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- CHINESE PC MANUFACTURER LIKELY TO CONSTRUCT PC FACTORY IN
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REDUCED ON KOREAN PENINSULA IN WAKE OF KOREA SUMMIT, SENATOR JESSE HELMS SAYS DURING JUNE 16 CNN INTERVIEW (JOONG-ANG ILBO, CHOSUN ILBO, DONG-A ILBO, HANKYOREH SHINMUN, SEGYE ILBO)
 - KIM YOUNG-NAM TO VISIT WASHINGTON IN SEPTEMBER TO DELIVER KIM JONG-IL'S MESSAGE THAT THE NORTH WANTS BETTER RELATIONS WITH U.S. (CHOSUN ILBO)

EDITORIAL COMMENT

- "SUCCESS OF KOREA SUMMIT DUE TO SUNSHINE POLICY" (DAEHAN MAEIL OP-ED BY FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR TO ROK DONALD GREGG): "SOUTH KOREA IS THE ONLY NATION CAPABLE OF PROVIDING NORTH KOREA WITH MASSIVE ECONOMIC AID, AND THE FOUR INVOLVED NATIONS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO BETTER INTER-KOREAN RELATIONS."

EDITORIALS

1. SUPRAPARTISAN COOPERATION NEEDED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NORTH-SOUTH AGREEMENT (HANKYOREH SHINMUN 6/19; SUMMARY) (P.4)

PRESIDENT KIM DAE-JUNG AND GRAND NATIONAL PARTY (GNP) PRESIDENT LEE HOI-CHANG HELD A MEETING LAST WEEKEND TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF THE NORTH-SOUTH KOREA SUMMIT.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, PRESIDENT KIM WAS EMPHATIC IN GIVING GNP PRESIDENT A BRIEFING ON THE TANGIBLE RESULTS HE PRODUCED AT THE SUMMIT. GNP PRESIDENT LEE WAS MORE INTERESTED IN RAISING SEVERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE SUMMIT.

WITH THIS, IT IS CONFIRMED THAT THE RULING AND OPPOSITION PARTIES HAVE DIFFERENT VIEWS REGARDING THE RESULTS OF THE SUMMIT.

FROM THE OUTSET, THE OPPOSITION GNP WARNED THE RULING CAMP AGAINST STRETCHING OUT THE OUTCOME OF THE SUMMIT. IT CALLED

FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF RECIPROCITY IN DEALING WITH INTER-KOREA RELATIONS.

OPPOSITION PARTY LEADER LEE, HOWEVER, MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE SUPPORTED THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST-EVER SUMMIT BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA.

AT THE MEETING THE GNP CHIEF POINTED OUT THAT ADDITIONAL EXPLANATIONS SHOULD BE MADE WITH REGARDS TO SEVERAL ISSUES, NAMELY A UNIFICATION FORMULA, THE NUCLEAR/MISSILE ISSUE, THE USFK WITHDRAWAL ISSUE AND THE REUNION OF SEPARATED FAMILIES.

TO BE SPECIFIC, NORTH KOREA'S FEDERATION SYSTEM, MENTIONED IN THE JOINT DECLARATION AS A COMPONENT IN NATIONAL UNIFICATION, IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH OUR FREE, DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM, THE OPPOSITION PARTY LEADER CLAIMED.

THE GNP HEAD ALSO ARGUED THAT "THE INDEPENDENT SOLUTION" OF THE UNIFICATION ISSUE COULD BE REFERRING TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES FROM KOREA.

IN FACT, THE QUESTIONABLE POINTS GNP PRESIDENT LEE DESCRIBED ARE WORTH DRAWING THE ATTENTION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

THE CONTENTS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION ARE SO ABSTRACT THAT THEY MAY REQUIRE CONCRETE DISCUSSION. THE EXPERTS ARE VERY ANXIOUS TO KNOW ABOUT THE BACKGROUND OF THE PROCESS.

GNP PRESIDENT LEE BROUGHT UP CERTAIN QUESTIONS ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE SUMMIT DUE TO A LACK OF INFORMATION.

BUT SOME EXPERTS ARE OF THE OPINION THAT THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT HAVE LOST AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACCURATELY SIZE UP THE CHANGING REALITIES.

PRESIDENT KIM EXPLAINED THAT THE NORTH KOREAN LEADERSHIP HAS DRASTICALLY REVISED ITS UNIFICATION POLICY. THIS STATEMENT NEEDS TO BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED.

GNP PRESIDENT LEE ALSO STRESSED THE NEED TO INSTITUTIONALIZE THE REUNIONS OF SPLIT FAMILIES. IN RESPONSE, PRESIDENT KIM
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REMARKED "IF THE REUNION OF SEPARATED FAMILIES ENDS UP BEING A ONE-SHOT DEAL, I WILL DEVISE ADDITIONAL STEPS."

THE OPPOSITION PARTY HEAD SHOULD BE PRAISED FOR HAVING NUDGED THE PRESIDENT TO COMMIT HIMSELF TO TAKE TOUGHER ACTION IF THE SPLIT FAMILY REUNION PROJECT SHOULD END UP BEING A ONE-TIME EVENT.

IT IS HOPED THAT THE KIM-LEE MEETING WILL FURTHER ACCELERATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE OPPOSITION PARTY HEAD LAST APRIL. THE TWO PROMISED POLITICS OF DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION.

UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, THERE ARE NO SIGNS INDICATING THAT THE RULING AND OPPOSITION PARTIES WILL TRY TO PUT THE STRAINED POLITICAL SITUATION BACK ON TRACK.

THE RIVAL PARTIES HAVE ENGAGED IN TEDIOUS TUGS-OF-WAR OVER A SERIES OF ISSUES, INCLUDING THE FORMATION OF THE 16TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENTARY CONFIRMATION HEARINGS ON THE APPOINTMENT OF KEY PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

IT IS LIKELY THE RULING AND OPPOSITION PARTIES WILL CLASH OVER THE ISSUE OF WHETHER OR NOT TO PERMIT THE UNITED LIBERAL DEMOCRATS (ULD) TO FORM A FLOOR NEGOTIATING BODY BY REDUCING THE LEGALLY REQUIRED QUORUM FROM THE PRESENT 20 LAWMAKERS TO TEN.

THE CLIMATE AROUND THE COUNTRY IS RAPIDLY CHANGING WITH RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO KOREAS DEVELOPING IN AN UNPREDICTED DIRECTION.

LABOR DISPUTES AND THE MEDICAL CARE CRISIS HAVE EMERGED AS SERIOUS SOCIAL PROBLEMS. WORSE YET, FINANCIAL INSTABILITY HAS RESURFACED WITH A VENGEANCE.

UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE COUNTRY WILL BE THROWN INTO UTTER CONFUSION IF POLITICAL CIRCLES FAIL TO FIND A WAY OUT OF THEIR PRESENT PREDICAMENT.

MORE THAN ANYTHING, THE RULING AND OPPOSITION PARTIES NEED TO ENGAGE IN SUPRA-PARTISAN COOPERATION FOR THE REALIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED UPON ITEMS IN THE JOINT DECLARATION.

THE GNP SHOULD COOPERATE WHEN COOPERATION IS NEEDED, WHILE MAINTAINING ITSELF AS A HEALTHY OPPOSITION PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR HOLDING THE RULING CAMP IN CHECK.

2. ON GROWING ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT (KUKMIN ILBO 6/19; FULL) (P.6)

FOLLOWING THE INTER-KOREA SUMMIT, NATIONALISTIC FERVOR IS GROWING AMONG THE PEOPLE. RIDING ON THIS WAVE, ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT IS GAINING STEAM.

THE U.S. SEEMS TO BE SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED WITH SOUTH KOREA'S ON-RUSH TOWARD NORTH KOREA. ANY FLAP IN THE SEOUL-WASHINGTON RELATIONS IS NOT DESIRABLE.

RECKLESS ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT IS MORE UNDESIRABLE. SOUTH KOREA AND THE U.S. NEED TO GO HAND-IN-HAND FOR STABILITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND IN NORTHEAST ASIA.

IT IS A HISTORICAL IMPERATIVE THAT NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA SHOULD TAKE UP THE MAIN ROLE OF TACKLING THE KOREA ISSUE, WHILE THE U.S. REMAINS ON THE SIDELINES.

NOW THE CHANGE IN ROLES IS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE. THE SPATE OF ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT COULD BE FLEETING, ATTENDANT ON THE CHANGE.

IN THIS CONTEXT, ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT IS UNDERSTANDABLE. BUT CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS DO NOT WARRANT US TO BE AT EASE, AS UNBRIDLED ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGNS CAN LEAD TO UNWANTED RESULTS.

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REPORTS HAVE IT THAT A "PAN-NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR UNIFICATION" IS TO KICK OFF A CAMPAIGN FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES FROM SOUTH KOREA, SETTING JUNE 19-25 AS A "WEEK OF PEACE WITHOUT U.S. TROOPS."

THE "FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY STUDENT COUNCILS" IS TO AGGRESSIVELY LAUNCH AN ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN. BUT SUCH A MOVE IS SHALLOW AND IMPROPER.

THE FIRST INTER-KOREA SUMMIT WAS PRODUCTIVE. BUT THE CONFRONTATIONAL STRUCTURE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA REMAINS THE SAME. WE NEED TO ADMIT THAT OUR ALLIANCE WITH THE U.S. IS STILL THE BACKBONE OF OUR NATIONAL SECURITY.

WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT GROWING INTERNAL CONFLICT THAT IS LIKELY TO BREAK OPEN IF THE ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN IS ALLOWED TO GO ON.

ALREADY, THERE IS CRITICISM ABOUT THE WORD "INDEPENDENCE" IN THE JUNE 15 DECLARATION, SINCE IT AMOUNTS TO THE NORTH KOREAN DEMAND FOR OUTRIGHT WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. TROOPS.

IF CONFLICTING FORCES COLLIDE, IT WILL SERVE NO ONE. WE CALL FOR RESTRAINT IN THIS ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN.

WE HAVE SEVERAL THINGS TO SAY TO THE U.S. IT IS A FACT THAT THE U.S. WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE LOSS OF ITS LEVERAGE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. THE U.S. SHOULD ACCEPT

THIS REALITY.

IF THE U.S. TRIES TO HOLD ON TO ITS MONOPOLISTIC POSITION WITH REGARDS TO THE KOREAN ISSUE, INSTEAD OF ADAPTING TO NEW DEVELOPMENTS, IT CAN DAMAGE ITS OWN INTERESTS.

FEATURES

3. TRADING AND BANKING BETWEEN THE U.S. AND NORTH KOREA RETURNING AFTER 50' YEAR HIATUS (DONG-A ILBO 6/19; FULL) (P.5)

BY REPORTER PARK JAE-GYU

THE IMMINENT EASING OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST NORTH KOREA IS BEING ANTICIPATED, AS THE U.S. PROMISED IT AT THE BERLIN MEETING IN SEPTEMBER IN EXCHANGE FOR NORTH KOREA'S MORATORIUM ON MISSILE TESTING.

HOWEVER, THE U.S. SAID IT WOULD TAKE SOME TIME TO STREAMLINE THE VARIOUS LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES NECESSARY FOR THE LIFTING.

THE U.S. DECIDED TO ANNOUNCE THE LIFTING ON JUNE 19, HAVING DETERMINED THAT THE TIME IS RIGHT, WITH THE INTER-KOREA SUMMIT HAVING BEEN A SUCCESS.

THE OUTCOME OF THIS PLANNED U.S. ACTION WILL BE THE IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND NORTH KOREA, BETWEEN NORTH KOREA AND THE WESTERN WORLD, AS WELL AS INTER-KOREA RELATIONS.

IF SANCTIONS ARE LIFTED, U.S. TRADING IN CONSUMERS' GOODS AND BANKING WITH NORTH KOREA WILL BE PERMITTED. SEA AND AIR TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS WILL OPEN UP.

THE BAN ON EXPORTS TO NORTH KOREA, WHICH HAS BEEN IN FORCE FOR THE PAST 50 YEARS, WILL BE VIRTUALLY REMOVED.

WITH THE START OF TRADE WITH THE U.S., NORTH KOREA WILL BE ABLE TO EARN DOLLARS TO BUY FOOD FROM INTERNATIONAL MARKETS.

BUT NORTH KOREAN ASSETS ARE LIKELY TO REMAIN FROZEN DESPITE THE LIFTING. AND MILITARY GOODS WILL ALSO BE BANNED FROM BEING EXPORTED. SENSITIVE MATERIALS THAT COULD BE USED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES WILL CONTINUE TO BE UNDER EXPORT BAN.

AT PRESENT, THE U.S. IS NOT CONSIDERING REMOVING NORTH KOREA FROM THE LIST OF NATIONS SUPPORTING TERRORISM.

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IN AN INTERVIEW WITH CNN ON JUNE 17, SECRETARY OF STATE MADELEINE ALBRIGHT SAID, "DESPITE THE INTER-KOREA SUMMIT, IT WILL BE SOME TIME BEFORE NORTH KOREA IS DROPPED FROM THE LIST."

SHE SAID THERE IS A NEED TO WATCH THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTER-KOREA RELATIONS AFTER THE SUMMIT.

4. U.S. FEELING A BIT MORE AT EASE (HANKYOREH SHINMUN 6/19; FULL) (P.3)

BY CORRESPONDENT YOON KOOK-HWAN IN WASHINGTON

THE U.S. REACTION TO THE INTER-KOREA SUMMIT WAS WELCOME BEFORE IT BEGAN AND AFTER IT ENDED. DESPITE THEIR OFFICIAL STAND, THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT ARE BEING PRUDENT AND HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS.

THIS IS BECAUSE THEY ARE UNAWARE OF HOW THE ISSUES ABOUT WHICH THEY ARE MOST CONCERNED, THE NUCLEAR AND MISSILE ISSUES, WERE HANDLED AND BECAUSE EVALUATIONS OF THE SUMMIT'S IMPACT HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETED YET.

BUT THE U.S. DID BEGIN TO FEEL AT EASE AFTER A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN PRESIDENTS KIM DAE-JUNG AND BILL CLINTON. PRESIDENT KIM SENT HIS SENIOR AIDE ON NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HWANG WON-TAK, TO THE U.S. TO EXPLAIN THE SUMMIT IN DETAIL.

NORTH KOREA'S REACTION TO THE ISSUES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND MISSILES, U.S. FORCES IN SOUTH KOREA AND THE PROJECTED HIGH-LEVEL TALKS WITH THE U.S. WERE FOUND TO BE POSITIVE.

HWANG SAID NORTH KOREA CAREFULLY LISTENED TO OUR EXPLANATION ABOUT THE NUCLEAR AND MISSILE ISSUES AT THE SUMMIT TABLE. HE SAID, "WE THINK THAT NORTH KOREA FULLY UNDERSTANDS IT."

THERE IS EVEN TALK THAT NORTH KOREA MAY HAVE GIVEN THE U.S. SUFFICIENT ASSURANCE THAT IT NEED NOT WORRY ABOUT THESE ISSUES.

HWANG SAID, "WE MADE IT CLEAR TO THE NORTH THAT ANY NUCLEAR AND MISSILE DEVELOPMENT WOULD WORK AGAINST PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND IN NORTHEAST ASIA BECAUSE IT TROUBLES NEIGHBORING POWERS. IT WOULD WORK AGAINST WINNING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THIS ERA OF GLOBALIZATION."

WITH REGARDS TO THE PRESENCE OF U.S. TROOPS, HE SAID THE TWO LEADERS SPOKE LONG ENOUGH TO REACH AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF UNDERSTANDING.

A KOREAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL SAID, "THE NORTH KOREAN POSITION SEEMS TO BE THAT IT WILL NOT TAKE ISSUE WITH THE

TROOPS' PRESENCE AS LONG AS SOUTH KOREA AND THE U.S. ARE NOT HOSTILE TOWARDS IT."

