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Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 12/11/2000 6:35:46 PM

FROM Beardsworth, Richard R. (Randy) (DEFENSE)

CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT FW: 6907: POTUS response to Senators Smith and Helms on VM trip [UNCLASSIFIED]

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Peterson-Becker, Augustine "Gusti" (ADMIN)
Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)
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Tierney, Mary "Theresa" T. (MULTI)
Wilcox, Richard M. (MULTI)
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Tavlarides, Mark J. (LEGIS)
Walldorff, Rebecca L. (LEGIS)

CARBON_COPY**TEXT_BODY**

Gene, a couple of suggested changes.

-----Original Message-----

From: Christy,
Gene B. (ASIA)
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2000 18:19 PM
To: Beardsworth,
Richard R. (Randy) (DEFENSE); Lackey, Miles M. (LEGIS); Naplan,
Steven J. (MULTI)
Cc: @ASIA - Asian Affairs; @DEFENSE - Defense
Policy; @LEGISLAT - Legislative Affairs; @MULTILAT -
Multilateral
and Humanitarian Affairs
Subject: FW: 6907: POTUS response to Senators
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Gentlemen:

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a draft package to respond to a letter from Senators Smith and Helms sent to POTUS in advance of his Vietnam trip. After characterizing the trip as "ill-advised," the honorable Senators went on to list areas where they find Vietnamese behavior wanting and to encourage the PResident to address these. I would appreciate comments/clearances from you or your surrogates at your earliest convenience. Thank you.
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Sent: Monday, December 11, 2000 5:33 PM
To: Christy,
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Subject: 6907: the package [UNCLASSIFIED]

TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT 6907 srb~potus.doc

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER
CHARLES M. BRAIN

SUBJECT: Letter to Senators Smith and Helms

Purpose

Reply to a letter from Senators Smith and Helms.

Background

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In particular, they have concerns that the Vietnamese have not done enough to resolve the fate of missing American soldiers, or to ease restrictions on the Montagnard people.

In your response, you emphasize that throughout your Administration, Vietnam's cooperation in fullest possible accounting for missing Americans has been essential to the evolution of our relationship. You also indicate the importance you attached to respect for human rights and religious freedom in your conversations with Vietnamese leaders.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Senators Smith and Helms

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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December 11, 2000

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: JACK PRITCHARD

FROM: GENE B. CHRISTY

SUBJECT: Response to Senators Smith and Helms regarding Vietnam Trip

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Vietnamese, he asked the Vietnamese to share more of their own information;

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meetings with top Vietnamese officials; and

* Stresses that he emphasized the growing importance openness and freedom will

have for our bilateral relationship in the future.

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the President's visit and the visit itself. The Senators' concerns were taken

into account in trip briefings and documents prepared for the President's use in

Vietnam.

The NSC received the incoming correspondence on November 7, 2000.

Concurrence by: Randy Beardsworth, Steve Naplan, Miles Lackey

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President

Tab A Letter to Senators Smith and Helms

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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Dear Senator Smith:

Thank you for your letter of October 24. I appreciated your sharing with me your concerns and aspirations for my visit to Vietnam. I took these into account while I was there.

Since the earliest days of my Administration, I have made clear to Vietnamese leaders that progress in our bilateral relations depended on their cooperation in achieving the fullest possible accounting for our missing. They understand that none of the progress made over the past eight years, from the end of the trade embargo, to full diplomatic recognition, to the Bilateral Trade Agreement, to my visit, would have been possible without this cooperation. In each of my meetings with senior Vietnamese officials in Hanoi and in my nationally-televised speech to young people at Vietnam National University, I led with a discussion of fullest possible accounting. I also made clear that continued cooperation in this area will be essential to the development of our future relationship. In sharing nearly 360,000 pages of our archival materials with Vietnam's leaders, I also asked Party Chairman Le Kha Phieu to provide greater access to their archival materials.

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Again, thank you for your contribution to planning for my trip to
Vietnam.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Robert C. Smith
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-2903

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TEXT_BODY Gene -- I clear with one small edit in the SRB memo. -- Dan

-----Original

Message-----

From: Beardsworth, Richard R. (Randy) (DEFENSE)
Sent: Monday,
December 11, 2000 6:36 PM
To: @ASIA - Asian Affairs; Lackey, Miles
M. (LEGIS); Naplan, Steven J. (MULTI); @DEFENSE - Defense
Policy;
@MULTILAT - Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs;
@LEGISLAT - Legislative
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United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-2903

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 12/13/2000 7:20:15 AM
FROM Bash, Brooks L. (EXSEC)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT FW: Package 6614 Congressional Letter on Bolivian Effort to Combat Drugs
[UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Bartlett, L. June (EXSEC)
Gray, Wendy E. (NSA)
Hilliard, Brenda I. (EXSEC)
Joshi, M. Kay (EXSEC)
Millison, Cathy L. (EXSEC)
Wasserman, Elaine P. (EXSEC)

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TEXT_BODY FYI--I noted a typo on the POTUS letters.

-----Original Message-----

From:

Wasserman, Elaine P. (EXSEC)

Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2000
8:25 PM

To: Smith, Peter D. R. (MULTI)

Cc: @MULTILAT - Multilateral
and Humanitarian Affairs; @EXECSEC - Executive Secretary
Subject: Package

6614 Congressional Letter on Bolivian Effort to Combat Drugs
[UNCLASSIFIED]

Subject

package needs your clearance ASAP per Mara because it deals w/food
issues.

The incoming correspondence being faxed to your
office. Please respond to @CROSS. Thank you.

TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT

6614-Memo to Sandy2.doc

December 8, 2000

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

TROUGH: RICHARD A. CLARKE

FROM: ERIC A. PIERCE

SUBJECT: Reply to Congressional Letter on Bolivian
Effort to Combat Drugs

This package forwards a proposed response by the President to a letter from
Majority Leader Lott and Senator Helms regarding Bolivia's efforts to
combat
drugs.

The NSC received the incoming correspondence on October 20. The
delay in
response occurred primarily because we needed additional
information from Embassy
La Paz to address the issue of food shortages in Bolivia.

Concurrence by: Arturo Valenzuela, Miles Lackey

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Memorandum to the President at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum for the President

Tab A Reply to Majority Leader Lott and Senator Helms

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT 6614-POTUS memo2.doc

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL R. BERGER
CHARLES M. BRAIN

SUBJECT: Reply to Congressional Letter on Bolivian Effort to
Combat Drugs

Purpose

Respond to Majority Leader Lott and Senator Helms request for
assistance to
Bolivia.

Background

Senate Majority Leader Lott and Senator Helms wrote you regarding
President Hugo
Banzer's efforts to combat drugs, in particular his administration's
impressive
80 percent reduction in illegal coca cultivation. They expressed
concern that
recent protests by farmers and the poor have undermined Bolivia's
faith in
democratically elected leaders and the progress made to date in
combating drugs.

Their letter also requests that the U.S. Agency for International
Development and
the Department of State make available as quickly as possible the
funds that
Congress approved for alternative development and drug interdiction
in Bolivia.
The Senators also ask that you consider authorizing logistical support
to
alleviate food shortages in certain communities stemming from road
blocks set up
by protestors.

Your reply reaffirms our commitment to Bolivia's democratically
elected
government and assures the Senators that the funds will be available
soon.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter responding to Senate Majority Leader Lott
and Senator
Helms at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letters to Senate Majority Leader Lott and Senator Helms

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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Dear Mr. Leader:

Thank you for your letter concerning Bolivian efforts to stem the flow of illegal drugs in our hemisphere. I fully support Bolivia's democratically elected government, and I am encouraged by the Government of Bolivia's commitment to the elimination of all illegal coca cultivation by 2002.

My Administration is moving as quickly as possible to make available the funds the Congress appropriated to the Agency for International Development and the Department of State for anti-drug programs in Bolivia. Our embassy in La Paz has transmitted to the State Department a plan for disbursement of the funds, and we are working with senior Bolivian officials to implement that plan.

You requested that we consider providing logistical support to alleviate food shortages in certain communities that have resulted from road blocks by protesters. Although the civil disturbances in September and October interfered with food supplies, particularly to the largest cities, the resulting shortages did not pose a serious immediate threat. In the Chapare, the primary illegal

coca producing region, there were no significant food shortages. Nevertheless, the U.S. embassy provided logistical support for the rescue of trapped citizens who feared for their personal safety.

Again, thank you for your letter and suggestions in this important matter.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Trent Lott
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-2403

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Jesse Helms
Chairman
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-3301

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 12/16/2000 12:24:40 PM
FROM Countryman, Mary Ellen (PRESS)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT RE: ICC Negotiations CLEARANCE NEEDED FW: DAILY GUIDANCE
UPDATE
[UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Shea, Dorothy C. (MULTILAT)

CARBON_COPY**TEXT_BODY**

Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Shea, Dorothy C. (MULTILAT)

Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2000 11:37 AM

To: @PRESS - Public

Affairs

Cc: @MULTILAT - Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs;

@LEGAL - Legal Advisor; @LEGISLAT - Legislative Affairs

Subject: RE:

ICC Negotiations CLEARANCE NEEDED FW: DAILY GUIDANCE UPDATE
[UNCLASSIFIED]

@Press:

Please see the December 15 Press Guidance on ICC, which was slightly revised from the 14th. We may need to update again by Monday, as we hear there may be a Jesse Helms op-ed in one of the Sunday papers. Also, it's possible other key countries might decide to sign the Treaty over the weekend.

