASED ECONOMIC GROWTH. HELPING COUPLES AND INDIVIDUALS TO DETERMINE FREELY AND RESPONSIBLY THE NUMBER AND

SPACING OF THEIR CHILDREN, AND TO ADDRESS RELATED REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH NEEDS, ARE THE CORE OBJECTIVES OF OUR INTERNATIONAL POPULATION POLICIES AND PROGRAMS. NO U.S. GOVERNMENT FUNDS ARE SPENT TO PERFORM OR LOBBY FOR ABORTION AS A METHOD OF FAMILY PLANNING. IN FACT, EVIDENCE IS ABUNDANT THAT FAMILY PLANNING PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN REDUCING UNINTENDED PREGNANCIES AND PREVENTING ABORTION.

8. CHINESE FAMILY PLANNING PRACTICES
UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 12 STATE 105016

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CONTEXT:ABC NEWS FEATURED A REPORT
LAST NIGHT ON
FORCED STERILIZATION AND
ABORTION IN CHINA. A WOMAN
WHO HEADED UP THE POPULATION CONTROL OFFICE IN HER
TOWN ASSERTED THAT FORCED STERILIZATION AND ABORTION
WERE USED AGAINST WOMEN WHO FAILED TO COMPLY WITH
BIRTH CONTROL STANDARDS.

Q: IS THE U.S. AWARE OF THE USE OF COERCIVE
PRACTICES BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT IN THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM?

A: THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA OFFICIALLY PROHIBITS THE USE OF FORCE TO COMPEL PEOPLE TO SUBMIT TO ABORTION AND STERILIZATION. NEVERTH%ESS, WE ARE AWARE THAT POOR SUPERVISION OF LOCAL OFFICIALS WHO ARE UNDER INTENSE PRESSURE TO MEET FAMILY PLANNING TARGETS HAS RESULTED IN INSTANCES OF ABUSE, INCLUDING FORCED ABORTION AND STERILIZATION.

Q: WHAT IS THE U.S. REACTION TO THE REPORT ON NIGHTLINE LAST NIGHT?

A: WE ARE TROUBLED BY THE REPORT AND WILL LOOK INTO THE MATTER FURTHER.

-- WE HAVE STRESSED REPEATEDLY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA OUR CONCERN OVER THOSE ELEMENTS OF CHINA'S FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM THAT ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE INTERNATIONALLY AGREED UPON PRINCIPLES OF NON-f

COERCION AND VOLUNTARISM.
IN POPULATION CONTROL,

INCLUDING THE PRACTICES OF FORCED STERILIZATION AND ABORTION. THE ISSUE WILL BE ADDRESSED AGAIN DURING THE UPCOMING VISIT.

-- WE ARE CONVINCED THAT CHINESE BIRTH RATES CAN BE STABILIZED WITHOUT COERCION, THROUGH VOLUNTARY FAMILY PLANNING AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES, MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES, BASIC EDUCATION FOR GIRLS, FIGHTING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN AND GENERALLY RESPECTING HUMAN RIGHTS. WE HAVE URGED THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO FURTHER EMBRACE THE COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREED TO AT THE U.N. CONFERENCE IN CAIRO.

-- WE HAVE ALSO SOUGHT TO PROVIDE PROTECTION TO PERSONS WHO ARE THE VICTIMS OF COERCIVE FAMILY CONTROL PRACTICES AND FLEE CHINA. IN 1996, THE PRESIDENT SIGNED INTO LAW IMMIGRATION PROVISIONS THAT MAKE CLEAR THAT PERSONS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED FORCED ABORTION OR STERILIZATION OR HAVE REASONABLE FEARS OF SUCH PRACTICES MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR ASYLUM IN THE UNITED STATES.

Q: WHAT IS THE U.S. POSITION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE U.S. POPULATION PROGRAM (UNFPA) IN CHINA?

A: THE U.S. DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE ANY FUNDS TO UNFPA'S WORK IN CHINA. AS REQUIRED BY LAW, U.S.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFPA ARE KEPT IN A SEPARATE
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ACCOUNT SO THAT THEY CANNOT BE USED FOR THE CHINA
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DEPARTMENT TO SUBTRACT THE VALUE OF UNEPA'S 1998
EXPENDITURES FOR CHINA FROM THE U.S. ANNUAL
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UNFPA PLANS TO SPEND \$5 MILLION IN CHINA IN 1998,
OUR CONTRIBUTION TO UNFPA THIS YEAR WAS ONLY \$20
MILLION.

9. CAMBODIA: REINTEGRATION OF FORCES, ELECTION
UPDATE

CONTEXT: TALKS IN PHNOM PENH TODAY FAILED TO BREAK
A DEADLOCK OVER REINTEGRATING FORCES LOYAL TO PRINCE

RANARIDDH INTO CAMBODIA'S ARMY. CAMBODIAN LAW
FORBIDS POLITICAL PARTIES FROM CONTROLLING FORCES
AND MAINTAINING MILITARY FORCES. PRINCE RANARIDDH'S
FUNCINPEC PARTY IS REGISTERED TO PARTICIPATE IN
CAMBODIA'S PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS, SCHEDULED FOR
JULY 26.

Q: WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE CEASE-FIRE
TALKS BETWEEN THE HUN SEN AND RANARIDDH'S RESISTANCE
FORCES? HAVEN'T THE TALKS BROKEN DOWN?

A: BOTH SIDES HAVE AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN A
DIRECT DIALOGUE. TWO PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED DATES FOR
THE TALKS TO BEGIN BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
CAMBODIAN ARMED FORCES AND THE RESISTANCE FORCES
WERE CANCELED OVER DISAGREEMENTS HAVING TO DO WITH
THE COMPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS. TALKS HELD TODAY IN
PHNOM PENH WERE INCONCLUSIVE, BUT THE PROCESS WAS
NOT CANCELED AND BOTH SIDES CONTINUED TO COMMUNICATE
ON THIS ISSUE.

Q: IF THERE IS ONGOING FIGHTING BY RANARIDDH'S
RESISTANCE FORCES, DOESN'T THIS MEAN THAT HUN SEN
CAN BAR RANARIDDH'S PARTY FROM THE ELECTIONS?

A: WE AND THE REST OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
HAVE REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO
MORE OBSTACLES TO FULL OPPOSITION PARTICIPATION IN
THE ELECTION, SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING PRINCE
RANARIDDH AND HIS FUNCINPEC PARTY.

-- WE'DAVE RAISED THIS QUESTION DIRECTLY WITH SECOND PM HUN SEN, WHO HAS REPEATEDLY AFFIRMED TO AMBASSADOR QUINN THAT THERE ARE NO REMAINING OBSTACLES TO PRINCE RANARIDDH'S PARTICIPATION. WE WILL WATCH THIS SITUATION AND CONTINUE TO MAKE OUR VIEWS KNOWN. FUNCINPEC HAS LEGALLY REGISTERED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTIONS, THE PARTY IS CAMPAIGNING ACTIVELY AND WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT THERE WILL BE FURTHER OBSTACLES.

Q: WHAT IS THE LATEST ON ELECTION PREPARATIONS?

A: PREPARATIONS CONTINUE FOR CAMBODIA'S JULY 26 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. 39 POLITICAL PARTIES ARE REGISTERED AND OVER HALF OF CAMBODIA'S ELIGIBLE VOTERS HAVE REGISTERED. VOTER REGISTRATION WILL CONTINUE UNTIL JUNE 15, AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL CONTINUE TO SCRUTINIZE THIS PROCESS.

10. INDONESIA: EAST TIMOR
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CONTEXT: IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE BBC, INDONESIAN PRESIDENT HABIBIE SAID THAT HE IS PREPARED TO GRANT "SPECIAL STATUS" FOR EAST TIMOR. JOSE RAMOS HORTA REPORTEDLY REJECTED HABIBIE'S PROPOSAL, SAYING, "THEY ARE REHASHING AN OLD POSITION, WHICH REQUIRES FIRST THAT THE UN RECOGNIZE THE ILLEGAL ANNEXATION OF EAST TIMOR." REUTERS REPORTS THAT HABIBIE HAS GIVEN AMNESTY OR DROPPED CHARGES AGAINST 16 POLITICAL PRISONERS, MOSTLY EAST TIMORESE INDICTED FOR ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY.

Q: WHAT IS OUR REACTION TO HABIBIE'S PROPOSAL FOR "SPECIAL AUTONOMY" FOR EAST TIMOR?

A: THE ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERS THE ISSUE OF EAST TIMOR A HIGH PRIORITY.

-- AS INDONESIA PURSUES ITS DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION, WE BELIEVE THERE IS A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS ON ISSUES RELATING TO EAST TIMOR.

-- WE HAVE URGED ALL CONCERNED PARTIES TO SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY AND WORK TO ACHIEVE A JUST, PEACEFUL,

AND LASTING RESOLUTION OF THESE ISSUES. WE WELCOME NEW PROPOSALS FOR RESOLVING THE SITUATION IN EAST TIMOR, BUT STRESS THAT TO BE SUCCESSFUL, A SOLUTION MUST BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTIES.

-- WE WELCOME THE RECENT RELEASE OF TIMORESE PRISONERS AS AN IMPORTANT CONFIDENCE BUILDING STEP. OTHER PRISONERS REMAIN. WE URGE THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA TO RELEASE ALL THOSE IMPRISONED FOR THE PEACEFUL EXPRESSION OF THEIR BELIEFS.

-- WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE UN-FACILITATED INITIATIVE, LED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE JAMSHEED MARKER, BETWEEN INDONESIA AND PORTUGAL TO REACH A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT.

(IF ASKED)

-- WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION AT THIS TIME ON A POSSIBLE RELEASE OF XANANA GUSMAO.

11. SENATE CONSIDERATION OF OECD ANTI-BRIBERY CONVENTION

Q: WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO TODAY'S WASHINGTON TIMES REPORT THAT SENATOR HELMS SUPPORTS THE ADMINISTRATION'S REQUEST FOR EARLY RATIFICATION OF THE OECD ANTI-BRIBERY CONVENTION? WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE CONVENTION?

A: ON MAY 1, PRESIDENT CLINTON SENDS THE SENATE FOR ADVICE AND CONSENT THE OECD ANTI-BRIBERY CONVENTION. THE AGREEMENT IS THE CULMINATION OF A 20-YEAR BIPARTISAN EFFORT TO GET OUR MAJOR ECONOMIC PARTNERS TO ENACT ANTI-BRIBERY LEGISLATION SIMILAR TO THE 1977 U.S. FOREIGN CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT (FCPA)

-- THE CONVENTION NOW BEFORE THE SENATE IS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE CONGRESS' CALL TEN YEARS AGO, IN THE 1988 OMNIBUS TRADE ACT, FOR EXECUTIVE BRANCH ACTION
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TO SECURE JUST SUCH AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT IN THE OECD.

-- THE OECD ANTI-BRIBERY CONVENTION IS A HISTORIC AGREEMENT. IT WILL SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE

GOOD GOVERNANCE AND SOUND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AROUND THE WORLD AND WILL HELP LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD FOR U.S. BUSINESS COMPETING FOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS.