THE SOUTH KOREAN AUTHORITIES MAINTAINED THE POSITION THAT THE U.S. FORCES WOULD BE NEEDED EVEN AFTER NATIONAL UNIFICATION. THIS CONSISTENT POSITION MAY HAVE HELPED THE U.S. FEEL ASSURED.

THE NORTH KOREAN LEADER'S MESSAGE TO THE U.S. REGARDING THE PLANNED HIGH-LEVEL TALKS WAS ALSO POSITIVE.

AT PRESENT, THE U.S. IS CLOSELY ANALYZING THE OUTCOME OF THE INTER-KOREA SUMMIT AND ITS IMPACT. THE U.S. IS NOW SERIOUSLY STUDYING TO HOW TO KEEP ITS LEVERAGE ON THE KOREA ISSUE WITHOUT ANY ABATEMENT.

5. FOUR POWERS' SHARPLY CONFLICTING INTERESTS (CHOSUN ILBO 6/19; FULL) (P.4)

BY REPORTER LEE HA-WON

WHAT IMPACT WILL THE NORTH-SOUTH KOREA SUMMIT BETWEEN PRESIDENT KIM DAE-JUNG AND NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMISSION CHAIRMAN KIM JONG-IL HAVE ON THE COMPLEX RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE FOUR POWERS NEIGHBORING THE KOREAN PENINSULA?
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IT HAS ALREADY BEEN PREDICTED THAT THE SUMMIT WILL BRING ABOUT A CHANGE IN EXISTING RELATIONS BETWEEN KOREA, THE U.S. AND JAPAN.

MOREOVER, THE SUMMIT WILL HAVE AN INFLUENCE ON THE POLICIES OF CHINA AND RUSSIA TOWARD THE KOREAN PENINSULA, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THEIR SPECIAL RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA IN THE PAST.

IT HAS, THEREFORE, BEEN OBSERVED THAT THE DIPLOMACY BETWEEN THE FOUR POWERS SURROUNDING THE KOREAN PENINSULA WILL INTENSIFY IN THE FUTURE.

POSSIBLE CHANGE IN THE MUTUAL COOPERATION BETWEEN KOREA, THE U.S. AND JAPAN HAS ALREADY BEEN RAISED IN THE U.S. AND JAPANESE PRESS.

"THE UNIFICATION ISSUE AND AN INDEPENDENT SOLUTION"

MENTIONED IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE JOINT DECLARATION ARE BEING INTERPRETED AS BEING AGAINST THE STRENGTHENING OF MUTUAL COOPERATION BETWEEN KOREA, THE U.S. AND JAPAN.

IF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA CONCENTRATE ON OPPOSING FOREIGN POWERS AND IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH EACH OTHER, TRIPARTITE POLICY COOPERATION BETWEEN KOREA, THE U.S. AND JAPAN, WITH REGARDS TO NORTH KOREA, WILL BEGIN TO BREAK DOWN.

IN PARTICULAR, THE U.S. SEEMS TO BE CONCERNED BECAUSE THE USFK ISSUE HAS RAPIDLY EMERGED AS A PENDING PROBLEM FOLLOWING THE INTER-KOREA SUMMIT.

IT HAS BEEN LEARNED THAT WASHINGTON HAS BEEN CLOSELY WATCHING THE NORTH-SOUTH SUMMIT AND HAS EMBARKED ON SEEKING WAYS OF CONTINUOUSLY MAINTAINING ITS INFLUENCE IN NORTHEAST ASIA.

IT IS LIKELY THAT THE U.S. WILL TRY TO SIZE UP NORTH KOREA'S TRUE INTENTIONS AT THEIR MISSILE TALKS, SCHEDULED TO REOPEN IN NEW YORK ON JUNE 28.

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF TRILATERAL COOPERATION WITH KOREA AND THE U.S., JAPAN HAS, SO FAR, HAS BEEN VOCAL ABOUT THE NORTHEAST ASIAN SITUATION.

HOWEVER, JAPAN IS AWARE THAT ITS INFLUENCE IN THE REGION MAY BE REDUCED AND NORTH/SOUTH KOREA MAY TAKE JOINT ACTION IN DEVELOPING THEIR RELATIONS WITH TOKYO.

LEE SEO-HANG, PROFESSOR AT THE INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS & NATIONAL SECURITY SAID, "THERE WILL BE NO DRASTIC CHANGES IN THE STRATEGIES OF THE U.S. AND JAPAN FOR THE KOREAN PENINSULA. THEY WILL BECOME MORE INTERESTED IN RESOLVING THE ISSUES OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND MISSILES."

HE ADDED, "THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT SLIGHT MATTERS THEY ARE KEENLY INTERESTED IN AND CONCERNED ABOUT."

OCCASIONED BY THE IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA, CHINA AND RUSSIA BELIEVE THEY WILL BE ABLE TO EXPAND THEIR INFLUENCE IN A REALIGNED NORTHEAST ASIA.

CHINA INVITED CHAIRMAN KIM TO VISIT BEIJING IN LATE MAY TO DISCUSS COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES REGARDING THE INTER-KOREA SUMMIT AS WELL AS BILATERAL ISSUES.

BEIJING EXPECTS THAT THE U.S. INFLUENCE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA WILL DIMINISH IN THE POST-SUMMIT PERIOD. NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA DECLARED THEY WOULD SOLVE THE UNIFICATION ISSUE INDEPENDENTLY.

RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN WILL VISIT NORTH KOREA NEXT MONTH FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC TIES BETWEEN PYONGYANG AND MOSCOW. PUTIN PLANS TO VISIT SEOUL SHORTLY AFTERWARDS.

IT HAS BEEN OBSERVED THAT RUSSIA WILL TRY TO INCREASE ITS

INFLUENCE OVER THE KOREAN PENINSULA BY RECONSTRUCTING CLOSER
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RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA, RATHER THAN SEEKING PRACTICAL
INTERESTS THROUGH ECONOMIC EXCHANGES WITH PYONGYANG.

CHUNG JONG-WOOK, PROFESSOR AT AJOU UNIVERSITY (FORMER SENIOR
PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN POLICY & NATIONAL
SECURITY) COMMENTED THAT "CHINA AND RUSSIA HAVE BEEN MOVING
VIGOROUSLY AS THE FOUR POWERS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO BUILD A NEW
ORDER IN NORTHEAST ASIA FOLLOWING THE INTER-KOREA SUMMIT."

HE SAID, "WE NEED TO COPE WITH THE CHANGING SITUATION WITH A
FIRMER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN KOREA AND THE U.S."

6. KIM YOUNG-NAM LIKELY TO CONVEY "HOPE FOR BETTER
RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND NORTH KOREA" TO CLINTON IN
SEPTEMBER (CHOSUN ILBO 6/19; FULL) (P.2)

BY REPORTER CHU YONG-JUNG

IT WAS LEARNED ON JUNE 18 THAT KIM YOUNG-NAM, CHAIRMAN OF
NORTH KOREA'S SUPREME PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY (SPA) STANDING
COMMITTEE WILL MEET PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON IN NEW YORK THIS
SEPTEMBER. HE IS SCHEDULED TO CONVEY TO PRESIDENT CLINTON
NATIONAL DEFENSE CHAIRMAN KIM JONG-IL'S MESSAGE OF HOPE FOR
BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND NORTH KOREA.

A DIPLOMATIC SOURCE IN WASHINGTON SAID, "PSA STANDING
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN KIM, NORTH KOREA'S TITULAR HEAD OF STATE,
IS SLATED TO ATTEND "THE UN MILLENNIUM SUMMIT CONFERENCE"
WHICH OPENS IN NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 9-10 AND TO MEET WITH
PRESIDENT CLINTON."

"IT IS LIKELY THAT THE U.S. AND NORTH KOREA WILL USE SPA
STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN KIM'S VISIT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO
DISCUSS HIGH-LEVEL TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES,"
ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE.

THE SOURCE ADDED, "IT HAS BEEN THE USUAL PRACTICE FOR NORTH
KOREA TO SEND ITS FOREIGN MINISTER TO THE UN GENERAL
ASSEMBLY. SPA SANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN KIM'S DECISION TO
ATTEND THE UN EVENT IS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF A CHANGE IN NORTH
KOREA'S DIPLOMACY."

7. INDEPENDENCE VERSUS DIPLOMACY WITH U.S. (JOONG-ANG ILBO

6/19; FULL) (P.7)

BY PROF. CHANG DAL-JUNG, SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

AN OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE U.S. AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CONFIDED, AFTER THE INTER-KOREA SUMMIT, "UNTIL NOW, I WAS UNSURE WHETHER I WAS IN CHARGE OF THE U.S. OR NORTH KOREA. NOW, I THINK I CAN GO BACK TO MY ORIGINAL DUTIES."

AS HE SAID, THE INDEPENDENT SOLUTION TO THE KOREA ISSUE CONTAINED IN THE JUNE 15 DECLARATION MAY HAVE FREED SOUTH KOREA FROM HEAVY BURDEN OF THE NORTH KOREAN NUCLEAR AND MISSILE ISSUES.

PARADOXICALLY, OUR DIPLOMACY WITH THE U.S. IS LIKELY TO BECOME MORE DEPENDENT ON DIPLOMACY WITH NORTH KOREA..

THUS FAR, OUR DIPLOMACY WITH THE U.S. HAS BEEN FOR HOLDING NORTH KOREA IN CHECK. FROM NOW ON, THERE WILL BE TWO GOALS. ONE WILL BE TO CHECK NORTH KOREA AND THE OTHER TO PROMOTE PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE. IT HAS TO BE THE COMPLICATED FORMULA OF "ONE PLUS TWO."

BECAUSE OF THE SECURITY THREAT FROM NORTH KOREA, WE HAVE HAD NO PROBLEM WINNING U.S. SECURITY AID AND ASSISTANCE. BECAUSE OF THE NORTH KOREAN THREAT, THE IMF READILY PROVIDED BAILOUT ASSISTANCE, ENABLING SOUTH KOREA TO GET OUT OF THE EXTREME CRISIS OF A FOREIGN EXCHANGE SHORTAGE.

WITH THE JUNE 15 DECLARATION, THINGS WILL BE DIFFERENT. WE CANNOT TAKE U.S. HELP FOR GRANTED ANY LONGER.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA WILL CHANGE FROM THAT OF COMPETITORS TO PARTNERS. HOW CAN THIS CHANGE
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BE COMPATIBLE WITH OUR SECURITY ALLIANCE WITH THE U.S.?

IF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA DEVELOP AS STRATEGIC PARTNERS, OUR SECURITY FOUNDATION BASED ON KEEPING U.S. FORCES AS DETERRENCE TO THE NORTH KOREAN THREAT WILL BE IN FOR A CHANGE.

THEORETICALLY, THE SEOUL-WASHINGTON-TOKYO SECURITY AXIS IS TO GO BACK TO THE BALANCE OF POWER BETWEEN THE FOUR NATIONS

SURROUNDING THE KOREAS. THERE ARE TWO PROBLEMS WITH THIS. THE FIRST IS THE ISSUE OF U.S. TROOPS IN SOUTH KOREA.

PRESIDENT KIM DAE-JUNG HAS SAID THE U.S. TROOPS WILL REMAIN EVEN AFTER NATIONAL UNIFICATION. THE PROBLEM IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA IN THEIR PERCEPTION OF AN "INDEPENDENT" RESOLUTION OF THE KOREA ISSUE.

IF NORTH KOREA HOLDS ON TO THE PRINCIPLE OF STRICT INDEPENDENCE, THE PRESENCE OF U.S. FORCES COULD BE IN TROUBLE BECAUSE THERE WOULD BE LITTLE LOGICAL OR PRACTICAL JUSTIFICATION FOR THEM.

IN JAPAN, TALK IS GOING ON ABOUT A NEW SECURITY ALLIANCE WITH THE U.S., WITHOUT U.S. TROOPS ON ITS SOIL.

HOWEVER, THE PRESENCE OF U.S. FORCES IN SOUTH KOREA IS NOT TOTALLY WITHOUT A SOLUTION. THE U.S. TROOPS CAN STAY AS A PEACEKEEPING FORCE, NOT AS A DETERRENCE TO NORTH KOREA.

IT WAS LEARNED THAT NORTH KOREA WOULD BE LESS AGAINST THE STATIONING OF U.S. FORCES IF THEIR STATUS WERE TO BE CHANGED. BESIDES THIS, THE FOUR POWERS DO NOT WANT A RAPID CHANGE IN THE SECURITY SITUATION ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

ANOTHER PROBLEM IS THE MATTER OF COPING WITH THE NEO-ISOLATIONISM NOW BURGEONING IN THE U.S.

A BUDGET OF \$35 BILLION IS REQUIRED A YEAR TO MAINTAIN THE PRESENT LEVELS OF U.S. FORCES IN SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN. THE COSTLY STATIONING OF TROOPS OVERSEAS HAS BEEN AN ISSUE IN THE U.S. FOR A LONG TIME.

CLINTON'S NORTHEAST ASIA POLICY OF KEEPING U.S. FORCES IN SOUTH KOREA UNTIL 2015 WILL BE CHALLENGED DURING THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. THE JUNE 15 DECLARATION ADDS FUEL TO THIS DEBATE.

U.S. STRATEGY FOR ASIA COST \$13 TRILLION AND CASUALTIES OF 113,000 U.S. SOLDIERS DURING THE COLD WAR PERIOD. IT SEEMS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THINK TANKS FROM THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WILL TAKE ISSUE WITH THE COSTLY INTERVENTIONIST POLICY.

HOW THE INDEPENDENT SOLUTION TO THE KOREAN ISSUE WORKS TOGETHER WITH OUR U.S. DIPLOMACY, WILL BE THE KEY. WE EXPECT CREATIVE DIPLOMACY FROM OUR DIPLOMATS WORKING WITH THE U.S.

8. SENATOR HELM'S CALL FOR STUDYING A U.S. TROOP PULLOUT (DAEHAN MAEIL 6/19; FULL) (P.7)

BY CORRESPONDENT CHOI CHUL-HO IN WASHINGTON

SEN. JESSE HELMS, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE'S FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, HAS SPOKEN OF A NEED TO STUDY A POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES FROM SOUTH KOREA.

IN AN INTERVIEW WITH CNN ON JUNE 17, THE U.S. CONSERVATIVE LEADER SAID, "IF INTER-KOREA RAPPROCHEMENT IS GENUINE, THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE U.S. TROOPS NEED TO BE STUDIED."

HIS POSITION IS CAUSING A STIR AMONG U.S. POLITICIANS.

THE GOP HAS BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF A SERIES OF MISSILE PROGRAMS INCLUDING THE NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE PROGRAM WITH THE THREAT FROM NORTH KOREA IN MIND.

THE LEARNED PEOPLE IN THE U.S. ARE PRAISING THE INTER-KOREA UNCLAS SECTION 09 OF 11 SEOUL 003202

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SUMMIT. HOWEVER, CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICANS, INCLUDING REP. BENJAMIN GILMAN, WHO HAS MAINTAINED A HARD-LINE STAND AGAINST NORTH KOREA, ARE REMAINING SILENT.

SEN. JOSEPH BIDEN AND REP. TONY HALL OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY RELEASED STATEMENTS OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OUTCOME OF THE INTER-KOREA SUMMIT.

REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS DIFFER IN THEIR PERCEPTION OF THE KOREA ISSUE EVEN THOUGH THEY OFTEN DO CROSS PARTY LINES WHEN VOTING.

SEN. HELMS' VIEW ON THE U.S. FORCES IN SOUTH KOREA IS A SURPRISE. DID THE INTER-KOREA DIALOGUE MOVE HIM? DID HE MAKE HIS STATEMENT IN ORDER TO HELP FACILITATE THE UNIFICATION OF KOREA?

