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003. cable	re: Ambassador Meets MOFTEC Minister Shi Guangsheng. (5 pages)	01/18/2000	P1/b(1)
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"We must insist on certain aspects because our presence there, while we upheld our belief that the blockade is an act of genocide, coincided with the moment in which the Ashcroft Amendment was being debated in US Congressional circles.

"On 4 August [words indistinct] basically established that as soon as the law went into effect, all food and medicine sanctions currently in effect had to be suspended. The United States has a serious problem. US farmers do not understand that amid the drought, the international economic crisis, which is adversely affecting markets, on top of that their government maintains sanctions against 75 countries. We can say that 52 percent of the world's population is subjected to US unilateral sanctions that use food and medicines as sanctions. Cuba is the most famous example.

"The amendment is submitted for its approval. The amendment is examined in the Senate. Senator Helms, close ally of the Miami-based mafia, moved in to prevent the amendment from being considered. Senator Helms is a powerful senator in the US Senate because of his responsibilities in the International Relations Committee. His motion was defeated 70 to 28 votes. It happened before our arrival. Finally, these small yet powerful groups that insist on the blockade on Cuba managed to establish that for at least certain countries, including Cuba, government licenses would be granted for a year. At least the principle to sell food and medicines was approved. The amendment was unanimously approved as part of a Senate law. After this, a conference committee was created which began working on 21 September. The conference committee is a method used by the US Congress when there is a law approved in the Senate with a text that differs from the one approved in the House. A group of representatives and senators meet to reach an agreement on these texts.

"When we were there we met with groups that were defending the Ashcroft Amendment on behalf of US farmers and pharmaceutical companies. The conference committee comprised 15 congressmen, 8 Republicans and 7 Democrats. It also comprised 11 senators, six Republicans and five Democrats. The conference committee began working.

"Comrade Alarcon carefully described how the document that was presented had already eliminated the previously approved amendment. The document did not even mention the amendment. It had been disappeared. The senators were opposed to it and approved the

amendment once again. I am talking about the amendment that would allow for the sale of food and medicines. Reforms were even made to it and congressmen agreed to improve it by eliminating that condition that was imposed that a permit was necessary and so on. A process took place. The 11 senators voted [words indistinct] said that if the 15 congressmen voted at the conference committee, most of them agreed with the Ashcroft Amendment because it meant eliminating the prohibition and authorizing the sale of medicines and food to Cuba.

"Then something incredible happened. All of a sudden the Republican leadership halted the process for a week and no one could vote. There was no way of voting. A small group of US congressmen, a group of two or three Republicans, allies of two congressmen of Cuban origin and a few others from Florida prevented the rest of the committee from speaking out. It happened in a week. We were there. The newspapers reported on it and everyone said there was no explanation for that. Attempts were even made to change the members of the committee to see if they would agree on rejecting the amendment. The amendment was finally rejected. They abducted the bill and eliminated amendment. These people informed Senator Ashcroft that his amendment would not be considered and that the committee would not meet period. [Words indistinct]

"The democratic process has collapsed. [Words indistinct] and protested. Senator Hagen said there has been a dishonest farce here. He was referring to what had happened. Our people must know this because our people must understand that this is the type of democracy that the United States has tried to show as an example to the world. A democracy in which four or five politicians, who want to thank others for the money contributions to their political campaigns, the Cuban-American National Foundation, and the US sectors that promoted the Helms-Burton law, that promoted the Torricelli law, and that promote the blockade against Cuba have gotten this small group to impose their will through tricks of this kind. The others could not speak out because a vote could not take place. Our friends had guaranteed that the victory was theirs, but an incredible thing happened. A vote could not take place because it was prohibited.

"It is as if Alarcon all of a sudden decided to announce in our National Assembly: The Assembly here has its opinion but my opinion and Jaime's opinion will prevail. Could you imagine such a way to take action?

"We participate in group discussions, we respect the opinion of the other comrades, and if we disagree we stop and consult the organizations, the ministries, and the mass organizations. We cannot go around eliminating something that will hurt a certain sector of our country without consulting it first. We cannot do it against its will. [Words indistinct]...the amendment was not approved but not because a vote was held and it was rejected [words indistinct]. Senator Ashcroft referred to it as a small group of leaders who prevented the vote from taking place. The amendment was actually abducted. It is a hostage of those small groups and it has not been submitted for their consideration. That is the democratic way in which a proposal aimed at selling food and medicine to Cuba has been banned from appearing on the bill that was finally approved without the aforementioned text.
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TRADE: RUN UP TO SEATTLE TALKS
PARIS - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1999

(A) SUBJECTS COVERED IN TODAY'S REPORT:

1. ARMS CONTROL: CTBT
2. SOUTH ASIA: SITUATION IN PAKISTAN
3. GLOBALIZATION AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE: RUN UP TO SEATTLE TALKS

(B) SUMMARY OF COVERAGE:

THE SENATE'S REJECTION OF THE CTBT IS WIDELY REPORTED. LEFT-OF-CENTER LIBERATION TITLES ITS ARTICLE "THE NEW DOCTORS STRANGELOVE OF THE AMERICAN SENATE," AND RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE FIGARO TITLES "AMERICA'S ISOLATIONIST TREND."

LEFT-OF-CENTER LE MONDE DEVOTES ITS EDITORIAL TO "THE SENATE'S BOMB" AND SPEAKS OF THE SENATORS' "REVENGE" AGAINST PRESIDENT CLINTON AND OF "THE WORST POSSIBLE EXAMPLE" SET BY THE U.S. PRESIDENT CHIRAC EXPRESSED HIS "CONSTERNATION" AND SAID: "THIS DECISION IS A BLOW TO THE PROCESS OF NON-PROLIFERATION AND DISARMAMENT WHICH IS A PRIORITY FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION."

THE FOREIGN MINISTRY GAVE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "THE SENATE'S REJECTION GOES AGAINST THE PROCESS OF DISARMAMENT AND THE FIGHT AGAINST NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. THIS DECISION WILL AFFECT THE CREDIBILITY OF THE U.S. IN THIS AREA." (SEE PART C) BUT TODAY'S MAJOR FRONT PAGE TITLE IS DEVOTED TO THE MERGER BETWEEN FRANCE'S AEROSPATIALE MATRA AND GERMANY'S DAIMLERCHRYSLER

AEROSPACE. RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE FIGARO TITLES "THE NEWLYWEDS OF THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY," AND LEFT-OF-CENTER LIBERATION HEADLINES "PARIS-BERLIN: ON THE WAY TO A EUROPEAN ARMAMENT INDUSTRY."

PRIME MINISTER JOSPIN MADE THE FOLLOWING REMARKS: "WHILE THE EU'S INTEGRATION IS PROGRESSING IN MANY AREAS..., THE AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE INDUSTRIES, WHICH ARE STRATEGIC SECTORS EXPOSED TO GLOBALIZATION, COULD NOT REMAIN DIVIDED."

THE ANNOUNCEMENT MADE THURSDAY ELICITS MANY EDITORIAL COMMENTARIES. JACQUES AMALRIC IN LEFT-OF-CENTER LIBERATION SPEAKS OF A "LOGICAL" MERGER AND WRITES: "THIS MERGER IS OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE...IT SIGNALS A DEFINITE POLITICAL WILL...SHARED BY FRANCE AND GERMANY TO GIVE EUROPE A MORE COHERENT AND EFFICIENT ARMAMENT INDUSTRY."

IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE FIGARO, JEAN DE BELOT UNDERSCORES THE "INDUSTRIAL AND POLITICAL" NATURE OF THE MERGER: "THIS MERGER GOES BEYOND A COHERENT INDUSTRIAL AGREEMENT FOR A SECTOR REQUIRING GLOBAL STRENGTH...THIS MERGER IS THE RESULT OF A POLITICAL WILL, BECAUSE OF THE STRATEGIC NATURE OF THE SECTOR..., WHICH PLACES THE NEW GROUP AS WELL AS EUROPE IN THE POSITION OF DIRECT OPPONENT TO THE U.S."

AS THE VOLATILE SITUATION IN PAKISTAN CONTINUES TO BE MONITORED, RIGHT-OF-CENTER WEEKLY LE POINT DEVOTES ITS EDITORIAL TO "THE LINES OF FRACTURE FROM PAKISTAN TO THE CAUCASUS" LINKING THE BALKANS, SOUTH ASIA AND CHECHNYA TO A "GLOBAL IDENTITY CRISIS" NEEDING A "GLOBAL APPROACH." (SEE PART C)

GLOBALIZATION, ANTI-AMERICANISM AND TRADE ISSUES ARE A MAJOR TOPIC OF DEBATE IN SEVERAL REPORTS AND OPINION COLUMNS IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE FIGARO ECONOMIE. PIERRE-YVES DUGUA WRITES: "CLINTON DENOUNCES THE AGRICULTURAL SUBSIDIES OF THE REST OF THE WORLD...AND GRANTS AMERICAN FARMERS 8.7 BILLION DOLLARS." CLAUDE IMBERT IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER WEEKLY LE POINT WRITES ON GLOBALIZATION AND AMERICA'S HIGH PERFORMANCE. (SEE PART C)

(C) SUPPORTING TEXT/BLOCK QUOTES:

ARMS CONTROL: CTBT

"THE SENATE'S BOMB"

LEFT-OF-CENTER LE MONDE IN ITS EDITORIAL (10/15): "UNABLE TO IMPEACH BILL CLINTON OVER THE LEWINSKY AFFAIR, THE SENATE'S REPUBLICAN MAJORITY HAS HUMILIATED THE U.S. PRESIDENT AS NEVER BEFORE...SINCE THE FIRST WORLD WAR, NEVER HAS THE SENATE REFUSED TO RATIFY A MAJOR TREATY SUBMITTED BY A PRESIDENT...IN THE AREA OF NON-PROLIFERATION, THE U.S. IS SETTING THE WORST POSSIBLE EXAMPLE...AND GIVING NATIONS SUCH AS CHINA, PAKISTAN OR INDIA A GOOD ARGUMENT TO PROCEED WITH NEW TESTS...THANKS TO TRENT LOTT'S AND JESSE HELMS'S IRRESPONSIBILITY, THE WORLD IS A LITTLE LESS SURE THAN IT COULD HAVE BEEN...FOR NATIONS LIKE FRANCE AND GREAT BRITAIN, WHICH HAVE RATIFIED THE TREATY, SECURITY DEPENDS MORE ON NON-PROLIFERATION THAN DETERRENCE. THIS IS NOT SO FOR THE SENATE'S REPUBLICAN MAJORITY. AS IT DID DURING THE COLDEST HOURS OF THE COLD WAR ERA, THE REPUBLICANS ARE IN FAVOR OF MAINTAINING U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE LESSON WILL NOT GO UNNOTICED IN PAKISTAN...OR IN INDIA...UNFORTUNATELY, REPUBLICAN SENATORS DO NOT SEE BEYOND THEIR BORDERS...THEY ARE KEEPING BILL CLINTON FROM KEEPING HIS PROMISES...THEY ARE PUSHING THE U.S. TO BACK OUT OF ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS. THE WORLD'S NUMBER ONE POWER IS TODAY A LITTLE LESS BELIEVABLE ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE."

"A BAD EXAMPLE"

PHILIPPE MIGAUT IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE FIGARO (10/15): "THE TORPEDOING OF THE CTBT IS ONE LESS THORN IN THE HEELS OF 'ROGUE STATES'...THE BIGGEST LOSER IS UNDOUBTEDLY FRANCE, WHICH RATIFIED THE CTBT UNDER AMERICAN PRESSURE. IT IS NOW THE ONLY NUCLEAR POWER WHICH CANNOT PROCEED WITH NUCLEAR TESTS...BOUND BY ITS COMMITMENTS, FRANCE IS CONDEMNED TO RELY ON SIMULATION TESTS."

"A REBUFF AND A HUMILIATION"

JEAN-BERNARD CADIER ON PRIVATELY-RUN EUROPE ONE RADIO (10/15): "THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1919 (VERSAILLES) THAT THE U.S. SENATE HAS SO HUMILIATED A PRESIDENT BY NOT RATIFYING A TREATY...IT IS ALSO A DISASTER FOR BILL CLINTON...WHO HAS BEEN THE TARGET OF REVENGE...AND WHO WILL FINISH HIS TERM WEAKER THAN EVER. THE QUESTION ASKED IS, WHO WILL HOLD THE REINS OF FOREIGN POLICY DURING THE NEXT FIFTEEN MONTHS?"

"SETTLING THE SCORE"

PIERRE MARIE CHRISTIN ON PRIVATELY-FUNDED RTL RADIO (10/15): "HISTORY WILL REMEMBER THAT THE FATE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WAS GAMBLERED WITH THE THROW OF THE DICE BY A HANDFUL OF POLITICIANS WHO HAD A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH A TIRED PRESIDENT."

"DANGEROUS AMERICA"

PIERRE ROUSSELIN IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE FIGARO (10/15): "AS THE ONLY SUPER POWER, THE U.S. IS NO LONGER IN A POSITION TO FACE UP TO ITS RESPONSIBILITIES...BEYOND THE PRESIDENT WHO HAS BEEN TARGETED, IT IS U.S. LEADERSHIP WHICH IS BEING UNDERMINED...BEHIND JESSE HELMS AND HIS FOLLOWERS, THE IMAGE OF A DIFFERENT AMERICA CAN BE SEEN: AN AMERICA TURNED INWARDS AND WHICH

IGNORES THE REST OF THE WORLD...IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS IF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY BECAME THE ONLY REPRESENTATIVE OF THAT OTHER AMERICA."

SOUTH ASIA: SITUATION IN PAKISTAN

"THE LINES OF FRACTURE"

PIERRE BEYLAU IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER WEEKLY LE POINT (10/15): "THE COUP IN PAKISTAN AND THE WAR IN CHECHNYA ARE NOT DIRECTLY LINKED... THEY ARE NEVERTHELESS MANIFESTATIONS OF A GIGANTIC IDENTITY CRISIS SPREADING FROM THE BALKANS TO THE CAUCASUS AND FROM CENTRAL ASIA TO THE INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT WITH A BACKDROP OF MOSLEM FUNDAMENTALISM...THE TENSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TALEBANS AND ISLAMABAD LED THE U.S. TO TAKE ITS DISTANCE FROM ITS FORMER PAKISTANI ALLY. WASHINGTON IS PROBABLY HOPING THAT THE MILITARY WILL GIVE SOME POLITICAL STABILITY TO PAKISTAN...YET IT WAS THANKS TO THE CIA THAT THE ISLAMIC MOVEMENTS OF AFGHANISTAN PROSPERED...THE U.S. HAS ENTERTAINED AMBIGUOUS RELATIONS WITH THE MOSLEM BROTHERHOOD..., THE MATRIX OF ALL FUNDAMENTALIST GROUPS...THE WEST BELIEVES THAT THE CAUCASUS AND CENTRAL ASIA ARE PART OF RUSSIA'S SPHERE OF INFLUENCE...AND HOPES THAT MOSCOW WILL NOT MASSACRE TOO MANY CIVILIANS...IN SOUTH ASIA, WASHINGTON HAS BEGUN TO GET CLOSER TO INDIA, AFTER DISTANCING ITSELF FROM ISLAMABAD...THIS HONEYMOON BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND DELHI IS BEING CAREFULLY MONITORED BY CHINA, A TRADITIONAL ALLY OF PAKISTAN...IN THE FACE OF THIS WIDESPREAD TURBULENCE, A GLOBAL APPROACH IS REQUIRED, THAT WILL INCLUDE RUSSIA AND INDIA, WHICH HAVE BECOME INDISPENSABLE."