-- THIS AGREEMENT IS THE PRODUCT OF STRONG AMERICAN LEADERSHIP AND HAS THE BROAD SUPPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. PROMPT U.S. ACTION TO RATIFY AND IMPLEMENT THE CONVENTION WILL HELP SPUR SIMILAR ACTION BY OUR OECD PARTNERS.

-- WE WELCOME SENATOR HELMS' SUPPORT FOR THE AGREEMENT AND GREATLY APPRECIATE HIS EFFORTS TO ENSURE EARLY SENATE ACTION ON THE CONVENTION.

12. INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT CONFERENCE CONVENES IN ROME

CONTEXT: THE UNITED NATIONS DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT WILL TAKE PLACE IN ROME FROM JUNE 15 TO JULY 1. THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION SUPPORTS THE CREATION OF A STRONG AND EFFECTIVE COURT. WE BELIEVE THAT COUNTRIES SHOULD BRING TO JUSTICE THOSE WHO COMMIT GENOCIDE, WAR CRIMES, AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY, OR TURN SUSPECTS OVER TO SOMEONE WHO WILL, SUCH AS AN IMPARTIAL ICC. HOWEVER, OUR DESIRE TO SUPPORT THE PROCESS DOES NOT DILUTE OUR DETERMINATION TO DESIGN A DOCUMENT THAT REFLECTS A VARIETY OF U.S. CONCERNS, INCLUDING THE ROLE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, DEFERRAL TO CAPABLE NATIONAL LEGAL SYSTEMS, JURISDICTION, ELEMENTS OF OFFENSES, RULES OF EVIDENCE, AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE. WE REMAIN HOPEFUL THAT GOVERNMENTS WILL RESOLVE THEIR REMAINING DIFFERENCES AND THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL PRODUCE A TREATY THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, CAN EMBRACE.

Q: WHAT IS THE U.S. POSITION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT?

A: THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS THE CREATION OF A STRONG AND EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BELIEVE IN THE IMPORTANCE OF JUSTICE. AN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT WILL ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE ON A GLOBAL SCALE.

-- IN NEW YORK LAST FALL AT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND IN KIGALI, RWANDA THIS MARCH WHILE MEETING WITH VICTIMS OF GENOCIDE, PRESIDENT CLINTON REAFFIRMED HIS COMMITMENT TO THE CREATION OF A CRIMINAL COURT BY THE END OF THE CENTURY. THE SECRETARY BELIEVES THAT A SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TO WAR CRIMES, GENOCIDE, AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY CAN HELP US BRING FUTURE WAR CRIMINALS TO JUSTICE.

Q: HOW DO YOU RESPOND TO THOSE WHO SAY THAT THE UNITED STATES IS REPEATING THE MISTAKES IT MADE DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE LANDMINE CONVENTION?

A: THE IDEA THAT THE WORLD WOULD BE BETTER OFF WITH A SO-CALLED "STRONG COURT" THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE UNITED STATES THAN IT WOULD WITH A SO-UNCLAS SECTION 10 OF 12 STATE 105016

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CALLED "WEAK COURT" WITH U.S. PARTICIPATION IS UNREALISTIC AT BEST.

-- IF WE TRULY HOPE TO PROMOTE JUSTICE ON A GLOBAL BASIS, U.S. PARTICIPATION IS ESSENTIAL. THE COURT WILL NEED THE POLITICAL SUPPORT AND RESOURCES OF THE UNITED STATES. OTHERWISE, THE COURT WILL PROVE INEFFECTIVE AND PERHAPS INCONSEQUENTIAL.

-- WHILE THE UNITED STATES VERY MUCH WANTS TO SUPPORT THE CREATION OF A GENUINELY STRONG AND EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT, THAT COURT MUST BE ONE THAT TRIES THOSE WHO COMMIT THE MOST HEINOUS CRIMES, NOT THOSE WHO WOULD ACT COURAGEOUSLY TO DETAIN THE PERPETRATORS.

-- THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT ALLOW THE ICC TO BECOME A POLITICAL FORUM WHERE ROGUE STATES CHALLENGE THE ACTIONS OF RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENTS BY FRIVOLOUSLY TARGETING THEIR MILITARY PERSONNEL FOR CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION.

-- THE UNITED STATES WILL OPPOSE ANY MISUSE OF THE COURT. WE WILL NOT SHRINK FROM ACCOUNTABILITY, BUT WE WILL RESIST POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED COMPLAINTS AGAINST OUR ARMED FORCES AND CIVILIANS. THE FINAL TREATY MUST SHIELD COUNTRIES FROM UNNECESSARY AND ILL-INTENTIONED POLITICAL ATTACKS AGAINST THEIR CITIZENS.

Q: WHAT ABOUT THE PROPOSAL THAT THE ROME NEGOTIATIONS CREATE A "TWO-TIERED" TREATY WITH A "CORE COURT" AND AN OPTIONAL PROTOCOL?

A: THAT IS NOT A REALISTIC OPTION.

Q: YOU SAY THAT YOU SUPPORT THE COURT, BUT MANY

ORGANIZATIONS HAVE CRITICIZED THE UNITED STATES FOR TAKING POSITIONS THAT WILL LIMIT OR EVEN CRIPPLE THE ABILITY OF THE COURT TO RESPOND TO HUMAN RIGHTS CRISES. AREN'T YOU REALLY OPPOSING THE COURT?

A: FOUNDED AN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT IS AN EXTRAORDINARY EVENT, THE CULMINATION OF OVER FIFTY YEARS OF WORK AND ADVOCACY. THE ROME TREATY HOPEFULLY WILL MARK THE DEVELOPMENT OF A POWERFUL INSTRUMENT TO SAFEGUARD INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

--BUT CREATION OF THE COURT WILL NOT TAKE PLACE IN A VACUUM. WE MUST DISTINGUISH CAREFULLY BETWEEN THE IDEAL OF AN ICC AND THE REALITY OF THE WORLD TODAY. NEGOTIATING THE COURT'S ESTABLISHMENT SHOULD NOT IGNORE EXISTING INSTITUTIONS THAT CAN SUPPORT THE COURT'S GOALS OR VEXING PROBLEMS THAT COULD CAUSE ITS POLITICIZATION.

-- THE TREATY REQUIRES A BALANCED AND REALISTIC APPROACH THAT WILL PERMIT BOTH THE PURSUIT OF JUSTICE AND THE PURSUIT OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY. THE U.S. DELEGATION, WHICH INCLUDES EXPERTS FROM STATE, JUSTICE, DEFENSE AND THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, WILL USE ITS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE TO NEGOTIATE THE CREATION OF A REALISTIC AND EFFECTIVE

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COURT THAT REFLECTS OUR CONCERNS AND THOSE OF OTHER DELEGATIONS -

Q: WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR CONCERNS?

A: A PRODUCTIVE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT MUST ENSURE THAT NATIONAL LEGAL SYSTEMS WITH THE WILL AND ABILITY TO PROSECUTE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO. THIS PRINCIPLE OF DEFERRAL TO NATIONAL JUDICIAL SYSTEMS, KNOWN AS "COMPLEMENTARITY" IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR DETERMINATION TO CREATE THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND SUCCESSFUL COURT POSSIBLE.

-- THE ICC SHOULD COMPEL NATIONAL JUDICIAL SYSTEMS TO DO THEIR JOB -- INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE CRIMES -- ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROSECUTION ONLY IN

THOSE CASES WHERE LOCAL LEGAL SYSTEMS LACK EITHER THE CAPABILITY OR THE WILL TO PROSECUTE.

-- A PRACTICAL INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT WILL RECOGNIZE AND REINFORCE THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL TO MAINTAIN INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

-- THE SECURITY COUNCIL SHOULD HAVE THE ABILITY TO REFER ARMED CONFLICTS OR ATROCITIES TO THE COURT FOR INVESTIGATION AND DIRECT ALL COUNTRIES TO COOPERATE WITH THE COURT WHEN NECESSARY.

-- WHEN STATE PARTIES TO THE ICC TREATY REFER A SITUATION TO THE COURT, THE SECURITY COUNCIL SHOULD HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO REVIEW SUCH A REFERRAL. THE COURT MUST NOT UNDERMINE THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

-- WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE ICC'S STATUTE PROVIDE PRECISE AND SPECIFIC GUIDANCE REGARDING THE ELEMENTS OF CRIMES, RULES OF EVIDENCE AND RULES OF PROCEDURE.

Q: WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE TO SENATOR HELMS'S STATEMENT THAT THE ICC IS "DEAD ON ARRIVAL" IN THE SENATE BECAUSE NO INTERNATIONAL COURT SHOULD EVER TRY AN AMERICAN?

A: THE SECRETARY RESPECTS CHAIRMAN HELMS'S VIEWS ON THE COURT. WE FULLY APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT IF A TREATY IS CONCLUDED AND IF THE UNITED STATES SIGNS IT, THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE WOULD BE NECESSARY.

-- NO AMERICAN SHOULD EVER BE SUBJECTED TO UNWARRANTED PROSECUTION BY ANY COURT. THE UNITED STATES CONSISTENTLY HAS SOUGHT TO SECURE MAXIMUM PROTECTION FOR AMERICANS FROM ANY UNWARRANTED PROSECUTION BY THE COURT.

-- THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT SHOULD FUNCTION ONLY WHEN A NATIONAL JURISDICTION IS UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO PROSECUTE. IT SHOULD NOT SECOND-GUESS THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS OF COUNTRIES WHERE THE RULE OF LAW IS STRONG AND JUST. WE THINK THAT AMERICANS
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WHO DESERVE TO BE PROSECUTED SHOULD BE PROSECUTED --
IN THE CRIMINAL OR MILITARY JUSTICE SYSTEM OF THE
UNITED STATES.

Q: WHY DOES THE UNITED STATES DEMAND THAT THE COURT
MUST SECURE THE CONSENT OF THE STATE OF THE ACCUSED
BEFORE PROSECUTING A CASE?

A: THAT IS AN INCORRECT IMPRESSION. THE UNITED
STATES HAS ALWAYS RESERVED ON THE ISSUE OF WHETHER
STATE CONSENT WOULD BE REQUIRED BEFORE INDIVIDUAL
CASES CAN BE PROSECUTED BEFORE THE ICC.

-- HOWEVER, WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT A GOVERNMENT THAT
HAS NOT RATIFIED THE ICC TREATY MUST CONSENT BEFORE
THERE CAN BE ANY PROSECUTION OF ANY OF ITS NATIONALS
BEFORE THE COURT. OTHERWISE, YOU WOULD HAVE A
SITUATION WHEREBY FAILURE TO RATIFY WOULD SUBJECT
CITIZENS TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURT. THIS
WOULD BE A CLEARLY UNACCEPTABLE SITUATION
INCONSISTENT WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW.