<< File: press guidance ICC 001215

legal ok.doc >>

-----Original Message-----

From: Tierney, Mary

"Theresa" T. (MULTI)

Sent: Friday, December 15, 2000 8:15 AM

To: Shea,

Dorothy C. (MULTILAT)

Cc: @MULTILAT - Multilateral and Humanitarian

Affairs

Subject: ICC Negotiations CLEARANCE NEEDED FW: DAILY
GUIDANCE UPDATE [UNCLASSIFIED]

Importance: High

MULTILATERAL

ICC

Negotiations

-----Original Message-----

From: Wozniak, Natalie

S. (PRESS)

Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2000 6:51 PM

To: @ALLNSC

- NSC Staff

Cc: @OSTP - Office Science Tech; @VP - VP Natl Security
Affairs

Subject: DAILY GUIDANCE UPDATE [UNCLASSIFIED]

Importance: High

Please

review and forward your updates to @PRESS by 10:00 a.m. Friday, December
15. Thank you.

<< File: Dec15gui2000.doc >>

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 12/18/2000 10:07:03 AM
FROM Shea, Dorothy C. (MULTILAT)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT RE: ICC Negotiations CLEARANCE NEEDED FW: DAILY GUIDANCE
UPDATE
[UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Shea, Dorothy C. (MULTILAT)
Anderson, Brooke D. (NSCCOMM)
Countryman, Mary Ellen (PRESS)
Crowley, Philip J. (PRESS)
Cruise, Daniel L. (PRESS)
Hammer, Michael A. (INTERAM)
Mitchell, Donald A. (NSCCOMM)
Pisar, Leah F. (NSCCOMM)
Wozniak, Natalie S. (PRESS)

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Walldorff, Rebecca L. (LEGIS)

TEXT_BODY @Press:
Don't see need for any further changes to what I sent
you on Saturday.
FYI: Jesse Helms op-ed did run in Ha'aretz on
Sunday. Strongly urges Israel not to sign the ICC Treaty. This
ran alongside an op-ed that made the argument that Israel and the
U.S. should sign. (I have hard copies of these, if anyone would
like them faxed.) Meanwhile, today's Washington Times piece on the
ICC doesn't really add anything new.

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PRESS BRIEFING
BY
JAKE SIEWERT

The James S. Brady Briefing Room

1:25 A.M. EST

MR. SIEWERT: I'll start with a quick travel announcement and move on from there. The President, on January 17th, will travel to Little Rock, Arkansas, and he will, in Little Rock, address a joint session of the Arkansas General Assembly, and the rest of that schedule is TBD. But he will be returning to Washington that evening.

I think this will give him a chance to thank the people of Arkansas who have supported him throughout the years, and to look forward to the work that he'll be doing down there in conjunction with his Presidential Library, which the plans are underway for. And he'll probably see some old friends.

That means that the President and Mrs. Clinton will travel to New York, following the Inauguration on January 20th, and they will remain overnight that evening in Chappaqua. We'll provide you with more details as those become available.

Q Both of them will leave?

MR. SIEWERT: Both of them will leave, yes.

The President is also making an announcement today regarding export controls on high performance computers. There is actually a call underway shortly -- for those of you who want to rush back to your booths and get on that -- with John Podesta, Bill Reinsch and others, to run through the details of that -- Rudy DeLeon.

But the overall importance of that announcement is that we are revising our rules on a regular basis now -- this is the sixth time we've done that -- to reflect the realities of a rapidly changing marketplace. And the President has asked Congress to actually make it easier to do that. We've had some success in changing the way in which that's done, but we want to ensure that American companies are not left behind by controls that belong to another era.

At the same time, we want to ensure that we protect the national security of the United States and ensure that we are not putting high-performance computers in the hands of companies that might misuse

them. So that call is under way shortly. You can call Ms. Engebretsen, "the Tiger," up in Upper Press if you want to get on that.

Thirdly, we are pleased -- and we don't get to say this every day -- that Senator Jesse Helms, Senator Biden and members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee have indicated their willingness to release the next payment of arrears that were authorized under the Helms-Biden legislation. That payment of \$582 million will allow the U.N. to pay the bulk of the funds owed to other countries for troop contributions to peacekeeping.

This move builds on the fine work that Ambassador Holbrooke has done, along with Secretary Albright and others, at the United Nations, and it will go a long way to putting the U.S.-U.N. relationship back on track.

I think that's it in terms of announcements. Oh, Sandy is speaking at the Council on Foreign Relations Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. That's in New York City. And you can contact either Don Mitchell at the NSC or the Council on Foreign Relations in New York to get more of the details of that speech; but that will be an opportunity for him to discuss his recent article in Foreign Affairs: "A Foreign Policy For The Global Age." And Mr. Gelb will preside over those events.

Q This is the President's speech?

MR. SIEWERT: No, Sandy Berger's speech -- will be speaking in New York at the Council on Foreign Relations, and give an opportunity to sum up some of the success we've had here in the Clinton administration on managing new global challenges in a new Information Age.

Q What's the latest on Dennis Ross? When is he going?

MR. SIEWERT: That trip -- he initially delayed that trip for one day for scheduling reasons. Chairman Arafat is in Tunis today for a meeting of Arab foreign ministers. He has now put the trip on hold, given security meetings that are happening now at various levels in the region.

As you know, the CIA Director was in Cairo over the weekend, met with security officials from both sides to discuss how to improve the situation on the ground. At this point, Dennis still plans to travel to the region, but we have not set a revised date.

Q Isn't that a sign, though, that it's not looking very hopeful that anything can be accomplished before the end of the Clinton term?

MR. SIEWERT: We're looking right now at whether we can see some reduction in the level of violence. It's going to be important. It's very

hard to imagine, as we've said before, that we could see any serious negotiation, let alone a conclusion, to some of these discussions with the serious level of violence in the region.

Q That's what caused the postponement?

MR. SIEWERT: Initially, it was scheduling. But now, given that there are security talks going on in the wake of Mr. Tenet's visit, we are looking to those security meetings and seeing how we proceed based on our analysis of those.

Q But, Jake, effectively, you've given up any hope of any sort of an agreement and any sort of a statement of principles, even?

MR. SIEWERT: We will make a judgment based on where we are at the end of those discussions. But the President has said he's committed to working until the very last day. We, I think, have 10 or so days left to continue our work on this and the President is committed to doing everything he can to help narrow the gaps between the parties. And As he said in his speech on Sunday, it beats packing up. So he'll keep working at it and until the last day, we'll do what we can. He'll make a judgment after seeing how some of the discussions go on security matters about what our next step is.

Q Barak has said that there might be a Presidential statement that he would welcome and the Palestinians said they would welcome that as well, just to get a blueprint down that could be something to move forward from in the Bush administration.

MR. SIEWERT: Honestly, we're going to do everything we can to move the process forward, but I don't want to get into the hows and wherefores of that right now. Dennis has put the trip on hold, but we are looking at how the security discussions move forward before making any decision about what our next steps are.

Q The President put the trip on hold, didn't he? I mean, it wasn't Dennis, he didn't make --

MR. SIEWERT: Obviously, we've been consulting. The President talked to the Prime Minister and the Chairman in the last couple days and we'll make a decision when we see how those security discussions play out.

Q Jake, the President has said now -- said privately, and his negotiations -- and he said it publicly, I believe, Sunday night, that when he goes, his proposals go with him. Is he simply accepting a fact of life there, or does he think it's just simply a good idea that they disappear with him?

MR. SIEWERT: I think that's simply the reality. A new administration

will have to make new decisions and new -- make their own assessment of how to proceed, and the President is just indicating what common sense tells all of us -- that when the President leaves, he takes with him the discussions that he's made. It's up to a new administration to make steps -- make any overtures after that.

Q There's no continuity in American foreign policy?

MR. SIEWERT: No, certainly there's a lot of continuity. We've been consulting heavily with --

Q -- picking up the ball, didn't he, from the --

MR. SIEWERT: We don't want to prejudge how the next administration will proceed -- that we've been consulting with them all along, I think they understand where we are. They have a lot of opportunities to build on some of the work that has been done. But that's a decision that they will make. But I think that people in the region understand that the President is involved in these discussions intensely himself, and that a new administration will have to decide how they want to treat the ideas that the President shared with the parties and with the public on Sunday.

MR. CROWLEY: It's also the rules that we've had at Camp David that if there is an agreement, fine; if not, then the parties are not bound to what they have put on the table at any particular time.

Q Jake, regarding the President's comments in Chicago last night. Does he truly believe that "the only way they" -- the Republicans -- "would win the election was to stop the voting in Florida"?

MR. SIEWERT: I think, yes, the President said what he believed, that when all the votes are counted, now by the press, that it will show that Al Gore may, in fact, have received more votes there. I think that's relatively an uncontroversial statement at some level. At the same time, the President said that he accepts the court's ruling and he understands the importance of the rule of law and that we are all going to accept what the Supreme Court said and move on.

Q But the comment last night was about Republicans. Does the President believe Republicans stole the election from Al Gore?

MR. SIEWERT: I think the President said that he disagreed with the court's ruling, but that he understood the wisdom of accepting it.

Q The only way they could have won is by stopping the vote count and then --

MR. SIEWERT: Well, I guess we'll see what the facts are. I mean, that's up to the media now at this point to sort through what the ballots

that weren't counted said and whether that statement is true. But I'll let you assess that on your own.

Q Does he think that the election was -- that Bush's election was thus, invalid or illegitimate?

MR. SIEWERT: Well, I think he said that we have to accept what the court ruled and, obviously, a new President will be sworn in. He also said that -- you know, we've met with President Bush and we're working very hard to ensure that he has every opportunity to succeed in the job.