GLOBALIZATION AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE: RUN UP TO SEATTLE TALKS

"FIGHTING GLOBALIZATION

CLAUDE IMBERT IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER WEEKLY LE POINT (10/15): "FOR PART OF FRENCH PUBLIC OPINION, THE BAD GUY OF GLOBALIZATION IS THE U.S. PASSIONATE ANTI-AMERICANISM GROUPS TOGETHER PENSION FUNDS, MCDONALDS AND WALT DISNEY...ANTI-AMERICANISM AND GLOBALIZATION HAVE BECOME THE TARGETS OF A LOVE-HATE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S.... IF GLOBALIZATION HAS TAKEN ON THE APPEARANCE OF AMERICANIZATION IT IS SIMPLY BECAUSE AMERICA IS THE ENGINE...IF AMERICAN PENSION FUNDS SCARE THE FRENCH STOCK EXCHANGE, IT IS BECAUSE U.S. SAVINGS ARE TWENTY TIMES SUPERIOR TO FRENCH SAVINGS...THIS IS ALSO WHY, FOR THE PAST TWENTY YEARS, ONE IN TWO NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS IS AMERICAN...AND WHY AMERICA EXCELS IN THE ARTS...WE MUST CONTAIN GLOBALIZATION, WE MUST FIGHT AGAINST THE AMERICAN SUPERPOWER...BUT FIGHTING AGAINST THE NATURAL COURSE OF THINGS IS LIKE WHISTLING IN THE WIND." ROHATYN

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Second, the charges or the investigation and the plan to include Cuba among the countries that are used in transit for drug trafficking operations -- in the certification that is issued each year -- based on an infamy, meaning the famous containers with several tons of drugs that were discovered over there in Colombia. They used as a witness none other than one of the bandits who owned the Spanish shares of the company we talked about.

Third, the recurrence to another infamy -- the charges and, in turn, the demand for another investigation regarding the prisoners, 19 US military, mostly pilots, who were tortured by Cubans in 1967 or 1968.

Three accusations of this kind in a single day. This gives the impression that people are restless, people are desperate.

Well, there are still three or more things today, showing their level of desperation. Today I read that the news -- this was published yesterday -- that you mention, but the news about Clinton's interview was preceded by one or two incidents where Clinton issued this type of statement, meaning that while he tried something we obstructed it, and that we were interested in having the blockade continue because it was our arguments and justification for our (?economic) failures. He said it in a meeting with farmers because he knew that the farmers were exerting pressure, not only those from Illinois but also from several other US states.

There was another one which had a dual purpose -- deal us a blow, economically speaking, and say something that would appeal

to the Miami Mafia. He held two interviews, one with one of the networks -- I do not know if the first one was Univision or what....

[Ramirez] Telemundo.

[Castro] No, that was the last one. There were two networks. He gave those statements three or four days ago to a television network -- Telemundo, right? What was the other one?

[Ramirez] It was a radio station.

[Perez Roque] Univision.

[Castro] There are two. He gave two interviews. He has issued those statements on three occasions. This was the last one and, like I told you, he spoke in stronger terms -- he said those people were killed. He also said that things happened every time he was going to do something, every time he tried to establish a rapprochement with Cuba. He said journalists are imprisoned and Brothers to the Rescue members are shot down every time he tries to establish a rapprochement. He says people are killed. Honestly, I would not like to answer using the strong words I could use regarding these statements.

I was somewhat surprised by the lack of ethics of some of these statements, by the falsehood in some of these statements. He even says there is an agreement between the United States and Cuba which does not allow shooting down those airplanes because they were not a threat. I do not understand this and the only explanation I can give you is that Clinton is going from one place to another, trying to solve problems -- from Ireland to the Middle East, from the Middle East to Greece, where I think he will travel one of these days. He is involved in a series of problems and he must have forgotten some of the details and some of the events, because he has such a work load and he strives so much to attain peace in certain countries, and I do not criticize this.

I believe Felipe said something, a few words, in an enigmatic manner yesterday. I will say even less. I will say: Clinton knows that the statements included in that paragraph are not true, or he should know this, or -- if you want -- he should remember this. There must be some confusion due to, like I said, so many tasks and so many things he is trying to solve. I have treated him with respect; I have praised him on occasion. Since any praise from me to him is the expression of a sincere idea on the value of certain things. Clinton, in my opinion, has a defect -- he quickly gives in to any pressure, to the pressures exerted by certain groups against him. He is extremely sensible to the pressures exerted by the Foreign Affairs Committee. [Senator Jesse] Helms is practically the boss when it comes to the appointment of US Ambassadors; Clinton cannot appoint ambassadors, and this was the case since the beginning because I remember he tried to appoint an ambassador -- what is his name?

[Perez Roque] Mario Baeza, assistant secretary of state.

[Castro] The other one said no and the United States is thus without ambassadors in many countries. I believe that an important one -- I do not know if it is Brazil or which one. There are several important countries in Latin American and other areas where they do not have ambassadors. He nominates someone and, when the other one decides he will prevent this and exerts some pressure, he immediately gives in. He is sensible to the pressure exerted by that Mafia. In fact, he uses a different language when he is in Washington, compared with the language he uses when he is in Miami. Obviously, he is not the only one with that defect. It

is a habit shared by all, by almost all, the presidential hopefuls in the United States. It does not take them long to introduce the topic of Cuba in the electoral race, thinking about the votes in Miami. It recently seemed like a merry-go-round.

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In August 1995, the first one of them sent a letter to the Department of State, demanding that President Fidel Castro not be granted a visa if he decided to attend the ceremonies marking the UN's 50th anniversary in October at New York.

The US Government rejected, through Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Wendy Sherman, the congresswoman's request, as logic indicated.

The latter also sent a letter to the South African Government, warning that it would be jeopardizing its ties with the US Congress by normalizing diplomatic ties with Havana.

In the message, sent to South African Ambassador to Washington Franklin Sonn, Ros-Lehtinen and three others who signed the document stated their "great concern and profound disappointment" over the news that the Pretoria authorities were getting ready to send an official representative to the island.

Prior to this, on 7 March and during a session of the House of Representatives' Foreign Affairs Committee, Ros-Lehtinen rebuked Assistant Secretary for Political Affairs Peter Tarnoff because his department established no conditions for Mexico's aid despite the broad ties that it maintained with Cuba.

She also played a relevant role when sponsoring the Helms-Burton bill, and she was publicly linked with the subversive groups in Miami that provoked the well-known incident in February 1996 -- the downing of airplanes that had repeatedly violated the Cuban airspace -- which was used to impose that law.

In mid 1997 this CANF representative at the US Congress was given, along with her chums, another mission: Sabotage a bill intended to lift the blockade on the sale of medicine and food to Cuba. The bill already had the endorsement of 49 Representatives by the end of the previous month.

The noble initiative was finally stopped and the action would be repeated for the next two years.

Almost at the same time, on 16 July, New Mexico Representative Jeff Bingman presented two bills -- one for the resumption of flights to Havana and another one to lift restrictions on family remittances.

Given the ultrarightist atmosphere created by Ros-Lehtinen's group, Bingman was forced to withdraw the first bill and, when the second one came up for vote, it was defeated by a majority.

Although it is very difficult to understand, this she-wolf in woman's clothing has managed to put herself in a much more ultraright position than Senator Jesse Helms and his men. It happened when Pope John Paul II visited the island in January 1998.

Two of the senator's aides, Roger Noriega and Marc Thiessen, as well as Caleb McCarry, a specialist from the office of the chairman of the House of Representatives' Foreign Affairs Committee, remained in our country during the visit by the High Pontiff, who strongly criticized the blockade imposed by the United States.

Upon their return to Washington the three officials suggested

maintaining the political and economic sanctions against Havana, but they recommended increasing the supply of food and medicines to sectors of our population, through what they would present as "independent" groups.

Not even this base and poisonous maneuver was accepted by the CANF congresswoman. She said: "The advisers who went to Cuba do not have a say on this and they do not reflect our opinion." She added that this proposal sought an inappropriate gap for the medicine and food trade.

Shortly afterwards, on 24 February, she appeared before the OAS Human Rights Committee -- an unusual action for someone who belongs to the US Congress -- and issued there the most preposterous attacks on the Revolution, a show that ended with a news conference where -- to many people's surprise -- she requested OAS Secretary General Cesar Gaviria's resignation because she considered that he is not tough enough with the island.

Two months later she, Diaz-Balart, and Robert Menendez announced they would present a bill in Congress with the idea of delivering "direct aid" to small annexationist groups acting as internal opposition with Washington's support.

Ros-Lehtinen then said in a news conference, and EFE agency divulged her statement, that it was necessary to send the United States' support "in every sector" to those who reportedly struggle in here for liberty.

"Our legislation, she stated, clearly defines who will distribute that aid in Cuba, meaning the same groups working internally for democracy."

More recently, and as part of the plot to prevent a detente between Cuba and the United States, Ros-Lehtinen has participated in the organization of the most truculent and vile crusades against our country, particularly in Congress.

What is the degree of credibility for these different falsehoods aimed at foiling everything that is constructive and encouraging everything that complicates bilateral ties?

The example lies in the sustained campaign regarding Cuba's alleged ties with international drug trafficking, on which Ros-Lehtinen and her gang has reached the extreme of organizing hearings at the Capitol, precisely when high-ranking US Government officials state the opposite.

Is anything missing in this brief narration? Yes. The scene where she wraps Elian Gonzalez, the young Cuban boy they have kidnapped in Miami, with the US flag. This is a symbol regarding the future that would await our nation if its enemies prevailed. We owe this significant lesson to the fierce she-wolf in woman's clothing.

The Revolution's flag is the Cuban flag, the one with a single star, the one beside Jose Marti's sacred remains, the one he taught us to love and defend at any cost, and the one that our Eliancito will sooner or later salute at his beloved school in Cardenas.

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2. THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WAS ISSUED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT YESTERDAY, ON 1/20/00.

3.
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE SPOKESMAN

SOLOMON ISLANDS

JANUARY 20, 2000

AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE CAUTION WHILE TRAVELING ON GUADALCANAL. THERE HAVE BEEN ACTS OF LAWLESSNESS AND SPORADIC ARMED INCIDENTS SINCE 1999. DESPITE INDICATIONS THAT VIOLENCE HAS LARGELY BEEN CONFINED TO RURAL AREAS AND HAS NOT TARGETED AMERICAN CITIZENS, THERE ARE REPORTS OF VIOLENCE IN SETTLEMENTS NEAR THE CAPITAL HONIARA. SOME OF THESE EVENTS STEM FROM HEIGHTENED ETHNIC TENSION ON GUADALCANAL. IN VIEW OF THESE RECENT INCIDENTS IN AREAS FREQUENTED BY EXPATRIATES AND IN THE PRINCIPAL URBAN CENTER, AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS SHOULD TAKE PROPER PRECAUTIONS TO SAFEGUARD THEIR WELFARE AND SECURITY. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE AT PRESENT THAT TENSIONS ON GUADALCANAL EXTEND TO OTHER PROVINCES IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS.

AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO OBTAIN UPDATED SECURITY AND TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR GUADALCANAL FROM THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, OR FROM THE U.S. CONSULAR AGENT IN HONIARA.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT AMERICAN CITIZENS CONSIDERING TRAVEL TO THE SOLOMON ISLANDS REVIEW THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S CONSULAR INFORMATION SHEET, AVAILABLE ON THE BUREAU OF CONSULAR

AFFAIRS' HOME PAGE AT HTTP://TRAVEL.STATE.GOV. ALL AMERICANS RESIDENT OR TRAVELING IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER WITH THE U.S. EMBASSY IN PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 09 STATE 012732

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THIS PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT REINSTATES THE SEPTEMBER 22, 1999, PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE SOLOMON ISLANDS AND NOTES THE REPORTS OF VIOLENCE IN SETTLEMENTS NEAR THE CAPITAL HONIARA. IT ALSO ADDS CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE NEW U.S. CONSULAR AGENT IN HONIARA. THIS PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT EXPIRES APRIL 20, 2000.

4. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCES WERE PREPARED ON 1/21/00. THERE WAS NO REGULAR PRESS GUIDANCE THAT DAY. POSTS MAY DRAW FROM THESE GUIDANCES ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

5. DPRK: KARTMAN-KIM TO RESUME BILATERAL TALKS IN BERLIN

CONTEXT: AFTER BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS IN BERLIN NOVEMBER 15-19,1999, CENTERING ON WAYS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS, THE U.S. AND DPRK DELEGATIONS AGREED TO ADJOURN TO CONSULT IN CAPITALS. AFTER FURTHER CONTACTS THROUGH THE NEW YORK CHANNEL, THE SIDES AGREED TO ANOTHER ROUND IN BERLIN STARTING TOMORROW, JANUARY 22. DISCUSSIONS WILL CENTER ON PREPARATIONS FOR A VISIT TO THE U.S. BY A HIGH-LEVEL DPRK DELEGATION TO CONTINUE EXPLORING WAYS TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS ALONG THE LINES OUTLINED IN THE PERRY REVIEW.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SEPTEMBER 7-12 ROUND IN BERLIN, THE DPRK INDICATED THAT IT WOULD REFRAIN FROM LONG-RANGE MISSILE TESTING FOR THE DURATION OF HIGH-LEVEL NEGOTIATIONS TO IMPROVE OUR RELATIONS. THE SEPTEMBER 12 U.S.-DPRK JOINT PRESS STATEMENT STATED IN PART:

"THE TWO SIDES HELD PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS ON PENDING ISSUES, INCLUDING THE SANCTIONS AND MISSILE ISSUES. EACH SIDE CAME TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE OTHER'S CONCERNS AND EACH ACKNOWLEDGED THE NEED TO CONTINUE TAKING STEPS THAT ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS.

THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO CONTINUE THESE EFFORTS AND AGREED THAT, IN THE INTERIM, EACH WOULD ENDEAVOR TO PRESERVE A POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE CONDUCIVE TO IMPROVED BILATERAL RELATIONS AND TO PEACE AND SECURITY IN NORTHEAST ASIA AND THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION."

SUBSEQUENTLY, ON SEPTEMBER 17, THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED HIS DECISION TO EASE CERTAIN ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST THE DPRK. DPRK FOREIGN MINISTER PAEK (PRONOUNCED "PECK") NAM SUN, ADDRESSED THE 54TH UNGA, SEPTEMBER 25, STATING THE DPRK'S INTENTION NOT TO LAUNCH A MISSILE WHILE HIGH-LEVEL TALKS WITH THE U.S. ARE UNDERWAY. ON OCTOBER 12, U.S. NORTH KOREA POLICY COORDINATOR WILLIAM J. PERRY ISSUED PUBLIC PORTIONS OF THE CLASSIFIED REPORT HE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS A WEEK EARLIER. DURING THIS ACTIVE PERIOD IN U.S.-DPRK RELATIONS, WE HAVE BEEN CONTINUALLY IN CONSULTATION WITH OUR ALLIES, THE UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 09 STATE 012732

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ROK AND JAPAN.

MEANWHILE, THE PRESS HAS SPECULATED THAT THE DPRK WOULD SOON, PERHAPS AT THIS MEETING, FINALLY ACCEPT THE INVITATION FOR A RECIPROCAL HIGH-LEVEL VISIT TO WASHINGTON EXTENDED BY DR. PERRY TO HIS DPRK HOSTS DURING HIS MAY 1999 VISIT TO PYONGYANG. ALSO SUBJECT TO PRESS SPECULATION ARE THE ISSUES OF ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC LIAISON OFFICES IN PYONGYANG AND WASHINGTON AND CONJECTURES ABOUT DATES FOR "NUCLEAR-RELATED" TALKS AND THE NEXT ROUND OF MISSILE TALKS.

Q. WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE BERLIN TALKS?

A. AS YOU RECALL, IN NOVEMBER THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO RETURN TO THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPITALS FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS. THEY AGREED TO RECONVENE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO CONTINUE WORK ON PREPARATIONS FOR A HIGH-LEVEL VISIT TO THE U.S. THE NEXT ROUND OF U.S.-DPRK BILATERAL TALKS WILL BEGIN SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, IN BERLIN.

Q. WHEN WILL THE "HIGH-LEVEL VISIT" TAKE PLACE? WHY THE DELAY IN SCHEDULING THESE TALKS?

A. WE CONTINUE TO WORK ON PREPARATIONS FOR SUCH A VISIT AND LOOK FORWARD TO HOSTING A HIGH-LEVEL VISIT BY A DPRK OFFICIAL AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. SUCH A VISIT WOULD RECIPROCATATE THE VISIT TO PYONGYANG BY NORTH KOREA POLICY COORDINATOR DR. WILLIAM PERRY AND STATE DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR AMBASSADOR WENDY SHERMAN LAST YEAR. IT WOULD MARK ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN U.S.-DPRK DIALOGUE. WE WILL CONTINUE WORK ON PREPARATIONS FOR SUCH A VISIT IN THESE BILATERAL TALKS.

