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LINE4: FM AMEMBASSY PARIS
OSRI: RUFHFR
DTG: 121149Z JAN 94
ORIG: AMEMBASSY PARIS
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INFO: RUEAIIA/CIA WASHDC
RUEATRS/DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY
RUEKJCS/DIA WASHDC//ASD/ISA//
RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC 8066
RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHDC
RHEHAAA/WHITE HOUSE
RUCPDC/USDOC WASHDC
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RUEHMO/AMEMBASSY MOSCOW 4497
RUEHRO/AMEMBASSY ROME 3950
RUEHBS/AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS 6511
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TEXT: UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 07 PARIS 01057
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STATE FOR EUR/WE (ANN CARSON)/P/SP; AF; INR/P; PM; OSC
ISA FOR ILN; FOR NEA; WHITE HOUSE FOR NSC/WEUROPE; DOC
FOR ITA/EUR/FR AND PASS USTR/PA (ANN LUZZATO); USCINCEUR
FOR PAO; NATO FOR USIS; MOSCOW FOR P&C; ROME FOR
USIS/AIO; BRUSSELS FOR USIS AND USEC (PAO); USVIENNA FOR
USDEL CSCE.
E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: NONE
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COMMENTATORS DISCUSS THE OUTCOME OF THE NATO SUMMIT,
GENERALLY IN FAVORABLE TERMS. MANY PRAISE BILL

CLINTON'S PERFORMANCE, BUT SOME THINK THAT ONCE MORE, NATO FAILED TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH BOSNIA. ALL ELECTRONIC MEDIA EXCERPTED FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON'S PRESS CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS YESTERDAY, AND SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS TODAY CARRY PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE PRESIDENT AT THE SUMMIT.

FRENCH PRESIDENT FRANCOIS MITTERRAND SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE SUMMIT HAS "EFFECTIVE AND PRECISE" (LE FIGARO QUOTES). SEVERAL COMMENTATORS DESCRIBE PRESIDENT CLINTON'S PERFORMANCE AT THE SUMMIT AS A SUCCESS: LIBERATION SAYS HE HAS "THE REAL STAR AT THE SUMMIT", LES ECHOS FRONTPAGES "BILL CLINTON SEDUCES EUROPE FROM THE ATLANTIC TO THE URALS".

--CONCERNING THE RENEWED THREAT OF POSSIBLE AIR STRIKES IN BOSNIA:

A POLL CARRIED OUT BY BVA SHOWS THAT 85 OF THOSE POLLED ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN EX-YUGOSLAVIA; 62 THINK THAT THE PRESENCE OF MILITARY FORCES UNDER UN COMMAND IS "USEFUL FOR THE RESTORATION OF PEACE"; BUT, IF THE UN INTERVENES MILITARILY, 51 OF THOSE POLLED ARE AGAINST "BRUTAL MILITARY ACTION, FOR EXAMPLE AIR ATTACKS, BECAUSE THEY REPRESENT RISKS (FOR THE FRENCH TROOPS) ON THE GROUND".

UN SECRETARY BOUTROS BOUTROS GHALI IS INTERVIEWED IN LE FIGARO. HE STRESSES THE "REAL POLITICAL WILL TO ACT" OF NATO COUNTRIES AND SAYS: "I WILL NOT HESITATE TO USE AIR STRIKES". HE ADDS: "IF NATO DECIDES NOT TO USE ITS FORCE, I HAVE NO POWER TO FORCE IT TO DO SO".

FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTER FRANCOIS LEOTARD IS ALSO INTERVIEWED IN LE FIGARO. HE SAYS THAT FRANCE HAS BEEN "FOLLOWED" BY ITS PARTNERS AT THE NATO SUMMIT, SINCE "THE FINAL STATEMENT INCLUDES THE FRENCH IDEA TO OPEN, IF NEED BE BY FORCE, THE TUZLA AIRPORT AND TO ENSURE THE RELIEF OF THE BLOCKED CANADIAN CONTINGENT IN SREBRENICA." ACCORDING TO HIM, "FRANCE HAS TAKEN ANEW THE LEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN THE SENSE OF GREATER FIRMNESS VIS-A-VIS THE AGGRESSOR." HE ADDS: "IT IS AT THIS COST THAT UNPROFOR, THUS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, WILL RESTORE ITS CREDIBILITY."