OR DID HE MAKE HIS REMARKS BECAUSE A TROOP PULLOUT WILL EVENTUALLY END UP HELPING THE NMD PROGRAM? IS IT ONLY A POLITICAL SCHEME TO RATTLE PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON, WHO IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANY CHANGE IN THE STATUS OF U.S. FORCES IN SOUTH KOREA?

IT IS NOT EASY TO KNOW WHICH IS RIGHT. DURING THE INTERVIEW, HE EXCHANGED NORTH VIETNAM FOR NORTH KOREA, WHICH HE THEN CORRECTED. CONSIDERING THIS, WE ARE ASSUMING THE REPUBLICAN LEADER IS NOT VERY MOVED BY THE INTER-KOREA SUMMIT.

9. GOOD FOR U.S. AND JAPAN (HANKYOREH SHINMUN 6/19; FULL)
(P.3)

BY REPORTER SUNG HAN-YONG

ALLIES' VIEWS OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA AFTER THE INTER-KOREA SUMMIT ARE A MIXTURE OF BEING POSITIVE AND WORRISOME.

THEY ARE UNSURE ABOUT THE FUTURE ONCE NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA TAKE THEIR PROBLEMS INTO THEIR OWN HANDS, AWAY FROM THE U.S.

THE GOVERNMENT IS FULLY AWARE THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE INTER-KOREA SUMMIT STANDS LITTLE CHANCE OF SUCCESS UNLESS IT IS MATCHED WITH SUPPORT AND COOPERATION FROM ALLIES SUCH AS THE U.S., JAPAN, CHINA AND RUSSIA.

FOR THIS REASON, IT IS MAKING SPECIAL EFFORTS. VARIOUS DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS ARE BEING MOBILIZED. AT THE CENTER OF THIS EFFORT IS PRESIDENT KIM DAE-JUNG.

PRESIDENT KIM PUSHED AHEAD WITH THE INTER-KOREA DIALOGUE OUT OF THE CONVICTION THAT IT WOULD BRING NORTH KOREA OUT INTO THE OPEN THROUGH NORMALIZED RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. AND JAPAN.

SOON AFTER THE SUMMIT, HE SENT HIS TOP ADVISOR ON NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO THE U.S. AND JAPAN TO EXPLAIN THE PYONGYANG SUMMIT IN DETAIL.

BESIDES THIS, HE HELD TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT CLINTON AND PRIME MINISTER MORI.

PRESIDENT KIM SAID TO MORI THAT HE CONVEYED JAPAN'S INTENTION OF IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA. HE SAID NORTH KOREAN LEADER KIM JONG-IL ASKED HIM TO CONVEY HIS ACCEPTANCE OF THIS INTENT WITH PLEASURE.

PRESIDENT KIM SAID HE EXPLAINED AT THE SUMMIT THAT IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR NORTH KOREA TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH JAPAN AND THE U.S.

MORI SAID HE WAS MOVED TO TEARS ON HEARING PRESIDENT KIM'S STATEMENT UPON HIS RETURN TO SEOUL FROM PYONGYANG. HE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS SUPPORTIVE MEASURES FOR REALIZING THE GOALS OF THE INTER-KOREA SUMMIT AT THE UPCOMING G-7 MEETING.

IN HIS TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH CLINTON AND MORI, PRESIDENT KIM EXPLAINED THE NORTH KOREAN LEADER'S VIEW OF UNCLAS SECTION 10 OF 11 SEOUL 003202

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JAPAN AND THE U.S. AS WELL AS HIS BEHAVIOR AND TALKING STYLE.

HE ALSO MADE SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE NORMALIZATION TALKS WITH NORTH KOREA SUCCESSFUL. THIS KIND OF INFORMATION SHARING IS GOOD FOR THE ELEVATION OF THE THREE-NATION COOPERATION.

PRESIDENT KIM IS ALSO GOING TO BE SPEAKING ON THE PHONE WITH JIANG ZE-MIN, VLADIMIR PUTIN AND UN SECRETARY GENERAL KOFI ANAN.

10. WHAT WAS IN KIM JONG-IL'S MESSAGE TO CLINTON? (JOONG-ANG ILBO 6/19 SUMMARY)

BY REPORTER CHOI HOON

WHAT WAS IN THE MESSAGE THAT NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMISSION CHAIRMAN KIM JONG-IL HAD DELIVERED BY SENIOR PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN POLICY & NATIONAL SECURITY HWANG WON-TAK TO PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON?

SENIOR SECRETARY HWANG ATTENDED THE NORTH-SOUTH SUMMIT IN PYONGYANG. CHAIRMAN KIM'S MESSAGE AND PRESIDENT CLINTON'S RESPONSE ARE THE FIRST EXCHANGES OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF THE U.S. AND NORTH KOREA.

WHAT THE MESSAGE SAID WAS, SIMPLY, "PLEASE CONVEY WHAT YOU HAVE HEARD AND SEEN TO HIM", ACCORDING TO THE SENIOR PRESIDENTIAL AIDE.

HWANG COMMENTED, HOWEVER, "WASN'T IT GOOD, SINCE PRESIDENT CLINTON'S RESPONSE WAS POSITIVE?"

ANOTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL SAID, "THE CONTENTS OF THE MESSAGE MIGHT HAVE CONCERNED NORTH KOREA'S EXPECTATIONS FOR THE U.S.'S COOPERATION REGARDING THE IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA. THE MESSAGE MUST HAVE ASKED FOR SOLUTIONS FOR THE MOST URGENT PENDING ISSUES BETWEEN NORTH KOREA AND THE U.S."

THE OFFICIAL ANALYZED THAT AT THE TOP OF THE MESSAGE MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE NORTH'S REQUEST TO TAKE IT OFF THE LIST OF "NATIONS SUPPORTING TERRORISM." THEIR PRESENCE ON THE LIST HAS STOOD IN THE WAY OF HOLDING HIGH-LEVEL TALKS BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE U.S. AND EASING U.S. ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST THE NORTH.

THE U.S. AND NORTH KOREA HAVE DISCUSSED THE ISSUE OF HOLDING HIGH-LEVEL TALKS BETWEEN NORTH KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER PAIK NAM-SOON AND SECRETARY OF STATE MADELINE ALBRIGHT SINCE THE END OF LAST YEAR, INCLUDING A PREPARATORY MEETING HELD IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR.

THE KEY AGENDA AT THE HIGH-LEVEL TALKS WAS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE MISSIONS.

HOWEVER, NO PROGRESS WAS MADE AT THE TALKS BECAUSE "THE MISSILE ISSUE" EMERGED AS A MAJOR OBSTACLE.

A DIPLOMATIC SOURCE OBSERVED THAT "IT IS LIKELY THAT, IN VIEW OF HIS STYLE, CHAIRMAN KIM PROPOSED HOLDING THE HIGH-LEVEL TALKS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE."

IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT NORTH KOREA HAS SEEN THE LIFTING OF U.S. ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AS ITS TOP FOREIGN POLICY GOAL, THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE NORTH KOREA ASKED PRESIDENT CLINTON TO EXERT HIS EFFORTS TOWARD THAT END.

ACCORDING TO A FOREIGN AFFAIRS & TRADE MINISTRY OFFICIAL, "NORTH KOREA IS WELL AWARE THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO SECURE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC COOPERATION AS SPELLED OUT IN THE JUNE 165 JOINT DECLARATION WHILE IT REMAINS ON THE LIST OF NATIONS SUPPORTING TERRORISM. WASHINGTON HOLDS THE PURSE STRINGS FOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS IBRD AND ADB."

"MOREOVER, NORTH KOREA MUST BEAR IN MIND THE POSSIBILITY UNCLAS SECTION 11 OF 11 SEOUL 003202

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THAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, UNFRIENDLY TO THE NORTH, MAY COME INTO POWER AFTER THE NOVEMBER PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION," THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL BELIEVED.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BELIEVED THAT CHAIRMAN KIM CONVEYED HIS FORWARD-LOOKING ATTITUDE REGARDING THE NORTH KOREAN MISSILE ISSUE, THE USFK ISSUE AND TRIPARTITE COOPERATION BETWEEN KOREA, THE U.S. AND JAPAN.

SENIOR PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY HWANG STATED, "IF SUSPICIONS ABOUT NORTH KOREA'S CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND MISSILES REMAIN UNABATED, NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES WILL REMAIN CONCERNED AND PEACE IN NORTHEAST ASIA WILL BE JEOPARDIZED. THEREFORE, NORTH KOREA LISTENED TO OUR EXPLANATION THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THEM TO REFRAIN FROM DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND MISSILES. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, NORTH KOREA FULLY UNDERSTANDS THIS."

"WE ALSO EXPLAINED OUR POSITION, TO THE EXTENT THAT CHAIRMAN KIM COULD UNDERSTAND, THAT USFK SERVES AS A 'BALANCER,' MAINTAINING REGIONAL STABILITY AND DETERRING WAR," HWANG WENT ON TO SAY.

HE ADDED, "CHAIRMAN KIM DID NOT DEMAND THE WITHDRAWAL OF
U.S. FORCES FROM KOREA OUTRIGHT."
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[Article by Nicanor Leon Cotayo: "Do the Campaigns Against Cuba Have Credibility? Helms' Article"]

[FBIS Translated Text] On Saturday [24 June,] US Senator Jesse Helms published an article in The New York Times in which he launches harsh and rude attacks against Cuba and against the people in the United States who are asking that the blockade against our country be lifted.

According to Helms, in Cuba "there is no private property" and Fidel Castro's government keeps itself in power by "controlling ever aspect of life in Cuba," action that "allows him to suffocate all form of dissidence."

The senator claims that on the island "anyone who says the wrong word is out of a job, anyone refusing to spy on his neighbor is refused a university education, anyone trying to organize an opposition group is sent to jail."

Helms no longer surprises anyone. He is an extreme rightist politician, the most dogmatic among the dogmatic, a man that summarizes his way of thinking with the open admiration he has expressed for Chilean fascist Augusto Pinochet.

But the article he published in The New York Times helps to once again show to what extent the Cuban situation has been distorted in the United States throughout the past 41 years.

Helms claims that in Cuba there is no private property. The truth is that the kind of private property Helms would like does not exist, for example, the type that existed prior to 1959 when the island was turned into Washington's gigantic neocolonial property.

This explains why the law that carries his name, as well as Burton's, states, among other things, that the blockade must not be lifted until Cuba returns the property the Revolution seized from the Batista followers and the US interests it nationalized.

The farmers and the people who are self-employed could also answer Helms' statement that there is no private property in our country.

The senator dares to say that in this country anyone saying "the wrong word" will be out of a job. Such a crazy and repulsive lie can only be elaborated in the mind of a political dinosaur in extinction, such as the man who wrote it.

He has even stated that anyone refusing to spy on his neighbor

is denied the right to attend university, another sclerotic and stupid idea that shows that people like Helms are unable to tell vile lies with the least bit of finesse.

The illustrious writer of articles came out in defense of a flock that belongs to them, their private property, to say that anyone who tries to organize a tiny "opposition" group is sent to jail.

Who organizes these groups without hiding? Declassified CIA [Central Intelligence Agency] documents admit that since early in the 1960's that spying agency has used Cuban faces, within the country as well as abroad, to serve as facade for their actions against the Revolution.

Furthermore, US Government spokespersons have told the press that since 1997 they have handed out \$6.5 million, and that \$3.5 million have been approved for the current year to finance the activities they assign here in the country to those little groups they like to describe as "independents."

It is appropriate to underscore that the lies launched on Saturday [24 June] against Cuba were signed off by the chairman of the Senate's Foreign Affairs Committee an article published in one of the most important newspapers in the United States.

I recall that during the first 15 days of January 1959, the United States started spreading a rumor about an alleged "bloodbath" unleashed by the Revolution against the "opposition."

Wayne Morse, a prominent senator back in those days, even said that only two weeks after the triumph of the insurrection, we were enforcing a true "police State."

And what was the truth? Murderers and torturers of the Batista tyranny who were not able to escape to the United States, as many of them did, were being tried with the support of the people.

Since then, and up to today's case involving Elian [Gonzalez,] the enemies of Cuba, especially the Helms', Burton's, and Torricelli's, with the help of the Cuban - American National Foundation, have used the distortion of our situation as an inseparable weapons of their numerous bad deeds.

Tuned in with all the aforementioned we have the well-known campaigns on human rights and respect for the non-existence of democracy, as well as the lack of elections and even the non-existence of the blockade.

The grotesque lies invented by Helms against Cuba in the article published on Saturday are a continuation of those Made in USA crusades and warrant the same credibility.

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1. (U) THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE. RESPONSES REQUESTED NO
LATER THAN JULY 24. SEE PARAS 7-12.

2. (U) SUMMARY: SECTION 102 (G) OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS
AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 1994 AND 1995 (P. L. 103-236)
REQUIRES THE DEPARTMENT TO REDUCE THE FUNDS AUTHORIZED TO BE
APPROPRIATED FOR THE UN AND ITS AFFILIATED AGENCIES BY OVER
USD 118 MILLION FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR 1994 AND 1995, AND FOR
EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, UNTIL THE PRESIDENT CERTIFIES THAT NO
UNITED NATIONS AGENCY OR UNITED NATIONS AFFILIATED AGENCY
GRANTS ANY OFFICIAL STATUS, ACCREDITATION, OR RECOGNITION TO
ANY ORGANIZATION WHICH PROMOTES AND CONDONES OR SEEKS THE
LEGALIZATION OF PEDOPHILIA, OR WHICH INCLUDES AS A SUBSIDIARY
OR MEMBER ANY SUCH ORGANIZATION.

3. (U) DEPARTMENT REQUIRES MISSION ASSISTANCE IN COMPLYING WITH THE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR FY 2001. MISSION SHOULD FOLLOW THE STEPS OUTLINED BELOW (PARAS 7-12) AND RESPOND TO THE DEPARTMENT NO LATER THAN JULY 24. END SUMMARY.

BACKGROUND

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

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

CERTIFICATION STRATEGY

6. (U) TO MEET THE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR FY 2001, THE DEPARTMENT AGAIN MUST DETERMINE THAT NO UN AGENCY- OR UN-AFFILIATED AGENCY GRANTS ANY OFFICIAL STATUS, ACCREDITATION, OR RECOGNITION TO ANY ORGANIZATION WHICH PROMOTES AND CONDONES, OR SEEKS THE LEGALIZATION OF PEDOPHILIA, OR WHICH INCLUDES AS A SUBSIDIARY OR MEMBER ANY SUCH ORGANIZATION.

7. (U) MISSION ACTION IS REQUIRED FOR THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS REVIEW, THE DEPARTMENT HAS

COMPLIED A LIST OF UN BODIES WHICH HAVE "ARRANGEMENTS" WITH NGOS. BESIDES ECOSOC, THERE ARE OTHER UN FUNDS AND PROGRAMS AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WHOSE AFFILIATED NGOS REQUIRE REVIEW:

-- BERLIN: UNV

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

-- LONDON: IMO

-- MADRID: WTO

-- MONTREAL: ICAO

-- NAIROBI: UNEP, UNCHS

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

-- PARIS: UNESCO

-- ROME: FAO, IFAD, WFP

-- SANTO DOMINGO: INSTRAW

-- TOKYO: UN UNIVERSITY

-- VIENNA: UNDCP, UNIDO, INCB, IAEA

IF MISSIONS ARE AWARE OF ANY OTHER UN AGENCIES OR AFFILIATED AGENCIES HEADQUARTERED IN THEIR CITIES THAT SHOULD BE REVIEWED FOR SUCH ORGANIZATIONS, THEY SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE LIST.