-- NONETHELESS, WE ALWAYS HAVE PROPOSED THAT THE
SECURITY COUNCIL BE ABLE TO OVERRIDE A STATE'S
DENIAL OF CONSENT AND THUS PERMIT THE COURT TO
PURSUE CASES.
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MCC [Multilateral Counternarcotics Center] [Subhead] While reports are being leaked about a gentlemen's agreement President Ernesto Perez Balladares secretly reached with his US counterpart Bill Clinton to sign an accord on the MCC following the 30 August referendum on his reelection, a contradictory dispatch arrives from the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Agreement [Subhead] Keeping it under wraps and trying to make it inconspicuous are reportedly the conditions of the aforementioned agreement so as not to interfere with the president's campaign for five more years in office. The reelection advisers feel it is important to neutralize the nationalist sectors, mostly on account of the force of their criticism rather than their numbers.

Senate [Subhead] Our Washington correspondent, Henry Raymont, however, said that yesterday Senator Jesse Helms set out to investigate the possible risks to security and infiltration of drug traffickers in our democracy once the US presence ends. The nervousness his initiative has caused in the US Executive is noticeable, as it fears the progress made will be undone.

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SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED -- PLEASE HANDLE ACCORDINGLY.

1. (U) THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE. SEE PARAS 7-12.
2. (U) SUMMARY: SECTION 102(G) OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS
AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 1994 AND 1995 (P.L. 103-
236) REQUIRES THE DEPARTMENT TO REDUCE THE FUNDS AUTHORIZED
TO BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE UN AND ITS AFFILIATED AGENCIES
IN THE AMOUNT OF USD 118,8V5,000 FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR 1994

AND 1995, AND FOR EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, UNTIL THE PRESIDENT CERTIFIES THAT NO UNITED NATIONS AGENCY OR UNITED NATIONS-AFFILIATED AGENCY GRANTS ANY OFFICIAL STATUS, ACCREDITATION, OR RECOGNITION TO ANY ORGANIZATION WHICH PROMOTES AND CONDONES OR SEEKS THE LEGALIZATION OF

PEDOPHILIA, OR WHICH INCLUDES AS A SUBSIDIARY OR MEMBER ANY SUCH ORGANIZATION.

3. (U) DEPARTMENT REQUESTS MISSION ASSISTANCE IN COMPLYING WITH THE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR FY 1999. MISSION SHOULD FOLLOW STEPS OUTLINED BELOW (PARAS 7-12) AND RESPOND TO THE DEPARTMENT NO LATER THAN JULY 2. END SUMMARY.

BACKGROUND

4. - (SBU) IN JULY, 1993, THE UN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (ECOSOC) GRANTED CONSULTATIVE STATUS (ROSTER) TO THE INTERNATIONAL LESBIAN AND GAY ASSOCIATION (ILGA), AN ANTI-DISCRIMINATION UMBRELLA GROUP. DURING THE FALL OF 1993, USUN LEARNED THAT THE NORTH AMERICAN MAN-BOY LOVE ASSOCIATION (NAMBLA), A PRO-PEDOPHILIA GROUP, WAS A MEMBER OF ILGA. USUN CONTACTED ILGA TO SEEK CLARIFICATION AND TO MAKE CLEAR U.S. OPPOSITION TO GRANTING DIRECT OR INDIRECT ECOSOC CONSULTATIVE STATUS TO PRO-PEDOPHILIA GROUPS. RESPONDING TO THE ILGA CONTROVERSY, SENATOR JESSE HELMS INTRODUCED AN AMENDMENT TO THE BIENNIAL STATE AUTHORIZATION BILL IN JANUARY 1994, TO ENSURE THAT PRO-PEDOPHILIA GROUPS ARE NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS. THIS AMENDMENT BECAME SECTION 102(G) OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEARS 1994 AND 1995 (THE ACT) (TEXT IN PARA 3).

5. (SBU) ILGA AGREED TO EXPEL NAMBLA AND ANY OTHER PRO-PEDOPHILIA GROUPS AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING IN JUNE 1994. ILGA SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED TWO ADDITIONAL GROUPS (PROJECT TRUTH/FREE WILL OF THE U.S. AND VERENIGING MARTIJN OF THE NETHERLANDS) IN ITS MEMBERSHIP AS PRO-PEDOPHILIA. ILGA'S FULL MEMBERSHIP VOTED TO EXPEL NAMBLA AND THE OTHER TWO GROUPS ON JUNE 30, 1994. HOWEVER, ITS WAS SUBSEQUENTLY REVEALED THAT THERE WAS AT LEAST ONE REMAINING ILGA MEMBER THAT MAY HAVE CONDONED OR PROMOTED PEDOPHILIA. IN SEPTEMBER 1994, ECOSOC SUSPENDED ILGA'S CONSULTATIVE STATUS BECAUSE ILGA COULD NOT PROVIDE CONVINCING ASSURANCE REGARDING THE AIMS OF ITS MEMBERS. THE DEPARTMENT WAS THEN ABLE TO MAKE THE REQUISITE CERTIFICATION FOR FY 1994 AND FY 1995. THE DEPARTMENT ALSO MADE THE REQUISITE CERTIFICATIONS FOR FY 1996, FY 1997, AND 1998 AFTER REVIEWS SIMILAR TO THE ONE OUTLINED IN PARAS 7-12 HAD BEEN CONDUCTED.

CERTIFICATION STRATEGY

6. (U) TO MEET THE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR FY 1999, DEPARTMENT AGAIN MUST DETERMINE THAT NO UN AGENCY OR UN-

AFFILIATED AGENCY GRANTS ANY OFFICIAL STATUS, ACCREDITATION, OR RECOGNITION TO ANY ORGANIZATION WHICH PROMOTES AND CONDONES, OR SEEKS THE LEGALIZATION OF PEDOPHILIA, OR WHICH INCLUDES AS A SUBSIDIARY OR MEMBER ANY SUCH ORGANIZATION.

7. (U) MISSION ACTION IS REQUESTED FOR THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS REVIEW, DEPARTMENT HAS COMPILED A LIST OF UN BODIES WHICH HAVE "ARRANGEMENTS" WITH NGOS. BESIDES ECOSOC, THERE ARE OTHER UN FUNDS AND PROGRAMS AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WHOSE AFFILIATED NGOS REQUIRE REVIEW:

-- NEW YORK: ECOSOC (INCLUDING THE ADDITIONAL NGOS ACCREDITED TO THE CSD), UNCDF, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNIFEM, DPI;

--GENEVA: UNCTAD, UNHCR, UNITAR, ILO, WHO, ITU, WIPO, UPU, WMO, UNRISD, UPOV;

--BONN: UNV;

--ROME:FAO, IFAD, WFP;

--VIENNA: UNDCP, UNIDO, INCB, IAEA;

--NAIROBI: UNEP, UNCHS;

--PARIS: UNESCO;

--LONDON: IMO;

--MADRID: WTO;

--TOKYO: UN UNIVERSITY;

--MONTREAL: ICAO;

-- SANTO DOMINGO: INSTRAW.

IN ADDITION, IF MISSIONS ARE AWARE OF ANY OTHER UN AGENCIES OR AFFILIATED AGENCIES HEADQUARTERED IN THEIR CITIES THAT

SHOULD BE REVIEWED, MISSIONS SHOULD CONDUCT A SIMILAR REVIEW FOR SUCH ORGANIZATIONS.

8. (U) IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT, DEPARTMENT REQUESTS MISSIONS TO: 1) OBTAIN A LIST OF ANY NGOS AFFILIATED WITH ORGANIZATIONS HEADQUARTERED IN EACH CITY (PER PARA 8); 2) REVIEW THE LIST TO DETERMINE WHETHER AN ORGANIZATION PROMOTES AND CONDONES, OR SEEKS THE LEGALIZATION OF PEDOPHILIA OR INCLUDES AS A SUBSIDIARY OR MEMBER ANY SUCH ORGANIZATION; AND 3) REPORT BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT THEIR FINDINGS. IF AN ORGANIZATION NO LONGER HAS NGOS AFFILIATED WITH IT, MISSIONS SHOULD SO INDICATE.

9. (U) MISSIONS SHOULD CAREFULLY REVIEW THE LISTS OF NGOS

AFFILIATED WITH EACH UN BODY. PRESUMABLY, MISSIONS ARE FAMILIAR WITH MOST GROUPS. NGOS WHICH ARE UNKNOWN TO MISSION PERSONNEL AND WHICH CANNOT OTHERWISE BE RULED OUT BY THEIR NAMES OR OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS MUST BE EXAMINED FURTHER. THIS WOULD INCLUDE REVIEWING BROCHURES, CONSTITUTIONS, PUBLICATIONS, AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE ORGANIZATION PROMOTES AND CONDONES PEDOPHILIA OR HAS SUBSIDIARIES OR MEMBERS WHICH DO. IF THE NGO IN QUESTION IS AN UMBRELLA GROUP, THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER ALSO MUST BE EXAMINED. MISSIONS MUST PRODUCE THESE LISTS AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OBTAINED IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS REVIEW FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S FILES AND EXPLAIN HOW THE REVIEW WAS CONDUCTED.

10. (U) DEPARTMENT WISHES TO EMPHASIZE THAT MISSIONS SHOULD CONDUCT A THOROUGH BUT REASONABLE REVIEW. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY INDICATION THAT ANY UN-AFFILIATED NGOS ARE PRO-PEDOPHILIA, THE PRESIDENT OR HIS DELEGATE WILL REPORT THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES IN THE FIELD (I.E. TO USG PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO EACH RELEVANT UN BODY), AND THAT PERM REPS OR THEIR DESIGNEES HAVE CONDUCTED A THOROUGH REVIEW AND RESPONDED TO THE DEPARTMENT ON THAT REVIEW. IN THE EVENT THAT THE REVIEW REVEALS PREJUDICIAL INFORMATION (E.G. THAT AN NGO SUPPORTS PEDOPHILIA), MISSIONS ARE INSTRUCTED TO NOTIFY DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE.

11. (U) MISSIONS SHOULD CABLE DEPARTMENT, SLUGGED FOR LO/ESA, BY JULY 2 WITH THE RESULTS OF THEIR REVIEW OF THE RELEVANT ORGANIZATIONS. MISSIONS SHOULD ALSO POUCH TO LO/ESA ROOM 5333 FOR DEPARTMENT'S RECORDS LISTS OF THE NGOS REVIEWED. IN THEIR CABLES, MISSIONS SHOULD COVER TO THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- IDENTIFY EACH UN BODY SEPARATELY PER PAPA 8 AND FOR EACH INDICATE THE NUMBER OF AFFILIATED NOOS.

-- IDENTIFY THE OFFICIAL(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING THE AFFILIATED NGOS AND DESCRIBE HOW THE REVIEW WAS CONDUCTED, PER PAPA 10. IN PARTICULAR, DETAIL THE STEPS THAT WERE TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO UNKNOWN NGOS OR SUSPECTED PRO-PEDOPHILIA NGOS.