-- THIS ROUND OF U.S.-DPRK TALKS WAS SCHEDULED AFTER THE TWO SIDES AGREED ON NOVEMBER 19 TO ADJOURN THAT ROUND IN ORDER TO

CONSULT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPITALS. SUBSEQUENTLY, AFTER SEVERAL CONTACTS THROUGH THE NEW YORK CHANNEL, THE TWO SIDES HAVE AGREED TO RESUME THEIR DISCUSSIONS TO PREPARE FOR A HIGH-LEVEL VISIT.

Q. WHEN WILL THE TALKS CONCLUDE?

A. I CAN'T SPECULATE ON THE MEETING SCHEDULE.

IF ASKED:

Q. WILL THE HIGH-LEVEL VISIT RESULT IN A "JOINT COMMUNIQUE" AS SOME IN THE PRESS SPECULATE?

A. I AM NOT GOING TO SPECULATE ABOUT WHAT THE FINAL PRODUCT OF DISCUSSIONS OR A FUTURE HIGH-LEVEL VISIT MAY BE.

Q. HAVE YOU SET A DATE FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF THE FOUR PARTY TALKS?

A. FOUR PARTY MATTERS ARE FORMALLY TAKEN UP IN THE FOUR PARTY WORKING GROUP. NO DATE HAS BEEN SET AS YET, BUT WE EXPECT TO CONDUCT A SEVENTH ROUND WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

Q. HAS THE NEXT ROUND OF MISSILE TALKS BEEN SCHEDULED?

A. NO DATE HAS YET BEEN SET FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF U.S.-DPRK MISSILE TALKS, BUT I NOTE THAT THE DPRK CONTINUES TO REFRAIN FROM LIGHT TESTING OF LONG-RANGE MISSILES.

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6. CHINA: FALUN GONG MEMBERS IN PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL

CONTEXT: THE NEW YORK TIMES COVERED A REPORT BY THE HONG KONG-BASED NGO CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT IN CHINA THAT MORE THAN 50 FALUN GONG FOLLOWERS HAVE BEEN HELD IN BEIJING'S ZHOUKOU DIAN PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL FOR A MONTH AND A HALF AFTER BEING DETAINED BY POLICE. A POLICE SPOKESMAN TOLD AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE THAT "THEY ARE NOT PATIENTS, THEY ARE THERE TO BE RE-EDUCATED." USE OF PSYCHIATRY AS A TOOL OF REPRESSION IS NOT A NORMAL CHINESE PRACTICE, ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW REPORTED CASES; ONE WAS DOCUMENTED IN THE 1999 HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT.

Q. CAN YOU COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT MORE THAN FIFTY FALUN GONG ACTIVISTS HAVE BEEN HELD IN A BEIJING PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL FOR MORE THAN A MONTH AND A HALF.

A. WE HAVE SEEN A NUMBER OF REPORTS BUT CANNOT CONFIRM THEM. HOWEVER, THE REPORTED COMMENT BY A BEIJING POLICE SPOKESMAN IMPLYING THAT FALUN GONG FOLLOWERS ARE BEING HELD IN A PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL FOR "RE-EDUCATION" IS DEEPLY DISTURBING.

-- THE USE OF PSYCHIATRY AS A TOOL OF REPRESSION IS RECOGNIZED IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTIONS AS A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DEPLORES ANY EFFORT BY ANY COUNTRY TO ABUSE THE MEDICAL SCIENCES FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES.

-- WE CONTINUE TO URGE CHINA TO OBSERVE THE COMMITMENT IT MADE BY SIGNING THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS TO RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF ALL ITS CITIZENS TO PEACEFULLY EXPRESS THEIR BELIEFS.

7. CHINA-LIBYA MISSILE COOPERATION

CONTEXT: AN ARTICLE IN TODAY'S WASHINGTON TIMES REPORTS THAT SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE HAS REVEALED THAT CHINA IS SUPPLYING MISSILE-RELATED TECHNOLOGY AND EXPERTISE TO LIBYA. THE ARTICLE FURTHER SUGGESTS THAT THIS COOPERATION MAY BE SANCTIONABLE AND THAT IT IS INCONSISTENT WITH CHINA'S MISSILE NONPROLIFERATION COMMITMENTS. WE CANNOT COMMENT ON THE DETAILS OF ALLEGED INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS COOPERATION. HOWEVER, WE SHOULD STRESS THAT WE INVESTIGATE ANY SUCH REPORTS THOROUGHLY AND NOTE THAT WE HAVE REPEATEDLY RAISED OUR NONPROLIFERATION CONCERNS WITH CHINA AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS.

Q. ANY COMMENTS ON REPORTS THAT CHINA IS PROVIDING SENSITIVE ITEMS TO LIBYA'S MISSILE PROGRAM?

A. WE DO NOT COMMENT ON ALLEGED INTELLIGENCE MATTERS.

-- HOWEVER, WE TAKE ALL SUCH REPORTS SERIOUSLY AND INVESTIGATE THEM THOROUGHLY.

-- WE HAVE RAISED OUR NONPROLIFERATION CONCERNS WITH CHINA IN THE PAST, AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

Q. IS THIS COOPERATION SANCTIONABLE UNDER U.S. LAW?
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A. WE FULLY AND FAITHFULLY IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF U.S. LAW AND WOULD TAKE ANY ACTIONS REQUIRED BY THOSE LAWS WERE WE TO DETERMINE THAT ENTITIES HAD ENGAGED IN SANCTIONABLE ACTIVITIES.

-- HOWEVER, THE ISSUE OF SANCTIONABILITY WOULD DEPEND ENTIRELY ON THE SPECIFIC NATURE OF ANY TRANSFER.

-- SUCH INFORMATION WOULD BE BASED ON INTELLIGENCE, AND WE DO NO COMMENT ON INTELLIGENCE MATTERS.

IF ASKED ABOUT CHINA'S MTCR COMMITMENTS:

Q. WHAT ABOUT CHINA'S MTCR COMMITMENTS?

A. IN OCTOBER 1994, CHINA PLEDGED NOT TO EXPORT MTCR-CLASS GROUND-TO-GROUND MISSILES.

-- WE HAVE NO REASON TO CONCLUDE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA HAS ACTED IN A MANNER INCONSISTENT WITH THIS 1994 COMMITMENT.

-- IN 1998, CHINA ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD ACTIVELY STUDY MEMBERSHIP IN THE MTCR.

-- AS WE HAVE DISCUSSED MANY TIMES BEFORE, HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES HAS LONG-STANDING CONCERNS ABOUT CHINESE ENTITIES' EXPORTS OF MISSILE COMPONENTS AND TECHNOLOGY TO PROGRAMS OF CONCERN.

-- WE HAVE REPEATEDLY MADE THESE CONCERNS CLEAR TO THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

-- ENGAGING CHINA ON NONPROLIFERATION HAS BEEN A TOP PRIORITY OF THIS ADMINISTRATION. OVER TIME, THESE EFFORTS HAVE LED CHINA TO EXPAND ITS INTERNATIONAL NONPROLIFERATION COMMITMENTS AND TIGHTEN UP THEIR ENFORCEMENT. IN PARTICULAR, CHINA HAS MADE MAJOR PROGRESS IN THE IMPOSITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF CONTROLS ON NUCLEAR-RELATED TECHNOLOGIES.

-- WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH CHINA TO BRING ITS POLICIES AND PRACTICES BETTER IN LINE WITH INTERNATIONAL NORMS.

8. TAIWAN: PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE LIEN CHAN'S REMARKS ON TAIWAN-PRC RELATIONS

CONTEXT: BOTH THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE WASHINGTON TIMES REPORTED TODAY ON VICE PRESIDENT AND KMT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE LIEN CHAN'S RECENT REMARKS ON PRC-TAIWAN RELATIONS.

IN AN INTERVIEW, LIEN DID NOT REAFFIRM LEE TENG-HUI'S JULY 1999 "TWO STATE" FORMULATION OF PRC-TAIWAN RELATIONS SINCE "THIS HAS BEEN THE CONSTANT POSITION" OF TAIWAN AND MERELY REFLECTS THE REALITY OF CROSS-STRAIT RELATIONS. LIEN LATER WENT ON TO SAY THAT "TAIWAN WILL NOT GO INDEPENDENT. BUT TAIWAN CANNOT BE REUNITED WITH THE PRC FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, BECAUSE IT IS SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE." AT THE SAME TIME, LIEN ALSO INDICATED THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER RELAXING TRADE RESTRICTIONS WITH THE PRC IF CROSS-STRAIT RELATIONS IMPROVED.

THE PRC HAS YET TO DIRECTLY COMMENT ON LIEN'S REMARKS. THE PRC FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN RECENTLY REITERATED HIS WARNING THAT THE TAIWAN MARCH 18 ELECTION MUST NOT LEAD TO TAIWAN INDEPENDENCE.

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LIEN IS IN A TIGHT THREE-WAY RACE WITH INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE JAMES SOONG, A FORMER KMT PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR, AND OPPOSITION DEMOCRATIC PROGRESSIVE PARTY (DPP) CANDIDATE CHEN SHUI-BIAN.

Q. WHAT IS OUR REACTION TO TAIWAN LEADERS' RECENT FAILURE TO REAFFIRM LEE TENG-HUI'S EARLIER COMMENTS ON SPECIAL STATE-TO-STATE RELATIONS? HAS TAIWAN "EFFECTIVELY ABANDONED" THE FORMULA?

A. WE HAVE SEEN THE REPORT ON MR. LIEN'S REMARKS. I WOULD REFER YOU TO HIM AND HIS CAMPAIGN STAFF FOR ANY INFORMATION ABOUT OR CHARACTERIZATION OF HIS COMMENTS.

-- AS THE U.S. HAS CONSISTENTLY STATED, IT IS UP TO TAIWAN AND THE PRC, NOT THE UNITED STATES, TO DETERMINE WHAT CONSTITUTES THE BASIS FOR DIALOGUE.

-- OUR ABIDING INTEREST IS IN THE PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PRC AND TAIWAN.

Q. (IF ASKED) WHAT IS THE U.S. POLICY ON THE "STATE-TO-STATE" FORMULATION?

A. WE HAVE ADDRESSED THIS QUESTION ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS AND HAVE NOTHING NEW TO ADD.

IF PRESSED:

-- WE HAVE A CLEAR AND LONGSTANDING POSITION ON CROSS-STRAIT RELATIONS. WE HAVE A "ONE CHINA" POLICY; HAVE AN ABIDING INTEREST IN PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PRC AND TAIWAN; AND SUPPORT CROSS-STRAIT DIALOGUE AS THE BEST WAY TO RESOLVE THOSE DIFFERENCES.

-- FOR OUR PART, WE URGE THE TWO SIDES TO TAKE ACTIONS THAT FOSTER DIALOGUE, REDUCE TENSIONS, AND PROMOTE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND TO REFRAIN FROM ACTIONS OR STATEMENTS THAT WOULD INCREASE TENSIONS OR MAKE DIALOGUE MORE DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE.

9. TAIWAN: SALE OF AEGIS DESTROYERS

CONTEXT: THE WASHINGTON TIMES TODAY REPORTS THAT THE PENTAGON WANTS TO SELL AEGIS DESTROYERS AND OTHER SYSTEMS THAT THE PAPER CLAIMS WOULD BE THE FIRST SALES OF "NEW ADVANCED SYSTEMS" IN SEVERAL YEARS. THE PAPER GOES ON TO ASSERT THAT JCS AND PACOM FAVOR THE SALES, WHILE THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE NSC OPPOSE. THE TIMES ASSERTS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS TURNED DOWN TAIWAN'S REQUESTS FOR ADVANCED SYSTEMS AND QUOTES ONE UNNAMED OFFICIAL AS SAYING THERE IS A "DE FACTO MORATORIUM" ON WEAPONS SALES TO THE ISLAND. THE ARTICLE ALSO REPORTS ON A NUMBER OF SYSTEMS THAT IT SAYS TAIWAN IS CURRENTLY SEEKING. THE TIMES NOTES THAT THE PRC SAID IN A STATEMENT THAT VICE FOREIGN MINISTER YANG JIECHI HAD RAISED ARMS SALES IN HIS JANUARY 13 MEETING WITH

ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROTH.

Q. IS THE ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERING THE SALE OF AEGIS DESTROYERS AND OTHER ADVANCED WEAPONS TO TAIWAN?

A. THE ADMINISTRATION REMAINS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO FULFILLING UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 09 STATE 012732

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THE SECURITY AND ARMS SALES PROVISIONS OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ASSIST TAIWAN IN MEETING ITS LEGITIMATE DEFENSE NEEDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE TRA AND CONSISTENT WITH THE 1982 U.S.-PRC COMMUNIQUE

-- PURSUANT TO OUR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE TRA, WE REGULARLY CONSULT WITH TAIWAN ON ITS DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS.

-- BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND THE TAIWAN AUTHORITIES AGREE NOT TO DISCUSS THE SPECIFIC DETAILS OF THIS PROCESS.

-- WE DO NOT HAVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY NEW SALES AT THIS TIME.

Q. IS THERE A DEBATE WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION ON THE SALE OF AEGIS AND OTHER SYSTEMS?

A. THE ADMINISTRATION CONDUCTS A CAREFUL INTERAGENCY REVIEW TO DETERMINE WHAT SYSTEMS TAIWAN NEEDS FOR ITS DEFENSE. WE DO NOT DISCUSS THOSE DELIBERATIONS.

Q. IS THERE A MORATORIUM ON ARMS SALES TO TAIWAN AS THE TIMES REPORTS?

A. NO. THIS IS COMPLETELY FALSE.

-- IN 1998-99, FOR EXAMPLE, THE ADMINISTRATION NOTIFIED CONGRESS OF OUR INTENT TO APPROVE THE SALE OF A NUMBER OF ITEMS TO TAIWAN. THESE INCLUDED THE E-2T EARLY WARNING AIRCRAFT, EQUIPMENT FOR THE F-16 AND OTHER AIRCRAFT IN TAIWAN'S INVENTORY, HELLFIRE AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILES, KNOX-CLASS DESTROYERS, CHINOOK HELICOPTERS, CHAPARRAL MISSILES, M-46 TORPEDOES, AND HARPOON ANTI-SHIP MISSILES.

Q. WHAT WAS ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROTH'S RESPONSE WHEN THE PRC BROUGHT UP THE ARMS SALES ISSUE IN HIS JANUARY 13 MEETING WITH VICE FOREIGN MINISTER YANG JIECHI? WAS THIS SALE DISCUSSED?

A. IN THE CONTEXT OF A DISCUSSION OF U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS BETWEEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROTH AND VICE FOREIGN MINISTER YANG, THE TAIWAN ISSUE, INCLUDING ARMS SALES, WAS BRIEFLY RAISED.

-- A/S ROTH STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF RESUMING CROSS-STRAIT DIALOGUE FOLLOWING THE TAIWAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN MARCH.

IF ASKED:

-- THERE IS NO CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY ON ARMS SALES TO TAIWAN.

10. HELMS SPEECH TO THE UNSC

CONTEXT: LOTS OF COVERAGE OF YESTERDAY'S SPEECH. MOST REPORTS CONTRAST THE SENATOR'S OFFER OF A "HAND OF FRIENDSHIP" WITH HIS CRITICISM OF THE U.N., AND NOTE THAT UNSC MEMBERS LISTENED POLITELY TO HIS REMARKS BUT AFTERWARDS DISPUTED MANY OF HIS KEY POINTS.

Q. WHAT DO WE THINK OF SENATOR HELMS' SPEECH TO THE U.N. YESTERDAY? DID IT HELP BUILD A BETTER U.S.-U.N. RELATIONSHIP?
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A. WE ARE GLAD THE SENATOR HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO AIR HIS VIEWS BEFORE THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL.

-- AS FOR WHETHER THIS MEETING HELPED BUILD A BETTER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE U.N.: WE THINK -- AS ALREADY NOTED BY AMBASSADOR HOLBROOKE -- IT WAS VERY PRODUCTIVE FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THIS KEY COMMITTEE TO HAVE THIS KIND OF EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AT THE U.N. JUDGING BY THE STATEMENTS OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THEY AGREE.