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

9. (U) MISSIONS SHOULD CAREFULLY REVIEW THE LISTS OF NGOS AFFILIATED WITH EACH UN BODY. PRESUMABLY, MISSIONS ARE FAMILIAR WITH MOST GROUPS. NGOS WHICH ARE UNKNOWN TO MISSION PERSONNEL AND WHICH CANNOT OTHERWISE BE RULED OUT BY THEIR NAMES OR OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS MUST BE EXAMINED FURTHER. THIS WOULD INCLUDE REVIEWING BROCHURES, CONSTITUTIONS, PUBLICATIONS, AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE ORGANIZATION PROMOTES AND CONDONES PEDOPHILIA OR HAS SUBSIDIARIES OR MEMBERS WHICH DO. IF THE NGO IN QUESTION ITSELF HAS SUBSIDIARY ORGANIZATIONS OR HAS ORGANIZATIONS AS MEMBERS (E.G., IF IT IS A PARENT ORGANIZATION OR AN UMBRELLA

GROUP), THE SUBSIDIARIES OR MEMBERSHIP ROSTER MUST ALSO BE EXAMINED MISSIONS SHOULD PRODUCE THESE LISTS AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OBTAINED IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS REVIEW FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S FILES AND EXPLAIN HOW THE REVIEW WAS CONDUCTED.

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

11. (U) MISSIONS SHOULD CABLE DEPARTMENT, SLUGGED FOR IO/ESA, BY JULY 24 WITH THE RESULTS OF THEIR REVIEW OF THE RELEVANT ORGANIZATIONS. MISSIONS SHOULD ALSO POUCH TO IO/ESA ROOM 5333 FOR DEPARTMENT'S RECORDS LISTS OF THE NGOS REVIEWED. IN THEIR CABLES, MISSIONS SHOULD COVER THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

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

-- DESCRIBE HOW THE REVIEW WAS CONDUCTED, PER PARA 10. IN PARTICULAR, DETAIL THE STEPS THAT WERE TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO UNKNOWN NGOS OR SUSPECTED PRO-PEDOPHILIA NGOS. PROVIDE A MISSION OFFICIAL AS FOLLOW-UP CONTACT POINT.

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

-- PROVIDE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ABOUT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF STAFF TIME DEVOTED TO COMPLYING WITH THIS REQUEST.
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the Clinton Administration, forcing Albright to rush to the Security Council to declare that only the President and the administration have the right to speak on US foreign policy. While Mr. Helms was pressured by all parties to invite all of the ambassadors of the Security Council nations to visit the United States on 30 March to ease US relations with the Security Council, the ambassadors of all countries used the opportunity to dun the United States about its dues arrears. At the end of April, when Clinton was about to visit Russia in June and was preparing to meet with Putin on disarmament matters, Helms talked a lot of nonsense again, in an all out effort to block any plans by the Clinton Administration to cut nuclear weapons.

Similar actions by Mr. Helms are too numerous to cite.

The "Leader of the Pack" of US Anti-China Forces

On 22 February 2000, the "Washington Post" gave over a page of space to introducing in detail the "behind the scenes black hands" that are obstructing the development of China-US relations, or the "Blue Team." It is in fact a loose political alliance made up of certain Congressmen, Congressional assistants, think tank researchers, GOP righting policy formulators, conservative journalists, lobbyists bought by Taiwan, former CIA personnel, and a handful of academics. These "black hands" are in fact US Congressional anti-China forces represented by Helms. While they

generally know very little about China matters, with most of them never having been to China, they are all political opportunists who feed off of "anti-China sentiment" in US political circles. Most US Congressmen are certainly not involved in international affairs, seeing domestic affairs as being more important to them than foreign policy matters, and election district interests as preceding federal interests. When voting on diplomatic matters, while they often "go with the tide," that is often exploited by the likes of Helms.

Helms is the "leading figure" of these anti-China forces. He has an abnormal anti-Communist mentality, being extremely hostile to socialist countries, particularly to China. He has been dramatized by the US media as an outdated and backward "Beijing Zhoukoudian wolfman." Ever since President Nixon opened up US-China relations, he [Helms] has been the "leader of the pack" of Congressional anti-China forces, the "top political spokesman" for the Taiwan authorities in the US Congress. In nearly three decades of political life as a Senator, Helms has plotted, instigated, submitted, and jointly signed countless numbers of anti-China bills, with his anti-China achievements being considered as "surpassing both his predecessors and successors."

After the establishment of US-China relations in 1979, he [Helms] opposed President Carter's abolition of the "US-Chiang Kai-shek Treaty," and invited Chiang Ching-kuo to visit the United States.

In June 1989, he took the lead in proposing "economic sanctions against China," demanding that the US Government stop all cooperation with China.

In 1993, he stirred up public opinion about "China importing into the United States labor camp products."

And he wrote a letter to the Olympic Committee, opposing China's sponsorship of the 2000 Olympic Games.

In 1994, he proposed an amendment to the "Foreign Relations Authorization Bill," demanding that political asylum be granted to "Chinese applying for asylum due to China's family planning policy," and comparing China's family planning policy to Hitler's racial policy.

He repeatedly demanded that China's MFN status be linked to matters such as human rights, trade, and arms control, demanding that the Clinton Administration submit a resolution condemning China at the UN Human Rights Conference.

He praised in Congress the "progress" of Lee Teng-hui and Taiwan, "strongly supporting" Taiwan's membership in the UN and other international organizations, signing the petition to invite Lee Teng-hui to visit the United States, and greeting Lee Teng-hui at the airport when Lee visited the United States in June 1995.

In 1995, he invited and arranged for the Dalai to speak to the US Congress.

In 1995, he signed a letter with six other Congressmen demanding that the Clinton Administration boycott the Beijing "World Women's Conference."

In 1996, he signed a petition with 81 Congressmen to the Nobel Peace Prize Commission in Norway, nominating Wei Jingsheng as a candidate for that year's Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1998, he dominated the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to pass a resolution supporting Taiwan's membership in the IMF and World Bank.

In January 1999, he and six other anti-China Senators signed Bill #26 supporting Taiwan's membership in WHO.

In March 1999, he proposed with others the "Taiwan Security (MORE)

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TEXT:

[Article by Xiao Ding: "The 'Troublemaker' Jesse Helms"]
[FBIS Translated Text] [Editor's note:] He has cooked up
the clearly named "Helms-Burton Act," trotted out the "Taiwan
Security Enhancement Act" that would severely affect Sino-American
relations, talked a lot of nonsense in the UN Security Council, and
been harshly refuted by Ambassador Li Zhaoxing.

In the United States, when Senator Jesse Helms is mentioned, it
seems that there are few who do not know this "political antique,"
who is nearly as famous as the president. In the international
political arena, he is also "infamous," because his foreign policy
thinking is extremely conservative, and he is constantly making
trouble, with many countries, including US allies, hating him
bitterly. In January 1995, when Helms became Senate Foreign
Relations Committee Chairman, US political circles even panicked.
It was generally held that, while Helms was not capable of
essentially changing US foreign policy, he was capable of causing
much trouble for the State Department and White House. In the
last five-plus years, Helms' "political achievements" have fully
proved his "talents" as a "domestic troublemaker" for US foreign
policy.

A "Political Veteran" from the North Carolina Countryside

Helms was born on 18 October 1921 in the small North Carolina
town of Menlo, into a family of Christians. He was a state
capitol correspondent in his youth, serving in the US Navy upon
graduation from college. Upon discharge, he went back to his old
profession, working as a newspaper editor and TV news anchor, where

he cultivated a "hard-line posture," and developed a strong interest in politics, enabling all North Carolinians to experience his ultraconservative political views. While Helms was originally a Democrat, when he subsequently went to Washington to work in the US Senate, savoring the intense partisan struggle in Washington, his political positions moved further in an ultraconservative direction, so that he finally joined the GOP in 1970. In November 1972, after an intense campaign in North Carolina, Helms was finally elected as a US Senator, in which position he has served to the present.

In the midterm Congressional elections at the end of 1994, the GOP defeated the Democrats, to regain in one step the control of the Senate that it had lost years before, whereupon Helms, as the senior Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, became its Chairman. That committee has much real power over affairs such as foreign relations, treaty approvals, appointments and dismissals of diplomatic personnel, UN work, foreign loans, and foreign involvement. Helms has been involved in political circles for decades, having proficient Congressional work skills. The US press says that Helms has used legislative procedures to freeze the appointments of over 100 diplomatic officers through a number of administrations. Successive nominees for US Ambassador to China have been subjected in Senate approval to his many obstacles and hindrances.

An Arrogant and Conceited "Ultraconservative"

Helms is the most famous US GOP conservative, taking a conservative stance on foreign affairs, social, economic, and political matters. Particularly on foreign policy, he is completely against the positions of the Clinton Administration, opposing US participation in international affairs, being extremely opposed to multilateral diplomacy, and advocating the reduction of foreign aid and the limitation of spending for UN peacekeeping actions. During the five-plus years that Helms has been Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman, he has relied on his appropriations and treaty approval power to restrain the foreign policy leanings of the Clinton Administration. Washington political commentators attribute Helms' many ultraconservative positions on US foreign policy to the simplistic worldview that he evolved in his youth in the countryside. While such views are completely unsuited to the complex and ever-changing post-Cold War international political realities, Helms' political arrogance and conceit makes it impossible for him to recognize this.

During these years, Helms has exploited the power of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairmanship to get involved in international affairs, putting himself in the limelight, and making an exhibition of himself, to have become the butt of all criticism, and to have often left US officials in an awkward position.

Not long after becoming Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman in 1995, he jointly proposed with Congressman [Dan] Burton the "Helms-Burton Act" aimed at tightening sanctions on Cuba. When Lee Teng-hui [Li Denghui] visited the United States openly that year, Helms was one of the signers of the joint petition inviting him. In March 1999, he jointly proposed with the famous

Senator Torricelli the "Taiwan Security Enhancement Act," which was passed by the House of Representatives in 2000 upon amendment. On 20 January 2000, Helms acted under the banner of "a frank exchange of views to promote mutual understanding," becoming the first US Senator to speak in the UN Security Council, where he quibbled about US global military interventions and huge arrears in UN dues. He pounded the lectern and stamped his feet, to turn the proper US commitment to paying dues into "an investment action that needs a return." The so-called "return" was that the UN should reform in line with US purposes, which would necessarily turn the Security Council into "an effective tool of US foreign policy." His absurd views and rash stance was immediately refuted harshly by the other 14 Security Council delegates. This made trouble for (MORE)

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Enhancement Act."

And in July 1999, he issued a statement in full support of Lee Teng-hui's "two-state theory."

After the US House of Representatives passed the "Taiwan Security Enhancement Act" in February 2000, Chinese Consul in the United States Liu Xiaoming harshly refuted the bill at a news conference. This angered Helms who had taken the lead in trotting out this bill into writing a letter to Chinese Ambassador to the United States Li Zhaoxing, demanding a "clarification" of the pertinent matters. Ambassador Li's response was just and solemn, criticizing the ignorance of Mr. Helms and certain Congressman on the Taiwan matter and the development of China-US relations, and reiterating China's solemn position in firm opposition to the bill. This sharp crossing of swords and exchange of letters reflected the intense struggle between China and the United States over this bill, as well as once again emphasizing Helms' diehard and unreasonable anti-China stance.

Since the US House of Representatives passed a bill granting China permanent normal trade relations [PNTR] in May 2000, while it has been generally assumed that the Senate will pass the bill too, certain Senators have been doing all possible to delay the vote on this bill. Helms has stood out again. He has staked everything on a single throw, starting a row about China's so-called "human

rights record" and the situation in the Taiwan Strait, and "dunning" the Senate to "sharply debate" whether to grant China PNTR status. So it is not hard to predict that he will still make an even more "brilliant" showing... ..

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4. IN SENATOR HELMS' INQUIRY TO SECRETARY ALBRIGHT REGARDING THE US CONTRIBUTION LEVEL, A SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF INTERMENTS WAS SUGGESTED. UNDER THAT PROPOSAL, THE US ASSESSMENT FOR FY 2001 WOULD BE APPROX. \$9,800. POST HAS RAISED THIS SUGGESTION WITH THE COMMISSION REPEATEDLY. THE IDEA HAS GARNERED NO SUPPORT FROM THE OTHER COMMISSION MEMBERS. THAT SAID, THE DIFFERENCE IN TOTAL US CONTRIBUTIONS BETWEEN SENATOR HELMS' SUGGESTION AND THE ROKG'S PRESENT PROPOSAL IS ONLY \$4,000.

5. AS NOTED ABOVE, THIS PROPOSAL SEEMS LIKELY TO BE ACCEPTED BY THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. BASED ON THE DISCUSSIONS OF THIS ISSUE OVER THE PREVIOUS TWO YEARS, POST BELIEVES THAT THIS OPTION REPRESENTS OUR BEST CHANCE TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE OUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS MEMORIAL CEMETERY IN KOREA, AS REQUESTED BY SENATOR HELMS.

6. POST WOULD APPRECIATE A RESPONSE TO THIS PROPOSAL BEFORE 10/04/00, AS THE COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE THE PROPOSAL ON THE AGENDA OF THE ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD 10/22.

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BLACK PRESSURE GROUP IN NEW YORK. ZIMBABWE EMBASSY
OFFICIALS...CONFIRMED THAT THE BILL...HAD BEEN
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HOWEVER, BLACK AMERICANS IN THE U.S. SAID THEY WILL

CONTINUE INTENSE LOBBYING AGAINST THE BILL, WHICH WAS CRAFTED BY SENATOR JESSE HELMS OF MISSISSIPPI (SIC) KNOWN TO BE RACIST AND ANTI-BLACK. THE U.S. CONGRESS WILL SIT SOON AFTER THE INAUGURATION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT...AND THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE ON THE AGENDA AGAIN...HEAVY CAMPAIGNING BY THE DECEMBER 12 MOVEMENT MAY HAVE 'RUFFLED FEATHERS' IN THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION, AS FIRST LADY, MRS. HILARY CLINTON IS STANDING FOR SENATE IN NEW YORK, A STRONGHOLD FOR BLACK AMERICANS...."

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DEAR SENATOR HELMS:

I HAVE JUST RECEIVED YOUR LETTER, DATED SEPTEMBER 20,
2000 CONCERNING THE MURDER OF KIMBERLEY FAVEUR. OUR
OFFICE PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A COURTESY COPY OF MS.
FAVEUR'S ORIGINAL LETTER AND MEMBERS OF OUR STAFF HAVE
DISCUSSED ITS CONTENTS WITH HER ON MULTIPLE OCCASIONS.

THE CONSULAR SECTION HAS BEEN DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THIS
MATTER SINCE THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF FEBRUARY 10, 2000.
THIS OFFICE URGED THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT THE
AUTOPSY AFTER REPEATED DELAYS AND ASSISTED WITH THE
RETURN OF THE CHILD'S REMAINS TO THE UNITED STATES. WE
HAVE COOPERATED WITH STATE AND FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
AGENCIES IN THE UNITED STATES AND HAVE MAINTAINED CONTACT
WITH THE FAMILY AND INTERESTED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. THE
NONIMMIGRANT VISA UNIT OF THE CONSULAR SECTION EVEN
ISSUED A VISA TO THE CHILD'S UNCLE SO THAT HE COULD

ACCOMPANY KIMBERLY'S REMAINS TO TEXAS, ATTEND THE FUNERAL AND HELP HER MOTHER THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT PERIOD.

MR. FAVEUR IS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN AND, THEREFORE, THE EMBASSY HAD AN OBLIGATION TO LIKEWISE ASSIST HIM DURING HIS INCARCERATION. IN YOUR LETTER, REFERENCE IS MADE TO MR. FAVEUR AS THE MURDERER OF KIMBERLY. AS IN THE UNITED STATES, HAITIAN LAW RECOGNIZES THE PRINCIPLE OF INNOCENCE UNTIL GUILT IS PROVEN. TO DATE, THERE HAS BEEN NO FINDING OF GUILT BY ANY COURT. PENDING A DECISION BY THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT ABOUT WHETHER HE SHOULD BE TRIED FOR THIS CRIME, MR. FAVEUR HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM CUSTODY. THE RELEASE ORDER REQUIRES THAT MR. FAVEUR REMAIN IN HAITI, AND WE BELIEVE THAT TO DATE HE HAS DONE SO.