-- PROVIDE A STATEMENT FOR EACH UN BODY FOR WHICH RESPONSIBLE AS TO WHETHER IT GRANTS ANY OFFICIAL STATUS, ACCREDITATION, OR RECOGNITION TO ANY ORGANIZATION WHICH PROMOTES AND CONDONES OR SEEKS THE LEGALIZATION OF PEDOPHILIA OR HAS SUBSIDIARIES OR MEMBERS THAT DO. IF THE UN BODY PROVIDES NO SUCH STATUS, ACCREDITATION OR RECOGNITION THEN THE RESPONSE CABLE M=RT INCLUDE THE SENTENCE: "(UN BODY) DOES NOT GRANT ANY OFFICIAL STATUS, ACCREDITATION, OR RECOGNITION TO ANY ORGANIZATION WHICH PROMOTES AND CONDONES OR SEEKS THE LEGALIZATION OF PEDOPHILIA OR HAS SUBSIDIARIES OR MEMBERS THAT DO."

-- PROVIDE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ABOUT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF STAFF TIME DEVOTED TO COMPLYING WITH THIS REQUEST.

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2. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCES WERE PREPARED ON 6/15/98
 AND WERE NOT USED BY SPOKESMAN JAMES P. RUBIN DURING THE
 DAILY PRESS BRIEFING. POSTS MAY DRAW FROM THESE GUIDANCES
 FOR USE ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

3. INDONESIA: EAST TIMOR

CONTEXTz! PRESIDENT HABIBIE HAS GIVEN AMNESTY OR DROPPED
 CHARGES AGAINST 15 POLITICAL PRISONERS, INCLUDING 12 EAST
 TIMORESE INDICTED FOR ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY. ON FRIDAY
 JUNE 12, AN ESTIMATED 1300 EAST TIMORESE STUDENTS
 DEMONSTRATED AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN JAKARTA.
 INDONESIAN SECURITY FORCES WITH BATONS WERE CALLED IN TO
 BREAK UP THE DEMONSTRATION. ANOTHER 1000 STUDENTS RALLIED
 AT A PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION AT THE EAST TIMOR UNIVERSITY IN
 DIII ON SATURDAY. THE STUDENTS ARE DEMANDING SELF
 DETERMINATION FOR THE TERRITORY, AND ARE CALLING FOR A
 REFERENDUM ON INDEPENDENCE.

Q: WHAT IS OUR REACTION TO THE RELEASE OF EAST TIMORESE
 PRISONERS AND ON PEACEFUL PROTESTS BY STUDENTS BEING
 ALLOWED?

A: THE ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERS THE ISSUE OF EAST TIMOR A
 HIGH PRIORITY.

WE WELCOME THE RECENT RELEASE OF TIMORESE PRISONERS AS A
 IMPORTANT CONFIDENCE BUILDING STEP. OTHER PRISONERS
 REMAIN. WE URGE THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA TO RELEASE ALL
 THOSE IMPRISONED FOR THE PEACEFUL EXPRESSION OF THEIR
 BELIEFS.

WE SUPPORT THE RIGHT OF THE INDONESIAN PEOPLE TO CONDUCT

PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS, CONTINUE TO URGE THAT INDONESIAN SECURITY FORCES EXERCISE MAXIMUM RESTRAINT IN FACING PROTESTORS, AND CALL ON ALL PARTIES TO AVOID VIOLENCE.

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AS INDONESIA PURSUES ITS DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION, WE BELIEVE THERE IS A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS ON ISSUES RELATING TO EAST TIMOR.

WE HAVE URGED ALL CONCERNED PARTIES TO SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY AND WORK TO ACHIEVE A JUST, PEACEFUL, AND LASTING RESOLUTION OF THESE ISSUES. WE WELCOME NEW PROPOSALS FOR RESOLVING THE SITUATION IN EAST TIMOR, BUT STRESS THAT TO BE SUCCESSFUL, A SOLUTION MUST BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTIES.

WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE UN-FACILITATED INITIATIVE, LED BY THE SECRETARY GENERALVS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE JAMSHEED MARKER, BETWEEN INDONESIA AND PORTUGAL TO REACH A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT.

(IF ASKED)

WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION AT THIS TIME ON A POSSIBLE RELEASE OF XANANA GUSMAO.

4. AUSTRALIA: QUEENSLAND ELECTION

CONTEXT: PAULINE HANSON'S RIGHT-WING ONE NATION PARTY STUNNED AUSTRALIA'S MAJOR PARTIES BY TAKING 23 PERCENT OF THE VOTE IN QUEENLAND'S JUNE 13 STATE ELECTION. BECAUSE OF THE COMPLICATED SYSTEM OF PREFERENTIAL VOTING, IT MAY BE A WEEK BEFORE THE DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS IN THE QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENT IS KNOWN. ONE NATION COULD GET UP TO TEN OF 89 SEATS, THE BEST SHOWING BY A MINOR PARTY IN AUSTRALIAN STATE ELECTIONS IN DECADES. MANY HAVE CHARACTERIZED ONE NATION'S POLITICAL VIEWS AS RACIST. IT OPPOSES IMMIGRATION AND HAS EXTREMELY ISOLATIONIST POSITIONS ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AND POLITICS.

Q: WHAT IS THE U.S. VIEW OF THE APPARENT ELECTION VICTORY BY PAULINE HANSON'S ONE NATION PARTY IN THE QUEENSLAND STATE ELECTIONS IN AUSTRALIA?

A: IN GENERAL, WE DO NOT COMMENT ON LOCAL ELECTI_ RESULTS.

IF ASKED

Q: SURELY YOU DO NOT ENDORSE PAULINE HANSON'S RACIST VIEWS, DO YOU?

A: AS A GENERAL PRINCIPLE, THE U.S. BELIEVES THAT INTOLERANCE HAS NO PLACE IN POLITICS ANYWHERE.

5. CHINA SATELLITES: MISSILE SANCTIONS LAW

CONTEXT: IN 1994, THE ADMINISTRATION DETERMINED THAT IT WOULD HANDLE THE IMPACT OF THE AUGUST 24, 1993 CATEGORY II MISSILE SANCTIONS ON CHINA DIFFERENTLY FOR SATELLITES LICENSED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT. AS NOTED ON THE ATTACHED ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT, COMMERCIAL SATELLITES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF COMMERCE WERE CONSIDERED NOT COVERED BY THE

MTCR SANCTIONS IMPOSED ON CHINESE ENTITIES. THIS ALLOWED EXPORT LICENSES FOR SATELLITES FROM THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT TO BE APPROVED. THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF PRESS ON THIS UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 06 STATE 108117

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STORY AT THE TIME OF THE INITIAL DECISION. THE SANCTIONS IN QUESTION WERE WAIVED IN NOVEMBER 1994 AFTER CHINA MADE A NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS, INCLUDING NOT TO EXPORT GROUND-TO-GROUND MTCR-CLASS MISSILES.

Q: DID THE ADMINISTRATION MAKE A DECISION TO PERMIT THE LICENSING OF SATELLITES TO CHINA CONTROLLED BY THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT WHILE CATEGORY II MISSILE SANCTIONS WERE IN EFFECT, BUT IT DID NOT MAKE A SIMILAR DECISION FOR STATE LICENSES?

A: THE ADMINISTRATION DETERMINED THAT COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITES LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE WERE NOT COVERED UNDER THE CATEGORY II SANCTIONS IMPOSED UNDER THE MISSILE SANCTIONS LAW.

COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITES LICENSED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT WERE DETERMINED TO BE COVERED BY THE MISSILE SANCTIONS LAW.

Q: WHY THE DIFFERENCE IN APPROACH?

A: THE APPROACH RECOGNIZES THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STATE AND COMMERCE LICENSING PRACTICES AND AUTHORITIES.

THE MISSILE PROLIFERATION SANCTIONS LAW PROVISION FOR CATEGORY II SANCTIONS REQUIRES THAT LICENSES BE DENIED FOR THE EXPORT OF ITEMS ON THE MISSILE TECHNOLOGY CONTROL REGIME ANNEX. SATELLITES ARE NOT ON THE MTCR LIST, BUT SATELLITES TYPICALLY CONTAIN ITEMS ON THE MTCR LIST. SOME SATELLITES ARE LICENSED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND SOME SATELLITES ARE LICENSED BY THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

UNDER STATE'S "SEE THROUGH" PRACTICES, LICENSES FOR SATELLITES ON STATE'S MUNITIONS LIST CONTAINING MTCR ANNEX

ITEM COMPONENTS ARE TREATED AS LICENSES FOR THE EXPORT OF THE MTCR COMPONENT. UNDER THE SANCTIONS LAW, THOSE LICENSES WERE REQUIRED TO BE DENIED)

UNDER COMMERCE'S PRACTICES, LICENSES FOR SATELLITES ON COMMERCE'S DUAL-USE LIST ARE NOT EVALUATED AS LICENSES TO EXPORT THEIR COMPONENTS. THOSE LICENSES WERE NOT AFFECTED BY THE SANCTIONS LAW.

OF COURSE, THE MISSILE PROLIFERATION SANCTIONS LAW PROVISION FOR CATEGORY ONE SANCTIONS REQUIRES BOTH STATE AND COMMERCE TO DENY LICENSES FOR SATELLITE EXPORTS.

6. UN ARREARS: HELMS URGES FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO LOBBY THE ADMINISTRATION

CONTEXT: ON JUNE 10 SENATOR HELMS' STAFF BRIEFED DCMS FROM 10 COUNTRIES TO BLAME THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE U.S. FAILURE TO ENACT A UN ARREARS PAYMENT PLAN. THIS WAS REPORTED IN TODAY'S NYT. THERE IS NOTHING NEW IN HELMS' CHARGE: HE IS SAYING THE PRESIDENT HAS REFUSED TO COMPROMISE ON "MEXICO CITY" AND IS THEREFORE WILLING TO STIFF THE UN IN ORDER TO PANDER TO "AN EXTREMIST MINORITY OF U.S. ABORTION ADVOCATES."

QUESTION:

WHAT DOES THE ADMINISTRATION THINK OF SENATOR HELMS' UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 06 STATE 108117

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INITIATIVE TO GET FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO LOBBY THE ADMINISTRATION TO SIGN THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS AUTHORIZATION BILL THAT HAS PASSED CONGRESS SO THAT THE U.S. CAN BEGIN PAYING UN ARREARS?

ANSWER:

THE ADMINISTRATION HAS HAD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH SENATOR HELMS AND HIS STAFF REGARDING THIS LEGQSLATION AS IT HAS MADE ITS WAY THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS. SENATOR HELMS AND HIS STAFF ARE OBVIOUSLY FREE TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

WE PURSUE A BROAD RANGE OF NATIONAL SECURITY, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND HUMANITARIAN INTERESTS THROUGH THE UN SYSTEM. WE MUST NOT ALLOW A STALEMATE ON INTERNATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING ISSUES TO UNDERMINE OUR LEADERSHIP IN THE UN.

THE ADMINISTRATION REMAINS UNALTERABLY OPPOSED TO THE LEGISLATION IN ITS CURRENT FORM; IT WILL BE VETOED IF SENT TO THE PRESIDENT.

REGARDING THE "MEXICO CITY" PROVISION IN THE BILL THAT WOULD FORCE A PRESIDENTIAL VETO:

DESPITE CLAIMS THAT THE PROVISION HAS BEEN WATERED DOWN BY ITS SUPPORTERS, THIS BILL WOULD PREVENT ORGANIZATIONS THAT RECEIVE U.S. FUNDING FROM ENGAGING IN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY, AND FROM ENGAGING IN LEGAL

ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD BE PROTECTED BY THE FIRST AMENDMENT IF CARRIED OUT IN THE U.S.