--THE PRESS ALSO WIDELY REPORTS ON THE ENDORSEMENT OF PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE. IN AN OP-ED PIECE IN LE FIGARO, RPR DELEGATE GENERAL FOR DEFENSE PIERRE LELLOUCHE CALLS IT "AN EMPTY FORMULA", "THE CLINTONIAN VERSION OF THE 'CONFEDERATION' SIDELINE WHICH FRANCOIS MITTERRAND PRESENTED IN THE PAST TO EASTERN COUNTRIES." STILL IN FIGARO, RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI KOZYREV AUTHORS A PIECE IN WHICH HE SAYS: "THE FEAR OF 'NEW THREATS FROM THE EAST' CAN BE ERASED BY THE STRATEGY OF A PARTNERSHIP WITH DEMOCRATIC RUSSIA WHICH HAS ENGAGED ITSELF TOWARDS UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 07 PARIS 01057

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E.O. 12356: N/A

TAGS: NONE

SUBJECT: DAILY MEDIA REACTION REPORT

THE CREATION OF A STATE WORTH RESPECT FOR THE RULE OF LAW AND MARKET ECONOMICS.'

RUSSIA (SUPPORT FOR REFORM AND FINANCIAL AID) AND UKRAINE (DENUCLEARIZATION) ARE ALSO MAJOR STORIES, IN THE CONTEXT OF PRESIDENT CLINTON'S UPCOMING STOPS IN KIEV AND MOSCOW (SEE PART D OF REPORT).

ELECTRONIC MEDIA REPORTED THIS MORNING ON BILL CLINTON'S STOP IN PRAGUE, WHERE THEY SAY HE WILL TRY TO 'SELL' THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE PLAN TO EASTERN EUROPEAN LEADERS. AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE REPORTS THAT POLISH PRESIDENT LECH WALESA SAID ON TV LAST NIGHT THAT HE EXPECTS "TOUGH MEETINGS" WITH THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT. HE ADDED THAT PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE WAS, IN HIS VIEW, "IMPOSED" ON POLAND.

RADIO EUROPE 1'S BENOIT LAPORTE, WHO IS COVERING THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP, REPORTED ON HIS "FESTIVE NIGHT" IN PRAGUE. PRAGUE IS "ONE OF THOSE CITIES WHICH BILL CLINTON LIKES, NOT BIG ON PROTOCOL", LAPORTE SAID. ON FRANCE'S DECISION TO RELEASE TO TEHRAN TWO SUSPECTED IRANIAN TERRORISTS WANTED BY THE SWISS, INTERIOR MINISTER CHARLES PASQUA SAID THIS MORNING ON RADIO EUROPE - 1: " I HAVE NOTHING TO EXPLAIN TO THE AMERICANS. I AM NOT AN EMPLOYEE OF MR. CLINTON. BESIDES, I WOULD NOTE THAT THE AMERICANS HAVE A FIS LEADER ON THEIR TERRITORY. WE HAVE PROTESTED, THEY SAID THEY COULD DO NOTHING. "

THE MIDDLE EAST (LA CROIX PUBLISHES AN INTERVIEW WITH ARAFAT), RUSSIA (OPENING OF THE DUMA SESSION), ALGERIA (ASSASSINATION OF A LOCAL OFFICIAL) ARE AMONG THE OTHER MOST IMPORTANT FOREIGN STORIES.

LA CROIX PUBLISHES A YEARLY SOFRES POLL ON FRENCH ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE MEDIA. THE RESULTS OF THE POLL SHOW A CERTAIN MISTRUST. RADIO GAINS IN CREDIBILITY, TV IS LOSING CREDIBILITY. THE FRENCH CONSIDER THAT JOURNALISTS ARE NOT ABLE TO BE INDEPENDENT. A COPY OF THE POLL WILL BE FAXED TO EU AND R/WE.