MS. FAVEUR'S LETTER SPECIFICALLY REFERENCES THE EXTRADITION OF HER EX-HUSBAND. AT THIS TIME, THE UNITED STATES AND HAITI HAVE NO EXTRADITION TREATY, MAKING THIS IMPOSSIBLE.

WHILE MR. FAVEUR'S PRIVACY ACT WAIVER ALLOWS THE EMBASSY TO FULLY DISCUSS HIS SITUATION WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, IT PROHIBITS DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION REGARDING HIS ARREST TO ALL OTHERS, INCLUDING HIS WIFE.

PLEASE ADVISE ME IF MY OFFICE CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE IN THIS DIFFICULT CASE.

SINCERELY,

M. ALLISON INSLEY-MADSEN
ACTING CONSUL GENERAL
AMERICAN EMBASSY
PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI
DUNCAN

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SUBJ: BEIRUT MEDIA REACTION, NOVEMBER 8, 2000

KEY ISSUES IN THE MEDIA:

TEXT: UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 02 BEIRUT 004250

DEPARTMENT FOR PA, NEA/ARN, INR/R/MR-KBRAHNEY
VOA NEWS CA, NEA/PD-CBOURGEOIS, IIP
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NICOSIA FOR ILMG AND BSO
CENTCOM FOR CCPA

E.O.12958: N/A
TAGS: KMDR, OPRC, PREF, PREL, KISL, KPAL, LE, IS, SY,
KPAO

SUBJECT: BEIRUT MEDIA REACTION, NOVEMBER 8, 2000

KEY ISSUES IN THE MEDIA:

THE AMERICAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS WERE FRONT-PAGED
PROMINENTLY IN ALL LEBANESE NEWSPAPERS. REPORTS AND
HEADLINES VARIED IN THEIR CALLS, HAVING GONE TO PRESS
LONG IN ADVANCE OF THE POLL CLOSINGS IN THE US. PRO-
SYRIA, ARAB NATIONALIST AS-SAFIR BANNERLINED "TOUGH
COMPETITION INCREASES VOTER TURNOUT AND DELAYS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL RESULTS; GORE WILL BE PRESIDENT AND -- LIEBERMAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE," WHILE PRO-SYRIA AD-DIYAR BANNERLINED "BUSH THE FORTY-THIRD PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES." ALL NEWSPAPERS COMMENTED ON THE UNEXPECTEDLY LARGE VOTER TURNOUT AND EXPLAINED THAT THE RACE WAS THE TIGHTEST SINCE THE SIXTIES.

BROADCAST MEDIA GAVE UNUSUALLY PROMINENT COVERAGE TO THE ELECTIONS. LEBANESE BROADCASTING CORPORATION INTERNATIONAL (LBCI) MADE A SPECIAL EFFORT WITH THE STORY. IT PROMOTED ITS LIVE TELECAST WELL IN ADVANCE, PREPARED ITS OWN PROFILES OF THE CANDIDATES, AND USED CNN FEEDS IN COVERAGE THAT CONTINUED WELL INTO THE MORNING. INDEPENDENT MURR TV ALSO USED CNN FEEDS AND, LIKE OFFICIAL TELE-LIBAN, DREW ON REUTERS AND APTV REPORTS.

THE NEWS BROADCASTING NETWORK (NBN) BEGAN ITS MAIN NIGHTLY NEWS BULLETIN WITH THE WORDS "TOMORROW AMERICANS WILL KNOW WHO THEIR FORTY-THIRD PRESIDENT WILL BE, AND THE WORLD WILL KNOW WHO IS ITS NEW PRESIDENT." NBN WENT ON TO GIVE A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM, EXPLAINING THE ROLES OF THE PRESIDENT, THE CONGRESS, THE SENATE AND THE PEOPLE IN ELECTIONS. IT CONTINUED ITS COVERAGE THROUGHOUT THE EVENING, HIRING AN INTERPRETER TO USE WITH ELECTIONS FEEDS FROM WORLDNET/AMERICAN EMBASSY TV. THE STATION ALSO RE-BROADCAST AN INTERVIEW WITH AAI PRESIDENT JAMES ZOGBY, WHO HAD EXPLAINED THE ROLE OF THE ARAB-AMERICAN COMMUNITY DURING ELECTIONS DURING HIS RECENT U.S. SPEAKER PROGRAM IN LEBANON.

FUTURE TV, OWNED BY PRIME MINISTER HARIRI, STRUCK A SOUR NOTE. ALTHOUGH THE U.S. ELECTIONS WERE COVERED IN FOUR LANGUAGES ON NEWS BULLETINS, THE ARABIC NEWS ANCHOR DOWNPLAYED THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE ELECTIONS WOULD HAVE ON THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS, STATING THAT U.S. ELECTIONS ARE DETERMINED "BY DECISIONS TAKEN...TO SUPPORT THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA, GAY RIGHTS, AND SEXUAL LIBERATION."

THE LEBANESE MEDIA ALSO HIGHLIGHTED BARAK'S VISIT TO THE LEBANESE-ISRAELI BORDER AND HIS COMMENTS THAT LEBANON AND SYRIA WILL PAY A HIGH PRICE IF HIZBALLAH LAUNCHES ANY ATTACK ON ISRAELI TERRITORY. PRO-SYRIA, ARAB NATIONALIST AS-SAFIR REPORTED THAT BARAK'S "THREAT" DOVETAILED WITH THE LETTER SENT BY "THE STRONGEST SUPPORTER OF ISRAEL IN THE AMERICAN CONGRESS, JESSE HELMS, ASKING TO PLACE LEBANON ON THE LIST OF NATIONS SPONSORING TERRORISM."

THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST WHEAT SHIPMENT TO COME TO LEBANON UNDER THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S MONETIZATION PROGRAM RECEIVED EXTENSIVE COVERAGE IN BOTH PRINT AND BROADCAST MEDIA. THE REPORTS NOTED THAT THE INCOME TO BE GENERATED BY THE WHEAT SALES WILL BENEFIT SOUTH LEBANON BY ALLOWING THE EXPANSION OF USAID-SUPPORTED HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMS.

SELECTED HEADLINES:

"BUSH FORTY-THIRD PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES"
UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 BEIRUT 004250

DEPARTMENT FOR PA, NEA/ARN, INR/R/MR-KBRAHNEY
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(PRO-SYRIA AD-DIYAR HEADLINE)

"'CESAREAN' ELECTIONS FOR THE FORTY THIRD AMERICAN
PRESIDENT"
(HARIRI-OWNED AL-MUSTAQBAL HEADLINE)

"ISRAEL RATTLES SABER ON BORDER"
(ENGLISH-LANGUAGE, BEIRUT-BASED THE DAILY STAR
HEADLINE)

"ISRAEL THREATENS REGIONAL WAR: LEBANON AND SYRIA WILL
PAY A HIGH PRICE"
(LOYALIST NIDA' AL-WATAN HEADLINE)

"BARAK THREATENED LEBANON AND SYRIA AND HELD THEM
RESPONSIBLE FOR STABILITY ON THE BORDER"
(LOYALIST AL-BAYRAQ HEADLINE)

BLOCK QUOTES:

"THE AMERICAN ELECTIONS; WHERE DO YOU TIE THE HORSE?"
AN EDITORIAL BY MUSTAFA AL-HUSSEINI IN PRO-SYRIA, ARAB
NATIONALIST AS-SAFIR (11/8):

"... FOR US ARABS, IT IS THE SAME WHETHER AL GORE OR
GEORGE BUSH WINS. ...THEIR POSITIONS ON OUR ISSUES...
ARE NO DIFFERENT. ...THEIR POSITIONS ARE NOT ONLY
LINKED TO THE INFLUENCE OF THE JEWISH LOBBY, ...BUT
ALSO TO THE FACT THAT AMERICAN UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR
INTERESTS IN THE REGION DOES NOT CHANGE JUST BECAUSE
THE PRESIDENT CHANGES. ...THOSE WHO WISH TO SEE A
CHANGE IN AMERICAN POLICY...SHOULD TRY TO EXERT
PRESSURE ON AMERICAN INTERESTS IN THE REGION."

"POOR AMERICA? POOR WORLD." AN EDITORIAL BY RAFIQ KHURI
IN CENTRIST AL-ANWAR (11/8):

"THE ARAB PROBLEM WITH AMERICA IS THE POLICY -- NOT THE

PRESIDENT. HOWEVER, ONE OF THE BASIC REASONS FOR THE PROBLEM IS THE ARAB FAILURE...TO IMPOSE THEIR WEIGHT ON AMERICAN DECISION-MAKERS. THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO CHANGE POLICIES WHEN THE PRESIDENTS CHANGED...BUT THEY NEVER STOPPED WAITING FOR ELECTIONS AND BETTING ON A CHANGE IN PRESIDENTS. ... HOWEVER, ISRAEL KNOWS THAT IT WILL HAVE THE WINNING NUMBER, WHATEVER THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS PROVE TO BE. ...EVEN T-SHIRTS SOLD IN ISRAEL WITH SLOGANS WRITTEN ON THEM EXPRESS THIS FACT: GORE-LIEBERMAN: FOR A BETTER AMERICA AND HOPE FOR ISRAEL" AND "BUSH 2000: A REAL FRIEND TO ISRAEL."

THE WORLD HAS A GREAT PROBLEM WITH AMERICA. ...A SEMINAR AT HARVARD IN 1997 CONCLUDED, "THE ELITE IN TWO THIRDS OF THE WORLD BELIEVE THAT AMERICA IS THE BASIC FOREIGN THREAT TO SOCIETIES THROUGH ITS ECONOMIC IMPERIALISM AND CULTURAL OCCUPATION..." ...AMERICA'S PROBLEM WITH ITSELF IS EVEN GREATER. ...THERE ARE TWO PROBLEMS IN THE AMERICAN ELECTORAL SYSTEM: 1) THE ROLE OF MONEY; 2) THE GAME OF MARKETING THE CANDIDATES. THE REPUBLICANS AND THE DEMOCRATS CHOSE TWO CANDIDATES WHO ARE NOT QUALIFIED FOR THIS POSITION...AND LEFT QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS ON THE SIDE. ...PEOPLE HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN A CANDIDATE WHO DISPLAYED EXAGGERATED APPRECIATION OF HIS OWN INTELLIGENCE...AND ANOTHER CANDIDATE WHO APPEARED TO KNOW HOW TO LEAD AMERICA BUT DOES NOT KNOW WHERE. ...POOR AMERICA? NO. POOR WORLD."

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SUBJ: WHA GUIDANCES, NOVEMBER 22, 2000

SUMMARY OF CONTENTS:

TEXT: UNCLAS STATE 223746

ALL POSTS FOR PAO; ROME FOR VATICAN; USSOCOM FOR POLAD

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: OPRC, KPAO

SUBJECT: WHA GUIDANCES, NOVEMBER 22, 2000

SUMMARY OF CONTENTS:

1. WHA PRESS GUIDANCE, NOV 22 (PERU)

2. WHA PRESS GUIDANCE - TAKEN QUESTION, NOV 22 (CUBA)

END SUMMARY.

1. WHA PRESS GUIDANCE, NOVEMBER 22, 2000:

-- PERU: CONGRESS REMOVES FUJIMORI --

KEY POINTS TO MAKE:

WE DO NOT SUPPORT ANY INDIVIDUAL OR POLITICAL PARTY IN THIS TRANSITION; OUR SUPPORT IS FOR THE PROCESS.

DESPITE THE DIFFICULT DEBATE AND VOTE ON VACATING THE PRESIDENCY, THE PARTIES INVOLVED ARE HANDLING THE SUCCESSION PROCESS PEACEFULLY AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PERUVIAN CONSTITUTION.

ONCE FUJIMORI'S SUCCESSOR IS DETERMINED, THE FOCUS SHOULD BE ON COOPERATIVE EFFORT TOWARDS NEW ELECTIONS, DEMOCRATIC REFORM, NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.

Q: UPDATE ON FUJIMORI RESIGNATION, SUCCESSION?

A: THE PERUVIAN CONGRESS VOTED ON NOVEMBER 21 TO VACATE THE PRESIDENCY ON THE GROUNDS OF "MORAL INCAPACITY." THIS WAS AN OPTION PROVIDED IN PERU'S CONSTITUTION, NOTWITHSTANDING PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S SUBMISSION OF HIS RESIGNATION.

THE PERUVIAN CONGRESS WILL MEET AGAIN TODAY TO VOTE ON AN INTERIM PRESIDENT. YESTERDAY, THE CONGRESS FORMALLY ACCEPTED FIRST VICE PRESIDENT FRANCISCO TUDELA'S RESIGNATION, SUBMITTED IN OCTOBER. TODAY, THE CONGRESS IS EXPECTED TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION SUBMITTED ON NOVEMBER 20 BY SECOND VICE PRESIDENT - AND CURRENT ACTING PRESIDENT - RICARDO MARQUEZ.

ACCORDING TO THE PERUVIAN CONSTITUTION, THE LINE OF SUCCESSION THEN FALLS TO THE NEWLY-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE CONGRESS, VALENTIN PANIAGUA. THE CONGRESS IS EXPECTED TO VOTE TODAY ON WHETHER TO APPOINT MR. PANIAGUA AS INTERIM PRESIDENT.

WE DO NOT SUPPORT ANY INDIVIDUAL OR POLITICAL PARTY IN THIS TRANSITION. OUR SUPPORT IS FOR THE PROCESS.

THE DEBATE OVER VACATING THE PRESIDENCY WAS AN UNDERSTANDABLY DIFFICULT ISSUE FOR THE CONGRESS TO RESOLVE. HOWEVER, THE PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE SUCCESSION PROCESS ARE PROCEEDING PEACEFULLY AND IN ADHERENCE TO THE CONSTITUTION.

ONCE THE SUCCESSION ISSUE IS RESOLVED, WE URGE ALL PARTIES TO FOCUS ON WORKING COOPERATIVELY TOWARDS FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS IN APRIL, CONTINUED DEMOCRATIC REFORM, AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.

Q: WILL FUJIMORI SEEK ASYLUM IN JAPAN?

A: PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HAS TOLD THE PRESS HE WILL SEEK TO REMAIN IN JAPAN FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME BUT HAS DENIED RUMORS HE WILL SEEK POLITICAL ASYLUM. WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON HIS IMMEDIATE PLANS.

2. WHA PRESS GUIDANCE, TAKEN QUESTION, NOVEMBER 22, 2000:

-- CUBA: HELMS LETTER ON SOL MELIA & THE LIBERTAD ACT (HELMS-BURTON) --

Q: WHAT IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO SENATOR HELMS' LETTER REQUESTING THAT YOU DENY VISAS TO OFFICIALS OF THE SPANISH COMPANY SOL MELIA?

A: THE DEPARTMENT WILL RESPOND TO SENATOR HELMS' CONCERNS DIRECTLY BY LETTER.

IT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY NOT TO COMMENT ON LIBERTAD ACT CASES WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE BEEN UNDER REVIEW.

Q: WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE HELMS-BURTON PROCESS?

A: AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 401(A) OF THE LIBERTAD ACT, THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE DETERMINATIONS OF EXCLUDABILITY AND VISA INELIGIBILITY IN INSTANCES WHERE AN ACT OF "TRAFFICKING" IN CONFISCATED PROPERTY HAS OCCURRED AFTER MARCH 12, 1996.