THE ADMINISTRATION IS SIMPLY NOT WILLING TO SIGN ON TO THIS ATTEMPT TO STIFLE DEMOCRATIC DEBATE IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

V. ASIA CRISIS AND SWEATSHOP LABOR

Q: WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO THE NYT ARTICLE STATING THAT SWEATSHOP LABOR IS MORE DIFFICULT TO COMBAT AS A RESULT OF THE ASIAN ECONOMIC CRISIS?

A: IN GOOD TIMES AND BAD THE U.S. IS COMMITTED TO THE APPLICATION OF HIGH LABOR STANDARDS AND THE OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED LABOR STANDARDS.

ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT COMMENT ON THE MANY ASSERTIONS AND PROPOSITIONS CONTAINED IN THE ARTICLE, WE CONTINUE TO URGE U.S. BUSINESSES TO CREATE, INSTITUTE AND MONITOR CODES OF CONDUCT THAT WILL PROTECT THEIR EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING CONTRACT EMPLOYEES, FROM ABUSIVE LABOR PRACTICES.

THE WHITE HOUSE'S " MODEL BUSINESS PRINCIPLES" OFFER AN OUTLINE OF THE AREAS, SUCH SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS, ETC., THAT COMPANIES SHOULD ADDRESS IN THEIR OWN CODES.

WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION TO ASSURE BETTER COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL CORE LABOR STANDARDS AND ESPECIALLY THE ELIMINATION OF THE MOST EXTREME FORMS OF CHILD LABOR. SECRETARY HERMAN HAS MADE THESE POINTS FORCEFULLY DURING HER ATTENDANCE AT THE CURRENT ILO CONFERENCE.

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WE RECOGNIZE THAT WORKERS NEEDS, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF THE LOWEST PAID, NEED ATTENTION DURING DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES. WE URGE ATTENTION TO SOCIAL AND LABOR ISSUES AS THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SEEK TO DEAL WITH THE ASIAN CRISIS.

8. JAPAN: MACROECONOMIC NEWS

CONTEXT: THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED LATE FRIDAY THAT THE ECONOMY HAD CONTRACTED BY 0.5 PERCENT IN FISCAL

YEAR 199V (APR 97 - MAR 98). THE YEN IS TRADING AT 145-146 TO THE DOLLAR, ITS WEAKEST SINCE AUGUST 1990. THE STOCK MARKET CONTINUED TO DECLINE: THE NIKKEI INDEX TODAY SANK TO 14,825, ITS LOWEST LEVEL SINCE JANUARY.

Q: WHAT IS OUR RESPONSE TO JAPAN ADMITTING IT IS IN RECESSION? WHAT IMPACT MIGHT THIS HAVE ON THE U.S.?

A: WE ARE CONCERNED WITH THIS WEEKEND'S REPORTS OF JAPAN'S SLOW ECONOMIC GROWTB.

JAPAN IS THE WORLD'S SECOND LARGEST ECONOMY, AND A DECLINE IN GROWTH THERE WILL AFFECT DEMAND FOR EXPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES.

9. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCES WERE PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY ON 6/15/98. POSTS MAY DRAW FROM THEM FOR USE ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

10. JAPAN: RECESSION

Q: ARE YOU CONCERNED THAT THE RECESSION IN JAPAN IS GENERATING INSTABILITY THROUGHOUT ASIA?

A: JAPAN HAS A CRITICAL ROLE TO PLAY IN HELPING TO RESTORE FINANCIAL STABILITY IN ASIA, BY STIMULATING DOMESTIC GROWTH, STRENGTHENING ITS FINANCIAL SYSTEM, DEREGULATING AND OPENING ITS MARKETS.

WEAKNESS IN JAPAN'S ECONOMY IS NOT HELPFUL FOR RESTORING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND STABILITY IN OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES.

POLICIES TO HELP RESTART JAPAN'S ECONOMIC GROWTH ARE ESSENTIAL TO REESTABLISHING THE CONFIDENCE THAT IS NEEDED. TOWARD THIS END, WE WELCOME THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN'S FISCAL STIMULUS PACKAGE AND URGE RAPID IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS COMPONENTS. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO QUICKLY RESOLVE THE BANKING SYSTEM'S BAD DEBT PROBLEM AND TO MOVE DECISIVELY ON DEREGULATION AND OPENING OF JAPAN'S MARKET.

BACKGROUND:

JAPAN'S WEEK GROWTH CUTS ITS DEMAND FOR IMPORTS FROM THE REST OF ASIA, A BLOW TO THOSE ECONOMIES. 1997 ASEAN EXPORTS TO JAPAN ACCOUNTED FOR AT LEAST 5 PERCENT AND AS MUCH AS 10 PERCENT OF THE ASEAN COUNTRIES' GDP; KOREA'S EXPORT TO JAPAN REPRESENT OVER 3 PERCENT OF ITS GDP. MOREOVER A WEAKER YEN MAKES JAPANESE PRODUCTS MORE COMPETITIVE AGAINST OTHER ASIAN SUPPLIERS, CONSTRAINING THEIR ABILITY TO SELLING IN THIRD MARKETS.

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DOMESTIC DEMAND. IF JAPAN WERE ON A STRONG ECONOMIC TRACK OF DOMESTIC, DEMAND-LED GROWTH, IT WOULD BE A LARGER MARKET

FOR ASIAN GOODS AND SERVICES, A SOURCE OF GREATER BANK CREDIT AND OTHER CAPITAL FLOWS AND A POTENTIAL SOURCE OF CONFIDENCE FOR THE REGION.

FINANCIAL STABILIZATION. FULLY RESTORING CONFIDENCE IN THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM REQUIRES: INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS (IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE INJECTION OF NEW CAPITAL), PROMPT DISCLOSURE OF INSOLVENT INSTITUTIONS, AND TRANSPARENT, TIMELY DISCLOSURE OF BANKING INFORMATION.

DEREGULATION AND MARKET OPENING. DEREGULATION AND MARKET OPENING GO HAND IN GLOVE WITH FISCAL STIMULUS.

11. ASIAN FINANCIAL CRISIS AND IMPACT ON OUR ECONOMY

Q: ARE YOU CONCERNED THAT THE CRISIS IN ASIA MAY BE DEEPENING?

A: OUR ECONOMY IS THE STRONGEST IN THE WORLD, BUT THE CRISIS IN ASIA DOES POSE A THREAT TO AMERICAN JOBS AND EXPORTS, AND WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC STABILITY. WE ZVE ALREADY SEEN EVIDENCE THAT WEAKNESSES IN ECONOMIES THERE ARE HAVING AN IMPACT HERE--CUTTING INTO OUR ABILITY TO EXPORT GOODS TO THE REGION AND INCREASING OUR TRADE DEFICIT.

TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR ECONOMY CONTINUES ON A PATH OF STEADY GROWTH, CONGRESS MUST STEP UP TO THE PLATE AND MAKE SURE THAT THE IMP IS STRONG ENOUGH TO RESPOND TO ANY BROADENING OF THE CURRENT CRISIS. WE SHOULD NOT TAKE RISKS WITH THE FUNDS THAT THE IMP NEEDS TO HELP STABILIZE THE WORLD ECONOMY. AND BECAUSE THE IMP FUNCTIONS LIKE AND INTERNATIONAL CREDIT UNION, PAYING OUR SHARE WON'T COST AMERICAN TAXPAYERS A DIME.

Q: WHY DO YOU NEED IMP FUNDING TO RESPOND TO THIS CRISIS?

A: THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMP) AND THE OTHER INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ARE WORKING TO RESTORE FINANCIAL CONFIDENCE AND STABILITY TO THE TROUBLED ECONOMIES OF ASIA.

EAST ASIA IS A MAJOR CUSTOMER FOR U.S. GOODS AND SERVICES; AND IF THEY CAN'T BUY, WE CAN'T SELL. IF ECONOMIES THERE DO NOT RECOVER, A CHAIN REACTION IS POSSIBLE THAT COULD UNDERMINE ECONOMIES AROUND THE WORLD, INCLUDING OUR OWN. EAST ASIA ICLUDES SOME OF OUR CLOSEST ALLIES AND FRIENDS, INCLUDING KOREA WHE DEPLOYED. IMP PROGRAMS REQUIRE THAT REIPIENT COUNTRIE)

UNDERTAKE REFORMS THAT REDUC THE CHANCE OF SIMILAR FINANCIAL CRISIS IN THE FTURE. FINALLY, BECAUSE THE IMF ACTS AS A SRT OF INTERNATIONAL CREDIT UNION, ITS PROGRAMS HAVE NOT COST OUR TAXPAYERS A NICKEL.
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17 Jun 98

TEXT:

[From the "Midday Television News" newscast]

[FBIS Translated Text]

[Anchor Alexandra Ciniglio] The Panamanian Government believes that the statements by Republican Senator Jesse Helms on Panama's alleged lack of good faith to create the Multilateral Counternarcotics Center will not affect our relations with the United States. Foreign Minister Ricardo Alberto Arias noted that Panama will continue to negotiate the creation of this organization as long as it does not imply a veiled prolongation of the US military bases:

[Begin Arias recording] Sen. Helms is a very influential senator in the United States. He is chairman of the [Senate] Foreign Relations Committee. But we must, I believe, superimpose [sobreponer] the statements by Sen. [Christopher] Dodd over those of Sen. Helms, because the former is the highest ranking Democrat in that committee. Sen. Dodd's statements are very different from those of Sen. Helms. He offered great support to the transition process and the Torrijos-Carter Treaties.

Thus, I do not think that Sen. Helms's statements reflect the position of the US Government or US society. They reflect, to an important degree I think, the position of Sen. Helms and of rightwing groups in the United States that have traditionally opposed turning over of the canal to Panama. [end recording]

[Ciniglio] Foreign Minister Ricardo Alberto Arias added that there is no possibility that the United States might delay turning over of the interoceanic canal to Panama that is scheduled to take place at noon on 31 December 1999.

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171730 -- minister replies to senator helms

SOURCE: Panama City Telemetro Television Network in Spanish 2300
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TEXT:

[From the "Telemetro Reports" Newscast; passages within
quotation marks recorded]

[FBIS Translated Excerpt]

[Anchor Lorena Escobar] Following recent statements by US Senator Jesse Helms related to the need for the United States to guarantee the presence of troops in Panama to guarantee the safety of the canal, Panamanian Foreign Minister Ricardo Alberto Arias pointed out that the senator's opinion in favor of extending US military presence in Panama is a position held by minority groups within the government of the United States. We have a complete report by Ariel Rosas.