(B) STORIES COVERED IN REPORT:

1. NATO SUMMIT
2. RUSSIA, UKRAINE

(C) HEADLINES:

NATO:

"BOSNIA: BOUTROS GHALI'S FIRMESS" (LE FIGARO-FRONT PAGE)

"CLINTON RAISES HIS TONE" (LE FIGARO-PAGE 3)

"A WARNING TO BOSNIAN SERBS" (LE PARISIEN-PAGE 9)

"TUZLA AND SREBRENICA: TWO TESTS FOR NATO IN BOSNIA" (LIBERATION-PAGE 19)

(D) SUPPORTING TEXT:

1. NATO SUMMIT:

POLITICAL ANALYST ALAIN DUHAMEL ON RADIO EUROPE 1 AT UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 07 PARIS 01057

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7:15AM: "THE SUMMIT WENT BETTER THAN PREDICTED....

ABOUT THE EUROPEAN DEFENSE IDENTITY, THE AMERICANS HAVE UNQUESTIONABLY AGREED TO TAKE A STEP FORWARD. THEY RECOGNIZED THAT THIS WAS A LEGITIMATE DEMAND ON THE PART OF THE EUROPEANS.... THE AMERICANS HAVE ACCEPTED THIS (EUROPEAN DEFENSE IDENTITY) BECAUSE THEY HAVE AN INTEREST IN IT, AT THE VERY MOMENT WHEN THEY SEEK TO WITHDRAW FROM EUROPE."

PATRICK SABATIER REPORTS FROM BRUSSELS IN INFLUENTIAL LIBERATION: "...PRESIDENT CLINTON (WAS) THE REAL STAR AT THE SUMMIT."

JEAN-MICHEL LAMY IN ECONOMIC LES ECHOS: "UP TO NOW, BILL CLINTON'S EUROPEAN TOUR HAS BEEN HANDLED SKILFULLY. FAR FROM ADOPTING AN IMPERIAL ATTITUDE, THE U.S. PRESIDENT WELCOMED, EVEN ENCOURAGED, THE EUROPE OF MAASTRICHT. AT THE NATO SUMMIT, HE SUPPORTED THE EUROPEAN PLAN ON BOSNIA, INCLUDING...THE OPENING OF THE TUZLA AIRPORT. ABOVE ALL, BILL CLINTON HAS PAVED THE WAY FOR THE INTEGRATION (INTO NATO) OF EASTERN COUNTRIES.... IN ALL CASES, WASHINGTON HOLDS A MASTER CARD--THAT OF A PRIVILEGED RELATION WITH MOSCOW.... ONE WONDERS WHETHER BRITISH PRIME MINISTER JOHN MAJOR'S ANTI-MAASTRICHT ATTITUDE HAS NOT BEEN SHAKEN BY BILL CLINTON'S STATEMENTS ON 'WE BELIEVE IN A MORE INTEGRATED EUROPE'.... THE 'CLINTON MESSAGE' (TONALITE) HAS SEDUCED THE EUROPEANS."

FRANZ-OLIVIER GIESBERT AUTHORS THE FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL OF CONSERVATIVE LE FIGARO: "...WILL THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FINALLY MANAGE TO LOOK FRIGHTENING? NATO'S MISTAKE IS TO MENTION THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS THREATS WAS CONDITIONAL ON UN APPROVAL. BUT THE UN, UP TO NOW, HAS ONLY CARRIED OUT...THE ORDERS OF ITS MEMBER STATES. THAT IS PASSING THE BUCK. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE CRISIS IN EX-YUGOSLAVIA, EVERYONE HAS BEEN TRYING TO PASS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ISSUE OFF ONTO SOMEONE ELSE. REGULARLY, EUROPE HAS BEEN TURNING TO THE UNITED STATES, WHICH THEN CALLS FOR THE TWELVE TO INTERVENE. UNTIL NOW, AMERICANS AND EUROPEANS HAVE ALWAYS MANAGED NOT TO AGREE ON THE NEED FOR MILITARY INTERVENTION AT THE SAME TIME."

LE FIGARO'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT STEPHANE MARCHAND WAS ONE OF ITS SPECIAL ENVOYS TO BRUSSELS: "...GIVEN THE CRITICISM FOR HIS INACTION IN BOSNIA, BILL CLINTON TRIED TO RESEIZE THE INITIATIVE ON EX-YUGOSLAVIA YESTERDAY. TO SHOW THAT HIS DETERMINATION IS NOW STRONGER, THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT EXPLAINED THAT U.S. AIRFORCE COULD BE USED 'TO LOOSEN THE STRANGULATION OF SARAJEVO OR AS REPRISAL FOR THE STRANGULATION OF SARAJEVO". THIS RHETORIC IS SLIGHTLY MORE WARMONGERING THAN THAT CONTAINED IN NATO'S DECLARATIONS LAST AUGUST."