DETERMINATIONS ARE MADE AFTER EXHAUSTIVE REVIEW OF THE FACTS AND THE APPLICABLE LAW.
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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION U. S- ELECTION 2000; HARARE

TEXT: UNCLAS HARARE 006558

AF/PD FOR COX, ROBERTSON, AF/S FOR KRAFT, AF/P, INR/R/MR,
NSC FOR GAYLE SMITH

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: OCII, ZI

SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION U. S- ELECTION 2000; HARARE

1. THE RULING ZANU PF'S WEEKLY MOUTHPIECE 'THE PEOPLE'S VOICE' DEDICATED ITS NOVEMBER 19 EDITORIAL TO THE UNDECIDED PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN THE U. S. UNDER HEADLINE "THE AMERICAN ELECTION" THE PAPER COMMENTS:
2. "...THE AMERICAN ELECTION FIASCO HAS DEMONSTRATED QUITE CLEARLY THAT THE DEVELOPED AND INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES HAVE THEIR BIG SHARE OF ELECTIONEERING CORRUPTION, CRONYISM, AND LACK OF TRANSPARENCY. THERE WERE GROSS IRREGULARITIES AND FRAUD COMMITTED IN THE SEARCH FOR POWER AND INFLUENCE. ELECTIONS THERE ARE NOT ALWAYS FREE AND FAIR, BUT THE IRREGULARITIES ARE USUALLY COVERED UP BY A FACADE OF DEMOCRACY AND THE RULE OF LAW ON THE SURFACE. WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN AMERICA HAPPENS IN MANY OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES ON A REGULAR BASIS. IT IS THE SAME PEOPLE WHO PREACH TO AFRICA ABOUT DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS. THEY TEACH US DEMOCRACY, SUPERVISE OUR GENERAL ELECTIONS TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE ARE NO IRREGULARITIES, AND THEY EVEN IMPOSE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS ON THOSE STATES THEY FEEL ARE NOT PRACTICING TRUE DEMOCRACY.
3. "...IN THE U. S. A., SENATOR JESSE HELMS FROM NORTH

CAROLINA, WHO IS LEADING THE ATTACK (ON ZIMBABWE) IS A KNOWN SOUTHERN STATE RACIST. HE WAS THE STRONGEST SUPPORTER OF IAN SMITH'S RHODESIA, IN THE UDI (UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE) YEARS. HE IS NO DEMOCRAT. SOME AMERICAN SENATORS, LED BY JESSE HELMS, HAVE INTRODUCED A MEASURE IN THE U. S. SENATE THEY CALL THE ZIMBABWE DEMOCRACY BILL (ZDB) WHICH CASTIGATES ONE OF THE LEADING DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES IN AFRICA FOR NOT PRACTICING DEMOCRACY. THAT FALSE ASSERTION IS COMING FROM THOSE SENATORS WHO DENY HUMAN RIGHTS TO BLACK AND HISPANIC AMERICANS AND WHO ARE FAILING TO MAKE DEMOCRACY WORK IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY, THE U. S. A. SOME. . .AMERICAN LEGISLATORS HAVE JOINED HANDS IN THE ZDB WHICH IS INTENDED TO DESTABILIZE THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT MUGABE, AND SUPPORT RENEGADE, MORGAN TSVANGIRAI (PRESIDENT OF THE MOVEMENT FOR DEMOCRATIC CHANGE (MDC) PARTY). THAT DIRECT INTERVENTION BY FOREIGN POWERS IN ZIMBABWEAN AFFAIRS ACTUALLY DEFEATS THE CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS."

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SUBJ: NEA PRESS GUIDANCE - 12/08/00

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INFORM CONSULS-PASS PAOS-MILITARY ALSO FOR POLAD

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SUBJECT: NEA PRESS GUIDANCE - 12/08/00

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MEPP: SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE PACKAGE FOR ISRAEL, EGYPT
AND JORDAN

QATAR: CLOSURE OF EMBASSY (UPDATE)

MEPP: SITUATION UPDATE

IRAQ: UN APPROVAL OF IRAQ OIL PRICES (IO)

MEPP: SECURITY COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS ON THE MIDEAST

OBSERVER MISSION (IO)
TERRORISM: NEW YEAR'S THREAT (S/CT)

MEPP: SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE PACKAGE FOR ISRAEL, EGYPT
AND JORDAN

Q: WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE TO PRESS REPORTS THAT THE
PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL FOR ISRAEL, EGYPT, AND JORDAN IS
MEETING RESISTANCE ON CAPITOL HILL?

-- IN A LETTER LAST MONTH TO THE FOUR LEADERS OF
CONGRESS, PRESIDENT CLINTON ASKED FOR A FISCAL YEAR 2001

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE PACKAGE TOTALING \$750
MILLION FOR ISRAEL, EGYPT, AND JORDAN, TO ASSIST THESE
COUNTRIES IN OUR SHARED GOAL OF PROMOTING REGIONAL PEACE
AND SECURITY.

-- IT IS IN OUR NATIONAL INTEREST TO PASS THIS PACKAGE AS
A WHOLE. WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE
TO ADDRESS IMMEDIATE SECURITY NEEDS, AND TO SUPPORT THE
EFFORTS OF OUR FRIENDS IN THE REGION TO ADVANCE EFFORTS TO
ACHIEVE PEACE IN THE REGION.

-- WE WILL CONTINUE TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH CONGRESS
CONCERNING ENACTMENT OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL.

Q: WHAT ARE THE SPECIFIC COMPONENTS OF THE PROPOSED
SUPPLEMENTAL?

-- UNDER THIS PACKAGE, ISRAEL WOULD RECEIVE \$450 MILLION
TO HELP DEFRAY THE COSTS OF ITS WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTHERN
LEBANON, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO DEFEND
AGAINST STRATEGIC THREATS. THIS FULFILLS A LONGSTANDING
COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL.

-- GIVEN EGYPT'S PROMINENT ROLE IN HOSTING THE SHARM AL-
SHEIKH SUMMIT AND THE ONGOING EFFORTS OF EGYPT AND JORDAN
TO PROMOTE REGIONAL PEACE, EGYPT WOULD RECEIVE \$225 MILLION
TO SUPPORT ITS EFFORTS TO ENHANCE NAVAL AND PORT SECURITY.
JORDAN WOULD RECEIVE \$75 MILLION, \$50 MILLION OF WHICH
WOULD BE USED TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REFORM, AND
\$25 MILLION TO ENHANCE BORDER SECURITY.

-- THIS IS A BALANCED ASSISTANCE PACKAGE WHICH RECOGNIZES
THE EFFORTS OF OUR PARTNERS IN PEACE AND THE CONSTRUCTIVE
ROLE THEY CONTINUE TO PLAY.

Q: BUT SENATOR HELMS REPORTEDLY WROTE TO SECRETARY
ALBRIGHT THAT "EGYPT HAS PLAYED AN OBVIOUSLY PERNICIOUS
ROLE" SINCE THE VIOLENCE STARTED BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE
PALESTINIANS, AND QUESTIONED THE LEVEL OF U.S. AID TO
EGYPT. WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE?

-- WE TAKE SERIOUSLY THE CONCERNS OF SENATOR HELMS AND
ALL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. THE SECRETARY HAS SPOKEN WITH

SENATOR HELMS ABOUT HIS LETTER.

-- WE BELIEVE THAT EGYPT REMAINS A STEADFAST STRATEGIC ALLY IN THE REGION AND A STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF THE PEACE PROCESS. IT CONTINUES TO PLAY A POSITIVE AND IMPORTANT ROLE TO ADVANCE THE PEACE PROCESS THROUGH ITS CONTACTS WITH ISRAEL, THE PALESTINIANS, AND OTHER ARAB NATIONS.

Q: WHY ARE YOU REQUESTING THIS ASSISTANCE PACKAGE NOW, INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR THE NEXT CONGRESS?

-- IN ORDER TO ADDRESS URGENT SECURITY NEEDS.

Q: WHAT ABOUT THE PALESTINIANS? ARE YOU SENDING A MESSAGE TO ARAFAT THAT YOU'RE DISAPPOINTED WITH THE PALESTINIAN EFFORT TO IMPLEMENT THE SHARM AL-SHEIKH COMMITMENTS?

-- IN ADDITION TO THIS FY2001 PACKAGE, WE BELIEVE THERE SHOULD BE A FOLLOW-ON FY2002 COMPONENT.

-- WE ARE NOT, HOWEVER, ASKING FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON FY-02 RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS SESSION OF CONGRESS.

Q: BUT, IN THE END, WON'T THIS ASSISTANCE WIND UP HELPING ISRAEL AND NO ONE ELSE?

-- AS I SAID BEFORE, THIS IS A BALANCED ASSISTANCE PACKAGE WHICH SEEKS TO SUPPORT OUR REGIONAL PARTNERS FOR PEACE.

QATAR: CLOSURE OF EMBASSY (UPDATE)

Q: WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN DOHA, QATAR?

-- THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN DOHA CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, IN RESPONSE TO SECURITY CONCERNS.

-- THE EMBASSY REASSESSED THE SITUATION TODAY AND DECIDED TO EXTEND THE CLOSURE THROUGH MONDAY, DECEMBER 11.

Q: CAN YOU GIVE US ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE NATURE OF THESE SECURITY CONCERNS?

-- NOT GOING TO DISCUSS DETAILS ABOUT THE NATURE OF THESE CONCERNS.

Q: DID THE EMBASSY INFORM MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN QATAR?

-- THE EMBASSY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING WARDEN NOTICE TODAY TO THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN QATAR:

-- "AS INDICATED IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S OCTOBER 12 PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT (EXPIRY DATE JANUARY 7, 2001) AND REPEATED IN EMBASSY DOHA'S OCTOBER 22 WARDEN MESSAGE, U.S. GOVERNMENT FACILITIES HAVE AND WILL CONTINUE TO TEMPORARILY

CLOSE OR SUSPEND PUBLIC SERVICES AS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ITS PERSONNEL.

-- "THE U.S. EMBASSY IN DOHA WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH MONDAY, DECEMBER 11."

MEPP: SITUATION UPDATE

Q: WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO THE KILLINGS TODAY, INCLUDING THE DEATH OF AN ISRAELI MOTHER AND ANOTHER ISRAELI IN THE WEST BANK, A TEENAGE PALESTINIAN IN BETHLEHEM, AND ANOTHER PALESTINIAN FOLLOWING CLASHES ON THE HARAM AL SHARIF/TEMPLE MOUNT?

-- TODAY'S VIOLENCE CONTINUES THE TRAGEDY FOR BOTH PALESTINIANS AND ISRAELIS. MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED PEOPLE HAVE NOW BEEN KILLED IN THE VIOLENCE, INCLUDING CHILDREN AND MOTHERS.

-- WE ARE DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE LOSS OF LIFE. THE VIOLENCE DESTROYS LIVES, DEVASTATES FAMILIES, RUINS ECONOMIC ASPIRATIONS, AND WORSENS THE LEVEL OF MISTRUST BETWEEN TWO COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO LIVE SIDE BY SIDE.

-- AS SECRETARY ALBRIGHT HAS SAID, THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE MUST BE BROKEN. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT COMMITMENTS NECESSARY TO END THE VIOLENCE BE CARRIED OUT IN A WAY THAT IS SUSTAINABLE AND MUTUALLY REINFORCING.

-- FOR THE ISRAELIS, THIS MEANS WITHDRAWING THEIR FORCES TO POSITIONS PRIOR TO THE ONSET OF THE CRISIS, ENDING THE ECONOMIC RESTRICTIONS AGAINST PALESTINIANS AND RESTRAINING THEIR USE OF FORCE.

-- FOR THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY, THIS MEANS ENDING SHOOTINGS AGAINST ISRAELIS, CREATING BUFFERS BETWEEN DEMONSTRATORS AND THE IDF, ENDING INCITEMENT TO VIOLENCE, AND ARRESTING THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR TERRORISM, REGARDLESS OF WHICH ORGANIZATION THEY BELONG TO. BOTH SIDES MUST ALSO DO EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO PROTECT THE LIVES AND SAFETY OF CHILDREN. THERE ARE ALREADY TOO MANY GRIEVING PARENTS, PALESTINIANS AND ISRAELIS. THERE IS SIMPLY NO JUSTIFICATION FOR THE DEATH OF CHILDREN.

Q: HOW DOES US VIEW THE TERRIBLE IMPACT OF ISRAELI RESTRICTIONS ON THE PALESTINIAN ECONOMY IN WEST BANK AND GAZA?

-- CLEARLY, PALESTINIANS ARE BEING HARMED BY THE ECONOMIC RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY ISRAEL.

-- WHILE SOME OF THE RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN EASED, LIFE REMAINS VERY, VERY DIFFICULT.

-- ISRAELI SECURITY CONCERNS MUST BE ADDRESSED. AT THE

SAME TIME, EXERTING ECONOMIC PRESSURE THAT CAUSES GREAT HARDSHIP TO PALESTINIAN FAMILIES AND THAT DISRUPTS ECONOMIC LIFE DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE TO ENDING THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE.

-- WE ARE URGING THE ISRAELIS TO EASE THE RESTRICTIONS.

-- WE HAVE SAID REPEATEDLY THAT THERE IS NO MILITARY SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM AND NO PLACE FOR VIOLENCE. NOR IS ECONOMIC OR POLITICAL PRESSURE A WAY TO RESOLVE IT.

Q: WHAT IS THE US DOING TO HELP THE PALESTINIANS TO DEAL WITH THEIR ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES?

-- IN THE LAST FISCAL YEAR (FY-2000), THE US PROVIDED \$95 MILLION IN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR THE PALESTINIANS. THIS ASSISTANCE IS IN ADDITION TO THE \$400 MILLION WYE RIVER ASSISTANCE PACKAGE FOR THE WEST BANK AND GAZA THAT IS BEING DISBURSED OVER THREE YEARS (FISCAL YEARS 2000-2002).

-- WE ARE CURRENTLY REVIEWING OUR ONGOING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO DETERMINE AREAS IN WHICH WE CAN HAVE AN

IMMEDIATE IMPACT GIVEN THE CURRENT CRISIS. FOR EXAMPLE, WE ARE WORKING TO EXPAND OUR COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM, WHICH SUPPORT HEALTH, WATER AND SANITATION PROJECTS AT THE VILLAGE LEVEL.

-- THE US ALSO INTENDS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY (UNRWA) IN RESPONSE TO THEIR EMERGENCY APPEALS. THESE FUNDS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE, FOOD, SHELTER AND CASH ASSISTANCE THROUGH WORK PROGRAMS FOR THOSE WHO ARE MOST VULNERABLE.

Q: CAN YOU TELL US THE PLANS OF THE FACT-FINDING COMMISSION CHAIRED BY SENATOR MITCHELL FOR TRAVEL IN THE REGION NEXT WEEK?

-- AS I'VE SAID BEFORE, THIS COMMITTEE IS AN INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE. IT WAS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PRESIDENT'S AUSPICES, BUT THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE NOT U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. SENATOR MITCHELL HAS AFFIRMED REPEATEDLY THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL CONDUCT ITS WORK OBJECTIVELY AND INDEPENDENTLY.

-- I WOULD REFER YOU TO THE COMMITTEE FOR MORE DETAILS ON THEIR TRAVEL AND SCOPE OF WORK. YOU SHOULD CONTACT SENATOR MITCHELL'S OFFICE AT 202-371-6012.

Q: ANY PLANS TO ANNOUNCE TRAVEL TO THE MIDDLE EAST BY THE SECRETARY OR DENNIS ROSS?

-- NOTHING TO ANNOUNCE ON THIS SUBJECT.

IRAQ: UN APPROVAL OF IRAQ OIL PRICES

KEY POINTS TO MAKE:

-- ON DECEMBER 7, THE UN OIL OVERSEERS COMMUNICATED TO THE UN SANCTIONS COMMITTEE A NEW ASSESSMENT OF PRICING MECHANISMS SUBMITTED BY THE IRAQI STATE OIL MARKETING ORGANIZATION. THE COMMUNICATION MENTIONS A "SHARED VIEW" REGARDING OIL PRICES FOR DECEMBER. (THE UN OIL OVERSEERS' FUNCTION IS TO ASSURE THAT OIL EXPORTED UNDER THE OIL-FOR-FOOD PROGRAM IS SOLD AT PREVAILING MARKET PRICES.)