Q Does he think that should be the admonition to the American people, to accept what may have a dubious --

MR. SIEWERT: He thinks it's very important that while he disagreed with the court's decision -- and he said so publicly a number of times, he told the pool that on the way back from Ireland -- that it was important to accept it.

Q But, Jake, what he said was that the only way they won the election was by stopping the voting counting. And also Ari Fleischer has just said that there is a time-honored tradition of President's leaving office to be respectful to their successors and that he hopes that President Clinton will follow that tradition. Do you think he broke with that tradition last night?

MR. SIEWERT: No, I don't think so. I think there are very strong feelings about the way in which the aftermath of this election was conducted. There was obviously a very strong legal effort made by the Bush legal team to stop the count. And that was their prerogative, to fight that in court. The court ruled in their favor and the President said he accepted that.

At the same time, he thinks that, obviously, if all the votes had been counted, we might have seen a very different result. I'll leave that up to you to assess as you look at those votes yourself, in Florida -- I know a lot of media organizations are doing that.

But the President has met President-elect Bush and wished him well, and given him advice. He's instructed all of us to cooperate in the transition. At the same time, he made perfectly clear he disagreed with that court's decision.

Q On this big decision that he has on whether to take Socks and Buddy --

MR. SIEWERT: There are no developments on the Socks-Buddy peace process today.

Q What is the story here? Why can't he take them both?

MR. SIEWERT: Well, I think the President -- I'm not going to say much beyond what I said yesterday. The President has tried, worked pretty hard on this, and there's nothing new on that today. But I'll let you know if we --

Q They get along here, don't they?

MR. SIEWERT: We've got a lot of space here, and maybe that makes it easier.

Q Could we just ask you for on-camera purposes, what are the parameters of this peace process? (Laughter.)

MR. SIEWERT: It's a family matter, probably best not discussed on camera. But the President said he's worked to try to get them to get along, and we'll let you know if we succeed in that effort.

Q But is there a discussion of a separation, perhaps a Socks stays in New York and --

MR. SIEWERT: There are a lot of different options, a lot of different options. We haven't made a final decision.

Q Does he have a preference of a pet?

MR. SIEWERT: No, I'm not going to get into that here. I don't think so.

Q They fight like dogs and cats.

MR. SIEWERT: I was instructed that the pet peace process was moribund today.

Q Yes, but there's little doubt that Buddy is his favorite these days. (Laughter.) I mean, he's not even-handed on this, is he?

MR. SIEWERT: We're not playing favorites here. I mean, the dog is a regular here in the West Wing. You've probably seen him. I understand he wanders back here from time to time in search of God knows what.

Q Why doesn't Chelsea take her own cat?

Q If Dennis Ross isn't doing anything -- (laughter.)

Q Chelsea can't have a cat at Stanford?

MR. SIEWERT: I don't know, actually don't know what the rules of

the dorm are there. But, look, they'll work this out one way or another. We'll let you know.

Q -- hopeful?

MR. SIEWERT: We are very hopeful. (Laughter.)

Q -- to the last day of the administration? (Laughter.)

MR. SIEWERT: To the last day of the administration, we're going to keep working on it and see what we can do.

Q Jake, is there some decision by the U.S. to sell F-16 fighters to Chile?

MR. SIEWERT: The Chilean Air Force has awarded the F-16 first place in a technical evaluation, and the Chilean government and Lockheed Martin have begun negotiations to arrive at a final contract. Negotiations of that type generally take two to six months, and cover topics such as final purchase price and the like. So we will work during that time period, through the Department of State and Defense, to comply with congressional notification requirements specified by the Arms Control Export Act.

So we've been -- the Speaker of the House, the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee must be notified before the sale. But Congress has an opportunity to weigh in here, and the NSC will review and approve the proposed notification to Congress.

Q Is any of this new?

MR. CROWLEY: It was the Arms Export Control Act.

MR. SIEWERT: Arms Export Control Act, AECA.

Q Is any of this new? Like, is it recent that they just approved this, or is there --

MR. SIEWERT: I think the negotiations are underway, in the wake of the first round of what the Chilean government has decided.

Q But it's not like it just happened yesterday?

MR. SIEWERT: The agreement was on December 27th, yes, that the Chileans entered into.

Q Jake, on clemencies, do we expect anything this week? Or maybe next week?

MR. SIEWERT: I wouldn't expect anything this week. We may have

something next week. The President has promised to review additional clemency proceedings and we'll let you know when we have anything new to say on that. But I don't expect anything this week.

Q There have been some published reports about possible sites to be dedicated as national monuments. Can you rule any in or out at this point?

MR. SIEWERT: At this point, we have received seven recommendations from Secretary Babbitt. He forwarded two more recommendations just yesterday, one in Arizona and one in New Mexico. The President will make decisions on those shortly, obviously, in the next 10 days. And we'll let you know how those play out.

At the same time, he is considering one additional one that we've developed on our own, which is a monument in Idaho that covers an internment camp, a Japanese internment camp, one of 10 that we'd like to work with the congressional delegation and local officials on.

For those of you who asked about the Arctic refuge, the President does not intend to designate that as a national monument. We oppose efforts to drill in ANWR and he vetoed a budget bill in 1995, in part because it would have opened the refuge to oil drilling. But we believe, actually, after consulting with our environmental team, that the -- ANWR has something that some of the other areas we looked at does not have, which is legislative protected status, which is actually higher than that conferred by the monuments.

So, unlike those that we've already moved to protect, there is specific legislation that was passed, I believe, and signed into law at the end of the Carter administration, which confers a higher degree of status, a wilderness status, to that land and specifically prevents oil drilling there.

So we're not convinced that giving it a monument status would give it any additional legal protection. So Congress is going to have to act on that and Congress has steadfastly opposed efforts to open ANWR throughout Democratic and Republican control in the Senate. So we think it's very unlikely that Congress will allow the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to be opened for drilling. They defeated it in the '80s and '90s and we think they'll continue to oppose that and we think that's the right course of action. This if very pristine wilderness area and shouldn't be an area where there is new oil drilling.

Q And, yet, Jimmy Carter seemed to think that monument status would go a long way to protect ANWR.

MR. SIEWERT: We've taken a close look at that. I mean, we take that

argument seriously, but we've taken a close look at it and decided that the wilderness status that's conferred by the legislation that was passed in the '80s, the Alaska Lands Act, actually confers a higher degree of status, according to our analysis of it than a monument would.

A monument is, after all, an executive action that could potentially be reversed by a new administration; whereas the congressional designation is legislation that has to be reopened and subject to a full congressional debate, subject to filibuster, and it would be very hard to open it up to drilling, given the narrow split between -- that exists in Congress today.

Q Does the incoming administration -- have they indicated they do want --

MR. SIEWERT: Yes, they have said that they're interested, at least exploring it. We strongly oppose that. Obviously, that's something that they will be free to try to do. But they're going to have to go through Congress to do it, and we don't think Congress would be wise to open that area to drilling.

Q Jake, as the President leaves office, there still looms the possibility of the IOC bringing indictment. Is the President preparing for this or have -- thinking this may happen? Is he doing anything to prepare?

MR. SIEWERT: I think you should probably check with his lawyers on that. I don't know that he, personally, is involved in that effort. But you should check with his outside counsel on that.

Q What did -- I came in late -- what happened to Linda Chavez yesterday, through this whole process, what does that say to you about Bush's governing style, if anything?

MR. SIEWERT: I don't know. I mean, there are plenty of pundits on TV to discuss that. I don't know that we're necessary to weigh-in on that. There are lots of other people well-qualified to discuss that, and I don't want to do that from this podium.

Q Is there a decision yet on whether there will be a State of the Union or a farewell address?

MR. SIEWERT: We're getting there. We thought we had one piece of business for you today, the decision to travel to New York on the 20th, and we're going to drip this out in bits and pieces. (Laughter.) But that's all I've got today, at least. So we're going to New York, and that's one decision that I'm ready to share with you. But we're considering some options there for next week.

Q Has he decided not to have a news conference?

MR. SIEWERT: No, we haven't made a decision not to have a news conference. But that's another thing that's kicking around somewhere in the decision-making process. We'll let you know if we have something final.

Q Have they signed a deal yet? I mean, have they closed on the house?

MR. SIEWERT: No, I don't believe so, but I'll double-check on that. I think they were planning on doing it sometime before the 20th, but I don't think it's been concluded yet.

Q Would you let us know?

MR. SIEWERT: Absolutely.

Q And on the office space up in New York, as well?

MR. SIEWERT: Yes, we'll let you know on that. I don't know what the time line is on that. He obviously looked at some places that he liked. He's got to make a decision, and then there's a legal process, bidding process.

Q Thank you.

MR. SIEWERT: Thank you. We'll be back on Friday.

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International Criminal
Tribunal for Rwanda
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THERE WAS A DAILY PRESS BRIEFING TODAY

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MEDIA NOTE

United States and Israel Sign Air Service Agreement

American and Israeli officials announced January 10 that they had signed an agreement that will provide airlines of the United States and Israel with the flexibility to provide new service between the two countries through cooperative marketing arrangements such as code sharing.

Under a Protocol to the 1950 Air Transport Agreement initialed January 10 in Washington by United States Special Negotiator Thomas J. White and Avner Yarkoni, Director General of Israel's Civil Aviation Administration, the two sides agreed to permit cooperative arrangements between U.S. and Israeli airlines, and with airlines of third countries.

The current bilateral air transport agreement, first adopted in 1950, permits direct service between points in the United States and points in Israel. Revised in 1978 and again in 1987, the agreement predated the advent of code sharing and similar cooperative marketing arrangements.