-- WE WELCOME THE SENATOR'S CONTINUED STRONG INTEREST IN THE UNITED NATIONS, AND THINK IT WAS USEFUL FOR U.N. MEMBERS TO HEAR HIS CONCERNS -- AND FOR THEM TO HAVE THE CHANCE TO RESPOND DIRECTLY TO THE SENATOR. AMBASSADOR HOLBROOKE NOTED YESTERDAY THE SENATOR'S LARGE ROLE IN SHEPARDING THROUGH THE CONGRESS A BILL THAT MAKES AVAILABLE \$926 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR OUR U.N. ARREARS AND THAT SHOULD HELP TO CLOSE AN UNFORTUNATE CHAPTER IN U.S.-U.N. RELATIONS.

IF PRESSED:

Q. WHAT ABOUT SENATOR HELMS' CLAIM THAT A U.N. THAT SEEKS TO INFRINGE ON U.S. SOVEREIGNTY "BEGS FOR CONFRONTATION...AND EVENTUAL U.S. WITHDRAWAL" FROM THE U.N.? DOES THE ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT THAT VIEW?

A. WE ARE NOT GOING TO SPECULATE ON "WHAT IF..." (THE U.N IMPOSED ON U.S. SOVEREIGNTY).

-- WE AGREE WITH SENATOR HELMS OPPOSITION TO ANY POSSIBLE

EFFORT TO INFRINGE ON U.S. SOVEREIGNTY. THE U.N. DOES NOT CURRENTLY INFRINGE ON OUR SOVEREIGNTY, AND THERE IS NO EFFORT GOING ON WITHIN THE U.N. TO IMPOSE SOME KIND OF GLOBAL GOVERNMENT ON THE U.S. FURTHERMORE, THE U.S. -- WITH ITS VETO ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL -- IS IN A POSITION TO PREVENT ANY PROPOSALS THAT RUN COUNTER TO U.S. INTERESTS.

IF ASKED:

Q. WHAT ABOUT THE CLAIM REGARDING U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTES GOING AGAINST U.S.?

A. AROUND 75% OF ALL U.N. RESOLUTIONS ARE APPROVED BY CONSENSUS, AND OF THE REMAINING 25% OF RESOLUTIONS THAT GO TO A VOTE, SLIGHTLY LESS THAN HALF GO OUR WAY. SO BY THIS MEASURE, THE U.S. IS WITH THE MAJORITY OF U.N. MEMBERS ON MORE THAN 85% OF THE RESOLUTIONS THAT COME BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

IF ASKED:

Q. ANY COMMENT ON SENATOR HELMS' POINT REGARDING A "LACK OF GRATITUDE" IN THE U.N. FOR U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUPPORT THE U.N. AND ITS PROJECTS?

A. LIKE ALL U.N. MEMBERS, THE U.S. IS REIMBURSED FOR ALL GOODS AND SERVICES THAT THE U.N. CONTRACTS WITH US TO SUPPLY FOR U.N.-APPROVED OPERATIONS.

-- THE U.S. DOES MAKE GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND GLOBAL PROSPERITY FAR BEYOND OUR U.N.
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CONTRIBUTIONS -- WE DO THIS BECAUSE IT IS IN OUR NATIONAL INTEREST TO DO SO. THE "LACK OF GRATITUDE" JUDGEMENT MADE BY SENATOR HELMS IS SOMETHING YOU'D HAVE TO ASK HIS OFFICE ABOUT.

11. TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL BRIBE PAYERS INDEX

BACKGROUND: TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL (TI) RELEASED ON JANUARY 20 A PUBLICATION DETAILING RESULTS OF THE SURVEYS UNDERLYING THEIR BRIBE PAYERS PERCEPTION INDEX (BPI). THE BPI INDEX WAS FIRST RELEASED ON OCTOBER 26, 1999. IT RANKS 19 LEADING EXPORTING COUNTRIES IN TERMS OF THE DEGREE TO WHICH THEIR CORPORATIONS ARE PERCEIVED TO BE PAYING BRIBES IN 14 EXPORT MARKETS. THE U.S. EARNED A SCORE OF 6.2 (10 REPRESENTING A LEVEL OF NEGLIGIBLE BRIBERY), EQUAL TO GERMANY AND LOWER THAN THE SCORES OF UK, CANADA AND AUSTRALIA.

Q. WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEW ON TI'S BPI?

A. THE BRIBE PAYERS PERCEPTION INDEX (BPI) ILLUSTRATES THAT CORRUPTION IS SEEN AS A SERIOUS PROBLEM AND ALL OF US IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAVE MUCH WORK TO DO IN THIS AREA. WE WELCOME SUCH STUDIES, AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED COOPERATION WITH OUR TRADING PARTNERS ON THESE ISSUES. TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL HAS HELPED RAISE AWARENESS AROUND THE WORLD ABOUT INTERNATIONAL CORRUPTION.

-- THE USG HAS UNDERTAKEN A BROAD-RANGING EFFORT TO URGE ALL SIGNATORIES TO RATIFY AND IMPLEMENT THE 1997 CONVENTION ON COMBATING CORRUPTION. THE CONVENTION MAKES IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO BRIBE OR GIVE UNFAIR ADVANTAGE TO A FOREIGN OFFICIAL TO OBTAIN OR RETAIN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS. WE VIEW THE BPI INDEX AS ONE WAY TO STIMULATE PROGRESS IN THIS MULILATERAL EFFORT AND OTHERS IN THE COMING YEARS.

Q. DOES THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. RANKING OF 9 AMONG IMPORTANT EXPORTERS IS JUSTIFIED?

A. WE BELIEVE INDICATORS OF THIS KIND SHOW THAT CORRUPTION IS PERCEIVED TO BE AN IMPORTANT, WIDESPREAD PROBLEM. INDEED, TI HAS PRODUCED A "PERCEPTION INDEX," RATHER THAN A VERIFIABLE ACCOUNTING OF CORRUPTION CASES WORLDWIDE. TI'S WORK HAS UNCOVERED VERY SERIOUS PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE GENERAL AWARENESS OF ANTI-BRIBERY OR ANTI-CORRUPTION EFFORTS. FOR EXAMPLE, A SURVEY OF 230 EXECUTIVES FROM MAJOR FOREIGN COMPANIES RESIDENT IN THE EMERGING MARKET COUNTRIES PERCEIVE CORRUPTION TO BE A PROBLEM, YET MOST ARE UNAWARE THAT THE 1997 CONVENTION ON COMBATING BRIBERY OF FOREIGN PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS EXISTS. FURTHER, THE U.S. WAS THE FIRST COUNTRY TO ENACT STRONG INTERNATIONAL ANTI-BRIBERY LEGISLATION IN 1977, THE FOREIGN CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT. WITH THESE LIMITATIONS IN MIND, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE SURVEYS OF THIS KIND ARE USEFUL AND TI HAS DONE SOME INVALUABLE WORK IN DRAWING THE ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC AND BUSINESS TO THE GLOBAL PROBLEMS OF CORRUPTION AND BRIBERY.

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Helms has used the vast influence inherent to his post to brutally blackmail people and to impose his viewpoint, which is not very far from the viewpoint held by the close to 400 nazi and neo-nazi groups which move freely about in the United States.

In the middle of last year, for example, and with the help of Representative Dan Burton, Helms halted the appointment of Peter Romero, deputy secretary of state for Western Hemisphere affairs, as ambassador to Mexico. Why? Because Helms felt that Romero had been weak on Cuba. Romero did not get the post in Mexico.

In addition to being arrogant and intransigent, the head of the Senate's Foreign Affairs Committee is also ignorant. Often a single anecdote is enough to paint a very graphic picture. In 1994 Pamela Harriman was proposed as ambassador to France, and consequently had to undergo one of Helms's renowned interrogations.

Helms asked her: Is it true that you gave money to Monnet, to his leftist group? Pamela was taken aback. It was true, indeed, that several years earlier she had made a donation to help restore the studio of French impressionist painter Claude Monet, who lived from 1840 to 1926 and was famous for his paintings of landscapes.

Helms had confused the painter with Jean Monnet, one of the founders of the European Community, and who -- to make matters worse -- is quite far from being a leftist.

In late 1996 Helms was accused of making dirty deals with his properties. Lisbeth Evans, Democratic Party president in North Carolina, accused Helms of forging financial records.

According to Evans, Senator Helms declared to the Senate that he owns nine properties in Raleigh valued at between \$250,000 and \$500,000, instead of the 15 properties that he and his wife own and which are valued at more than \$1 million.

Evans added that the properties were in bad shape and that in full view of everyone they had become places that were commonly used for activities related to drugs and violence.

The political leader stressed that the poor condition of the properties "might have been a deliberate action in order to cover up the fact that Helms the millionaire is the owner of shoddy houses that are being rented at outrageously high prices."

This character has been one of the most rabid enemies of our country. Late in 1994 the Spanish magazine Cambio 16 painted an accurate portrait of Helms when it asserted that, had it been up to Helms, in October of that year "instead of sending troops to Haiti, the United States would have invaded Cuba."

The well-known law that bears his name and that of Congressman Burton savagely strengthened the blockade and unblushingly prescribed measures to once again convert the island into US property, and threatened the world's nations with heavy-handed reprisals if they did not follow the policy set down by Washington.

On 9 October 1997, Helms demanded that the White House send him a copy of the letters, cables, notes, electronic mail, facsimiles, and any other documents related to investigations of board members or shareholders of foreign companies that had

invested in assets in Cuba once owned by US citizens.

Shortly thereafter State Department Spokesman James Rubin said that Helms would "receive the requested documents as soon as possible," and noted that in May of the previous year the Department had already sent Helms 106 documents on the manner in which the law was being implemented.

In mid-1998 a bill aimed at lifting the blockade on the sale of medicines and foodstuffs to Cuba was gaining ground in the US Congress. To halt the progress of the bill, Helms once again joined forces with the so-called CANF. As everyone knows, their first step was to draft another bill to maintain the blockade but project an image of flexibility.

The Senator himself presented his plan during a news conference at the Capitol, and said: "With the approval of this bill, the policy of the United States will no longer be merely to isolate the regime, but to actively support those who are working for change inside Cuba." Helms added: "this involves measures to step up US support for the internal opposition in Cuba, in the same way in which we backed the opposition movement in communist Poland during the eighties."

In May of that year [US President Bill] Clinton and European Union President Jacques Santer reached an agreement in London that committed Clinton to ask Congress to reduce certain sanctions on European companies that had relations with Cuba. In exchange, the European governments would make it more difficult to do business with Cuba.

It did not take Helms very long to demonstrate how shaky that deal was. "Hell will freeze over," he said, "before the European Union can convince me to change the compulsory restrictions of the Helms-Burton Law for an agreement that would legitimize the robbery of the US properties that were confiscated in Cuba."

The Senator recently announced that he would ask Congress to grant US citizenship to Elian Gonzalez, the 6-year-old boy who was kidnapped in Miami by the gang known as the FNCA and its accomplices.

This kidnapping is part of a much larger plot, aimed at provoking a confrontation between Cuba and the US Government, that involves first of all the FNCA, Burton, Ros-Lehtinen, Diaz-Balart, Bob Menendez, Robert Torricelli, and other members of the mob of political gangsters in Washington and Miami.

The nazi that North Carolina gave birth to, Jesse Helms, is the synthesis of all of these people. If the historic justness of a cause can be measured by those who have most fiercely fought against it, then the Cuban Revolution won't have any problem whatsoever proving the truth of its cause and its lofty humanitarian values.

There are no doubts about this, but if there were any, all that is needed to dispel them is a look at the dastardly actions taken by this menagerie of slimy men with regard to a 6-year-old Cuban boy.

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1. FINANCE-ECONOMY MINISTER LEE GOES FURTHER THAN PROPER (CHUNGANG ILBO 1/24; FULL)

WITH THE RISE OF THE NEW ECONOMIC TEAM LED BY FINANCE-ECONOMY MINISTER LEE HUN-JAE, FEUDS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE BUSINESS LOOK BOILING. THIS IS NO DOUBT AN UNWHOLESOME DEVELOPMENT, ABOUT WHICH WE WORRY.

ASSUMING THE POST, LEE DECLARED THAT THE FEDERATION OF KOREAN INDUSTRIES (FKI), COMPOSED OF THE NATION'S LEADING BUSINESSES, IS AN UNNECESSARY ORGANIZATION.

IN A SEMINAR ON JANUARY 21, HE AGAIN SENT OUT STRONG WARNING AGAINST THE OMNIPOTENCE OF CHAEBOL OWNERS, SENDING CHILLS CREEPING THROUGHOUT THE BUSINESS CIRCLES.

IN THIS CONNECTION, WE CANNOT BUT EXPRESS A DEEP CONCERN ABOUT HIS PERCEPTION AND THE WAY OF EXPRESSING IT.

IT SEEMS THAT HE IS STILL THINKING THAT THE PRIVATE BUSINESSES ARE AS GOOD AS GOVERNMENT SUBORDINATES AND THEY HAVE TO FOLLOW GOVERNMENT INSTRUCTIONS.

OF COURSE, THERE ARE LOTS OF PROBLEMS WITH PRIVATE BUSINESSES AND THE FKI.

AS POINTED OUT BY LEE, FKI HAS WORKED AS IF IT WERE A SPOKESMAN OF CHAEBOLS. AS SEEN IN THE RECENT PERSONNEL SHUFFLING AT HYUNDAI AND SAMSUNG, OWNERS' INFLUENCE IS STILL OMNIPOTENT.

THEY ARE PROBLEMATIC. BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE GOVERNMENT CAN INTERVENE, ASKING THEM TO DO THIS AND THAT.

LEE IS NOT AN ORDINARY MAN. HE IS A HIGH PUBLIC FIGURE. HE NEEDS TO BE CHOOSY ABOUT HIS WORDS. BUT HE SPEAKS USING RADICAL TERMS IN PUBLIC.

THIS SHOWS THAT HE IS STILL IN THE GRIP OF THE PAST AUTHORITARIAN WAY OF THINKING. WE SUSPECT IF HE THINKS HIMSELF AN EMPEROR IN ECONOMY.

IF THERE ARE ERRS AND PROBLEMS, THEY NEED TO BE CORRECTED. TO THIS, THERE IS NO EXCEPTION, BE THEY CHAEBOLS OR SMALL BUSINESS FIRMS.

THIS IS NOT A MATTER FOR THE NATION'S TOP ECONOMIC PLANNER AND EXECUTIONER TO DRUM UP. IT'S A MATTER TO BE ENFORCED IN EARNEST IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW AND SYSTEM.

ONLY WHEN THIS IS DONE CAN WE HAVE A FORESEEABLE ECONOMY. AND CHANCE OF UNNECESSARY CONFLICTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS WILL GET SLIMMER.

PROF. DONBUSH AT MIT SAID IN HIS RECENT SEOUL VISIT THAT THE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION ONLY GETS IN THE WAY OF DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGE.

2. NEW MOMENT FOR BANKING STABILITY (MAEIL KYONGJE SHINMUN 1/24; FULL)

IT'S WELCOME NEWS THAT AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND FOREIGN CREDITORS ON THE SETTLEMENT OF DAEWOO'S DEBTS.

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WITH THE AGREEMENT, THE WORKOUT PROGRAM FOR DAEWOO CAN GET UNDERWAY IN EARNEST. JITTERS PERSISTING IN THE CAPITAL MARKET WILL NOW DISAPPEAR, SHORING UP THE NATIONAL CREDIT STANDING OVERSEAS.

DAEWOO'S FOREIGN DEBTS ARE STRUCTURALLY COMPLEX. BESIDES THIS, THERE ARE 240 FOREIGN CREDITORS. THESE HAVE BEEN MAJOR OBSTACLES.

FOREIGN CREDITORS HAVE BEEN SUSPICIOUS ABOUT THE DUE DILIGENCE REPORT ON DAEWOO'S ASSETS. ALSO, THEY HAVE COMPLAINED THAT THEY ARE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, COMPARED TO DOMESTIC CREDITORS.