BAUDOUIN BOLLAERT REPORTS FROM BRUSSELS IN LE FIGARO: "...IT IS TRUE THE SUMMIT MARKS AN IMPORTANT MOMENT IN

THE U.S.-EUROPEAN RELATIONSHIP, AND DEFINES THE OUTLINES OF THE NEW WESTERN STRATEGY IN A CHANGING WORLD. BUT THE (LEADERS) OF THE MOST POWERFUL MILITARY ALLIANCE IN THE WORLD WERE ABOVE ALL EXPECTED (TO TAKE A POSITION) UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 07 PARIS 01057

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ON YUGOSLAVIA. ALTHOUGH THEY RAISED THEIR TONE, IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT THEY ARE CONVINCING. IN THE PAST, TOO MANY NICE RESOLUTIONS HAVE REMAINED FUTILE. IN REALITY, EVERYTHING WILL DEPEND ON THE IMPLEMENTATION ON THE GROUND OF THE MILITARY COMMITMENTS 'UNANIMOUSLY' MADE BY

THE SIXTEEN IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN UNPROFOR ACTION AND CREDIBILITY."

PIERRE LELLOUCHE IN LE FIGARO: "EASTERN EUROPEANS EXPECTED A LOT FROM THE BRUSSELS ATLANTIC SUMMIT.... AND WHAT DID WE TELL THE POLES, CZECHS AND HUNGARIANS WHO ARE LOOKING WITH INCREASING CONCERN AT A RECOMPOSITION OF THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE, FROM THE BALTICS TO THE CAUCASUS? WELL, WE GAVE THEM THE EMPTY 'PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE' FORMULA, THE CLINTONIAN VERSION OF THE 'CONFEDERATION' DEAD END IDEA WHICH PRESIDENT MITTERRAND ONCE PROPOSED TO THE SAME EASTERN COUNTRIES."

JEAN-PAUL PIEROT IN COMMUNIST L'HUMANITE: "...UNLESS THE SERBS WANT TO AVOID AN ESCALATION AND LEAVE ROOM FOR UN FORCES, THE NATO MEETING DID NOT ERASE THE FEARS OF A DEGRADATION OF THE CRISIS. ON THE CONTRARY."

ALAIN FRACHON AND CLAIRE TREAN IN FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE IN LE MONDE: "WITHOUT THE BOSNIAN WAR, THE UNITED STATES COULD HAVE BEEN IN THE POSITION TO SAY THAT THE BRUSSELS SUMMIT ENDED WITH A DOUBLE SUCCESS: NOT ONLY HAVE THE AMERICANS HAD THEIR PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE PLAN ENTHUSIASTICALLY ENDORSED BY THEIR PARTNERS, BUT THEY ALSO SEIZED THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE NATO MEETING TO ANNOUNCE THAT THEY JUST REACHED AN ACCORD ON UKRAINE'S DENUCLEARIZATION.... THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT AND THE FIFTEEN OTHER NATO LEADERS HOWEVER DID NOT INDULGE IN TRIUMPHALISM. THE WAR IN BOSNIA...PREVENTED ANY SHOW OF SELF-SATISFACTION. IT CAUSED AN ATMOSPHERE OF UNEASINESS--EVEN CULPABILITY--AT THE SUMMIT. NOT BECAUSE THERE IS A MAJOR DISAGREEMENT AMONG NATO COUNTRIES, BUT, MORE SIMPLY, BECAUSE THE ONGOING FIGHTING AND ATROCITIES COLORED ANYTHING THAT THE PARTICIPANTS COULD SAY ABOUT 'SECURITY IN EUROPE'.... THERE WILL BE NO IMMEDIATE ENLARGEMENT OF NATO.... HOWEVER, EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAVE SCORED POINTS AND THE SUMMIT TOOK THEIR DEMANDS WELL INTO ACCOUNT.... IN PRAGUE, MR. CLINTON WILL HAVE TO 'SELL' THEM