[Rosas] Thank you, Lorena, indeed, the foreign minister pointed this out during a news conference summoned to announce the Panamanian Government's position. The foreign minister was emphatic when he said that Senator Jesse Helms' statements are his personal opinion which will in no way affect the transition of the Panama Canal, and much less the MCC [Multilateral Counternarcotics Center] negotiations. He added that these statements will not undermine relations between Panama and the United States, the MCC negotiations, or the turnover of the canal to Panama in 1999. Let us listen to reactions from officials from the Panamanian government. [Passage omitted covered in PA1706192698]

[Foreign Minister Arias] "Obviously, that is Senator Helms' personal opinion which in no way reflects the feeling of the US Government. Evidence of this lies in that the US Government has continued negotiating with Panama in an effort to create a multinational center to control drug trafficking. These negotiations have even led to several high level meetings between US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and myself. I believe the US Government respects these meetings because they are proof of Panama's determination to make the center a reality inasmuch as it is compatible with its interests."

Arias also described recent statements by Admiral Thomas Moore, former head of the US Navy, who asked the Senate to try to block the transition of the Panama Canal, as Moore's personal opinion.

[Arias] "Once more we are dealing with opinions that do not reflect the position of the US Government or the majority of US people. These are opinions held by groups who at one time strongly opposed the signing of the Torrijos-Carter Treaty, and the turnover of the canal to Panama. In addition, I am sure that as we draw closer to 31 December 1999, they will continue to voice their opposition more frequently. However, I do not believe these opinions will have any bearing on the reversion of the canal or the transition process itself."

Legislator Oyden Ortega, president of the Legislative Assembly's Foreign Relations Commission also downplayed Senator Helms' statements.

[Ortega] "I strongly reject this type of proposals which

clearly show that they are specifically aimed at goals not necessarily shared by Panama."

Parallel to reactions by Panamanian officials, Legislator Victor Mendez Fabrega charged that groups close to Senator Helms had contacted several local legislators to supposedly talk about issues related to the Panama Canal and the MCC.

[Mendez Fabrega] "Yes, [words indistinct] Legislators Mario Benedetti, Mario Quiel, Lenin Sucre, Daniel Arias. These legislators were invited by Legislator Benedetti to meet with officials from an organization called the National Security Center which has some information on the Panama Canal and the relations with the United States, information it wanted to share with us. At any rate, I can truly state that the legislators or myself did not make any statements. All we did was listen to what they had to say. It is our responsibility to listen to everyone, our fellow countrymen as well as any foreigner. Panamanians should be aware that when it comes to the Canal, we must all be united."

Another legislator who strongly criticized Senator Helm was Elias Castillo of the Democratic Revolutionary Party (PRD). He stated that Helms only seeks to have a military base in Panama after the year 2000.

[Castillo] "Look, these are just overtures and pressures being applied by Senator Jesse Helms to ensure the presence of US military bases in Panama. This country has proven its determination. The government of President Ernesto Perez Balladares has been clear with regard to cooperating in controlling drug trafficking, carrying out operations, and approving legislations on money laundering and bank secrecy. Panama has expressed its willingness to cooperate in all these issues. In addition, it has also shown its interest to negotiate an anti-drug center. However, what Jesse Helms is promoting is simply the perpetuation of military bases in Panama. He should be more respectful. They speak about democracy, and promoting democracy. Then, why do they insist on blocking and disrespecting democracy in Latin America, especially in Panama which has been their permanent partner in the operation of a canal? A bilateral treaty has already been negotiated, signed and ratified by the US Senate, and Congress, and by the Panamanian people. Therefore, the treaty must be respected, fully honored with the timetable that has already been stipulated and which clearly sets 12 o'clock noon on 31 December 1999 as the turnover date."

President Ernesto Perez Balladares, who is visiting the province of Colon, also referred to the statements made by Senator Jesse Helms. He also spoke about other issues in general. Let us listen to what the president said:

[Perez Balladares] "Mr. Helms has traditionally been very critical about anything that has to do with Panama, not just related to my administration, but anything that has to do with Panama. I understand that he has his anti-Panama stance to uphold, and that he has his own interests to safeguard. I have nothing else to comment about his statements." [passage omitted]

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SOURCE: Panama City El Panama America in Spanish 17 Jun 98 p 1a
TEXT:

[From the "Panama's Pulse" column]

[FBIS Translated Text]

MCC [Multilateral Counternarcotics Center] [subhead].
Yesterday's hearing at the US Senate's Foreign Relations
Committee, which is chaired by influential Senator Jesse Helms, on
the issues of Panama and the Panama Canal after 1999 heard the
opinions of several experts and knowledgeable individuals. In the
end, they summarized and forwarded their conclusions to the
Executive Branch: A US presence must be guaranteed.

Concerns [subhead]. They discussed the danger of China
controlling the strategic waterway and the growing threat of drug
trafficking. Ironically, Helms echoed President Ernesto
Balladares' words: "No agreement is better than a bad one." The
senator took the opportunity to accuse the Panamanian president of
negotiating in bad faith when he withdrew what had already been
agreed.

Pause [subhead] They also concluded that the multilateral
aspect of the MCC is not functional. If we correlate what
happened in the Senate with US Secretary of State Madeleine
Albright's recent statements, we get a hint of changing US
strategy, as reflected in a flexible period for negotiations and a
pause to see what happens with the reelection issue.

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SOURCE: Panama City El Universal de Panama in Spanish 21 Jun 98
TEXT:

[Report by Javier Collins]

[FBIS Translated Text]

Opposition and progovernment politicians accused the US commission that held a meeting this week in Panama City of meddling. The commission concluded that this country has acted with negligence in granting the concessions to run the Balboa and Cristobal Ports to the Hutchinson company.

Elias Castillo, legislator for the Democratic Revolutionary Party (PRD) said the Commission for the National Security Center was a group sent to Panama by US Senator Jesse Helms.

Castillo stated that this senator wants to create confusion in Panama for the sake of ensuring the permanence of US bases beyond the year 2000.

He maintained that transnational company Hutchinson, which has administered ports in the United States, won the concession in a pristine process.

"What happens is that since Hutchinson is not a US company, some sectors are questioning the concessions If it had been a US company [that received the concession] under the same conditions and guidelines, then everything would have been crystal clear," he added.

Former Arnulfist Health Minister Guillermo Rolla Pimentel called it an act of meddling in internal affairs, but affirmed that the pressures are the result of the government's subservient attitude toward the United States.

"It is an act of disrespect and meddling in Panama's internal affairs on the part of the nongovernmental organization [NGO] and Sen. Helms," Rolla Pimentel stated.

He explained the US government feels entitled to make demands of Panama because this government has been too complacent, servile, and dependent on US authorities.

Progovernment and opposition political groups rejected the commission that wrapped up five days of investigation in Panama by concluding that the country has been negligent in handing the Balboa and Cristobal Ports over to Communist China through the Hutchinson company.

Richard Delgaudio, chief of this US NGO, said the contract with the Hutchinson is an open violation of the Torrijos-Carter Treaties and constitutes an open and direct threat to the Panama Canal.

He said the contract with Hutchinson does not benefit Panamanians or the country at all, but does benefit the transnational company and the communist government of China.

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panama

1. panama city el panama america

2. 20 jun: the national police admitted that there are groups of displaced colombian nationals in darien province. (p a2, 250, text)

editorial says that remarks by jesse helms and other us officials clearly show that although panama wants an mcc, the united states is pushing for keeping its military bases too. (p a10, 500, text)

1. 21 jun: no selections

2. 22 jun: legislator oyden ortega states that the united states can do nothing to 'overturn' panama canal treaties. (400, text)

3. panama city la prensa

4. 20 jun: foreign minister arias said that panama is not going to change its position regarding the mcc before or after 30 august, when referendum is scheduled to be held. (p 3a, 300, text)

5. 21 jun: ruling party official says 'no loophole' to be used to turn mcc into a military base. (p 3a, 155, text)

ruling party to award prizes to promote voters turnout at reelection referendum. (p 4a, 375, text)

1. 22 jun: report on the results of a recent dicther and neyra intended to measure support or opposition for the reelection referendum issue. (p.a1, 650, text)

attorney for pedro miguel gonzalez says that us senator jesse helms seeks to use the zak hernandez case to promote the political interests of shady groups in the united states. (p.2a, 400, text)

article by roberto einsemmann who contends that the time is ripe for panama to start thinking about what to do with the 1,600 hectares of land at the howard air force base. (p.58a, 500, text)

1. panama city el universal de panama

2. 21 jun: political leaders say u.s. commission 'meddling' into panama's internal affairs. (p a-1, 320, text)

venezuela (internet versions)

1. caracas el nacional

2. 22 jun: no selections

3. caracas el universal

4. 22 jun: no selections

5. venezuela online news www in english

6. 19 jun: presidential candidate hugo chavez not to
privatize aluminum enterprise if elected. (255, text)

government's oil sector officials deny report on charges
against saudi arabia. (235, text)

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4. pa1706192698 panama city circuito rpc television
spanish 171730 -- minister replies to senator helms

TEXT:

[FBIS Report]

An editorial entitled "MCC [Multilateral Counternarcotics Center] or Military Base?" says that the declarations of Senator Jesse Helms and some US State Department analysts leave no doubt that some US political circles are "seeking to perpetuate a number of US military bases within the concept of extraterritorial security." "This view coincides with Pentagon analyst James Zachrison's view in his report 'Colombia in Peril.'" According to the editorial, the 18 June edition of Colombia's "Cambio 16" magazine reports Zachrison "considers the hypothesis of sending troops into Colombia if the guerrilla fronts defeat the government." "Argentine daily newspaper El Clarion says that Southern Command General Charles Wilhem has proposed the possibility of sending troops to Colombia from the nearest US base in Panama." The editorial adds, "There is also a dissimilarity regarding Panama's position on the MCC." "Will the Perez Balladares administration maintain its position that the MCC should be strictly a multilateral operation after the referendum?"