INITIALLY, THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN CREDITORS PROPOSED IT WOULD GIVE UP 41 PERCENT OF THE CREDITS GIVEN TO DAEWOO.

AS A LAST MEASURE, THE COMMITTEE OFFERED A NEW LOSS RATE OF 55 PERCENT. HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT SAID THE RATE SHOULD BE 63.5 PERCENT. BECAUSE OF THE WIDE GAP, CHANCES FOR AN AGREEMENT WERE LOW AS OF EARLY LAST WEEK.

HOWEVER, THE TWO SIDES STRUCK AN AGREEMENT. THE CONCERTED EFFORTS OF RELATED OFFICES, INCLUDING THE FINANCIAL SUPERVISORY SERVICE (FSS) AND BUSINESS RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE, WORKED.

THE FSS SAID THAT INVESTMENT-TRUST COMPANIES WOULD BUY UP UNSECURED DAEWOO DEBTS AT A 35 PERCENT PRICE. LIKEWISE, FOREIGN CREDITORS SHOULD ASSUME LOAN LOSSES CORRESPONDING TO THOSE OF THE DOMESTIC CREDITORS.

IF THIS POSITION HAD NOT BEEN ACCEPTED, THE GOVERNMENT SAID THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY BUT TO GO TO COURT.

BUT THE FOREIGN CREDITORS CONSENTED TO THE SETTLEMENT. NOW, THE GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO GET DOWN TO THE WORK OF DRIVING DISQUIETING ELEMENTS OUT OF THE BANKING AND CAPITAL MARKET.

THE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE NEATLY IMPLEMENTED SO THAT OUR INTERNATIONAL CREDIBILITY CAN RISE.

THE NARA MERCHANT BANK, WITH LARGE NUMBERS OF DAEWOO BONDS, WAS SLAPPED WITH A BUSINESS SUSPENSION FOR THREE MONTHS. ITS IMPACT ON THE CAPITAL MARKET SHOULD BE MINIMIZED.

THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT INVESTMENT-TRUST COMPANIES AND SECURITIES HOUSES ARE THOROUGHLY PREPARED FOR THE EXPECTED FLOOD OF DEMANDS TO REDEEM DAEWOO BONDS, BEGINNING FEBRUARY 8.

DOMESTIC BANKS SHOULD CARRY OUT THE WORKOUT PROGRAM FOR DAEWOO COMPANIES IN EARNEST. THAT WOULD ENSURE THEM A MINIMUM LOSS OF CREDIT AND LIGHTEN THE FINANCIAL BURDEN ON ORDINARY PEOPLE, RESULTING FROM DAEWOO'S DOWNFALL.

3. DJ PLACES HIS LOYALISTS IN COMMAND OF NEW PARTY (CHOSON ILBO 1/24; SUMMARY)

THE SELECTION OF KEY POST HOLDERS FOR THE MILLENNIUM

DEMOCRATIC PARTY (MDP), BY PRESIDENT KIM DAE-JUNG, DEMONSTRATES HIS INTENTION TO PLACE HIS LOYALISTS IN COMMAND OF THE NEW PARTY.

FOLLOWING THE SELECTION OF LEE MAN-SUP, CHOSEN AS THE NCNP ACTING PRESIDENT WITH NOMINAL POWER, PRESIDENT KIM HAS PUT UP SUH YOUNG-HOON AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW PARTY "WITHOUT AUTHORITY."

SUH HAS LITTLE INFLUENCE IN THE PARTY, AND HIS SYMBOLIC REPRESENTATION IS UNCLEAR.

PRESIDENT KIM HAS PUT ALL HIS LOYAL SUPPORTERS IN THE MOST IMPORTANT AND POWERFUL POSITIONS, INCLUDING PARTY SECRETARY
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GENERAL AND FLOOR LEADER.

THIS PERSONNEL LINE-UP CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES WHAT THE FUTURE OF THE NEW PARTY WILL BE.

PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL KIM OK-DOO SAID THAT THE BLACKLISTING OF DISQUALIFIED POLITICIANS BY CIVIC GROUPS WILL BE USED AS A REFERENCE FOR PICKING PARTY CANDIDATES TO RUN IN THE APRIL 13 GENERAL ELECTIONS.

KIM WILL BE IN CHARGE OF SCREENING THE NOMINEES WHO WILL COMPETE IN THE UPCOMING PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

KIM ALSO HINTED AT THE POSSIBILITY OF A NUMBER OF LEADING PARTY MEMBERS BEING DROPPED FROM THE LIST OF PARTY CANDIDATES IN THE UPCOMING NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS.

IT COULD MEAN THAT THE NOMINATION OF PARTY CANDIDATES WILL BE DONE IN SECRET, TO REPLACE OLD TIMERS WITH NEW, FRESH FACES AND THAT PARTY OPERATIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE IMMEDIATE DIRECTION OF PRESIDENT KIM.

THIS POSSIBILITY HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED SINCE PRESIDENT KIM DISSOLVED THE NCNP AND CREATED THE NEW PARTY, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE FORMER MADE HIM VICTORIOUS IN THE 1997 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

PRESIDENT KIM HAS CONSTRUCTED THE NEW PARTY UNDER AN AUTHORITARIAN, MONOLITHIC AND MONOPOLISTIC SYSTEM.

STILL, WHAT WE CAN'T UNDERSTAND IS WHY THE PRESIDENT HAS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE CIVIC GROUPS' MOVEMENT AIMED AT BOYCOTTING CORRUPT AND INCOMPETENT CANDIDATES, KEEPING THEM FROM RUNNING IN THE ELECTIONS.

PRESIDENT KIM'S INTENT TO PLACE THE NEW PARTY UNDER THE IMMEDIATE MANAGEMENT OF HIS LOYALISTS IS CONTRADICTORY TO AND DISAGREEABLE WITH HIS MOVE TO CURRY FAVOR WITH THE CIVIC GROUPS' MOVEMENT.

PUTTING THE PARTY MANAGEMENT UNDER THE COMMAND OF HIS LOYAL SUPPORTERS IS A ONE-MAN BOSS SYSTEM. IN OTHER WORDS, THIS IS THE MOST ANTI-DEMOCRATIC METHOD FOR OPERATING THE PARTY.

THE FIRST TASK AHEAD FOR US IS TO DO AWAY WITH THIS ONE-MAN BOSS SYSTEM TO ENSURE POLITICAL REFORM. THIS IS WHY THE CALL TO END "THE THREE KIMS" ERA (REFERRING TO PRESIDENT KIM, FORMER PRESIDENT KIM YOUNG-SAM AND FORMER PRIME MINISTER KIM JONG-PIL) HAS GAINED STRENGTH.

HOWEVER, PRESIDENT KIM HAS FOUNDED THE NEW PARTY AND IS FOLLOWING CONVENTIONAL BOSSY POLITICS IN SPITE OF THE STRONG CALL FROM CIVIC GROUPS AND CITIZENS FOR POLITICAL REFORM.

THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN SAYING, "THE CALL OF THE CIVIC GROUPS FOR POLITICAL REFORM IS THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE."

THE MOVEMENT OF THE CIVIC GROUPS IS PRIMARILY DESIGNED TO PROMOTE POLITICAL REFORM AND PURSUE HIGH-STANDARD DEMOCRATIC POLITICS WHILE BLOCKING TAINTED, UNDESIRABLE PEOPLE FROM ENTERING POLITICS.

A SPECIFIC FIGURE'S PLACING HIS PARTY UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL OF HIS LOYALISTS CAN HARDLY BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE CIVIC GROUPS' CURRENT MOVEMENT.

PRESIDENT KIM MAY BE TRYING TO DEVELOP A NEW STRATEGY INTENDED TO BRING NEW, FRESH FACES INTO HIS PARTY AND MAKE THE CIVIC GROUPS FRIENDLY FORCES. THE SITUATION IS NOT TURNING IN HIS FAVOR, EVEN THOUGH HE FORMED THE NEW PARTY.

NEVERTHELESS, THE ONE SURE THING IS THAT THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NEW PARTY, UNDER THE ONE-MAN BOSS SYSTEM, RUNS COUNTER TO THE TREND OF THE TIMES.

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4. DILEMMA OF STUDENTS STUDYING IN U.S. (CHOSON ILBO 1/24;
FULL)

(BY REPORTER CHANG IL-HYUN)

KOREAN STUDENTS STUDYING IN THE U.S. FOR RELATIVELY LONG PERIODS OF TIME ARE IN TROUBLE, SINCE MANY OF THEM ARE BEING DENIED VISA EXTENSIONS. FOR THIS REASON, THEY ARE IN DANGER OF HAVING TO STOP THEIR STUDIES MIDWAY.

ONE MR. KIM, TAKING A DOCTORAL COURSE IN ELECTRIC ENGINEERING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, APPLIED FOR A VISA EXTENSION, AS HIS FIVE-YEAR VISA EXPIRED AT THE END OF LAST YEAR. HOWEVER, THE U.S. EMBASSY DENIED THE 32-YEAR-OLD STUDENT THE EXTENSION.

KIM LEFT FOR THE U.S. IN 1994. HE IS TO EARN HIS DOCTORAL DEGREE THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, HE IS HAVING PROBLEMS RENEWING HIS VISA.

A 25-YEAR-OLD FEMALE STUDENT, WHO STUDIED PIANO FOR ABOUT SIX YEARS IN THE U.S., IS ALSO HAVING TROUBLE.

UPON GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL, SHE ENROLLED IN A PROGRAM TO STUDY THE PIANO AT STATE UNIVERSITY IN CALIFORNIA. SHE HAD TO FINISH ONLY ONE MORE SEMESTER TO GRADUATE, WHEN HER STUDENT VISA EXPIRED.

SHE RETURNED IN APRIL OF LAST YEAR. IN ORDER TO COMPLETE AN UNFINISHED THREE-CREDIT COURSE, SHE APPLIED FOR A VISA IN AUGUST, ONLY TO BE DENIED.

EMPLOYEES AT OVERSEAS STUDY ARRANGEMENT CENTERS SAY THE DENIAL HAS TO DO WITH A GROWING CONCERN THE U.S. HAS ABOUT THE KOREAN ECONOMY. THE NUMBER OF KOREAN STUDENTS FAILING TO PAY THEIR TUITION IS ON THE RISE.

DICKSON JOHNSON, OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, SAID THE UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES ARE DOING WHAT THEY CAN, IN EARNEST, FOR THE KOREAN STUDENTS.

ACCORDING TO JOHNSON, THE UNIVERSITY'S PRESIDENT AND A NUMBER OF PROFESSORS SENT LETTERS AND PLACED PHONE CALLS TO THE U.S. EMBASSY FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION. BUT THEY HAVEN'T WORKED VERY EFFECTIVELY, HE SAID.

OVERSEAS STUDY ARRANGEMENT CENTERS AND TOURISM COMPANIES ARE RECEIVING INCREASING NUMBERS OF REQUESTS FOR THEIR SERVICES IN ORDER TO GET VISAS ISSUED.

SHIN MYONG-CHAE, AT THE SOLOMON TOURIST CO. SAID, "ABOUT 70-80 PERCENT OF THE VISA APPLICATIONS WE ARRANGED IN THE PAST WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL. HOWEVER, THE RATE DROPPED TO 40 PERCENT SOON AFTER THE IMF CRISIS HIT."

NOH SOO-AH AT THE "GLOBAL CENTER" WHICH ARRANGES STUDIES IN FOREIGN NATIONS SAID, "THERE HAVE BEEN NO CHANGES IN THE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR VISA APPLICATIONS."

IT SEEMS THAT THE U.S. EMBASSY IS NOW APPLYING REGULATIONS MORE STRICTLY THAN IT DID IN THE PAST. THE EMBASSY SEEMS TO BE PAYING CLOSER ATTENTION TO THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE PARENTS OF VISA APPLICANTS, AS WELL AS THEIR SCHOOL RECORDS.

THE U.S. EMBASSY SAID, "THE VISA DENIAL RATE WAS ABOUT 5-7 PERCENT IN THE PAST. BUT THE RATE GREW TO 10 PERCENT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE IMF CRISIS."

IT IS NOT BECAUSE THE BASIS FOR APPLYING AMERICAN POLICY CHANGED, BUT PERHAPS BECAUSE THE INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE APPLICANTS CHANGED, SAID THE EMBASSY.
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5. AMB.HOLBROOKS AND SEN. HELMS (CHUNGANG ILBO; 1/24 FULL)

"I AM NOT A DIPLOMAT, USED TO REFRESHED AND POLITE DIPLOMATIC TERMS. I AM AN ELECTED PUBLIC FIGURE, REPUTED FOR STRAIGHT SPEAKING," SAID SEN. JESSE HELMS, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, AT THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL LAST THURSDAY.

HE WENT ON TO SAY, "FOR THIS REASON, I HOPE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND IF I OFFEND YOU WITH ROUGH TERMS, TO WHICH YOU ARE NOT ACCUSTOMED."

SEN. HELMS SPOKE ON THE REPUBLICAN POSITION, TO STRENGTHEN THE U.S. ROLE IN THE UN AND TO BLOCK THE PAYMENT OF ITS FINANCIAL SHARE TO THE UN.

SEN. HELMS CERTAINLY GOT HIS MESSAGE ACROSS AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING. AS A SENATOR, ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE SUPER POWER, HE HAD NO HESITATION, SINCE THE MEETING WAS COMPOSED OF DELEGATES FROM MANY OTHER NATIONS, SOME OF WHICH ARE WITHOUT MUCH POWER.

HE SAID THE REAGAN DOCTRINE ENDED THE COLD WAR. IT WAS NOT THE UN BUT THE U.S. THAT BROUGHT FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY TO THE WORLD.

ACCORDINGLY, THE UN SHOULD BACK UP THE U.S. POLICY, WHICH IS A WAY OF MAKING CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORLD. IF THE UN PURSUES A LINE DIFFERENT FROM THE U.S., INTOXICATED BY ABSURD AUTHORITY, IT WILL LOSE U.S. RESPECT. EVENTUALLY, HE WENT TO THE EXTENT OF SAYING THAT THE U.S. CAN GIVE UP UN MEMBERSHIP.

NO DOUBT, REPRESENTATIVES AT THE MEETING WERE UPSET. EVEN THOSE FROM U.S. CLOSE ALLIES SUCH AS BRITAIN AND CANADA DENOUNCED HIM.

AMBASSADOR FROM NAMIBIA TOOK UP REAGAN'S OBSTRUCTION TO THE ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM SOUTH AFRICA, CRITICIZING THE U.S. FOR BLOATED SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS.

THE MEETING WAS ARRANGED BY RICHARD HOLBROOKE, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO UN, TO DEFUSE HOSTILITY BETWEEN U.S. RIGHTISTS AND THE UN.

HOLBROOKE HIMSELF HAD TO WAIT WITH HAT IN HAND FOR ONE YEAR TO GET SENATE'S APPROVAL OF HIS APPOINTMENT AS U.S. AMBASSADOR TO UN. PUTTING ASIDE HIS PERSONAL INSULT, HE IS DOING HIS BEST TO MEND THE FENCE.

THE FOLLOWING DAY, THERE WAS A MEETING OF THE SENATE'S FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. HOLBROOKE'S SPEECH WAS VERY MUCH APPEASING.

HE ADMITS THAT THERE IS PROBLEM WITH THE UN OPERATION. STILL, HE DWELT ON THE FACT THAT THE UN IS STILL AN INDISPENSABLE ORGANIZATION.

IN ORDER FOR THE UN TO DO ITS ROLE WELL, U.S. SUPPORT IS VERY MUCH NEEDED. THE U.S. SHOULD NOT LOSE THIS CHANCE, HE SAID.

SEN. HELMS TRIED TO GET U.S. POSITION THROUGH RIGHT OFF AT UN. AMB. HOLBROOKE IS APPEALING FOR U.S. PATIENCE WITH A VIEW THAT THE GOALS OF THE U.S. AND THE UN WILL HAVE TO BE IDENTICAL.

THE SPEECHES OF THE TWO LOOK DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO EACH OTHER. IN REALITY, THEY ARE IDENTICAL AS LONG AS THE STRENGTHENING OF U.S. INFLUENCE IN THE UN IS CONCERNED. IT'S A SORT OF BULLYING AND PATTING ON THE BACK.