Code sharing is an increasingly common practice where an airline puts its code on flights operated by another airline, in order to serve a market without operating its own aircraft in that market. This agreement will permit Israeli and U.S. airlines greater flexibility in serving each other's markets, including serving Israel from more points in the U.S., and will provide new opportunities for increased bilateral trade and tourism.

AF PRESS GUIDANCE

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SUDAN: REPORTS OF LARGE-SCALE ABDUCTIONS

Q. Any comment on reports that another large slave raid occurred in Sudan?

A.

* We are aware of UN agency oral reports that over a hundred women and children were kidnapped by raiders near mariel bai in northern bahr el ghazal earlier this month. as in the past, these raids were allegedly carried out by militia forces of the government of sudan and their tribal allies.

* This IS not the first such incident. as we have noted before: slavery exists in sudan, and it exists at the

sufferance of the sudanese government.

* we call upon the government of sudan to act swiftly and decisively to investigate this latest report. they should RESCUE the victims, arrest the perpetrators, and make it clear this crime will not be tolerated.

* WE WILL CONTINUE to SUPPORT THE APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL AND BILATERAL PRESSURE AGAINST KHARTOUM UNTIL THAT GOVERNMENT begins WORKing IN GOOD FAITH TO ELIMINATE THIS barbaric PRACTICE.

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ETHIOPIA/ERITREA: A/S RICE TRIP

Q: Why is A/S Rice travelling to Ethiopia and Eritrea?

* SHE WILL DISCUSS STEPS TO CONSOLIDATE THE PEACE AGREEMENT SIGNED ON DECEMBER 12 WITH THE LEADERS OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND WITH THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL, AMBASSADOR LEGWAILA JOSEPH LEGWAILA (PRONOUNCED: LEG way la), AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE UN MISSION IN ETHIOPIA AND ERITREA. SHE WILL ALSO DISCUSS STEPS TO STRENGTHEN BILATATERAL RELATIONS WITH BOTH COUNTRIES.

Q: Where is Assistant Secretary Rice going?

* SHE WILL TRAVEL TO ERITREA AND ETHIOPIA FROM THURSDAY, JANUARY 11 TO SUNDAY, JANUARY 14.

Q. Does the U.S. believe the peace will hold?

* BOTH PARTIES HAVE HONORED THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS SIGNED IN JUNE 2000, AND THE DECEMBER 12 PEACE AGREEMENT.

* THE LEADERS OF BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE ASSURED U.S. THAT THEY WILL FULLY IMPLEMENT THESE AGREEMENTS.

* WE ARE GENERALLY PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS TO DATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEACE PLAN AND THE PARTIES' COMMITMENT TO IT, BUT WANT TO DISCUSS SOME REMAINING AREAS OF POSSIBLE CONCERN.

* WE ARE REASSURED BY BOTH PARTIES' RAPID RELEASE OF POWS AND CIVILIAN DETAINEES.

Background: On December 12, 2000, Ethiopia and Eritrea signed a final comprehensive peace agreement in Algiers. The agreement ends the conflict; provides for a permanent termination of military hostilities; establishes mechanisms for delimitation and demarcation of the border and to address claims issues; and requires the parties to release and repatriate all prisoners of war and all other persons detained as a result of the conflict. On July 31, the UNSC adopted resolution 1312, establishing the UN Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE), initially consisting of up to 100 military observers and the necessary civilian support until January 31, 2001. The 100 observers have arrived in the region. On September 15, the UNSC adopted resolution 1320 authorizing the deployment of up to 4,200 troops, including 220 military observers, until March 15, 2001. UNMEE has established functioning offices in Asmara and Addis Ababa. About 2,700 military personnel are already deployed.

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EAP PRESS GUIDANCE

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SOUTH KOREA -- NOGUN-RI REVIEW

Q: Has the U.S. government decided it will not apologize for the deaths at Nogun-ri and will not provide financial compensation to victims or their families?

A: -- SINCE THE ALLEGATIONS ABOUT DEATHS AT NOGUN-RI WERE REPORTED IN THE FALL OF 1999, THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN A THOROUGH REVIEW OF ALL ASPECTS OF WHAT HAPPENED AT NOGUN-RI DURING THE KOREAN WAR. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING COOPERATIVELY AND CLOSELY WITH THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT TO ASSURE FULL TRANSPARENCY, FULL INFORMATION-SHARING, AND JOINT EVALUATION OF RESULTS. AFTER 15 MONTHS OF WORK, OUR REVIEWS ARE NOW COMPLETE.

-- THE PENTAGON IS WORKING ON A PLAN TO RELEASE THE REPORT, AND, ONCE THOSE DETAILS ARE WORKED OUT, IT WILL BE ANNOUNCED.

-- WE WOULD REFER YOU TO THE PENTAGON FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

Q: Will President Clinton today express regret over the Nogun-ri incident?

-- WE WOULD REFER YOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

Q: Will the U.S. build a monument and offer scholarships as an expression of American regret?
– U.S. PLANS IN RESPONSE TO THE NOGUN-RI REVIEW WILL BE ANNOUNCED WHEN THE REPORT IS RELEASED.

Context: Citing unidentified senior administration officials, the Washington Post reported that President Clinton will issue a statement of regret today over the deaths of unarmed refugees near the village of Nogun-ri during the Korean War. The paper said that the President will not apologize for the incident nor offer reparations to relatives of the dead, but that the Pentagon will build a monument and establish a memorial scholarship as expressions of American regret.

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INL Press Guidance

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THAILAND: Arrest of Linkage Target Yang Wang Shuan

Q: Do you have any information on the arrest of drug trafficking suspect Yang Wan Shuan aka Lao Tai?

A: THE ROYAL THAI POLICE INFORMED OUR EMBASSY IN BANGKOK THAT THEY HAD MADE A PROVISIONAL ARREST OF YANG WAN SHUAN ON JANUARY 9. THE EMBASSY HAS HAD A REQUEST FOR YANG'S ARREST DATING FROM SEPTEMBER 2, 1994.

YANG HAD BEEN A FUGITIVE (FROM U.S. JUSTICE) SINCE JUNE 29, 1994 WHEN HE WAS INDICTED BY A FEDERAL GRAND JURY IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK ON VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL NARCOTICS LAWS.

YANG WAS AN ASSOCIATE OF THE NOTORIOUS DRUG KINGPIN KHUN SA AND WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN RESIDING IN BURMA SINCE HIS INDICTMENT. ONCE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS ARE COMPLETED, HE WILL BE THE FIFTEENTH MEMBER OF KHUN SA'S ORGANIZATION, THE SHAN STATE ARMY, TO HAVE BEEN EXTRADICTED FROM THAILAND.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, THROUGH ITS NARCOTICS REWARDS PROGRAM, HAD OFFERED A REWARD OF UP TO \$2 MILLION FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO HIS ARREST OR HIS CONVICTION IN THE U.S..

THIS IS THE RESULT OF A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL U.S.-THAI JOINT OPERATION TO ELIMINATE WHAT HAD BEEN ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST HEROIN SMUGGLING OPERATIONS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE ARREST, WE SUGGEST YOU CONTACT DEA.

Q. (If asked) Since you mentioned the Khun Sa organization, what is the current status of its leader?

A. KHUN SA HIMSELF REMAINS AT LARGE AND IS BELIEVED TO BE IN BURMA.

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CYPRUS

SPE MOSES AND SCC WESTON TRAVEL

Q: Could you update us on the visit of SPE Moses and SCC Weston to Cyprus, Greece and Turkey?

SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL EMISSARY ALFRED MOSES AND SPECIAL CYPRUS COORDINATOR TOM WESTON TRAVELED TO CYPRUS, GREECE AND TURKEY THIS WEEK TO LEND U.S. SUPPORT TO THE UN-LED CYPRUS TALKS.

THEY CONSULTED WITH THE PARTIES AND MET WITH GREEK AND TURKISH OFFICIALS TO FACILITATE A CONTINUATION OF THE UN PROCESS.

Q: Did Moses and Weston get the Turkish side to return to the table?

AS WE HAVE MADE CLEAR TO THE PARTIES ON THE ISLAND, WE BELIEVE THE INTERESTS OF ALL CONCERNED ARE BEST SERVED BY CONTINUING THE TALKS.

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SPAIN: U.S.-SPAIN JOINT DECLARATION

Q: What can you tell us about the agreement signed today (January 11) by the Secretary in Spain?

A: THE SECRETARY AND SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER JOSEP PIQUE SIGNED THE U.S.-SPAIN JOINT DECLARATION IN MADRID TODAY (JANUARY 11) REPRESENTING A NEW, ENHANCED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SPAIN THAT WILL INCLUDE:

-- REGULAR CONTACT AT THE LEVEL OF SECRETARY OF STATE AND FOREIGN MINISTER ON REGIONAL POLITICAL ISSUES, INCLUDING IN EUROPE, LATIN AMERICA, THE MEDITERRANEAN, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS, AND OTHER AREAS.

-- THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BILATERAL COMMISSION TO DISCUSS DEFENSE POLICY MATTERS. (THIS WILL BE LED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ON THE U.S. SIDE.)

-- CONTINUED COOPERATION IN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, REFLECTING SPAIN'S GROWING ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE IN THE WORLD.

-- JOINT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS AND COOPERATION BETWEEN BOTH GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATIONS.

-- EXPANSION OF CULTURAL COOPERATION AND ACADEMIC PROGRAMS.