-- THE ASSESSMENT ANALYSIS INCLUDES DISCOUNTS OF 10 TO 30 CENTS A BARREL BASED ON "SERIOUSLY ERODED CONFIDENCE IN IRAQ AS A RELIABLE SUPPLY SOURCE."

-- IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS PROCEDURES, THE UN SANCTIONS COMMITTEE IS STUDYING THE ASSESSMENT AND WILL DECIDE ON THE PRICING MECHANISM.

IF PRESSED:

Q: PRESS REPORTS SAID THESE PRICES ARE CLOSE TO THOSE THAT WERE REJECTED TEN DAYS AGO. IS THIS THE CASE?

-- WE ARE STUDYING THAT NOW. THE PRICES ARE LOWER THAN THOSE THE OVERSEERS RECOMMENDED SOME DAYS AGO. THE OVERSEERS' ASSESSMENT NOTES THAT BECAUSE OF THE IRAQI STATE OIL MARKETING ORGANIZATION'S ACTION OF THE LAST FEW DAYS, END-USERS HAVE UNCERTAINTIES ON PRICE AND AVAILABILITY OF IRAQ OIL AND HAVE REDUCED CONFIDENCE IN IRAQ AS A RELIABLE SUPPLY SOURCE. IN VIEW OF THAT, THEY SAY, CUSTOMERS WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE PREPARED TO PAY THE FORMER MARKET PRICES. WE NOTE THAT THE MARKET ITSELF HAS SOFTENED FURTHER SINCE THE DISCUSSIONS BEGAN.

CONTEXT: THE NO OBJECTION DEADLINE IS 18:00 TODAY (12/08). PLEASE NOTE THAT THE UN OIL OVERSEERS COMMUNICATION MENTIONS A "SHARED VIEW" RATHER THAN A RECOMMENDATION.

MEPP: SECURITY COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS ON THE MIDEAST OBSERVER MISSION

Q: UPDATE/READOUT OF YESTERDAY'S SECURITY COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS ON THE MIDEAST OBSERVER MISSION.

KEY POINTS TO MAKE

-- THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL HAS BEGUN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ABOUT A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A UN OBSERVER PRESENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

-- WHAT IS MOST NEEDED RIGHT NOW IS FOR LEADERS ON BOTH SIDES TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO END THE CURRENT CRISIS.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO SUPPORT THEM IN THIS EFFORT.

-- ANY OBSERVER PRESENCE THAT IS NOT SUPPORTED BY BOTH PARTIES SERVES NO USEFUL PURPOSE IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE REGION.

-- WE BELIEVE THE SECURITY COUNCIL -- AND INDEED ALL UN MEMBERS -- SHOULD INSTEAD BE FOCUSING ON WAYS TO SUPPORT THE PARTIES AS THEY WORK TO IMPLEMENT THE UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED AT SHARM AL-SHEIKH, INCLUDING SUPPORT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE THAT HAS ALREADY BEGUN ITS WORK.

(IF ASKED)

-- WE NOTE THAT THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS ALREADY CHARACTERIZED THE INITIAL DRAFT AS NON-IMPLEMENTABLE.

TERRORISM: NEW YEAR'S THREAT

Q: ANY COMMENT ON THE BOSTON GLOBE ARTICLE CONCERNING FEARS OF TERRORIST ATTACKS TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH NEW YEAR'S, OR THE "REAL MILLENNIUM"?

-- ALTHOUGH THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO TERRORIST THREATS DIRECTLY RELATED TO NEW YEAR'S, A NUMBER OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WORLDWIDE CAUTIONS ISSUED IN RECENT WEEKS WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT BEYOND JANUARY 1ST.

-- THESE MAINLY REFER TO THE POSSIBILITY OF TERRORIST ATTACKS IN THE WAKE OF THE USS COLE BOMBING AND THE UPSURGE OF VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

-- IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THREAT INFORMATION COULD BE RECEIVED THAT MENTIONS THE JANUARY 1ST TIMEFRAME.

-- AS IS OUR PRACTICE, IF INFORMATION IS RECEIVED ABOUT A POSSIBLE TERRORIST THREAT THAT IS SPECIFIC, CREDIBLE, AND CANNOT BE COUNTERED, THE DEPARTMENT WILL ISSUE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT.

Q: ARE WE TAKING ANY EXTRA SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AROUND THE WORLD?

-- OUR POSTS OVERSEAS HAVE BEEN OPERATING AT A HIGH STATE OF ALERT FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS. WE HAVE IMPROVED SECURITY AT EVERY DIPLOMATIC MISSION ABROAD SINCE THE EMBASSY BOMBINGS. POSTS CONSTANTLY REVIEW THEIR RESPECTIVE SECURITY SITUATIONS, AND TAKE ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS WHEN NECESSARY. IT'S OUR POLICY NOT TO COMMENT ON SPECIFIC SECURITY MEASURES TAKEN BY POSTS.

Q: ARE WE INCREASING SECURITY AT THE DEPARTMENT?

-- WE REGULARLY REVIEW SECURITY AT THE DEPARTMENT AND TAKE ADDITIONAL SECURITY STEPS IF NECESSARY. WE DON'T COMMENT ON SPECIFIC SECURITY MEASURES TAKEN.

(CONTEXT: AT THIS TIME, SECURITY HAS NOT BEEN INCREASED
AROUND THE DEPARTMENT. HOWEVER, THIS COULD CHANGE AS WE
GET CLOSER TO THE HOLIDAYS.)
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SUBJ: ISRAEL MEDIA REACTION

SUBJECTS COVERED IN THIS REPORT:

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SUBJECT: ISRAEL MEDIA REACTION

SUBJECTS COVERED IN THIS REPORT:

1. PALESTINIAN TRACK
2. PRESIDENT-ELECT BUSH'S ADMINISTRATION

KEY STORIES IN THE MEDIA:

LEADING MEDIA REPORTED THAT THE NEGOTIATING TEAMS OF ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIANS, RESPECTIVELY HEADED BY FM SHLOMO BEN-AMI AND MUHAMMAD DAHLAN, WILL BE LEAVING FOR WASHINGTON TODAY. CITING DAHLAN, YEDIOT BANNERED: "ARAFAT: AGREEMENT WITHIN 30 DAYS." LEADING MEDIA REPORTED THAT THE U.S. COULD PRESENT A BRIDGING PROPOSAL. HA'ARETZ SUNDAY QUOTED PALESTINIANS SOURCES AS SAYING THAT A "CLINTON DOCUMENT" INCLUDES PALESTINIAN SOVEREIGNTY IN EAST JERUSALEM IN EXCHANGE FOR DELAYING THE DISCUSSION OF THE RIGHTS OF 1948 PALESTINIAN REFUGEES UNTIL AFTER PALESTINIAN STATEHOOD. YEDIOT QUOTED A SENIOR PALESTINIAN SOURCE AS SAYING THAT ISRAEL IS PROPOSING TO CEDE 95 PERCENT OF THE TERRITORIES TO THE PALESTINIANS -- MORE THAN AT CAMP DAVID -- BUT IS NOT PRESENTING THE PROPOSAL ON PAPER. HA'ARETZ SUNDAY QUOTED BARAK AS SAYING THAT ISRAEL MUST RETAIN SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE TEMPLE MOUNT.

LEADING MEDIA QUOTED PRESIDENT-ELECT GEORGE W. BUSH AS SAYING ON SATURDAY THAT THE ADVANCEMENT OF MIDDLE EAST PEACE MUST BE BASED ON ISRAEL'S SECURITY. THE MEDIA ALSO CITED A PLEDGE BY SECRETARY OF STATE-DESIGNATE COLIN POWELL TO KEEP A BALANCE BETWEEN ISRAEL'S NEED FOR SECURITY AND PALESTINIAN NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS.

LEADING MEDIA REPORTED THAT 11 PALESTINIANS WERE KILLED OVER THE WEEKEND, INCLUDING A SENIOR FATAH ACTIVIST.

THE MEDIA REPORTED THAT 10 LEFT-WING MKS VISITED P.A. CHAIRMAN IN ARAFAT ON SUNDAY. LEADING MEDIA CITED ARAFAT'S ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE PEACE EFFORTS, BUT THAT C-O-S MOFAZ IS A THREAT TO PEACE.

MAARIV QUOTED VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT DICK CHENEY AS SAYING TO ABC-TV THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON ERRED IN ALLOWING JERUSALEM TO BE DISCUSSED AT CAMP DAVID.

U.S. SENATOR JESSE HELMS WROTE IN AN OP-ED ARTICLE IN HA'ARETZ (SUNDAY) THAT ISRAEL MUST NOT SIGN THE ICC (INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT) TREATY LEST ITS SOLDIERS BE PROSECUTED.

ALL MEDIA REPORTED THAT THE FINAL LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS ON THE "NETANYAHU BILL" AND THE KNESSET DISSOLUTION BILL WILL BE TAKEN TODAY. THE MEDIA CITED THE PIVOTAL ROLE OF SHAS IN BOTH KNESSET VOTES.

1. PALESTINIAN TRACK:

SUMMARY:

INDEPENDENT HA'ARETZ EDITORIALIZED: "THE GENERAL BELIEF THAT A PEACE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIANS WILL FURTHER BARAK'S CHANCES TO WIN THE ELECTIONS DOES NOT UNDERMINE, IN THE LEAST, HIS AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE CONFLICT."

CHIEF ECONOMIC EDITOR SEVER PLOTKER WROTE IN AN EDITORIAL IN MASS-CIRCULATION, PLURALIST YEDIOT AHARONOT: "(PRIME MINISTER EHUD BARAK AND HIS NEGOTIATING AIDES) MIGHT FIND OUT THAT WITHOUT A CONTINUOUS DIALOGUE WITH THE UNDECIDED ISRAELI PUBLIC, WHICH DOESN'T KNOW WHETHER IT IS AT WAR OR AT PEACE, THEY CANNOT OBTAIN BACKING OR SUPPORT FOR CONCESSIONS."

ANALYST UZI BENZIMAN WROTE IN HA'ARETZ: " A CANDIDATE WHO WANTS TO BRING PEACE, WHO VIEWS A PEACE AGREEMENT AS THE POINT THAT WILL TIP HIS WAY FOR ELECTORAL SUCCESS, CANNOT BE ASHAMED OF HIS POSITIONS."

INDEPENDENT JERUSALEM POST EDITORIALIZED: "THE RUMORS, NEWS STORIES, AND OFFICIALS' TRIPS WILL CONTINUE TO HINT AT DRAMATIC BEHIND-THE-SCENES NEGOTIATIONS PROMISING A QUICK DEAL. THE REAL SITUATION, AT LEAST FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, IS FAR MORE LIKELY TO INVOLVE DAILY FIGHTING."

SENIOR COLUMNIST HAGGAI HUBERMAN WROTE IN NATIONALIST HATZOFE: "YASSER ARAFAT HAS WON THE CURRENT WAR.... WHAT COMES AS A SURPRISE IS THE FACT THAT ISRAEL'S READINESS TO EXPAND ITS CONCESSIONS IS TRANSPERING, AS ARAFAT HAS STARTED DEMONSTRATING HIS DISTRESS."

BLOCK QUOTES:

I. "PICKING UP WHERE THEY LEFT OFF"

INDEPENDENT HA'ARETZ EDITORIALIZED (DECEMBER 17): "THE CHANGING U.S. ADMINISTRATION AND THE POSSIBILITY OF POLITICAL UPHEAVAL IN ISRAEL ARE PUSHING PALESTINIAN

CHAIRMAN YASSER ARAFAT AND PRIME MINISTER EHUD BARAK TOWARD RENEWED EFFORTS AT FORMULATING A FINAL-STATUS FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT TO THE PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI CONFLICT.... ARAFAT SPOKE RECENTLY OF THE NEED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE REMAINING DAYS OF PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON'S TERM OF OFFICE, WHICH ENDS ON JANUARY 20.... (ALSO, PRESIDENT-ELECT GEORGE W.) BUSH AND HIS AIDES UNDERSTAND THAT THE EXPLOSIVE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST CANNOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED FOR MONTHS UNTIL THE NEW ADMINISTRATION FORMULATES ITS OWN POLICIES.... THE GENERAL BELIEF THAT A PEACE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIANS WILL FURTHER BARAK'S CHANCES TO WIN THE ELECTIONS DOES NOT UNDERMINE, IN THE LEAST, HIS AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE CONFLICT. THE OPPOSITION OF RIGHT-WING LEADERS TO THE RENEWAL OF TALKS WITH THE PALESTINIANS IS RAISING CONCERNS THAT IT IS THEY WHO THINK THAT A DIPLOMATIC AGREEMENT WILL CAUSE THEIR ATTEMPTS TO RETURN TO POWER TO FLOUNDER.... A RENEWED GATHERING AT THE DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATING TABLE WILL, FIRST AND FOREMOST, BE AN ACHIEVEMENT IN BLOCKING THE PLUNGE INTO VIOLENCE THAT BEGAN IN LATE SEPTEMBER. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO SIDES WILL PRESENT THEMSELVES AT THE TALKS BEARING THE SCARS OF THE BITTER CONFRONTATION, WHICH WILL REINFORCE THE NEED TO REACH AN AGREEMENT. TIME IS INDEED SHORT, AND A GREAT DEAL OF COURAGE IS REQUIRED TO CREATE A DRAFT AGREEMENT THAT WILL RECEIVE THE NECESSARY TRUST OF THE PALESTINIAN AND ISRAELI PUBLIC. THE ISRAELI VOTER WILL REQUIRE ARGUMENTS TO RENEW HIS FAITH, NOT ONLY IN THE PALESTINIANS, BUT ALSO IN THE PRIME MINISTER."

II. "NO TRANSPARENCY IN ISRAEL"

CHIEF ECONOMIC EDITOR SEVER PLOTKER WROTE IN AN EDITORIAL IN MASS-CIRCULATION, PLURALIST YEDIOT AHARONOT (DECEMBER 18): "THE DIPLOMATIC TALKS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIANS WILL RESUME IN WASHINGTON ON TUESDAY. ISRAELI PUBLIC OPINION HAS NO IDEA ON WHICH BASIS THE TALKS ARE BEING RENEWED OR ABOUT WHAT WAS ACHIEVED IN A SERIES OF DIRECT AND INDIRECT, MANIFEST AND SECRET NEGOTIATIONS CONDUCTED SO FAR. WITHOUT PROPER MINIMAL DISCLOSURE, ISRAELIS CANNOT GAUGE WHETHER PRIME MINISTER EHUD BARAK ... CONVEYED TO THE PALESTINIAN SIDE PROPOSALS GOING BEYOND WHAT WAS TABLED AT CAMP DAVID. TO THIS DAY, NEITHER HAS WHAT WAS PROPOSED AT CAMP DAVID BEEN BROUGHT TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ISRAELIS, EXCEPT IN DELIBERATELY CONTRADICTORY, UNRELIABLE LEAKS.... THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS NEGOTIATING AIDES ARE PERSUADED THAT ON A CLEAR DAY, WITHIN TWO WEEKS OR ONE MONTH, THEY WILL SUDDENLY DISCLOSE TO THE ISRAELIS A SECURED, SIGNED AGREEMENT WITH THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY, AND ASK THEM TO RATIFY IT IN ITS ENTIRETY.... BUT THEY MIGHT FIND OUT THAT WITHOUT A CONTINUOUS DIALOGUE WITH THE UNDECIDED ISRAELI PUBLIC, WHICH DOESN'T KNOW WHETHER IT IS AT WAR OR AT PEACE, THEY CANNOT OBTAIN BACKING OR SUPPORT FOR CONCESSIONS."