6. WILL BICKERING BETWEEN TWO COALITION RULING PARTIES OVER CABINET SYSTEM ISSUE BE RESOLVED? (HANKUK ILBO 1/24; SUMMARY)

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(BY REPORTER KIM KWANG-DUK)

THE MILLENNIUM DEMOCRATIC PARTY (MDP) AND THE ULD HAVE BEEN AT ODDS OVER THE CABINET SYSTEM ISSUE. THE MDP FAILED TO ADOPT THE CABINET SYSTEM AS THE NEXT FORM OF GOVERNMENT ON ITS PLATFORM.

THE COALITION RULING PARTIES HAVE STARTED TRYING TO MEND THE FENCES THAT DIVIDE THEM.

ULD HONORARY PRESIDENT KIM JONG-PIL HAS HURLED CRITICISM AT THE MDP AND PRESIDENT KIM DAE-JUNG EVERY DAY SINCE THE NEW PARTY FAILED TO INCLUDE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CABINET SYSTEM ON ITS PLATFORM WHEN IT WAS INAUGURATED, ON JANUARY 20.

PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY GENERAL HAN KWANG-OK VISITED FORMER PRIME MINISTER KIM ON JANUARY 23 AND CONVEYED THE MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT KIM THAT "I WILL HONOR MY PROMISE TO ADOPT THE CABINET SYSTEM, THOUGH IT WAS LEFT OUT OF MY NEW PARTY'S PLATFORM."

AT THE MEETING, ULD HONORARY PRESIDENT KIM AND PRESIDENTIAL CHIEF OF STAFF HAN DISCUSSED WAYS OF RECONFIRMING THE AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN PRESIDENT KIM AND FORMER PRIME MINISTER KIM, ON THE CABINET SYSTEM.

IF A MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO KIMS COMES ABOUT, IT IS LIKELY THEY WILL DISCUSS COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES IN PREPARATION FOR THE APRIL 13 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS, INCLUDING THE JOINT NOMINATION OF THEIR CANDIDATES.

IT IS ALSO LIKELY THAT REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS BETWEEN PRESIDENT KIM AND ULD ACTING PRESIDENT LEE HAN-DONG WILL BE HELD BEFORE LONG.

THERE ARE MANY IN THE ULD CALLING FOR THE PARTY'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COALITION RULING GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, THE PARTY HONORARY PRESIDENT HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THE COALITION RULING SYSTEM SINCE IT IS THE COMMITMENT HE MADE TO THE PEOPLE.

AT A MEETING OF SUPPORTERS OF CHUNG JIN-SUK, CHAIRMAN OF THE ULD KONGJU DISTRICT CHAPTER ON JANUARY 22, FORMER PRIME MINISTER KIM CRITICIZED THE MDP.

HE SAID, "IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT THE MDP HAS NOT SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED THE CABINET SYSTEM AS THE NEXT OF FORM GOVERNMENT, ON ITS PLATFORM, THOUGH IT HAS TAKEN ALL THE OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FROM THE NCNP. SUCH AN ACTION WILL SHAKE THE PRINCIPLE OF MUTUAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COALITION RULING PARTNERS TO ITS FOUNDATION."

ON JANUARY 23, ULD SPOKESMAN LEE YANG-HI LASHED OUT AT PRESIDENT KIM, SAYING, "PRESIDENT KIM REMARKED THAT CIVIC GROUPS' INTERVENTION IN ELECTIONCAMPAIGNING CANNOT BE REGULATED BY LAW. THIS PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT COULD BRING ABOUT CONFUSION IN UNDERSTANDING THE LAW."

THE HARD-LINE ATTITUDE TAKEN BY THE ULD OVER THE CABINET SYSTEM ISSUE WAS DUE TO THE FACT THAT PARTY HONORARY PRESIDENT KIM ASKED THE BLUE HOUSE "TO EXPRESSLY INCLUDE THE CABINET SYSTEM IN THE MDP'S PLATFORM" BUT THE NEW PARTY DID NOT HONOR THE REQUEST.

THE ULD HAS CALCULATED THAT IT WOULD BE TO ITS ADVANTAGE, IN THE UPCOMING PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS, TO ACT INDEPENDENTLY FROM THE NEW RULING PARTY.

BEHIND THIS ULD ACTION, IS THE HIDDEN MOTIVE AIMED AT SECURING THE UPPER HAND IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE NEW PARTY, TO OBTAIN A GREATER SHARE IN THEIR JOINT NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES IN THE UPCOMING PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.
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7. U.S. DEMANDS THE EASING OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS
(KYUNGHYANG SHINMUN 1/24; FULL)

(BY REPORTER KIM HWA-GYUN)

U.S. BUSINESSES ARE DEMANDING AN EASING OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS FOR PHARMACEUTICAL AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. THEY ARE ALSO DEMANDING A REVISION OR OUTRIGHT REPEAL OF THE SCREEN QUOTA SYSTEM.

ACCORDING TO THE FEDERATION OF KOREA INDUSTRIES (FKI), THE U.S. MADE THE DEMAND AT A STEERING MEETING OF BUSINESS

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TWO SIDES, IN HAWAII, ON JANUARY 17.

THE PRICE OF INSURANCE-COVERED IMPORT MEDICINES IS SET AT TOO HIGH A LEVEL. FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, THE QUARANTINE PERIOD IS TOO LONG TO PRESERVE FRESHNESS, THEY COMPLAINED.

FKI OFFICIALS SAID, "IN THE PAST, THEY TOOK ISSUE WITH SEMI-CONDUCTORS, AUTOMOBILES AND STEEL PRODUCTS. NOW, IT'S SOMETHING ELSE."

AN FKI OFFICIAL SAID, "THE U.S. IS NOW TAKING ISSUE WITH THE IMPORT SYSTEM RATHER THAN PRODUCTS. TRADE FRICTION BETWEEN THE TWO WILL RISE IF BOTH SIDES TAKE SEATS FOR THE MAIN TALKS IN JUNE."

AT THE STEERING MEETING IN HAWAII, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ABOUT 10 LEADING BUSINESSES, SUCH AS POWER GENERATORS, AUTOMOBILES, SECURITIES, AND DEFENSE INDUSTRIES TOOK PART.

MICROSOFT AND YAHOO ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE JUNE MEETING.

8. DOLLARS FLOWING INTO VENTURE BUSINESSES (CHOSON ILBO 1/14; SUMMARY)

(BY REPORTER SEO GYO)

A MASSIVE AMOUNT OF FOREIGN CAPITAL IS BEING INVESTED IN KOREAN VENTURE FIRMS.

FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF SON JUNG-WI, PRESIDENT OF JAPANESE SOFT BANK, KIM YOON-JONG, PRESIDENT OF XILAN OF THE U.S. HAS INVESTED IN KOREAN VENTURE BUSINESSES.

GOLDMAN SACHS AND JP MORGAN, BOTH AMERICAN INVESTMENT BANKS, ARE POISED TO MAKE THEIR INVESTMENTS IN THE KOREAN VENTURE FIRMS THROUGH THEIR FUND MANAGEMENT COMPANIES IN HONG KONG.

ON TOP OF THIS, THERE IS FOREIGN CAPITAL THAT WILL MAKE INROADS INTO THE KOREAN VENTURE INVESTMENT MARKET BY JOINTLY ESTABLISHING A LARGE VENTURE FUND WITH KOREAN VENTURE CAPITAL.

XILAN PRESIDENT KIM, WHO PLANS TO INVEST \$30 MILLION IN KOREAN VENTURE FIRMS SAID, "I WILL WORK TO BRING TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPED IN THE U.S. TO KOREA AND HELP KOREAN VENTURE FIRMS ADVANCE INTO SILICON VALLEY."

GEMS OF HONG KONG, WHICH IS IN CHARGE OF HANDING A FUND CREATED BY THE DEUTSCHE BANK AND CITICORP IN ASIA, RECENTLY INVESTED \$8 MILLION IN IMS, A KOREAN VENTURE FIRM WHICH HAS OFFERED A TOTAL BANKING SOLUTION.

AN ASSISTANT MANAGER AT KOREA TECHNOLOGY BANKING STATED THAT "AMERICAN INVESTMENT BANKS HAVE NAMED KOREA THE MOST PROMISING COUNTRY FOR INVESTMENT."

AMP GROUP, AN AUSTRALIAN FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, HAS DECIDED TO JOINTLY RAISE \$100 MILLION TOGETHER WITH ILSHIN VENTURE, IN ORDER TO INVEST IN MEDIUM-LEVEL VENTURE FIRMS IN KOREA.
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THEY PLAN TO INVEST \$30 MILLION EACH IN THE FUND. TOWARD THIS END, THE TWO COMPANIES HAVE AGREED TO SET UP A JOINT CORPORATION FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND.

CDIB, A TAIWANESE INVESTMENT BANK PLANS TO INVEST \$100 MILLION IN 15 TO 20 KOREAN VENTURE FIRMS THROUGH CDIB-MBS, A KOREAN CORPORATION.

A BOARD DIRECTOR AT CDIB SAID, "OUR CORPORATION MADE AN INVESTMENT OF \$80 MILLION IN 15 KOREAN VENTURE FIRMS LAST YEAR." HE ADDED, "WE WILL INVEST CHIEFLY IN SEMICONDUCTORS, TFT-LCD EQUIPMENT PRODUCTION, MOBILE TELEPHONES AND INTERNET FIRMS THIS YEAR."

AN OFFICIAL FROM KOREAN VENTURE BUSINESS CIRCLES COMMENTED THAT "SINCE THESE FOREIGN CONCERNS HAVE DEMANDED TOO HIGH A PRICE FOR THEIR STOCKS WE HAVE BEEN HESITANT TO RECEIVE THEIR INVESTMENTS."

HE PREDICTED, HOWEVER, THAT "SINCE KOREA IS FAR AHEAD OF OTHER SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS IN THE AREAS OF INFORMATION-TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND THE INTERNET, FOREIGN CONCERNS WILL INCREASE THEIR INVESTMENTS IN KOREA IN THE FUTURE."

9. CONVERTIBLE BONDS USED FOR CHAEBOLS' CAPITAL INHERITANCE (DONGA ILBO 1/24; FULL)

(BY REPORTER KIM DOO-YOUNG)

IN ORDER TO RAISE CAPITAL OVERSEAS, FOR CAPITAL RESTRUCTURING, THE NATION'S LEADING BUSINESS CONCERNS ISSUED CONVERTIBLE BONDS (CB) AND BONDS WITH WARRANT (BW) FOR NEW BOND RIGHTS.

HOWEVER, IT WAS BELATEDLY LEARNED THAT SOME CHAEBOLS HAVE USED THIS AS A FORM OF CAPITAL INHERITANCE, GETTING AROUND THE PAYMENT OF HIGH INHERITANCE TAXES.

THE FINANCIAL SUPERVISORY COMMISSION IS ABOUT TO LAUNCH A MASSIVE INVESTIGATION. MAJOR BUSINESSES FLOATED CBS AND BWS UNDER THE PRETEXT OF RAISING FOREIGN CAPITAL FOR RESTRUCTURING. BUT THEIR MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS BOUGHT THEM BACK FROM FOREIGN INVESTORS AND SOLD THEM AT A PREMIUM AFTER TURNING THEM INTO STOCKS.

IN THIS WAY, THEY GROSSED LARGE PROFITS AT THE SACRIFICE OF ORDINARY INVESTORS.

ONE COMPANY FLOATED CBS FOR \$60 MILLION (W10,000 PER CONVERTIBLE BOND) LAST SUMMER.

WHEN THE PRICE OF THE COMPANY STOCK DOUBLED LATE LAST YEAR, FOREIGN INVESTORS THAT BOUGHT THE CB STOOD TO GAIN HUGE PROFITS.

PRELIMINARY PROBES SHOW THAT FOREIGN INVESTORS HAVING CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMPANY BOUGHT UP THE BONDS OVERSEAS. LATER, THEY SOLD THEM BACK TO MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS.

IN SOME CASES, MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS BOUGHT A CONSIDERABLE PORTION OF THE BONDS OVERSEAS DIRECTLY. SINCE THE DEALS WERE MADE OVERSEAS, THEY WERE PRACTICALLY IN THE DARK.

IN THE CASE OF THE SALES OF BWS, SEPARATIONS OF "BONDS" FROM "WARRANTS" ARE IMPOSSIBLE IN THE DOMESTIC MARKET. BUT THEY ARE POSSIBLE OVERSEAS.

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THIS, HEIR-DESIGNATES BUY BWS THROUGH OFFSHORE FUNDS. THEN, THEY SELL ONLY "BONDS," KEEPING "WARRANTS" FOR RIGHTS TO NEW BONDS.

THE RIGHTS TO NEW BONDS CAN BE EXERCISED AT ANY TIME. USUALLY, THE RIGHTS TURN INTO NEW BONDS WHEN STOCK PRICES RISE.

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IN THIS WAY, A CORPORATE HEIR-DESIGNATE IS VIRTUALLY ASSURED OF CAPITAL INHERITANCE, GETTING AROUND THE PAYMENT OF INHERITANCE TAX.

BUSINESSES TURN TO BOND ISSUANCE OVERSEAS RATHER THAN THE DOMESTIC MARKET. AT HOME, THE DISCOUNT RATE IS ABOUT 25-40

PERCENT.

SOME BUSINESSES LISTED ON KOSDAQ HAVE TO PUT UP WITH A 60 PERCENT DISCOUNT RATE.

BUT, BONDS FLOATED OVERSEAS ARE VIRTUALLY ASSURED OF THEIR FACE VALUE. BESIDES THIS, THE SALES PERIOD IS RELATIVELY SHORT. AND THERE ARE NO VOLUMINOUS OBLIGATIONS SUCH AS THE REPORTING OF SALES TERMS AND BUYERS.

ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

THE KOREA IRON AND STEEL ASSOCIATION SAID ON JANUARY 23 THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS STARTED AN INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER KOREAN-MADE STAINLESS COLD PLATES ARE BEING EXPORTED TO CHINA AT DUMPING PRICES. IT IS PREDICTED THAT A PRELIMINARY DECISION ON THE MARGIN RATE WILL BE MADE NEXT MONTH. AN ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE NO APPROPRIATE METHOD TO COPE WITH THE SITUATION, EVEN IF BEIJING SHOULD MAKE AN UNREASONABLE DECISION, SINCE IT IS NOT A WTO MEMBER. (CHOSON ILBO 1/24)

SHIN YOON-SHIK, PRESIDENT OF HANARO TELE-COMMUNICATIONS, SAID ON JANUARY 23, "THE INTERNET-RELATED MARKET WILL ACCOUNT FOR 42 PERCENT IN 2001 AND 60 PERCENT IN 2005 OF THE ENTIRE INFORMATION-TELECOMMUNICATION MARKET IN KOREA." HE ALSO SAID, "WE HAVE ALREADY BEEN PROMISED, BY HEWLETT-PACKARD, THAT THEY WILL INVEST \$100 MILLION IN OUR CORPORATION. AND OTHER FOREIGN BUSINESSES HAVE OFFERED TO INVEST IN OUR FIRM, TOO." (DAEHAN MAEIL 1/24)

KUMHO INDUSTRY'S TIRE BUSINESS SAID ON JANUARY 23 THAT IT WILL SUPPLY GENERAL MOTORS (GM) OF THE U.S. WITH GM BRAND TIRES BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR. THE INDUSTRY WENT ON TO SAY, "IT IS NEGOTIATING WITH THE AMERICAN AUTO GIANT TO EXPORT TIRES ON AN OEM BASIS." IT CONTINUED THAT IT PLANS TO SHIP \$820 MILLION WORTH OF TIRES TO NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE THIS YEAR." IT ADDED THAT "NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE SALE OF ITS PLANT IN BEIJING TO BRIDGESTONE OF JAPAN FOR \$150 MILLION ARE PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY. THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE LIKELY TO BE WRAPPED UP THIS MONTH." (MAEIL KYONGJE SINMUN 1/24)

ACCORDING TO RELATED BUSINESS CIRCLES, ON JANUARY 23, SUN MICRO SYSTEM HAS BEEN PUSHING TO INVEST \$500 MILLION IN SOME TEN KOREAN VENTURE FIRMS, INCLUDING SAINT MEDIA, DIV, CYBER DIME AND SO FORTH. (MAEIL KYONGJE SINMUN 1/24)

PHILIA ELECTRONICS, A START-UP VENTURE FIRM SAID ON JANUARY 23 THAT IT WILL EXPORT \$15 MILLION WORTH OF 900 MHZ WIRELESS MINI PHONES TO THE U.S. IT WILL SHIP 50,000 PHONES TO CDI OF SILICON VALLEY MONTHLY. (HANKUK KYONGJE SINMUN 1/24)

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1. WHA PRESS GUIDANCE, APR 21 (ECUADOR, CUBA)
2. INL PRESS GUIDANCE, APR 21 (MEXICO)
3. DRL PRESS GUIDANCE, APR 21 (BOLEMS CASE --

Q: ANY FURTHER COMMENT ON THE WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE ABOUT AMERICAN CITIZEN PRISONER JAMES WILLIAMS IN GUAYAQUIL?