-- INCREASED DIALOGUE ON COUNTER TERRORISM AND GLOBAL CONCERNS SUCH AS DRUG TRAFFICKING, ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION, ORGANIZED CRIME, AND PANDEMIC DISEASE.

If asked:

Q: Does the Joint Declaration call for the renegotiation of our base agreement?

A: THE DECLARATION CALLS FOR DISCUSSIONS OF A TECHNICAL REVIEW OF OUR 1989 AGREEMENT ON DEFENSE COOPERATION.

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Russia: Secretary's Meeting with FM Ivanov

Q: Can you give us a readout on Secretary Albright's meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Ivanov in Paris?

A: -- THE SECRETARY IS MEETING WITH HER RUSSIAN COUNTERPART IN PARIS TODAY FOR THE LAST TIME BEFORE JANUARY 20. THEY'VE COVERED A LOT OF GROUND TOGETHER OVER PAST FOUR YEARS AND TONIGHT'S MEETING IS A CHANCE FOR THEM TO REFLECT ON THAT SHARED HISTORY AND ON THE STATE OF US-RUSSIA RELATIONS AS A NEW ADMINISTRATION COMES IN HERE IN WASHINGTON.

-- WE EXPECT THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS SOME CURRENT CONCERNS -- THE AMERICAN ABDUCTED IN CHECHNYA, THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS, PRESSURES ON GEORGIA, AND RUSSIAN INDEPENDENT MEDIA.

Background: The Secretary and FM Ivanov will have a quick cocktail and then ride to a private dinner hosted by French FM Vedrine. They are not attending any official multilateral events together while in Paris.

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January 11, 2000

Russia: AmCit Kidnapped in Chechnya

Q: Do you have any further information on the reported kidnapping of an American citizen in Chechnya?

A: -- -- EMBASSY MOSCOW HAS BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACTS WITH THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT.

-- RUSSIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY ARE ACTIVELY WORKING TO DETERMINE THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE AMERICAN CITIZEN AND SECURE HIS RELEASE.

-- WE ARE CONTACT WITH MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES-HOLLAND AND HAVE CONTACTED HIS FAMILY AS WELL.

-- WE HAVE ALSO BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE OTHER AMERICAN SINCE HIS RELEASE YESTERDAY AND WITH ACTION AGAINST HUNGER, THE ORGANIZATION HE WORKS FOR.

-- WE CALL FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF THE AMERICAN CITIZEN.

-- IT IS IMPORTANT THAT HIS ABDUCTORS HONOR GENEVA CONVENTION PROVISIONS ON THE SAFETY OF CIVILIANS DURING ARMED CONFLICT.

-- MEDECINNES SANS FRONTIERES WAS AWARDED THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE IN 1999 FOR ITS HUMANITARIAN WORK IN OVER 80 COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD. IT IS WIDELY RECOGNIZED FOR ITS COURAGEOUS WORK AND IMPARTIALITY DURING ARMED CONFLICTS.

-- KIDNAPPINGS AND ATTACKS ON HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE GROUPS ONLY SERVE TO DISRUPT THE DELIVERY OF ASSISTANCE TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AND PROLONG THEIR SUFFERING.

Q: Will you be issuing any warnings to American citizens in Russia?--

A: -- WE HAVE LONG ADVISED AMERICAN CITIZENS TO AVOID TRAVEL IN THE NORTH CAUCASUS BECAUSE OF VIOLENCE AND KIDNAPPINGS.

Q: Do you have any information on who may have been responsible?

A: -- WE CANNOT SPECULATE ON WHO MAY BE RESPONSIBLE OR THEIR MOTIVES.

Q: What about Russian statements blaming the international organizations involved?

A: -- INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE OPERATING IN CHECHNYA PURSUANT TO AGREEMENTS WORKED OUT WITH THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT.

Q: Do you know whether the Americans had U.S. Government permission to be in Chechnya?

-- WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF AMERICANS WORKING FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE GROUPS IN THE NORTH CAUCASUS. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY URGED THAT THEY EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION.

(IF PRESSED)

-- ALL U.S. GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE IS PROVIDED TO UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS AND DISBURSED BY THE THEM THROUGH THEIR PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS.

Background: The two American citizens have been identified as Kenny Gluck, who worked for MSF-Holland, and Jonathan Littell of ActionAgainst Hunger. We do not have Privacy Act waivers. Russian

authorities and the pro-Moscow Chechen administration have formed a task force to search for Gluck. The Legal Attache at Embassy Moscow has opened a case on this incident and is in contact with the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs. Separatist Chechen President Maskhadov has denied any of his forces are involved. The kidnappers have not yet made any demands.

The two and several locally hired Chechen employees were reportedly returning to Nazran, Ingushetiya from delivering medicine to hospitals and clinics in Chechnya when their cars were stopped. The vehicle in which Littell was a passenger managed to escape, as did two other vehicles. Gluck was the only member of the group abducted. Medicinnes Sans Frontiere does not travel with armed security in any of its operations around the world. Russian officials announced that earlier reports of Gluck's release were untrue.

USG employees are prohibited from traveling in the region. The Consular Information Sheet has warned American citizens to avoid travel to the region because of the threats of kidnapping and violence.

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RUSSIA-IRAN RELATIONSHIP THREATENS U.S. SECURITY PROGRAMS

Key points to make

- * MAINTAINING EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF RUSSIAN NUCLEAR MATERIAL AND EXPERTISE CONTINUES TO BE A HIGH PRIORITY.
- * CONTINUATION OF THESE EFFORTS COULD BE AFFECTED BY RUSSIAN SALES TO IRAN OR OTHER COUNTRIES THAT COULD ADVANCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION PROGRAMS.
- * WE ARE PURSUING RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE THROUGH SENIOR LEVEL DISCUSSIONS.

Q. What is U.S. reaction to the sales of military technology?

A. AS THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN SAYING FOR SOME TIME, OUR NONPROLIFERATION PROGRAMS ARE ENDANGERED BY RUSSIA'S CONTINUED COOPERATION WITH IRAN'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM.

Context: The Task Force report on the Department of Energy's nonproliferation programs with Russia cites Russia's ongoing nuclear technology, missile and conventional arms trade with Iran as disturbing and notes that government discussions at the highest levels have failed to resolve these issues. Russia's actions call into question its respect for international nonproliferation norms and could adversely affect the willingness of Congress or the next Administration to pursue the expanded program recommended by the Task Force.

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EU: DEPLETED URANIUM - UPDATE

Key Points

* NATO SECRETARY GENERAL HAD A LONG BRIEFING ON THIS YESTERDAY. AVAILABLE ON THE NATO WEBSITE.

* THE U.S. AND NATO TAKING THIS ISSUE SERIOUSLY. WE HAVE BEEN FULLY OPEN AND COOPERATIVE WITH ALL INVESTIGATIONS.

* THIS IS A SCIENTIFIC ISSUE, TO BE JUDGED ON THE SCIENCE. NO CAUSE FOR PANIC OR HYSTERIA. NUMEROUS SCIENTIFIC STUDIES TO DATE HAVE SHOWN NO ILL-HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE TO DEPLETED URANIUM IN THE PERSIAN GULF, KOSOVO OR BOSNIA.

* NATO HAS DRAWN UP AN ACTION PLAN TO SHARE ALL INFORMATION IT POSSESSES ON DEPLETED URANIUM MUNITIONS AND FULLY COOPERATE WITH ALL NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS.

(If Pressed):

Q: Did the U.S. withhold crucial information on targets from the UN for almost a year?

A: THE TARGETTING FOR BOTH BOSNIA AND KOSOVO WAS DONE BY NATO, NOT THE U.S.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL GAVE A LENGTHY ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION YESTERDAY, SO I WOULD REFER YOU TO HIS RESPONSE.

WE NEED TO KEEP IN MIND, HOWEVER, THAT IN THE IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH OF THE CONFLICT NATO WAS PREOCCUPIED WITH THE VERY DIFFICULT QUESTIONS OF IMPLEMENTING THE MILITARY TECHNICAL AGREEMENT AND DEPLOYING PEACEKEEPING TROOPS. COMPILING ACCURATE DATA ON TENS OF THOUSANDS OF TARGETS, AND WHICH ONES WERE HIT WITH DU-TIPPED MUNITIONS, IS A LONG AND COMPLICATED PROCESS.

Q: If there are no illnesses associated with these DU weapons, why did the U.S. military issue a warning in 1999 to peacekeeping troops in Kosovo to take precautions when examining targets hit by these bombs?

A: THE JOINT CHIEFS ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO NATO STATES AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE PROPER HANDLING OF WEAPONS IN KOSOVO. WE UNDERSTAND IT WAS THE TYPE OF INSTRUCTION FREQUENTLY GIVEN TO PERSONNEL ENTERING A FORMER BATTLE ZONE TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS WHEN HANDLING WEAPONS OR INVESTIGATING TARGETS HIT BY WEAPONS. I'D REFER YOU TO THE PENTAGON FOR DETAILS OF THAT DOCUMENT.

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S/WCI Press Guidance
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SURRENDER OF BILJANA PLAVSIC

Q. Comment on the surrender of Biljana Plavsic ((Bill-yawna Plahv-sitch)) to the International Tribunal in The Hague

A. BILJANA PLAVSIC VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED TO THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL

TRIBUNAL FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA IN THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS.

-- WE WELCOME HER COURAGEOUS DECISION TO COOPERATE WITH THE TRIBUNAL.