"On the multilateral standpoint some people discard Mexico's support for the MCC as a reaction against Operation Casablanca. And the situation in Colombia encourages resentment here and there if we consider the lack of governability in the Darien border. This is why the Latin American context weakens the possibility of an agreement on counternarcotics cooperation controlled by US military forces. However, we should not be pessimistic regarding relations between the United States and Panama if the MCC is not approved. Cooperation in the war on drugs could be proposed on other grounds." (Panama City El Panama America (Internet version) in Spanish 20 June 98)

A Lorenzo Abreo report says that Pedro Miguel Gonzalez's defense attorney Carlos Carrillo said yesterday that "Republican Senator Jesse Helms is using the Pedro Miguel Gonzalez case as a shady instrument to advance the political interests of some US sectors." Carrillo's comments follow Jesse Helms statement during Congress Foreign Relations Committee hearings on the future of the Panama Canal that "the justice for Zak Hernandez remains an unpaid debt which the United States will never forgive nor forget." La Prensa was unable to get PRD [Democratic Revolutionary Party] President Gerardo Gonzalez's reaction to Helms' statements, but his wife said "he took them as Father's Day gifts." Carrillo said Helms' threats were "unfortunate and distressing" because "the United States is making an institutionalized threat against Hernandez, therefore, we are going to make this situation known to

the Organization of American States (OAS)." "Currently Pedro Miguel Gonzalez is running for deputy for the PRD." (Panama City La Prensa in Spanish 22 Jun 98 p A2)

A Carlos Anel Cordero report says that "PRD legislator Oyden Ortega says that despite the opposition of some US sectors, the United States cannot 'turn back' on the Panama Canal transition process." Ortega said that Senator Jesse Helms's proposal and comments "must not be interpreted as the US Government's official position, but as the personal views of one individual." "In a meeting during which the possibility of delaying the reversion of the Panama Canal to Panama was discussed, Helms said that Panama has acted in 'bad faith' regarding the creation of the MCC." "Ortega emphasized that Helms' comments and criticism in recent days are nothing new in regard to his behavior toward Panama. Ortega recognizes that Helms has influence in the US Government, but not enough influence to stop the transition process. Ortega explained that if Helms had been able to do so, he would have already stopped the transition process because he has always opposed Panama's gaining control over the Panama Canal." (Panama City El Panama America in Spanish 22 Jun 98 p A6)

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panama

1. panama city el panama america

2. 23 jun: report by henry raymont from washington on the mcc issue uniting politicians in the united states, and senator jesse helms' decision to support the initiative. (pa6, 600, text)

3. panama city la prensa

4. 23 jun: no selections

venezuela (internet versions)

1. caracas el nacional

2. 23 jun: president caldera orders negotiations for an investment treaty with the united states, and stresses the need to reformulate the objectives of a treaty with the united states. (1,000, excerpt)

3. caracas el universal

4. 23 jun: report on the military exercises taking place between the brazilian and venezuelan navies. (300, text)

5. venezuela online news www

6. 22 jun: national election council announces state governor, and parliamentary elections scheduled for 8 november. (100, text)

oil minister erwin arrieta to meet norwegian counterpart prior to opec's meeting in vienna scheduled for 24 june. (200, text)

report on oil minister erwin arrieta reacting to the decline of venezuelan crude oil and refined products. (100, text)

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1. EDITORIAL IN LARGEST CIRCULATION MEXICO CITY DAILY, EL UNIVERSAL (6/24), ENTITLED "A TRUSTWORTHY AMBASSADOR NEEDED" STATES: "ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE JEFFREY DAVIDOW PROVIDED WRITTEN ANSWERS TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AS PART OF THE APPROVAL PROCESS AS AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO.... DAVIDOW IS KNOWN AS AN EXPERT ON LATIN AMERICAN ISSUES. IN ADDITION HE IS A DISCRETE AND EFFICIENT CAREER DIPLOMAT WHO IS FAR FROM THE ELLIOTT ABRAMS TYPE OF POLITICAL ACTIVISM.... IF DAVIDOW'S NOMINATION PASSES HE WILL FILL THE VACUUM LEFT BY JAMES JONES, WHO DID A FINE JOB IN MEXICO.... DAVIDOW'S ARRIVAL IN MEXICO WOULD MEAN A RETURN TO THE TRADITION OF

PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMATS....

IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP HAS DETERIORATED. IT IS URGENT, THEREFORE, (THAT WE HAVE) A DIPLOMAT WITH EXPERTISE IN NEGOTIATIONS SO THAT THE CHILLY ENVIRONMENT IN THE RELATIONSHIP FOLLOWING OPERATION CASABLANCA CAN BE OVERCOME. DAVIDOW HAS SAID HE HAS "ALWAYS BELIEVED IN BOLIVAR'S DREAM, AND IF I AM NOT MISTAKEN WE ARE EVERYDAY CLOSER TO ITS REALIZATION.' HOPEFULLY THIS WILL BE REALIZED, BUT FROM A LATIN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE SO THAT CURRENT PROBLEMS CAN BE RESOLVED AND A HEALTHIER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. ESTABLISHED....

IT IS EASY TO SEE HOW MUCH WORK DAVIDOW HAS AHEAD OF HIM IF HE IS GOING TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS.... IT WILL NOT BE ENOUGH TO COME WITH AN UNDERSTANDING SPIRIT AND WILLINGNESS TO BOOST AN ALMOST NON-EXISTENT RECIPROCITY. HE WILL HAVE TO WORK HARD IN HIS OWN COUNTRY TO MAKE PEOPLE LIKE JESSE HELMS UNDERSTAND HOW WRONG IT IS TO UNDERMINE THE U.S.-MEXICO RELATIONSHIP.... THIS SHOULD BE VERY CLEAR TO DAVIDOW.''

2. EDITORIAL IN LEFT-OF-CENTER DAILY, LA JORNADA (6/24), ENTITLED "DAVIDOW, THE CHALLENGE OF CONCILIATION" STATES: "DAVIDOW'S IMMINENT APPROVAL AS AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO COMES AT A TIME OF TENSION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. JUST THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY THE U.S. CONGRESS - IN A MOVE CONTRARY TO INTERNATIONAL LAW AND BILATERAL AGREEMENTS - LEGITIMIZED OPERATION CASABLANCA AND REJECTED THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTRADITING THE U.S. AGENTS WHO CARRIED OUT COVERT ACTIVITIES IN MEXICO IN VIOLATION OF MEXICAN LAWS.... BESIDES THESE FRICTIONS, THERE ARE THE TRADITIONAL CONTROVERSIES IN THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP - DRUGS, FREE TRADE, MIGRATION, THE RESPECT FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF MEXICANS LIVING IN THE U.S. OBVIOUSLY, THE U.S. AMBASSADOR WILL FACE A TOUGH JOB....

DAVIDOW COULD ARRIVE HERE EITHER WITH THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP THROUGH CONCILIATION AND MUTUAL RESPECT... OR HE COULD SPEARHEAD AN UNACCEPTABLE U.S. EFFORT TO PRESSURE MEXICO AND TO INTERVENE IN MEXICAN AFFAIRS. IN EITHER CASE, THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD ACT WITH FIRMNESS IN DEFENSE OF MEXICO'S SOVEREIGNTY AND LAWS. THUS FAR, IN THE FACE OF EVENTS LIKE OPERATION CASABLANCA AND THE CONTINUOUS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF MEXICANS IMMIGRATING TO THE U.S., THE MEXICAN SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS NOT RESPONDED EFFICIENTLY AND THE DANGER OF NEW VIOLATIONS AND INTERVENTIONIST PRACTICES BY THE U.S. CONTINUES TO BE PRESENT.

3. EDITORIAL IN LARGEST CIRCULATION MEXICO CITY DAILY, EL UNIVERSAL (6/25), TITLED "FOOLISH TO INSIST ON HEGEMONIC POSTURES" STATES THAT "MEXICAN SECRETARY

OF FOREIGN AFF
AIRS ROSARIO GREEN REITERATED IN HAVANA
THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT'S POSITION REGARDING OPERATION
CASABLANCA AND THE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION
AGAINST EXTRADITION OF THE U.S. AGENTS WHO
PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATION.... FOR A NUMBER OF
U.S. LEGISLATORS MEXICO'S DEFENSE OF NATIONALISTIC
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PRINCIPLES COULD SEEM ARCHAIC OR CHAUVINISTIC, BUT IN
REAL TERMS IT IS A POSITION BASED ON PRINCIPLES WHICH
FOR DECADES MADE MEXICAN DIPLOMACY A BEACON OF
CIVILIZATION AND VISION. THIS POSITION IS NOT
SHARED, OF COURSE, BY THOSE WITH HEGEMONIC AMBITIONS
BUT IT IS THE ONLY EFFECTIVE POSITION FOR A WEAK
NATION.

IT SHOULD BE CLEAR TO U.S. AUTHORITIES THAT BY
REQUESTING THE EXTRADITION OF THE U.S. AGENTS WHO
PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION CASABLANCA MEXICO IS DOING
NO MORE THAN EXERCISING ITS SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO
STRENGTHEN ITS RESPONSIBILITY IN FIGHTING DRUG
TRAFFICKING. IT IS WORTH CALLING ON THE US
GOVERNMENT'S DIPLOMATIC TACT TO PREVENT IT FROM
FALLING INTO THE PERVERSE AND PREJUDICIAL GAME OF
SOME U.S. LEGISLATORS. PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS IN HIS
HANDS THE ABILITY TO PREVENT A DIPLOMATIC CRISIS WITH
MEXICO BY UNDERSTANDING THE POSITION OF THE MEXICAN
AUTHORITIES, BASED ON THE 1978 EXTRADITION TREATY AND
STATED BY MINISTER GREEN.

4. EDITORIAL IN TRADITIONALLY PROSRI DAILY,
EXCELSIOR (6/25), ENTITLED "TENSE RELATIONSHIP WITH
THE U.S.," STATES: TENSION IN THE BILATERAL
RELATIONSHIP HAS BEGUN TO CONCERN SEVERAL GROUPS IN
MEXICO.... THE PERMANENT COMMISSION OF THE MEXICAN
CONGRESS (AN AD-HOC COMMISSION FORMED WHEN CONGRESS
IS IN RECESS) EXPRESSED YESTERDAY ITS STRONGEST
DISAGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION
REGARDING OPERATION CASABLANCA AND U.S. COVERT
OPERATIONS ABROAD.... OPERATION CASABLANCA WAS A
PREMEDITATED INSULT. IT IS NOT REASONABLE FOR THE US
TO BE SO CONCERNED OVER MONEY LAUNDERING IN MEXICO
WHEN 56 MILLION DOLLARS ARE LAUNDERED ANNUALLY IN THE
U.S., ACCORDING TO WHITE HOUSE FIGURES. WILLIAMS,
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2. 30 jun: democratic revolutionary party legislator regrets fellow party members 'do not feel' goodness of reelection 'at heart.' (p a-10, 100, text)
3. panama city la prensa
4. 30 jun: no selections
5. panama city la estrella de panama
6. 30 jun: pro-democracy front to hold march against presidential reelection. (p a4, 750, text)
7. panama city el universal de panama
8. 30 jun: negotiator jorge ritter says 4 july not a 'fatal deadline' for negotiations on multilateral counternarcotics center, mcc. (p a-3, 200, text)

venezuela (internet versions)

1. caracas el nacional
2. 30 jun: no selections
3. caracas el universal
4. 30 jun: federation of oil workers rules general strike in petrochemical sector. (300, text)
5. venezuela online news www in english
6. 30 jun: central bank president says use of exchange rate bands to continue. (350, text)

oil workers to go on strike in support of petrochemical workers. (260, text)

energy and mines ministry confirms venezuela, saudi arabia, and mexico to expand group parallel to opec. (150, text)

1. vheadline/venew.www in english
 2. 30 jun: president rafael caldera rules out devaluation to overcome fiscal deficit. (250, text)
- military intelligence to investigate presidential hopeful hugo chavez's alleged call for arms; chavez rejects report. (300, text)
- deselections
- panama

1. panama city el panama america
2. 23 jun: mcc unites u.s. politicians, receives u.s. senator jesse helms' support. (p a6, 600, merit)
3. 24 jun: united states reportedly 'not' to renew mcc talks with panama. (p a2, 500, merit)

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TEXT:

[FBIS Translated Text]

The attitude of the US Congress, which will not allow international inspection of the chemical industry, threatens the success of one of the most important initiatives for world peace. That warning has been sounded by Ambassador Jose Mauricio Bustani, general director of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), who considers the decision imposed by Republican senators to be an unacceptable violation of the convention aimed at eradicating the specter of chemical warfare.