A: THE ARTICLE ENCAPSULATES THE CURRENT STATUS OF MR. WILLIAMS' CASE. REP. CALLAHAN'S STAFF HAS TOLD US HE HAS

HELD UP ASSISTANCE TO ECUADOR OUT OF CONCERN AT ECUADORIAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM DELAYS IN THE HANDLING OF THE CASE OF U.S. CITIZEN JAMES WILLIAMS. MR. WILLIAMS WAS ARRESTED IN SEPTEMBER 1996 AND FOUND GUILTY OF MONEY LAUNDERING CHARGES IN OCTOBER 1997. HE IS CURRENTLY BEING HELD IN GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR. THE U.S. EMBASSY IN QUITO AND THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN GUAYAQUIL HAVE FOLLOWED MR. WILLIAMS' LEGAL PROCEEDINGS, AS WITH ALL U.S. PRISONERS HELD IN ECUADOR. CONSULATE PERSONNEL HAVE MONITORED HIS HEALTH AND THE CONDITIONS OF HIS INCARCERATION, AND ASSISTED HIS ATTORNEYS AS APPROPRIATE. THEY REMAIN VIGILANT TO PROTEST ANY ACTIONS BY AN ECUADORIAN COURT THAT WOULD APPEAR TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST MR. WILLIAMS AS A U.S. CITIZEN OR WOULD BE OTHERWISE CONTRARY TO THE CONSULAR OR OTHER TREATMENT HE IS DUE UNDER APPLICABLE LAW. CONSULAR OFFICERS FROM CONSULATE GENERAL GUAYAQUIL HAVE VISITED MR. WILLIAMS QUARTERLY, MOST RECENTLY ON MARCH 13, WHEN HE WAS FOUND TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH. HIS APPEAL WAS ACCEPTED FOR REVIEW BY THE SUPREME COURT ON MARCH 17. THE U.S. EMBASSY HAS STRESSED TO HIGH-RANKING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN ECUADOR THE IMPORTANCE OF RESOLVING THIS CASE IN A TIMELY FASHION. WE EXPECT A COURT RULING ON THE APPEAL IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

-- CUT>XRS AND ARRIVED ON
APRIL 6 IN WASHINGTON; THE OTHER 3 INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVED VISAS MAY TRAVEL WHENEVER THEY WISH TO DO SO. THE REMAINING 22 VISA APPLICATIONS REMAIN UNDER REVIEW.

Q: HAS THE GOC INFORMED YOU THAT THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S RESIDENCE WILL NO LONGER HAVE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY?

A: THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED US OF ANY WAIVER OF PROTECTION TO ITS DIPLOMATIC RESIDENCES.

Q: HAS A DECISION BEEN MADE REGARDING ELIAN'S PAROLE?

A: I WOULD REFER YOU TO DOJ AND INS ON ISSUES PERTAINING TO ELIAN'S PAROLE.

-- CUBA: RUMORED CUBAN INTERESTS SECTIKE ELIAN FROM MIAMI?

A: CUBINT OFFICIALS HAVE NOT PROVIDED US WITH A DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON THIS ISSUE.
WE WOULD REFER YOU TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CONCERNING ANY ISSUES ABOUT VIOLENCE OR THREATS OF VIOLENCE IN MIAMI.

-- CUBA: FURTHER ON ALTERCATION AT CUBAN INTERESTS SECTION
APRIL 14 --

Q: HOW IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT HANDLING THE INCIDENT ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 14 AT THE CUBAN INTERESTS SECTION?

A: ON APRIL 18 WE CALLED IN THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL OFFICER OF THE CUBAN INTERESTS SECTION TO PRESENT HIM WITH A DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO FORMALLY INSIST THAT THEY PROVIDE AN ACCOUNT OF THE ALTERCATION AND EXPLAIN THE ALLEGED ROLE OF THEIR STAFF IN THE INCIDENT.

WE HAD ALREADY VERBALLY EXPRESSED TO THEM THE SERIOUSNESS OF THIS MATTER.

WE HAVE NOT HAD FURTHER COMMUNICATION ON THE ISSUE.

Q: IS IT TRUE THAT SENATOR JESSE HELMS HAS WRITTEN TO SECRETARY ALBRIGHT REGARDING THIS MATTER?

A: WE HAVE SEEN PRESS REPORTS THAT SENATOR HELMS HAS WRITTEN TO THE DEPARTMENT REGARDING THIS INCIDENT. WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN THE LETTER BUT WILL ADDRESS WHATEVER CONCERNS MR. HELMS MAY HAVE.

IF ASKED

Q: WILL THE STATE DEPARTMENT EXPEL ANY EMPLOYEES OF THE CUBAN INTERESTS SECTION?

A: THIS INCIDENT IS CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT. WE WILL NOT COMMENT ON THIS ONGOING INVESTIGATION.

IF ASKED

Q: WHO IS HANDLING THIS CASE AT THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT?

A: THE MPD HAS ASKED US TO DIRECT CALLS TO SGT. JOE GENTILE.

(IF PRESSED) THE PHONE NUMBER IS: 727- 4383.

2. INL PRESS GUIDANCE, APRIL 21, 2000:

-- MEXICO: POLICE CHIEF KILLED --

Q: ON APRIL 21 USA TODAY REPORTED THAT A MEXICAN FEDERAL AGENT INVESTIGATING A MARIJUANA CARTEL AND ALLEGED LINKS OF FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO DRUG TRAFFICKING WAS KILLED. (REUTERS ON APRIL 20 REPORTED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IN QUESTION WAS THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR OAXACA.) A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEXICAN FEDERAL ATTORNEY STATED THE KILLING IS BELIEVED TO BE DRUG RELATED. IT IS THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF HIGH PROFILE KILLINGS. DOES THE DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON THE WAVE OF DRUG RELATED VIOLENCE THAT IS PLAGUING MEXICO AND ANY DETAILS ON THE AGENT'S KILLING?

A: THE DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED BY THE APPARENT INCREASE IN DRUG RELATED VIOLENCE IN MEXICO, ESPECIALLY IN THE TIJUANA AREA. THESE KILLINGS REFLECT THE RUTHLESS ACTIONS OF DRUG

TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS. THESE ACTS SHOULD ONLY STRENGTHEN OUR RESOLVE TO WORK TOGETHER IN COMBATING DRUG TRAFFICKING.

FOR DETAILS ON THE KILLING OF THE MEXICAN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENT, I REFER YOU TO THE MEXICAN FEDERAL ATTORNEY'S GENERAL OFFICE, WHICH IS CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION.

3. DRL PRESS GUIDANCE, APRIL 21, 2000:

-- BOLIVIA: MILITARY HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES --

Q: WHAT DO WE THINK ABOUT REPORTS ACCUSING THE BOLIVIAN MILITARY OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES?

A: WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT VIOLENCE PERPETRATED BY VARIOUS ACTORS DURING THE STATE OF SIEGE, WHICH REPORTEDLY HAS LEFT 6 DEAD AND 50 WOUNDED.

THE STATE OF SIEGE WAS LIFTED YESTERDAY, AND THE SITUATION IN BOLIVIA HAS CALMED CONSIDERABLY.

WE URGE THE GOVERNMENT TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES COMMITTED DURING THE STATE OF SIEGE.
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EDITORIALS FOCUSSED ON THE CDU SLUSH FUND SCANDAL, ON THE POLITICAL UNREST IN ZIMBABWE, ON THE GERMAN-POLISH SUMMIT, ON THE DECLINE OF THE EURO, ON U.S. PLANS FOR A MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM, AND ON THE LEGAL BATTLE OVER THE QUESTION OF PINOCHET'S IMMUNITY. ZDF-TV'S EARLY EVENING NEWSCAST HEUTE AND ARD-TV'S EARLY EVENING NEWSCAST TAGESSCHAU OPENED WITH A STORY ON THE TESTIMONY DELIVERED BY FORMER CDU TREASURER KIEP BEFORE THE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING THE SLUSH FUND SCANDAL.

B. (ARMS CONTROL) ABM/NMD

1. "BLOCKADE"

RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (4/28) WROTE IN AN EDITORIAL:

"JESSE HELMS IS AN ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTER OF A MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM AND A NOTORIOUS RUSSIA SKEPTIC...WHO IS QUITE INDIFFERENT TO THE ABM-TREATY. HE IS RIGHT, HOWEVER, WHEN HE PORTRAYS CLINTON AS POWERLESS IN MATTERS OF DISARMAMENT POLICY VIS-A-VIS CONGRESS. AND THAT IS WHY RUSSIAN PRESIDENT PUTIN WILL TELL HIMSELF THAT A SUMMIT MEETING WITH CLINTON MAY HAVE SYMBOLIC PAY-OFF, BUT THAT NEGOTIATIONS MAY TURN OUT TO BE A USELESS INVESTMENT. [LIKE HELMS,] HE IS PROBABLY WAITING FOR CLINTON'S SUCCESSOR."

2. "U.S. MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM BECOMES ONGOING ISSUE"

ROLAND HEINE NOTED IN AN EDITORIAL IN LEFT-OF-CENTER BERLINER ZEITUNG (4/28):

"WHAT IS BECOMING CLEAR THESE DAYS IS THE FACT THAT THE U.S. MISSILE DEFENSE PROJECT IS AFFECTING INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS NEGATIVELY EVEN BEFORE IT HAS RECEIVED FINAL RATIFICATION. MOSCOW, WHICH ALREADY FEELS HUMILIATED BY NATO'S EASTERN EXPANSION AND THE WAR IN KOSOVO, IS MOSTLY SENDING ONE MESSAGE: ITS WILLINGNESS TO [RESPOND TO A MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM] BY ABANDONING IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL ARMS CONTROL TREATIES. EVEN IF THINGS DID NOT GO THIS FAR, BECAUSE A WEAKENED RUSSIA MIGHT, IN THE

END, BE MORE INTERESTED IN MAINTAINING CERTAIN TREATIES
THAN THE UNITED STATES, THE WORK OF IMPORTANT
INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT COMMITTEES WOULD BE
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FUNDAMENTALLY CALLED INTO QUESTION. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT
SUCH A DEVELOPMENT CANNOT LEAVE WESTERN EUROPEANS
INDIFFERENT, ESPECIALLY SINCE THEY WOULD REMAIN OUTSIDE
ANY U.S. DEFENSE SHIELD. IT IS URGENTLY NECESSARY THAT
THE EU STATES AGREE ON A COMMON POSITION IN THIS MATTER
AND CONVEY IT TO THE UNITED STATES WITH DETERMINATION."

C. (ZIMBABWE) LAND REFORM

1. "STRANGE ASSURANCES"

LEFT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU (4/28) JUDGED IN AN
EDITORIAL:

"WITH THE LAND CONFLICT, WHICH MUGABE STARTED AFTER COOL
CALCULATIONS SHORTLY BEFORE THE ELECTION, THE AUTOCRAT
NOT ONLY PUSHES HIS PEOPLE TO THE BRINK OF CIVIL WAR, BUT
ALSO CONFIRMS THE OPINION OF ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ALWAYS
PREFERRED DOING BUSINESS IN ASIA OR LATIN AMERICA. THE
CLEAR CRITICISM COMING FROM THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT AND THE
GERMAN MINISTER OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION IS THEREFORE
FULLY JUSTIFIED. ZIMBABWE'S NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES SHOULD
ALSO DISTANCE THEMSELVES MORE CLEARLY FROM THE MUGABE
REGIME. MUGABE HAD ALMOST 20 YEARS TO IMPLEMENT A
GENUINE LAND REFORM. NOW, HE THREATENS TO DISCREDIT AN
ENTIRE REGION IN A MATTER OF WEEKS."

2. "BLACK AND WHITE IN AFRICA"

PETER DAUSEND NOTED IN AN EDITORIAL IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER
DIE WELT OF HAMBURG (4/28):

"WHAT CAN BE DONE TO END THE SITUATION IN ZIMBABWE? ONE
HAS TO FIND AN AFRICAN SOLUTION FOR AN AFRICAN PROBLEM.
WITH HIS CAMPAIGN OF HATE AGAINST WHITE SETTLERS, MUGABE
SEEKS TO PRESERVE HIS POWER. AND HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT
THE DESTABILIZATION OF ALL OF SOUTHERN AFRICA IN THE
PROCESS. IT IS MAINLY THE TASK OF SOUTH AFRICA, THE
REGIONAL POWER, TO OPPOSE ZIMBABWE BY DENOUNCING THE
CURRENT SITUATION AND USING THE TOOLS OF PRESSURE

AVAILABLE. ZIMBABWE IS DEPENDENT ON SOUTH AFRICAN OIL AND ELECTRICITY. CUTTING THE SUPPLY LINES COULD QUICKLY RETURN MUGABE TO REASON. IF THAT DOES NOT WORK, THERE IS ONE LAST CHANCE FOR BLACK AND WHITE IN ZIMBABWE: THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN JUNE. THEY COULD BE MUGABE'S POLITICAL END."

D. (NORTH-SOUTH KOREA) CURRENT RELATIONS

1. "A NEW MELODY"

RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (4/28) WROTE IN AN EDITORIAL:

"IF THE CLIMATE DURING THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE INTRA-KOREAN SUMMIT CAN BE TAKEN AS AN INDICATION OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF RELATIONS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH, THEN SOMETHING LIKE SPRING INDEED SEEMS TO HAVE ARRIVED ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. IT IS TRUE THAT THE DIFFICULT CONTENT QUESTIONS HAVE NOT BEEN TACKLED SO FAR; MOST OF THE FOCUS HAS BEEN ON MATTERS OF PROTOCOL AND ORGANIZATION. BUT AFTER THIS PROMISING BEGINNING ONE IS ALLOWED TO THINK THAT NORTH KOREA'S 'GREAT LEADER' KIM JONG-IL HAS SOME EXPECTATIONS FOR THE SUMMIT AND HAS INSTRUCTED HIS NEGOTIATORS ACCORDINGLY. HOWEVER, UNPLEASANT SURPRISES ARE ALWAYS A POSSIBILITY WHEN DEALING WITH PYONGYANG."

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E. (CHILE) PINOCHET CASE

1. "PINOCHET HOME ALONE"

CENTRIST SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (4/28) NOTED IN AN EDITORIAL:

"IF THINGS LOOK DIFFERENT NOW, IT MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE FACT THAT CHILEAN JUDGES WANT TO REFUTE THE ACCUSATION OF BEING BIASED AFTER THE RETURN OF THE GENERAL FROM ENGLAND. THEY WANT TO PROVE TO THE INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC THAT THEY ARE AS DEDICATED TO THE RULE OF LAW AS THEIR EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES. MOREOVER, A DIFFERENT POLITICAL WIND HAS BEEN BLOWING SINCE THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN JANUARY. RICARDO LAGOS, A SOCIALIST, HAS TAKEN OVER THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT, AND HE

IS DETERMINED TO RISK MORE DEMOCRACY, KNOWING THAT THE MAJORITY OF CITIZENS SUPPORT SUCH A STRATEGY.