-- ACCORDING TO TRIBUNAL STATEMENTS, MRS. PLAUSIC, ALONG WITH KARADZIC AND KRAJISNIK ((Kray-ish-nick)), WAS THE SUBJECT OF AN INDICTMENT, ISSUED BY THE TRIBUNAL UNDER SEAL ON 7 APRIL 2000.

-- THE INDICTMENT, WHICH THE TRIBUNAL HAS NOW PUBLICLY RELEASED, SHOWS THAT SHE STANDS ACCUSED OF GENOCIDE, CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY, AND WAR CRIMES.

-- ACCORDING TO THE INDICTMENT, THESE ACCUSATIONS STEM FROM HER BEING IN A POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY AS A MEMBER OF THE BOSNIAN-SERB LEADERSHIP DURING THE CONFLICT IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA IN 1991 AND 1992. SHE WAS IN A POSITION OF AUTHORITY, ALONG WITH KARADZIC AND KRAJISNIK, OVER BOSNIAN-SERB FORCES THAT COMMITTED CRIMES ALLEGED IN THE INDICTMENT.

IF ASKED:

Q. Did the U.S. play any role?

A. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY ENCOURAGED COOPERATION WITH THE TRIBUNAL. WE WELCOME MRS. PLAUSIC'S COURAGEOUS DECISION TO COOPERATE WITH AND RECOGNIZE THE LEGITIMACY OF THE TRIBUNAL. WE HOPE THAT MRS. PLAUSIC'S ACTION SETS AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS.

IF PRESSED:

Q. Will she provide evidence against others? Has she negotiated a deal? How was she transported to The Hague?

A. WE REFER ALL OTHER QUESTIONS ON THIS MATTER TO THE TRIBUNAL IN THE HAGUE.

Background:

Plavsic stands indicted with Radovan Karadzic and Momcilo Krajisnik. Plavsic was a member of the three-member Presidency of the Bosnian-Serb Republic during the armed conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1991 and 1992. Karadzic was president of the three-member presidency. Krajisnik was president of the Bosnian Serb Assembly. Together, they stand accused of planning, initiating, and implementing ethnic cleansing in order to secure control of that territory within Bosnia-Herzegovina claimed by the Serb Republic. Bosnian-Serb forces that committed atrocities were under their direction and control.

Plavsic was President of the Republik Srpska from 1996 to 1998. She left office in September 1998. The Secretary last met with Plavsic in March 2000 in Banja Luka - this meeting took place prior to the issuance of the sealed indictment for Plavsic in April 2000.

This is a "command responsibility" case. She herself is not accused of personally killing anyone. A leader may have command responsibility for the crimes of subordinates if that leader either directed commission of the crimes or knows or should have known that forces subject to the leader's control committed or were committing crimes and the leader failed to take necessary and reasonable steps to insure compliance with

the law of war or to punish violators.

A "sealed" indictment is a non-public indictment, similar to an arrest warrant, used when authorities do not want to alert a suspect and provoke the suspect into fleeing or going into hiding.

Total U.S. assistance to the Bosnian Serb republic from 1996-1998 was approximately \$97 million. That assistance was focussed on building institutions and municipal infrastructure and service programs in cities throughout the region. It was provided to a broad spectrum of groups (e.g., refugee return, small municipal infrastructure) in support of U.S. interests.

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BOSNIA

January 11, 2001

AMB. MILLER ROLE IN SURRENDER OF PLAVSIC

Q. Can you confirm that the U.S. Ambassador to Bosnia, Tom Miller, was the one who personally informed Plavsic of the Hague Tribunal indictment? Did he persuade her to turn herself in and go to the Hague?

A: NO, I CANNOT CONFIRM ANY REPORTED INTERACTION BETWEEN U.S. OFFICIALS AND MRS. PLAVSIC, AND I WON'T DISCUSS THE DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES OF OUR AMBASSADORS. THE IMPORTANT POINT IS THAT PLAVSIC VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED TO THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA.

R. Did the U.S. play any role?

A. -- WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY ENCOURAGED COOPERATION WITH THE ICTY. WE WELCOME MRS. PLAVSIC'S COURAGEOUS DECISION TO COOPERATE WITH AND RECOGNIZE THE LEGITIMACY OF THE ICTY. WE HOPE THAT MRS. PLAVISC'S ACTION SETS AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS.

Background:

Plavsic stands indicted with Radovan Karadzic and Momcilo Krajisnik. Plavsic was a member of the three-member Presidency of the Bosnian-Serb Republic during the armed conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1991 and 1992. Karadzic was president of the three-member presidency. Krajisnik was president of the Bosnian Serb Assembly. Together, they stand accused of planning, initiating, and implementing ethnic cleansing in order to secure control of that territory within Bosnia-Herzegovina claimed by the Serb Republic. Bosnian-Serb forces that committed atrocities were under their direction and control.

This is a "command responsibility" case. She herself is not accused of personally killing anyone. A leader may have command responsibility for the crimes of subordinates if that leader either directed commission of the crimes or knows or should have known that forces subject to the leader's control committed or were committing crimes and the leader failed to take necessary and reasonable steps to insure compliance with the law of war or to punish violators.

A "sealed" indictment is a non-public indictment, similar to an arrest warrant, used when authorities do not want to alert a suspect and provoke the suspect into fleeing or going into hiding.

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AUSTRIA

January 11, 2001

AUSTRIA : NAZI-ERA PROPERTY TALKS

Q. Do you agree that the property talks in Vienna concluded in failure?

A. THIS INFORMATION IS INCORRECT. THE TALKS DID NOT CONCLUDE IN FAILURE. MUCH PROGRESS WAS MADE. THE NEXT ROUND WILL BE ON JANUARY 16-17 IN WASHINGTON.

- IN A PRESS STATEMENT YESTERDAY IN VIENNA, DEPUTY TREASURY SECRETARY STUART EIZENSTAT, THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR HOLOCAUST ISSUES, EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT AN AGREEMENT IS WITHIN REACH.

- HE ADDED THAT IT WOULD REQUIRE MUCH HARD WORK AND CONTINUED FLEXIBILITY BY ALL PARTIES.

Q. What progress was made at the talks?

A. DEPUTY SECRETARY EIZENSTAT MET FOR THE FIRST TIME WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AUSTRIAN INSURANCE INDUSTRY WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE GENERAL SETTLEMENT FUND TO COMPENSATE HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AND HEIRS OF THOSE WHO DID NOT SURVIVE FOR PROPERTY LOSSES.

Q. Will there be another round? What is your target date to conclude the negotiations?

THE NEXT ROUND IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE JANUARY 16-17 IN WASHINGTON. OUR GOAL IS TO REACH AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE BY THE END OF THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION.

Q. Who is participating?

A. THE AUSTRIAN SIDE IS COMPOSED OF GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES. THE VICTIMS' SIDE INCLUDES PLAINTIFFS' ATTORNEYS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONFERENCE ON JEWISH MATERIAL CLAIMS AND THE AUSTRIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY.

- THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT DELEGATION IS HEADED BY THE SPECIAL ENVOY FOR PROPERTY ISSUES, AMBASSADOR ERNST SUCHARIPA (zook-ha-reepa), AND AMBASSADOR HANS WINKLER, CHIEF OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT, AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY.

- JEWISH SURVIVOR COMMUNITIES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

- EISENSTAT (U.S.) IS A FACILITATOR

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Background: The New York Times headlined their report on the Vienna property restitution talks as a "failure." This is incorrect.

The Austrian property restitution talks facilitated by Deputy Secretary Eizenstat have taken place alternatively in Washington and Vienna. The Austrians have already contributed \$150 million toward a General Settlement Fund to compensate Holocaust survivors and heirs of those who did not survive for property losses plus an additional amount to-be-negotiated. The Austrian side in December offered an additional sum of \$150 million toward the fund.

In his press statement yesterday, Secretary Eizenstat stated that Austrian Chancellor Schuessel agreed to increase the amount at a figure to be negotiated. The Treasury Deputy Secretary added that for the first time he met with representatives from the Austrian insurance industry that will now also contribute to the General Settlement Fund.

Mr. Eizenstat outlined several other developments in the negotiations, including the creation of arbitration panels, the return of communal property, Austrian legislative and administrative changes to benefit victims of Nazi persecution, and returning art to victims of persecution. Secretary Eizenstat expressed hope for a "permanent, lasting 'legal peace' for Austria, its economy, and its companies."

These property talks followed successful conclusion in October of the talks on compensation for Nazi-era slave and forced labor on the territory of present-day Austria.

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MEPP: SITUATION UPDATE & ROSS VISIT

Q: When is Dennis Ross leaving for the region? Is his trip "canceled" as the Palestinians say or "delayed" as the Israelis are saying?

-- WE DISCUSSED THIS IN DETAIL YESTERDAY. WE HAVE NOTHING MORE FOR YOU TODAY ON DENNIS' TRIP.

-- ONCE A DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ON HIS TRAVEL, I'LL LET YOU KNOW.

Q: But what about these meetings and developments on the ground that you have been watching so closely? What's your impression so far?

-- IT APPEARS THAT THE PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI SECURITY CONTACTS HAVE PRODUCED SOME PRACTICAL RESULTS AND WE'RE ENCOURAGED BY THAT.

-- THE PRESIDENT STILL HOPES TO NARROW THE GAPS BETWEEN THE PARTIES IN THE SHORT TIME AVAILABLE AND THAT IS WHAT DENNIS WILL ATTEMPT TO DO.

Q: What are these security talks between the parties? Is George Tenet involved?

-- GEORGE TENET MET WITH HIS ISRAELI AND PALESTINIAN SECURITY COUNTERPARTS EARLIER THIS WEEK FOR PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS.