III. "NOTHING WORKS LIKE THE TRUTH"

ANALYST UZI BENZIMAN WROTE IN HA'ARETZ (DECEMBER 17): "EVEN IF BARAK SIGNS AN AGREEMENT IN THE COMING WEEKS WITH ARAFAT, ONE THAT BY ITS NATURE REQUIRES ADDITIONAL COMPROMISES, IT IS DOUBTFUL WHETHER HE WILL BE ABLE TO CONVINCE THE PUBLIC TO SUPPORT IT. THE INTIFADA, UNDER ARAFAT'S IRRESPONSIBLE COMMAND, HAS SHIFTED A LARGE PROPORTION OF VOTERS TO THE RIGHT.... BARAK HOPES THAT THE PRESENTATION OF A PEACE AGREEMENT CAN NEUTRALIZE THIS. BUT THEN HE CANNOT HIDE HIS POSITION IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE LUKEWARM VIEWS HE HAS PRESENTED THUS FAR, AND WHICH NETANYAHU HAS GENERALLY INTERPRETED CORRECTLY, ARE NOT ENOUGH. BARAK WILL HAVE TO SHOW GREATER FLEXIBILITY AND BE PREPARED TO PAY THE POLITICAL PRICE THIS INVOLVES.... HIS WILLINGNESS TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ENTIRE GOLAN HEIGHTS, BUT TO INSIST ON A 300-METER STRIP ON THE COAST OF THE SEA OF GALILEE IS AS UNREASONABLE AS HIS AGREEMENT TO DIVIDE THE SOVEREIGNTY OF JERUSALEM, BUT TO OBJECT TO OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF PALESTINIAN CONTROL OVER THE TEMPLE MOUNT. A CANDIDATE WHO WANTS TO BRING PEACE, WHO VIEWS A PEACE AGREEMENT AS THE POINT THAT WILL TIP HIS WAY FOR ELECTORAL SUCCESS, CANNOT BE ASHAMED OF HIS POSITIONS. THE VOTER MUST BE ABLE TO JUDGE THE POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC POSITIONS OF THE CANDIDATES -- BARAK AND NETANYAHU (OR SHARON) -- ON THEIR OWN MERITS, UNOBSCURED BY PR SPIN."

IV. "DON'T BET ON PEACE"

INDEPENDENT JERUSALEM POST EDITORIALIZED (DECEMBER 17): "FOR PRIME MINISTER EHUD BARAK, REACHING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PALESTINIANS VERY POSSIBLY MEANS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SAVING HIS GOVERNMENT AND A HUMILIATING ELECTORAL DEFEAT. FOR U.S. PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON, ACHIEVING AN INTERIM OR COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION WOULD FULFILL HIS AMBITION OF BEING A SUCCESSFUL PEACEMAKER AS HIS ADMINISTRATION DRAWS TO A CLOSE. YET THESE GOALS ARE UNACHIEVABLE IF ARAFAT CONTINUES, AS HE HAS DONE SINCE SEPTEMBER, TO PREFER ARMED STRUGGLE TO AN AGREEMENT THAT FALLS FAR SHORT OF HIS FULL DEMANDS.... AT THE SAME TIME, BARAK KNOWS THAT IF HE WERE TO MAKE THE KIND OF HUGE COMPROMISES NEEDED TO GAIN PALESTINIAN ACCEPTANCE ... THE COUNTRY WOULD REJECT SUCH AN OFFER. BARAK HIMSELF DOES NOT WISH TO GIVE THAT MUCH EITHER.... UNFORTUNATELY, THE FAILURE TO RETURN TO A PEACE PROCESS IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP'S CURRENT DEMANDS ARE SO FAR-REACHING THEY KNOW NO ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WILL WILLINGLY ACCEPT THEM. THE RUMORS, NEWS STORIES, AND OFFICIALS' TRIPS WILL CONTINUE TO HINT AT DRAMATIC BEHIND-THE-SCENES NEGOTIATIONS PROMISING A QUICK DEAL. THE REAL SITUATION, AT LEAST FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, IS FAR MORE LIKELY TO INVOLVE DAILY FIGHTING."

V. "ARAFAT HAS WON"

SENIOR COLUMNIST HAGGAI HUBERMAN WROTE IN NATIONALIST HATZOFE (DECEMBER 18): "YASSER ARAFAT HAS WON THE CURRENT WAR.... THE FACT THAT ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVES ARE HOLDING TALKS WITH THE PALESTINIANS WHILE THE FIGHTING ON THE WEST BANK IS CONTINUING IS ARAFAT'S VICTOR IN THAT WAR.... WHAT COMES AS A SURPRISE IS THE FACT THAT ISRAEL'S READINESS TO EXPAND ITS CONCESSIONS IS TRANSPIRING, AS ARAFAT HAS STARTED DEMONSTRATING HIS DISTRESS. SECURITY OFFICIALS BELIEVE ARAFAT HAS STARTED TO FEEL ISRAELI PRESSURE AND THAT HE IS TRYING TO CALM THE TERRAIN, WHICH HAS PARTLY GONE OUT OF CONTROL.... AT THIS STAGE, A MOMENT BEFORE ARAFAT IS BROUGHT TO HIS KNEES, IT IS SHEER FOLLY TO SHOW READINESS FOR GREAT CONCESSIONS IN EXCHANGE FOR A CESSATION OF FIGHTING AND FOR 'PEACE.' FOR A FLEETING MOMENT, IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE 1993 SHOW IS MATERIALIZING FOR A SECOND TIME: ARAFAT IS ABOUT TO COLLAPSE, WHICH WOULD ALLOW ISRAEL TO TURN HIS FALL INTO DIPLOMATIC ACHIEVEMENTS FOR ISRAEL, AND THE GOI ... PUTS HIM BACK ON HIS FEET AND EVENTUALLY HAS TO PAY THE DIPLOMATIC PRICE (FOR ITS GESTURE)."

2. PRESIDENT-ELECT BUSH'S ADMINISTRATION:

SUMMARY:

ANALYST AMIR OREN WROTE IN A PAGE ONE ARTICLE IN INDEPENDENT HA'ARETZ: "(FROM THE ISRAELI PERSPECTIVE), POWELL IS ... NOT SO HOSTILE THAT HE WILL ADVANCE AMERICAN INTEREST ONLY IN THE ARAB WORLD, NOT SO ENTHUSIASTIC A FRIEND THAT HE WILL LEND SUPPORT TO ISRAELI MILITARY ESCAPADES OR TO 'A NEW ORDER' IN THE MIDDLE EAST."

INDEPENDENT JERUSALEM POST EDITORIALIZED: "POWELL, OF ALL PEOPLE, SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT SADDAM HUSSEIN IS NOT IMPRESSED BY EMPTY SABER-RATTLING."

BLOCK QUOTES:

I. "NEITHER A MARSHALL, NOR A HAIG"
ANALYST AMIR OREN WROTE IN A PAGE ONE ARTICLE IN INDEPENDENT HA'ARETZ (DECEMBER 17): "SINCE WORLD WAR II, THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY TWO FORMER MILITARY CHIEFS OF STAFF IN THE U.S. TO BE NAMED TO THE POST OF SECRETARY OF STATE.... FROM THE ISRAELI PERSPECTIVE, (GEORGE) MARSHALL WAS NOT SUFFICIENTLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE FLEDGLING JEWISH STATE IN 1948, AND (ALEXANDER) HAIG WAS A BIT TOO SUPPORTIVE DURING ISRAEL'S INVASION OF LEBANON IN 1982. POWELL IS PRECISELY IN THE MIDDLE, NOT SO HOSTILE THAT HE WILL ADVANCE AMERICAN INTEREST ONLY IN THE ARAB WORLD, NOT SO ENTHUSIASTIC A FRIEND THAT HE WILL LEND SUPPORT TO ISRAELI MILITARY ESCAPADES

OR TO 'A NEW ORDER' IN THE MIDDLE EAST.... HIS ASSOCIATION WITH (FORMER U.S. DEFENSE SECRETARY CASPAR) WEINBERGER AFFECTED HIM BOTH ON A PERSONAL AND ON A PHILOSOPHICAL BASIS. HE BECAME CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH A GROUP THAT INCLUDED THEN VICE-PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH (SENIOR), AND TO WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF (AND LATER SECRETARY OF STATE) JAMES BAKER. THIS GROUP WAS CLOSELY ALIGNED TO HAIG AND HIS SUCCESSOR GEORGE SHULTZ AS WELL AS TO DIA CHIEF WILLIAM CASEY. IN PRACTICE, THESE MEN TENDED TO CONTINUE THE PRACTICES OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TOWARD ISRAEL, WITHOUT GOING SO FAR AS SUPPORTING BROAD ISRAELI VENTURES INTO LEBANON."

II. "BUSH'S SADDAM TEST"

INDEPENDENT JERUSALEM POST EDITORIALIZED (DECEMBER 18): "THE CASE OF IRAQ ... IS A GOOD PLACE TO START IN JUDGING WHO WILL BE 'SETTING THE AGENDA,' AS (PRESIDENT-ELECT GEORGE W.) BUSH PUTS IT: THE U.S. OR SADDAM. POWELL'S OPENING SALVO, IN THIS RESPECT, IS NOT ENCOURAGING. ON THE ONE HAND, IN SETTING HIS TONE REGARDING THE WORLD AS A WHOLE, POWELL TRACKED HIS NEW BOSS'S MORE MUSCULAR APPROACH NICELY.... BUT WHEN IT CAME TO THE SPECIFIC CASE OF IRAQ, POWELL BEGAN TO SOUND AWFULLY LIKE THE PEOPLE HE WAS REPLACING: 'WE WILL WORK WITH OUR ALLIES TO REENERGIZE THE SANCTIONS REGIME. AND I WILL MAKE THE CASE IN EVERY OPPORTUNITY I GET THAT WE'RE NOT DOING THIS TO HURT THE IRAQI PEOPLE... I THINK IT IS POSSIBLE TO REENERGIZE THOSE SANCTIONS AND TO CONTINUE TO CONTAIN HIM AND THEN CONFRONT HIM, SHOULD THAT BECOME NECESSARY AGAIN'.... POWELL, OF ALL PEOPLE, SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT SADDAM HUSSEIN IS NOT IMPRESSED BY EMPTY SABER-RATTLING. SITTING BACK AND WAITING FOR SADDAM TO PUT UP A SIGN STATING 'WE HAVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS' IS PRECISELY THE REACTIVE FOREIGN POLICY THAT THE BUSH TEAM CLAIMS TO BE REJECTING. A LACK OF REALISM TOWARD SADDAM BODES ILL FOR THE ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE PROCESS AS WELL, SINCE THE FORCES OF REJECTIONISM WILL TAKE THEIR CUE FROM HOW THE U.S. TREATS ITS MOST AGGRESSIVE LEADER."

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1. (SBU) SUMMARY: RMI FOREIGN MINISTER ALVIN JACKLICK OPINED THAT THE U.S. WOULD HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY WITHDRAWING FROM KWAJALEIN AFTER ITS LAND USE RIGHTS EXPIRE IN 2016 BECAUSE OF THE ROLE THE MISSILE RANGE PLAYS IN REGIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY. THE HELMS LETTER DOES NOTHING TO CONTRIBUTE TO RESOLUTION OF THE TOBACCO SUIT, SINCE ANY ACTION JACKLICK MIGHT TAKE NOW TO PULL BACK GOVERNMENT PROSECUTION OF THE SUIT WOULD MAKE IT LOOK LIKE HE WAS BUCKLING UNDER U.S. PRESSURE. THE RMI WILL SUPPORT THE U.S. POSITION ON REDUCING THE CAP ON UN ASSESSMENTS IF THE MATTER COMES TO A VOTE IN THE UNGA FIFTH COMMITTEE (REFTELS). JACKLICK WELCOMES MIKE SENKO'S CONFIRMATION AND LOOKS FORWARD TO WELCOMING HIM BACK TO MAJURO, AND JACKLICK WILL BE IN TOWN DURING THE PROPOSED STAYMAN VISIT. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) CHARGE TOM STEELE SOUGHT AN APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ALVIN JACKLICK TO DISCUSS VARIOUS MATTERS WITH HIM AND INFORM HIM OF UPCOMING VISITORS, IN PARTICULAR THE CONFIRMATION OF AMBASSADOR MIKE SENKO AND HIS PLAN TO ARRIVE IN MAJURO AROUND JANUARY 15-25. FM JACKLICK EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE THAT AMB. SENKO WAS COMING AT LAST AND THAT JACKLICK WOULD SOON BE ABLE TO WELCOME HIM BACK TO MAJURO. AMB. SENKO WAS CERTAIN TO MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION BOTH TO THE REGULAR BILATERAL

RELATIONSHIP AND TO THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION. STEELE ALSO MENTIONED THAT AL STAYMAN AND MEMBERS OF HIS OFFICE WERE ALSO PROPOSING TO VISIT MAJURO AFTER THE JANUARY 11-12 COMPACT TALKS WITH THE FSM IN HONOLULU. HE WISHED TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT NOTE, FM JACKLICK, FINANCE MINISTER KONELIOS, AND OTHERS.

3. (SBU) CHARGE PRESENTED FM JACKLICK WITH A COPY OF GEN. SHINSEKI'S RESPONSE TO REP. UNDERWOOD'S QUESTION FOR THE RECORD AFTER THE GENERAL'S FEBRUARY TESTIMONY BEFORE CONGRESS. CHARGE POINTED OUT THAT SHINSEKI HIMSELF HAD NOT RAISED THE QUESTION OF KWAJALEIN IN HIS PUBLIC TESTIMONY, AND THAT THE RESPONSE VERY CAREFULLY LIMITED ITSELF TO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER MOVING SOME OF KWAJALEIN'S FUNCTIONS WAS POSSIBLE. SHINSEKI HAD TO ANSWER TRUTHFULLY THAT THAT WAS POSSIBLE, BUT HE CLEARLY LAID OUT THE DIFFICULTIES AND EXPENSES AND AVOIDED COMMENTING ON THE FUTURE LIKELIHOOD OF SUCH A MOVE. AS SUCH SHINSEKI'S RESPONSE SPEAKS FOR ITSELF IN DESCRIBING USG INTENTIONS. FM JACKLICK SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN THINKING MUCH ABOUT KWAJALEIN RECENTLY, AND HE HAD COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT KMR PLAYED SUCH AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ENSURING REGIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE PACIFIC THAT THE U.S. PROBABLY COULD NOT WITHDRAW FROM KWAJALEIN AFTER 2016 WITHOUT ENDANGERING THAT PEACE AND STABILITY.

4. (SBU) JACKLICK WAS ALREADY AWARE OF THE RECENT LETTER TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FROM SENATOR JESSE HELMS. JACKLICK SAID THAT RECENTLY HE HAD BEEN CONSIDERING SOME MOVES THAT WOULD AT LEAST TONE DOWN SOME OF THE CHARGES IN THE TOBACCO CASE. TO DO SO NOW, HOWEVER, WOULD MAKE IT SEEM THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS BUCKLING UNDER TO PRESSURE FROM HELMS AND THE U.S. ACTUALLY, THE HELMS LETTER PRESENTS THE RMI WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THAT IT IS ONLY TRYING TO DO WHAT HELMS IS TRYING TO DO -- PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF HIS CONSTITUENTS. CHARGE NOTED THAT NOT MANY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WERE AWARE OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE OLD ADMINISTRATION AND THE NEW NOTE ADMINISTRATION, AND THAT UNFORTUNATELY, THE NEW ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE TARRED BY THE SAME BRUSH AS THE IMATA KABUA ADMINISTRATION UNTIL ACTIONS STARTED SPEAKING LOUDER THAN WORDS.

5. (U) CHARGE HAD ALREADY APPROACHED LOWER-LEVEL CONTACTS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY REGARDING CONTINUING RMI SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. POSITION OF LIMITING THE UN SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS IF THE MATTER CAME TO A VOTE IN THE UNGA FIFTH COMMITTEE, BUT HE AGAIN RAISED THE MATTER WITH FM JACKLICK. JACKLICK SAID THAT THE RMI MISSION TO THE UN WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE U.S. POSITION IF A VOTE WERE NECESSARY AND OFFERED TO CONVEY THAT CONFIRMATION TO THE RMI MISSION IN NEW YORK (REFTELS).

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