(VISEGRAD COUNTRIES) HIS PLAN. HE ALREADY KNOWS THAT EASTERN EUROPEAN LEADERS, WHO HAVE BEEN VERY CRITICAL OF THE PARTNERSHIP DON'T REALLY HAVE ANOTHER CHOICE BUT TO ACCEPT THE AMERICAN OFFER.... (ON THE EUROPEAN DEFENSE IDENTITY) THE UNITED STATES, WITH THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION, HAS COME A LOT CLOSER TO THE EUROPEAN-- ESPECIALLY FRENCH -- THESIS.... THE FACT THAT THE DRAFT COMMUNIQUE (OF THE NATO SUMMIT) HAS LEAKED IN ADVANCE SHOWS THAT THERE ARE NO REAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AMERICANS AND EUROPEANS ON THE MAJOR ISSUES OF THE SUMMIT."

IN A SEPARATE ARTICLE, FRACHON AND TREAN SAY: "NATO COUNTRIES HAVE NOT CHANGED THEIR OPINION ABOUT BOSNIA. THE TALKS SHOWED LESS A DISAGREEMENT THAN REAL DISARRAY. THERE HAS BEEN NO REASON FOR A FRANCO-AMERICAN UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 07 PARIS 01057

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CONFRONTATION, ON THE CONTRARY... IN BRUSSELS, ONE COULD SEE THAT NATO LEADERS DON'T HAVE AN ALTERNATE STRATEGY (FOR BOSNIA).... BILL CLINTON'S APPROVAL (OF THE FRENCH AND GERMAN INITIATIVE OFFERING TO EASE SANCTION IN EXCHANGE FOR SERB CONCESSIONS) IS A WAY OF ACKNOWLEDGING THAT HE HAS NOTHING BETTER TO PROPOSE, ON AN ISSUE IN WHICH HE DOES NOT CLAIM LEADERSHIP."

PAUL MEUNIER IN REGIONAL SUD OUEST: "...IT IS NOT VERY LIKELY THAT THE BRUSSELS STATEMENT WILL HAVE THE SLIGHTEST EFFECT ON THE COURSE OF THE CONFLICT."

JOSEPH LIMAGNE IN REGIONAL OUEST FRANCE: "...FOR THE FIRST TIME, (NATO) LEADERS HAVE SHOWN THEIR DETERMINATION TO PASS TO ACTION IF NEED BE."

GEORGES SUFFERT IN REGIONAL NICE MATIN: "...EVERYONE KNOWS THAT RUSSIA WILL OPPOSE SUCH A DECISION (AIR STRIKES). THE DIPLOMATIC IMPASSE IS THE SAME TODAY AS SIX MONTHS AGO.... THIS MEANS THAT THE WAR MAY WELL CONTINUE OVER THERE."

2. RUSSIA, UKRAINE:

MARC ULLMAN ON RADIO RTL THIS MORNING: "...THERE IS AN IMMENSE HOPE (DENUCLEARIZATION OF UKRAINE). AND THAT HOPE CAN BE VIEWED AS A CLINTON SUCCESS."

BORIS BACHORZ REPORTS FROM MOSCOW IN AFP: "THE RUSSIAN PRESIDENT WILL HAVE TO HANDLE WITH GREAT CAUTION HIS MEETING WITH BILL CLINTON ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE DIFFICULT ISSUES ADDRESSED-- CONTINUATION OF ECONOMIC REFORMS IN RUSSIA AND NATO ENLARGEMENT--FROM BEING IMMEDIATELY EXPLOITED BY HIS OPPONENTS. THE MAJOR EVENT OF THIS SUMMIT WILL BE THE SIGNING OF AN ACCORD BY MESSRS. CLINTON, YELTSIN AND THEIR UKRAINIAN COUNTERPART KRAVCHUCK.... THE RUSSIAN-

AMERICAN SUMMIT IS PROMISING TO BE DIFFICULT, ALL THE MORE SO SINCE MR. CLINTON WILL START HIS FIRST VISIT TO MOSCOW, WEDNESDAY NIGHT, RIGHT AFTER THE OPENING OF THE DUMA, WITH THE ULTRA-NATIONALIST AND COMMUNIST OPPONENTS DETERMINED TO FIGHT AGAINST BORIS YELTSIN. AS A CONSEQUENCE, SUPPORT--ALTHOUGH CAUTIOUS--FROM BILL CLINTON COULD TURN OUT TO BE EMBARRASSING FOR THE RUSSIAN PRESIDENT."