-- THE ISRAELIS AND PALESTINIANS HAVE CONTINUED THESE DISCUSSIONS. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE RESULTS OF THESE SECURITY CONTACTS AND WE ARE WATCHING THEIR PROGRESS CLOSELY.

Q: Have you scaled back your objectives? Is Dennis going out to set a new benchmark or baseline rather than achieve a comprehensive agreement?

-- AS THE PRESIDENT SAID ON SUNDAY NIGHT, AT THE REQUEST OF THE PARTIES, HE IS USING HIS REMAINING TIME TO NARROW THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

-- THE PARTIES CONTINUE TO VALUE THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT IN THESE EFFORTS AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO ASSIST THEM IN MOVING THE PROCESS FORWARD AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

Q: Can you confirm press reports that the scheduled Paris meeting between Secretary Albright and Israeli Foreign Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami will not take place?

-- I CAN CONFIRM THAT THE MEETING WILL NOT TAKE PLACE BECAUSE FOREIGN MINISTER BEN-AMI WILL NOT BE IN PARIS AT THE SAME TIME AS THE SECRETARY.

Q: Is it true that he has rushed back to Israel for "dramatic developments in the peace process."

-- REFER YOU TO THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT HIS REASONS FOR RETURNING TO ISRAEL AT THIS TIME.

Q: Is it true that President Clinton has proposed a meeting between Shimon Peres and Palestinian negotiators, as reported by the wires?

-- I HAVE NOTHING ON THIS.

Q: Will the Secretary see Palestinian leaders who are also traveling in Europe?

-- THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR THE SECRETARY TO MEET WITH PALESTINIAN OFFICIALS AT THIS TIME.

Q: What is the U.S. reaction to the criticisms of the President's parameters levied by Palestinian and Arab leaders?

-- AS THE PRESIDENT SAID, HIS PARAMETERS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED WITH SOME RESERVATIONS BY BOTH SIDES. THIS WAS CONVEYED BY CHAIRMAN ARAFAT TO PRESIDENT CLINTON AND REITERATED BY THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY THROUGH OUR CONSULATE.

-- THE PARTIES CONTINUE TO VALUE THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT IN THESE EFFORTS AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO ASSIST THEM IN MOVING THE PROCESS FORWARD.

Q: What is your reaction to comments by Ariel Sharon's dismissal of peace efforts and his comments that "Oslo is dead?"

-- THE ISSUE IS NOT WHETHER OSLO IS ALIVE OR DEAD.

-- THE ISSUE IS HOW DO BOTH ISRAELIS AND PALESTINIANS RECONCILE THEIR RESPECTIVE NEEDS IN A WAY THAT LEADS TO AN AGREEMENT ON PERMANENT STATUS ISSUES AND ALLOWS THEM TO COEXIST PEACEFULLY AS NEIGHBORS.

-- THAT REMAINS OUR OBJECTIVE.

Q: What effect does the ongoing violence have on these talks? How can you proceed with negotiations when the violence continues unabated?

-- WE HAVE STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE ONGOING VIOLENCE AND HAVE CALLED ON BOTH SIDES TO DO ALL THEY CAN TO END THE BLOODSHED.

-- PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS SPOKEN WITH BOTH CHAIRMAN ARAFAT AND PRIME MINISTER BARAK SEVERAL TIMES TO DISCUSS THE STEPS NECESSARY TO END THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE.

-- IN ADDITION, CHAIRMAN ARAFAT MADE SOME SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS TO THE PRESIDENT LAST WEEK ABOUT INTENSIFYING HIS EFFORTS TO FIGHT TERRORISM, ARRESTING THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR VIOLENCE, AND RESUMING COOPERATION WITH SECURITY FORCES TO STOP VIOLENCE WHERE WE CAN.

-- IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT ISRAEL EASE THE ECONOMIC AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON THE PALESTINIANS.

-- IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE SEE ACTION ON THE GROUND REGARDING THE COMMITMENTS ON BOTH SIDES IF WE ARE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A DEAL.

Q: Can the President really make peace before January 20? Hasn't time effectively run out?

-- THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY ALBRIGHT HAVE STATED THEIR COMMITMENT TO DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO SUPPORT PEACE EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AS LONG AS THEY ARE IN OFFICE. AS THE PRESIDENT SAID ON SUNDAY, HE IS FOCUSED ON NARROWING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PARTIES TO THE GREATEST DEGREE POSSIBLE, AND HE IS TRYING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE TIME HE HAS LEFT.

-- THAT SAID, U.S. SUPPORT FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE IS NOT A PARTISAN ISSUE. IT HAS BEEN A TOP PRIORITY FOR ALL AMERICAN ADMINISTRATIONS - DEMOCRAT AND REPUBLICAN - AND WILL REMAIN SO IN THE FUTURE. OUR SUPPORT FOR THE PARTIES WILL NOT END ON JANUARY 20.

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IRAQ: IS SADDAM STILL ALIVE?

Q: Does the U.S. have evidence that Saddam Hussein is alive? When was he last seen "live" on TV?

-- AS MUCH AS I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SAY THAT THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN REGIME IN BAGHDAD, I MUST SAY THAT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION SUGGESTING THAT THIS IS THE CASE.

Q: But what about the reports that he appeared to have collapsed on national television?

-- GIVEN THAT THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT CONTROLS THE IRAQI MEDIA IN THE SAME TWISTED MANNER IN WHICH IT CONDUCTS ALL GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, I WOULDN'T NECESSARILY USE HIS APPEARANCE ON IRAQI-TV AS A BAROMETER OF HIS HEALTH AND WELL-BEING.

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IRAQ: DEMARCHE TO IRAQIS ON COMMANDER SPEICHER

Q: What can you tell us about a diplomatic note sent to Baghdad regarding the fate of Commander Speicher? When was the note sent? Has there been a response?

-- YESTERDAY (1/10/01), A MID-LEVEL OFFICER OF THE NEAR EASTERN AFFAIRS BUREAU DELIVERED A DEMARCHE AND DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO AN IRAQI OFFICIAL AT THE IRAQI INTERESTS SECTION OF THE ALGERIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

-- THE DEMARCHE DEMANDS THAT THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT PROVIDE AN ACCOUNTING FOR COMMANDER MICHAEL SCOTT SPEICHER, WHICH THEY ARE OBLIGATED TO DO UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW AND UNDER UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTIONS.

-- THE IRAQI OFFICIAL RECEIVED THE COMMUNICATION, BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO RESPONSE FROM BAGHDAD. A SIMILAR MESSAGE IS BEING DELIVERED TO IRAQ REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK AND IN GENEVA.

FOR BRIEFER ONLY: Iraq Desk Officer David Schwartz delivered the demarche and a diplomatic note to head of the Iraqi Interests Section yesterday (Wednesday). USUN will double-track these efforts up in New York later today

Q: What will you do if the Iraqis do not comply?

-- IT SERVES NO PURPOSE FOR US TO SPECULATE ON WHAT THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE MAY OR MAY NOT BE. THE SIMPLE POINT IS THAT WE BELIEVE THEY HOLD ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT COULD HELP RESOLVE THE CASE OF COMMANDER SPEICHER AND THEY ARE OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE IT.

Q: If they respond favorably, what happens then? Do you send a team to Iraq?

-- AS IS SAID, IT SERVES NO PURPOSE FOR US TO SPECULATE ON WHAT THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE MAY OR MAY NOT BE. THE SIMPLE POINT IS THAT WE BELIEVE THEY HOLD ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT COULD HELP RESOLVE THE CASE OF COMMANDER SPEICHER AND THEY ARE OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE IT.

Q: Does this signal a change in U.S. policy towards Iraq? Doesn't this somehow entail a respect for the legitimacy of the Iraqi government?

-- THIS IN NO WAY AFFECTS OUR POLICY OUR CONCERNS TOWARD IRAQ.

-- OUR DECISION TO DEMARCHE THE IRAQIS ON THIS ISSUE WAS DRIVEN ENTIRELY BY THE HUMANITARIAN NEED TO RESOLVE THE CASE OF COMMANDER SPEICHER.

(IF ASKED):

Q: Why didn't you deliver the demarche in Baghdad using our U.S. Interests Section there staffed by Polish diplomats?

-- WE PREFERRED A DIRECT DEMARCHE TO IRAQI OFFICIALS IN THIS MATTER.

Background (Releasable if pressed): The Iraqi Interests Section is located within the Algerian Embassy in Washington, D.C. and consists of 3 diplomatic representatives from Iraq and four other FSN-type support staff. The United States employs the Polish Embassy in Baghdad as our protecting power but does not send USG personnel to Baghdad because of obvious security concerns. Our Protecting Power Agreements permit small numbers of official personnel in each location and the Iraqis take advantage of this, while we do not.

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IRAQ: PRESIDENTIAL REPORT ON ASSISTANCE TO THE IRAQI OPPOSITION

Q: What can you tell us about the President's report on assistance to the Iraqi Opposition?

-- ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH, THE PRESIDENT SIGNED AND TRANSMITTED TO CONGRESS A REPORT ON THE PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE TO THE IRAQI OPPOSITION, PURSUANT TO SECTION 575 OF THE FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATING PROGRAMS APPROPRIATION ACT OF FY 2001 (P.L. 106-429).

-- IT SETS FORTH PLANS FOR THE TRANSFER OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR THE RELIEF OF THE IRAQI PEOPLE THROUGH THE IRAQI NATIONAL CONGRESS (INC) AND FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING BY THE INC. IN ADDITION, IT IDENTIFIES CERTAIN KEY ISSUES THAT MUST BE RESOLVED BY THE INC, AND BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, IN RELATION TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE PLANS.