"EVEN PINOCHET'S FOLLOWERS ON THE RIGHT HAVE UNDERSTOOD THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO DISTANCE THEMSELVES FROM THEIR IDOL IF THEY EVER WANT TO WIN AN ELECTION. THUS, ONLY A FEW OF THOSE OBSESSED WITH THE PAST ARE STILL LOYAL TO PINOCHET, NAMELY RETIRED MILITARY AND WORKERS OF HIS REGIME. EVEN THE ARMY LEADERSHIP, WHICH DURING PINOCHET'S IMPRISONMENT IN LONDON STILL CALLED ATTENTION TO ITSELF BY DIRECTING INAPPROPRIATE POLITICAL STATEMENTS AT THE FORMER DICTATOR'S OPPONENTS..., HAS BECOME CAREFUL WITH ITS UTTERANCES. THE FORMERLY OMNIPOTENT DICTATOR IS BECOMING LONELY."

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2. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY SPOKESMAN RICHARD BOUCHER WAS ISSUED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE SPOKESMAN ON 5/11/2000.

3. BURMA: ELECTION ANNIVERSARY AND HARASSMENT OF OPPOSITION

THIS MONTH MARKS THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF BURMA'S 1990 ELECTIONS, WHICH THE DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION, LED BY THE NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR DEMOCRACY (NLD), WON BY AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY. WE DEEPLY DEPLORE THE FACT THAT BURMA'S MILITARY REGIME REFUSES TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON THE RESULTS OF THOSE FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS AND HAS THWARTED ALL ATTEMPTS TO CONVENE A PARLIAMENT AND FORM A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. WE FURTHER REGRET THAT THE REGIME HAS CHOSEN TO COMMEMORATE THE ANNIVERSARY WITH YET ANOTHER WAVE OF MASS ARRESTS OF DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION PARTY MEMBERS. WE REJECT THE REGIME'S LATEST GAMBIT OF ASSOCIATING THE NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR DEMOCRACY WITH TERRORIST PLOTS AND VIEW THESE ARRESTS AS A FURTHER ACT OF REPRESSION AGAINST BURMESE PEOPLE ENGAGED IN THE PEACEFUL EXPRESSION OF THEIR POLITICAL BELIEFS. CHARGES THAT THE NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR DEMOCRACY IS LINKED TO ALLEGED TERRORIST GROUPS ARE A MALICIOUS FABRICATION. THIS POLITICAL PARTY HAS DEMONSTRATED A COMMITMENT TO NON-VIOLENT POLITICAL CHANGE IN BURMA.

4. THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WAS ISSUED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE SPOESMAN ON 5/10/2000.

5. LAOS

THE U.S. EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE ADVISES THAT AT LEAST THREE EXPLOSIONS IN PUBLIC PLACES HAVE OCCURRED AT NIHT IN VIENTIANE SINCE MARCH 30. ONE INCIDENT INVOLVED AN APPARENT ACCIDENTAL DETONATION OF A GRNADE BY A GANG OF YOUTHS, A SECOND THE DETONATION OF A SMALL EXPLOSIVE DEVICE ON A BICYCLE IN A PARKING LOT, AND THE THIRD THE DETONATION OF AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE IN A RESTAURANT. NONE OF THESE INCIDENTS APPEAR TO BE RELATED AND THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE VIOLENCE HAS BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST U.S. CITIZENS OR INSTITUTIONS, OR AT FOREIGNERS IN GENERAL. HOWEVER, U.S. CITIZENS SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE SITUATION AND THAT MORE SUCH INCIDENTS MAY OCCUR.

U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING TO OR RESIDING IN LAOS ARE ADVISED TO

EXERCISE CAUTION AND REMAIN ALERT TO THEIR SURROUNDINGS.
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FOR FURTHER GENERAL INFORMATION ON TRAVEL TO LAOS PLEASE CONSULT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S LATEST CONSULAR INFORMATION SHEET ON LAOS AND THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FOR LAOS ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 23, 2000 REGARDING INSURGENCY AND ROAD TRAVEL. THE CONSULAR INFORMATION SHEET IS AVAILABLE AT ANY U.S. EMBASSY OR CONSULATE ABROAD, THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND ON THE INTERNET AT HTTP://TRAVEL.STATE.GOV. U.S. CITIZENS PLANNING TO VISIT LAOS ARE ENCOURAGED TO VISIT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE UPON ARRIVAL IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY REGISTER AND OBTAIN THE MOST CURRENT TRAVEL AND SECURITY INFORMATION. THE U.S. EMBASSY IS LOCATED AT RUE BARTHOLONIE (NEAR TAT DAM), TEL. (856-21) 212-581, 212-582, OR 212-585. THE CONSULAR SECTION FAX NUMBER IS (856-21) 212-584.

THIS PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT SUPPLEMENTS THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FOR LAOS OF FEBRUARY 23, 2000 AND EXPIRES ON AUGUST 10, 2000.

6. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCES WERE PREPARED ON 5/11/2000. THERE WAS NO PRESS BRIEFING ON THAT DAY. POSTS MAY DRAW FROM THEM ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

7. THAILAND: THAI TODDLER CAUGHT IN ELIAN-TYPE SUTUATION

Q: HOW WOULD YOU COMMENT ON THE CASE OF THAI TODDLER PHANUPONG, USED AS A HUMAN "PROP" IN A SMUGGLING RING -- IS THIS ANOTHER ELIAN IN THE MAKING?

A: -- BOTH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE WELFARE OF THIS YOUNG BOY. THIS IS A TRAGEDY--A TWO-YEAR OLD WHOSE MOTHER ALLOWED HIM TO BE USED BY HUMAN TRAFFICKERS.

-- THE CHILD HAS NO RELATIVES IN THE U.S.

-- A U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE ISSUED A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER MAY 9, ENSURING THE BOY WILL REMAIN IN THE U.S. UNTIL A MAY 23 HEARING.

-- I WOULD REFER YOU TO INS OFFICIALS IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT FOR FURTHER COMMENT.

(IF ASKED)

Q: HOW DID THE BOY END UP IN THE HANDS OF THE THAI COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS?

-- WHEN PHANUPONG REMAINED IN THE U.S. ON TEMPORARY PAROLE AFTER INS DEPORTED THE SMUGGLERS, TEMPORARY CARE WAS AWARDED TO THE THAI CONSUL GENERAL IN LOS ANGELES. FOLLOWING

WORLD-WIDE THAI CUSTOM IN THE CASE OF INDIGENT THAI AWAITING RETURN TO THAILAND, THE THAI CONSUL GENERAL TURNED TO THE LOCAL THAI COMMUNITY FOR ASSISTANCE.

CONTEXT: PHANUPONG KHAISEE (PRONOUNCED PAHN-NOO-PON KAI-SEE), A TWO-YEAR OLD THAI TODDLER, ARRIVED IN THE U.S. IN LATE APRIL AS A HUMAN "PROP" FOR A SMUGGLING RING. PHANUPONG'S MOTHER APPARENTLY "SOLD" PHANUPONG TO AN INDONESIAN SMUGGLER, WHO ATTEMPTED TO USE THE BOY TO SMUGGLE A MAINLAND CHINESE PROSTITUTE INTO THE U.S. INS AGENTS INTERCEPTED THE TRIO AT LOS ANGELES AIRPORT AND IMMEDIATELY DEPORTED THE SMUGGLER AND PROSTITUTE BACK TO BANGKOK APRIL 21. PHANUPONG RECEIVED TEMPORARY PAROLE TO REMAIN IN THE U.S. UNTIL APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE FOR HIS SAFE RETURN TO THAILAND. SINCE HE HAS NO RELATIVES IN THE U.S., HE WAS PAROLED INTO THE CARE OF THE THAI CONSUL GENERAL IN L.A. THE CONSUL GENERAL, FOLLOWING THAI CUSTOM WORLDWIDE IN CASES OF INDIGENT UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 05 STATE 089958

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THAI WAITING RETURN TO THAILAND, TURNED THE BOY OVER FOR TEMPORARY CARE TO A THAI COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION. INS AND THE U.S. EMBASSY IN BANGKOK HAD BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THAI OFFICIALS TO ARRANGE PHANUPONG'S RETURN TO THAILAND. A KEY ELEMENT WAS THE TRANSFER OF CUSTODY AWAY FROM THE MOTHER. PHANUPONG WAS SUPPOSED TO RETURN TO THAILAND MAY 9, AFTER A FINAL MEDICAL CLEARANCE CHECK. THE THAI COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS CARING FOR HIM BALKED, HOWEVER. THEY REFUSED TO BRING HIM TO THE DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT, HIRED A LAWYER, AND FILED SUIT TO PREVENT PHANUPONG'S REMOVAL FROM THE U.S. AND TO ALLOW HIM TO FILE FOR ASYLUM. LATE ON MAY 9, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE DICKRAN TEVRIZIAN ISSUED A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST THE INS, BARRING ANY DEPORTATION ACTION FOR PRIOR TO A PRELIMINARY HEARING ON MAY 23, AND APPOINTED A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE THAI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER (CDC) AS "GUARDIAN AD LITEM," WHICH ALLOWS HER TO PURSUE LEGAL ACTION ON BEHALF OF THE BOY. PHANUPONG'S PATERNAL GRANDPARENTS HAVE APPLIED FOR VISAS TO TRAVEL TO LOS ANGELES, A KEY DEMAND OF THE THAI CDC.

8. CHINA/NMD: THREAT OF ARMS RACE

Q: -- WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO A REPORTED COMMENT BY A SENIOR PRC OFFICIAL THAT, "IF THE U.S. GOES AHEAD WITH NMD WE WILL NOT SIT ON OUR HANDS."

A: -- NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE (NMD) IS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST CHINA BUT RATHER THE THREAT FROM COUNTRIES WITH DEVELOPING OR POTENTIAL MISSILE PROGRAMS SUCH AS NORTH KOREA, IRAN, AND IRAQ.

-- WE HAVE HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRC ON THIS ISSUE, AND THEY HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERNS. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR

DIALOGUE AND EFFORTS TO EXPLAIN THE BASIS FOR ANY DECISION TO DEPLOY NMD.

CONTEXT: THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED THIS MORNING THAT CHINA'S TOP ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATOR, AMBASSADOR SHA ZUKANG, HAD WARNED THAT U.S. DEPLOYMENT OF NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE (NMD) WOULD UNDERMINE CHINA'S NUCLEAR DETERRENT POSTURE. CHINA CANNOT BASE ITS NATIONAL SECURITY ON PROMISES OF GOOD WILL, SHA WARNED, SO CHINA WOULD "NOT SIT ON ITS HANDS" IN THE FACE OF NMD DEPLOYMENT.

9. CHINA MISSILE ISSUES

Q: WAS THERE A "SECRET DEAL" BETWEEN THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION AND SENATOR HELMS REGARDING MISSILE SANCTIONS ON CHINA?

A: -- THERE WAS NO SECRET DEAL. WE DO CONSULT REGULARLY ON MISSILE PROLIFERATION CASES, INCLUDING ON CASES INVOLVING CHINESE EXPORTS. WE REGULARLY PROVIDE ASSURANCES TO CONGRESS THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON OUTSTANDING CASES, INCLUDING THOSE INVOLVING CHINESE PROLIFERATION ACTIVITIES, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP CONGRESS INFORMED.

-- THE ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT SET UP A SPECIAL TASK FORCE TO HANDLE THESE MATTERS. A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THE VARIOUS RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON PREVENTING MISSILE PROLIFERATION, INCLUDING FROM CHINA.

Q: HAVE OFFICIALS BEEN WORKING "FEVERISHLY SINCE LATE MARCH" ON A SOLUTION THAT WOULD RESULT IN A WAIVER?

A: -- THE U.S. CONTINUES TO WORK HARD, INCLUDING THROUGH UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 05 STATE 089958

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DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES, TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING MISSILE PROLIFERATION ISSUES, INCLUDING THOSE WITH CHINA.

Q: WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT EXPERTS TALKS IN BEIJING ON MAY 9-11?

A: -- THE U.S. CONTINUES TO USE ALL AVAILABLE DIPLOMATIC OPTIONS TO RAISE WITH CHINA OUR ONGOING CONCERNS REGARDING CHINA'S MISSILE ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT ON ANY SPECIFIC EXCHANGES.

CONTEXT: THE FAR EAST ECONOMIC REVIEW TODAY REPORTS ON AN ALLEGED "SECRET DEAL" BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATION AND SENATOR HELMS TO CONFIRM A/S EINHORN IN RETURN FOR MISSILE SANCTIONS RELATING TO CHINA'S SALE OF M-11 MISSILES TO PAKISTAN. IT ALSO NOTES THAT THE U.S. HAS BEEN WORKING "FEVERISHLY" SINCE LATE MARCH TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER AND SUGGESTS THAT TECHNICAL

TALKS WERE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 9-11 IN BEIJING. REPORTS OF M-11 MISSILE TRANSFERS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING SINCE LATE 1992 BUT THE USG HAS NOT YET MADE A LEGAL DETERMINATION THAT SUCH A TRANSACTION OCCURRED. THE UNCLASSIFIED VERSION OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE (NIE) RELEASED IN SEPTEMBER 1999 STATES WITHOUT QUALIFICATION THAT PAKISTAN HAS M-11 MISSILES FROM CHINA. IF A TRANSFER OF CHINESE-MADE M-11 MISSILES TO PAKISTAN WERE CONFIRMED, IT WOULD REQUIRE ACTION UNDER THE U.S. MISSILE SANCTIONS LAW AGAINST THE CHINESE AND PAKISTANI ENTITIES INVOLVED. THE U.S. TWICE IN THE PAST (1991 AND 1993) IMPOSED SANCTIONS ON CHINESE AND PAKISTANI ENTITIES INVOLVED IN TRANSFERS OF M-11 RELATED EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOT DETERMINED SINCE THEN THAT CHINESE AND PAKISTANI ENTITIES HAVE ENGAGED IN SANCTIONABLE ACTIVITY, TO INCLUDE TRANSFERS OF M-11 MISSILES.

10. CHINA: REPORTS OF MISTREATMENT OF FALUN GONG PRACTITIONERS

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE ARREST OF SCORES OF FALUN GONG ADHERENTS ON THURSDAY IN BEIJING IN TIANANMEN SQUARE?

A: -- DISMAYED TO SEE REPORTS OF NEW DETENTIONS OF FALUN GONG ADHERENTS FOR TRYING TO CARRY OUT PEACEFUL ACTIVITIES TO PROTEST GOVERNMENT'S BAN ON FALUN GONG.

-- ACCORDING TO EYEWITNESSES, MANY PRACTITIONERS KICKED AND BEATEN BY AUTHORITIES IN TIANANMEN SQUARE AS THEY WERE ARRESTED.

-- WHEN CHINA SIGNED INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS, COMMITTED TO RESPECT FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY AND EXPRESSION AND THE FREEDOM TO MANIFEST ONE'S BELIEFS.

-- REITERATE OUR CALL ON CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO BRING PRACTICES INTO LINE WITH INTERNATIONAL NORMS AND STANDARDS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

-- REPEAT CALL ON CHINA TO STOP CRACKDOWN ON FALUN GONG SPIRITUAL MOVEMENT AND OTHER GROUPS FOR PEACEFUL EXPRESSION OF SPIRITUAL, POLITICAL VIEWS, TO LIFT BAN ON FALUN GONG, AND RELEASE ALL WHO HAVE BEEN DETAINED WITHOUT DUE PROCESS OR FOR PEACEFUL EXPRESSION OF THOUGHT, CONSCIENCE, OR RELIGION.

CONTEXT: ON THURSDAY, CHINESE DETAINED SCORES OF FALUN GONG ADHERENTS IN BEIJING'S TIANANMEN SQUARE, KICKING AND BEATING SOME OF THEM AS THEY STAGED PEACEFUL PROTESTS TO MARK THE BIRTHDAY OF THE MOVEMENT'S FOUNDER. YOUNG ADULT FOLLOWERS, ORGANIZED IN SMALL GROUPS, HAD DASHED OUT INTO THE SQUARE AND ATTEMPTED TO UNFURL FALUN GONG BANNERS. PRACTITIONERS ALSO UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 05 STATE 089958

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THE GROUP. THE BEIJING AND HONG KONG PROTESTS MARKED THE
48TH BIRTHDAY OF FALUN GONG FOUNDER LI HONGZHI.
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