"As soon as one country does that, others will also feel entitled not to accept our inspections, and that may completely destroy the entire convention," he said.

The US stalemate with the OPCW was created as a result of the convention's principal control mechanism: inspection on the basis of a challenge, which allows the organization to send technical teams to any signatory country (of which there are 111) that is the target of a complaint. Although the US Government acceded to the convention, Congress has barred that provision based on Senator Jesse Helms' argument that inspection would facilitate access by foreigners to vital information about the US chemical industry.

"That is nonsense because we have an extremely strict policy of confidentiality. Employees do not have access to others' units. The only who does is me," Bustani guarantees.

Overcoming that stalemate is one of Bustani's many challenges.

Born in Rondonia 53 years ago, he is currently a key figure in disarmament. As general director of the OPCW, a post to which he was elected last year, he guards secrets involving millions of dollars regarding the chemical industry worldwide. Among the other missions facing him is the task of heading up the destruction of chemical weapon inventories until 2007 and that of mediating between historical rivals such as Israel and Libya, South Korea and North Korea, and China and Japan.

There is a strong argument for removing the obstacle: Bustani will say that unlike the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which does not compel its signatories to eliminate their arsenals, the convention on chemical weapons does. The US Congress also will not allow foreign laboratories to analyze samples of chemical agents collected in US territory.

Bustani is representing Brazil in an unprecedented task. The OPCW is the first international organization in the field of disarmament to be dedicated to the extinction of a weapon of mass destruction. Its "rich cousin," the atomic agency, was established to promote nuclear energy, and only later did it develop a system of controls. Other goals of the organization are to prevent new chemical weapons from being produced--by inspecting chemical companies around the world--and to promote the peaceful use of the chemical industry.

The diplomat claims that there is no other convention in the field of armaments that includes the United States, Russia, China, and Pakistan, countries which normally resist agreements in that field. Despite the problems, Bustani assesses the convention's first year favorably, pointing out that the 111 member countries constitute a record number.

But he does not conceal the fact that a strong argument had to appear before the international community would accept the need to eliminate the scourge in question:

"What hastened the decision was the Gulf War. Iraq's threat to use chemical weapons against its neighbors struck home."

Even if it destroys the chemical arsenals, the OPCW will not consider its mission complete. By promoting controls on the international chemical industry, Bustani is gambling on an indirect means of stopping the diversion of chemical agents to terrorist groups.

"Our action is indirect. Control of terrorism will occur when the convention compels the member countries to create national legislation governing chemicals. Once that huge network has been created, it will be difficult for a terrorist to do anything."

He claims that generally speaking, the chemical industry has tried to cooperate:

"Businessmen realized what the convention was. They knew they would be inspected regularly as a way of legitimizing the convention. It is not something for them to take offense at."

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[From "Panama's Pulse" column]

[FBIS Translated Text]

MCC [Multilateral Counternarcotics Center] [subhead]

US Ambassador to Panama William Hughes is already in Washington where he was summoned for consultations by the cabinet of President Clinton that is discussing whether it is advisable or not to put an end to the negotiations the government has maintained for two years with Panama to establish the MCC.

Resurrection [subhead]

After Secretary of State Madeleine Albright apparently decided to recommend to Clinton not to continue with the negotiations, and [Senator] Jesse Helms reacted by saying that the powerful Senate Foreign Relations Committee would force the Executive to negotiate the extension of US bases in Panama, strings are moving to save the process.

Change [subhead]

The failure of the negotiations seems to have cost US Ambassador Hughes his job. He is reportedly going to be replaced by Simon Ferro, a wealthy lawyer and businessmen of Cuban origin, who is credited for turning the traditionally Republican vote in Florida in favor of Clinton and as the promoter of the 1994 Inter-American Summit in Miami.

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UNDER THE HEADING QUOTE VACANT EMBASSIES, UNQUOTE
CENTER-RIGHT 0 ESTADO DE S. PAULO'S POLITICAL COLUMNIST
ANTONIO CARLOS PEREIRA SAYS (JULY 9) THAT QUOTE
PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON DOES NOT DO WELL WHEN NOMINATING
AMBASSADORS TO THE MOST IMPORTANT LATAM NATIONS
UNQUOTE.

1. QUOTE AMBASSADOR MELVYN LEVITSKY, WHO HAS PERFORMED
A LONG AND SUCCESSFUL MISSION IN BRASILIA, WILL SOON
RETURN TO THE U.S. WITHOUT BEING EFFECTIVELY
REPLACED... THIS WILL HAPPEN BECAUSE AFTER WAITING FOR
MORE THAN ONE YEAR FOR HIS NOMINATION, THE DESIGNATED
AMBASSADOR, LAWYER H. LEE GODFREY, TOLD THE WH HE HAD
GIVEN UP THE NOMINATION. IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT GODFREY
WOULD OBTAIN THE POST LESS FOR HIS PERSONAL
QUALIFICATIONS THAN AS A REWARD FOR HIS GOOD SERVICES
TO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND CLINTON'S REELECTION
CAMPAIGN...

2. QUOTE WITH GODFREY STEPPING DOWN, THE AMERICAN
EMBASSY IN BRASILIA WILL REMAIN WITHOUT ITS AMBASSADOR

UNTIL AT LEAST NEXT YEAR. THERE WILL BE AT LEAST SIX MONTHS IN THE INTERIM, WITH THE GAP FILLED BY A COMPETENT BUT ACTING OFFICER.

3. QUOTE ONE MAY SAY THAT THE POLITICAL RELATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND BRASILIA ARE PASSING THROUGH THEIR MOST FAVORABLE PERIOD... THE MORE SUBSTANTIVE PART OF THE RELATIONSHIP CAN BE CONDUCTED AT THE PRESIDENTIAL LEVEL WITHOUT THE MEDIATION OF THE RESPECTIVE AMBASSADORS. BUT TO LEAVE AN EMBASSY VACANT IS NEVER AN EVIDENCE OF PRESTIGE FOR THE VACAT CAPITAL.

4. QUOTE THE DIPLOMATIC NEGLECT MAY BECOME OUTRAGEOUS WHEN, AS A COINCIDENCE OR NOT, A PATTERN IS ESTABLISHED: LATAM'S THREE MAJOR CAPITALS HAVE EXPERIENCED THE SAME PROBLEM. THE DESIGNATED AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO, FORMER MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNOR WILLIAM WELD, HAD TO RETRACT HIS NOMINATION WHEN IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT HE WOULD NOT OVERCOME THE OBSTACLES RAISED BY SENATOR JESSE HELMS AGAINST HIS DESIGNATION... THE RESULT WAS THAT THE U.S. PARTNER IN NAFTA REMAINED WITHOUT AN AMBASSADOR UNTIL LAST WEEK...

5. QUOTE THE SITUATION IS MORE COMPELLING IN ARGENTINA. DESPITE THE 'CARNAL RELATIONS' WHICH THE MENEM ADMINISTRATION BOASTS OF MAINTAINING WITH THE U.S., BUENOS AIRES HAS BEEN WITHOUT A U.S. AMBASSADOR SINCE 1996. AND NOTHING INDICATES THAT THE POST WILL BE OCCUPIED SOON. SENIO"&ADVISOR FOR LATAM AT THE NSC JAMES DOBBINS, WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE THE AMBASSADOR, RAISED SENATOR HMS' ANTIPATHY WHEN HE CARRIED OUT THE DELICATE FUNCTIONS OF SPECIAL ENVOY TO HAITI. AND WHAT HELMS WANTS HELMS GETS AT THE SENATE'S POWERFUL FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

6. QUOTE THE PROBLEM IS THAT SUCH UNFORTUNATE NOMINATIONS AS A WHOLE END UP REVEALING THE LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE THE CURRENT U.S. ADMINISTRATION DEVOTES TO THE THREE LARGEST NATIONS IN LATAM UNQUOTE.
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[FBIS Report]
Santo Domingo El Siglo (Internet version) in Spanish on 10
July reports:

Editorial -- Opening the Locks to a Reelection

It is expected that the Panama Canal will be returned by the United States to the Panamanian government on 31 December 1999 at noon. This is foreseen in the Torrijos-Carter treaty of 1977. The canal is a marvelous engineering work that unites the Pacific Ocean with the Caribbean. For its builders it was a curse. The first company to begin construction was unable to finish the work. The French failed and the Northamericans finished the work. Now there is concern in Panama over the future of the administration of the canal. Senator Jesse Helms says that American bases should remain in Panama until the next millennium. The most concerning suggestion has been that of Admiral Thomas Moorer to the U.S. Senate, "to stop the process of handing over the canal because it will affect American security." He feels the U.S.'s ability to defend itself is at it's lowest level ever and not to have bases in Panama is an "unpardonable error." So, President Clinton will soon have a new problem. The problem of the canal will be added to the problems of Lewinsky and Taiwan. At the same time, President Balladares is working on a referendum that will permit his reelection. Will the locks of the canal open or close for Panama?

Against Strong Opposition, Deputies Approve Amnesty Legislation

The Chamber of Deputies approved on its second reading a proposed law that would grant amnesty to those accused of crimes in the governments from 1978 until the date of its enactment. The pardon, which would cover the first two years of the current administration, was approved by 55 of the 79 deputies. The session had to be adjourned as those in the opposition to the legislation loudly voiced their protest.

Santo Domingo Listin Diario (Internet Version) in Spanish on 10 July reports:

OPI-RD Says Capitalization Process is Proceeding Well.

The Investment Promotion Office (OPI-RD) is confident that the continuing march towards privatization has attracted foreign investment. The director of the OPI-RD announced that in the energy sector, 19 proposals have been received from firms of global distinction, while another ten are interested in participating with Dominican mills. The benefits of investing in the Dominican Republic have been presented in Taiwan, Spain, Great Britain, Italy, the United States, and in different Latin American countries.

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[Article by Vilma E. Figueroa B.]

[FBIS Translated Excerpt]

Jorge Ritter, Panamanian canal affairs minister and negotiator for the installation of the Multilateral Counternarcotics Center (MCC) in Panama, said yesterday there is no relationship between the possibility of reaching an agreement with the United States and the referendum scheduled for 30 August 1998.

He made this statement after opposition groups pointed out that a final decision regarding the MCC was already made, but will not be made public until after 30 August.

Ritter denied that there is already a final MCC document, and he reaffirmed there is no intention to link this issue with the holding or results of the referendum.

As for the reply that is expected from the United States to a document presented by Panama more than a month ago, the Panamanian minister stated that no answer has yet been received.

"I have received no official communication or any reaction to the document we presented to the United States," he added.

The negotiator said he knows nothing about the presence in Panama of a US envoy, who is, according to the local media, in Panamanian territory to meet with Panamanian representatives to discuss the MCC.

Panama is currently waiting for a reply from the United States to a document regarding the MCC presented to that country more than a month ago.

The United States and Panama are discussing the possibility of installing a counternarcotics center on Panamanian territory from which to carry out operations to fight drug trafficking in the region. [passage omitted on EFE report quoting US Drug Czar McCaffrey and Senator Jesse Helms on MCC]

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