(IF PRESSED FOR MORE DETAILS):

-- AS THE REPORT WAS ONLY TRANSMITTED TO CONGRESS TWO DAYS AGO, IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR ME TO COMMENT FURTHER UNTIL AFTER CONGRESS HAS HAD TIME TO REVIEW THIS REPORT.

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IRAQ/PORTUGAL: PORTUGAL OPENS EMBASSY IN BAGHDAD

Q: What reaction do you have to reports that Portugal has opened up an Embassy in Baghdad?

-- WE HAVE SEEN REPORTS THAT THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT WILL SOON OPEN A DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN BAGHDAD.

-- SUCH A DECISION IS HARD TO UNDERSTAND GIVEN THAT IRAQ CONTINUES TO FLOUT ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS AND REMAINS UNWILLING TO ACCEPT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1284.

-- THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT IS WELL AWARE OF OUR VIEWS ON THIS MATTER.

-- IN CONTACT WITH IRAQI OFFICIALS, WE WOULD EXPECT PORTUGAL TO MAKE CLEAR THAT BAGHDAD MUST MEET ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS AND FULLY COMPLY WITH ALL RELEVANT UNSC RESOLUTIONS.

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ALGERIA: CLOSURE OF EMBASSY

Q: What is the status of the American Embassy in Algiers, Algeria?

-- THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN ALGIERS RE-OPENED TODAY (THURSDAY) AFTER BEING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, IN RESPONSE TO SECURITY CONCERNS.

-- THE EMBASSY REVIEWED ITS SECURITY POSTURE AND A DECISION WAS MADE TO RE-OPEN TODAY FOR NORMAL OPERATIONS.

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: Are you planning to issue a Public Announcement or Travel Warning for Algeria because of this situation?

-- ON JANUARY 5, WE RENEWED OUR WORLDWIDE CAUTION PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT REMINDING U.S. CITIZENS OF THE NEED TO MAINTAIN THEIR SECURITY AWARENESS WHILE TRAVELING ABROAD.

-- THIS WORLDWIDE CAUTION NOTED, AS HAD THE OCTOBER 12, 2000 WORLDWIDE CAUTION THAT PRECEDED IT, THAT U.S. EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES WORLDWIDE MAY TEMPORARILY SUSPEND OPERATIONS OR CLOSE TO THE PUBLIC IN RESPONSE TO SECURITY CONCERNS.

-- THAT IS WHAT EMBASSY ALGIERS HAS DONE IN THIS INSTANCE. THUS, WE DO NOT SEE AN IMMEDIATE NEED FOR A FURTHER TRAVEL WARNING OR PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT.

-- ADDITIONALLY, WE HAVE HAD A VERY STRONG TRAVEL WARNING IN EFFECT FOR ALGERIA SINCE 1994 (MOST RECENTLY RENEWED/UPDATED IN MARCH 2000), APPRISING

U.S. CITIZENS OF POTENTIAL DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH TRAVEL TO ALGERIA.

-- LASTLY, WE NOTE THAT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN ALGIERS IS WHAT WE CALL AN "UNACCOMPANIED POST" - I.E., NO DEPENDENTS OF U.S. GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL ARE PERMITTED TO RESIDE PERMANENTLY AT POST.

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Trafficking in Latin America

Q: What is the U.S. doing to stop the trafficking of women in Latin America?

A:

* Trafficking of persons is a clear violation of internationally recognized human rights. The United States categorically opposes this reprehensible practice everywhere in the world, and we are working hard at home and abroad to put it to an end.

* The United States recently passed the U.S. Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, which will enhance economic opportunities, as well as fund training and counseling services for potential trafficking victims.

* The U.S. played a leading role in introducing and negotiating the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, which supplements the U.N. Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime. The U.N. General Assembly approved the Convention and the protocol in November. Eighty-one countries have signed on to the protocol, thirteen of which are from Latin America. The U.S. signed both the protocol and the Convention in December. (Ratification would be

the next step)

* The Department's Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs has produced a new edition of a brochure called "Be Smart, Be Safe" which is being distributed in U.S. embassies and consulates in several countries in Latin America and elsewhere in the world. It has been translated into Spanish and Portuguese and will be distributed through a number of NGOs as well. The brochure warns about the ploys traffickers use to lure their victims, explains what women can do to protect themselves and what their rights are in the United States, and provides information on where to seek help in the event they arrive in the United States.

* The U.S. Mission to the Organization of American States has contributed nearly \$100,000 in initial funding for DePaul University's eleven-country study of trafficking in women and children for the purposes of sexual exploitation in the Americas. Other elements of the Organization of American States are also supporting this study. In conjunction with them and other delegations to the Organization of American States, the U.S. Mission work to address its findings.

Context: The January 11 Christian Science Monitor published an article entitled "Sex slavery racket a growing concern in Latin America," which recounts the story of a young Colombian woman who was lured into believing she was being offered a good job at a Spanish casino, only to find herself forced to work in a bordello. Her story is just one of many such. The problem is by no means confined to Latin America or Europe, but has become a scourge of global proportions. The U.S. has played a leading role in international efforts to halt the practice of trafficking. Although many of the victims are women and children, the term "trafficking" pertains to all persons who are smuggled across national borders and are forced to work in dangerous and unsafe conditions.

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War Crimes:
Reward for Justice Offer/International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

Q: Are there any exclusionary provisions for eligibility that would keep those unsavory backgrounds from getting a reward?

A: UNDER THE U.S. LAW THAT GOVERNS THE PROGRAM, U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A REWARD IF THEY PROVIDE INFORMATION WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES.

WHILE THERE ARE NO OTHER STATUTORY EXCLUSIONS FOR REWARDS PAYMENTS, WE CLOSELY EXAMINE THE BACKGROUNDS OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS NOMINATED FOR REWARDS PAYMENTS.

Q: Are we aware of any non-USG reward programs connected with the international tribunals?

A: WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY OTHER REWARDS BEING OFFERED BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS, NGO'S, OR PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH CASES BEFORE THE WAR CRIMES TRIBUNALS. THIS DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THERE MAY BE MONEY BEING OFFERED BY A PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL OR A COLLECTIVE CASE. BUT AT THIS TIME, WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY OTHER REWARDS.

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U.S. ARMS TRANSFER POLICY

Q. Apart from its policy regarding the AMRAAM air-to-air missile, what is the United States policy with regard to introducing weapons with a new, higher level of technology? Does it vary region by region?

A. PROPOSED ARMS TRANSFERS WORLDWIDE ARE EVALUATED ACCORDING TO OUR CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER POLICY. THIS POLICY EMPHASIZES "CONTROL, RESTRAINT, AND TRANSPARENCY OF ARMS TRANSFERS."

AMONG THE CRITERIA APPLIED TO PROPOSED TRANSFERS, WHICH ARE CONSIDERED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, IS "CONSISTENCY WITH U.S. REGIONAL STABILITY INTERESTS," ESPECIALLY IN CONSIDERING "INTRODUCTION OF A SYSTEM WHICH MAY FOSTER INCREASED TENSION OR CONTRIBUTE TO AN ARMS RACE." UPGRADES TO EXISTING SYSTEMS ARE CONSIDERED ON THE SAME BASIS.

SYSTEMS INVOLVING NEW TECHNOLOGY WHICH DO NOT MEET THE CRITERIA OF OUR ARMS TRANSFER POLICY WILL NOT BE APPROVED FOR TRANSFER.

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ENERGY SECRETARY RICHARDSON'S MEETINGS

WITH ENERGY MINISTERS

Q. What's your view of Energy Secretary Richardson's trip to Europe and the Gulf to consult with OPEC energy ministers this week?

A. THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT ENERGY SECRETARY BILL RICHARDSON WOULD LEAVE THIS AFTERNOON(THURSDAY) TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY MEMBER STATES AND ENERGY MINISTERS FROM SEVERAL COUNTRIES.

-- AS THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT NOTED, SECRETARY RICHARDSON WOULD BE CONTINUING HIS EFFORTS TO INCREASE WORLD STOCKS, REDUCE MARKET VOLATILITY, AND IMPROVE THE MARKET SITUATION.

Q. What's Richardson's itinerary?

A. I SUGGEST YOU CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FOR DETAILS OF SECRETARY RICHARDSON'S TRIP.

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Statement by Administrator Anderson on Senator Helms Speech

WASHINGTON, DC - J. Brady Anderson, administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, today released the following statement in response to the speech by Sen. Jesse Helms on foreign assistance.

"I agree with Senator Helms on the important role that faith-based organizations can, and do, play in our foreign assistance program. I think we have made progress during my tenure in expanding our partnership with these organizations, whose work is critical to meeting the basic needs of millions around the world less fortunate than ourselves.

"I look forward to the upcoming debate on U.S. foreign policy interests and the role foreign assistance plays in promoting these interests. The problems foreign assistance attempts to address include combating infectious diseases like HIV/AIDS and creating economic and political freedom for people around the world. I believe that developing nations, where 80 percent of the world's population lives, will be more critical to our peace and prosperity, and that of our children, in the 21st century than they were in the 20th Century.

"I appreciate that Senator Helms has laid this out as one of his priorities and I appreciate the contributions he continues to make to this debate.

"I know that Senator Helms and I share the view that one of the fundamental strengths of our nation is our belief in the dignity and worth of the individual. I think this is reflected in our shared view of the contributions faith-based organizations can make in promoting this fundamental value shared by the American people."

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