JACQUELINE GRAPIN WRITES FROM WASHINGTON IN FIGARO'S FIG-ECO: "...AFTER THE RATIFICATION OF NAFTA AND THE CONCLUSION OF A GATT ACCORD, THE WHITE HOUSE HAS GETTING READY TO SETTLE FOR NOTHING BUT SUCCESS. IT HAS CAUGHT ON THE WRONG FOOT BY THE ELECTORAL SUCCESS OF VLADIMIR ZHIRINOVSKY AND THE RUSSIAN NATIONALISTS WHO OPPOSE ECONOMIC REFORM. THOSE WHO ASSUMED THAT CAPITALISM IN THE FORMER SOCIALIST ECONOMIES HAS NOW A GIVEN WERE MADE TO REALIZE ... THAT THIS IS NOT SO AND WERE REMINDED OF THE PRESENCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN THE REGION, AND THE LIMITS OF U.S. LEADERSHIP.... THE USE OF THE IMF AS A SCAPEGOAT, AND EUROPEAN ALLIES AS THE NUMBER-ONE MONEY LENDERS DOES NOT PREVENT THE UNITED STATES FROM CLEARLY TAKING A POSITION ON SUCH AN IMPORTANT ISSUE. SINCE NOTHING IS DONE AT THE IMF UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 07 PARIS 01057

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WITHOUT U.S. CONCURRENCE, EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE WASHINGTON ADMINISTRATION MADE THE IMF A SCAPEGOAT BECAUSE IT COULD NOT BLAME OTHER AMERICAN AGENCIES.... BILL CLINTON WILL HAVE TO TAKE HIS DISTANCE FROM BORIS YELTSIN, BOTH IN ORDER TO LET HIM ROOM TO MANOEUVRE ON THE RUSSIAN POLITICAL SCENE AND FOR ELEMENTARY REASONS OF CAUTION, IN THE INTEREST OF THE U.S."

DANIEL VERNET IN FINANCIAL LA TRIBUNE: "...IN KIEV AS IN MOSCOW, THE U.S. PRESIDENT WILL HAVE LITTLE TO OFFER OTHER THAN A HAND-SHAKE IN EXCHANGE FOR GUARANTEES OF SECURITY AND POLITICAL STABILITY. TRUE, VIS-A-VIS THE RUSSIANS, HE WILL CERTAINLY STRESS THAT, BY HAVING THE NATO LEADERS ENDORSE THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE PLAN, THE UNITED STATES ELIMINATED THE RISK OF A NATO ENLARGEMENT IN THE SHORT RUN. THIS SHOULD ALLOW CLINTON TO EXERT FRIENDLY PRESSURE ON HIS RUSSIAN COUNTERPART SO THAT HE SPEEDS UP THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE FORMER RED ARMY FROM ESTONIA AND LATVIA, AND SHOWS CAUTION IN THE CAUCASUS. VIS-A-VIS KIEV, BILL CLINTON WILL PRESENT HIMSELF AS THE ADVOCATE OF UKRAINE'S INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY VIS-A-VIS MOSCOW. BUT THE SIGNING OF A THREE-PARTY ACCORD ON NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT IS NOT ASCERTAINED YET.... GIVEN CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN, BILL CLINTON IS

UNLIKELY TO GIVE MORE FINANCIAL AID TO UKRAINE. SAME THING FOR THE RUSSIAN REFORMS.... THE U.S. WILL CERTAINLY OFFER...SOMETHING THAT IS NOT EXPENSIVE FOR IT-- BETTER ACCESS TO ITS MARKETS (FOR RUSSIAN PRODUCTS). THIS WILL CERTAINLY STRENGTHEN RUSSIAN VIEWS THAT, IN THIS REGARD, WESTERN EUROPE IS NOT DOING ENOUGH."

MARIE-FRANCE CALLE REPORTS FROM MOSCOW IN ECONOMIC LES ECHOS: "...THE CEREMONY (SIGNING OF THE U.S.-RUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN ACCORD ON FRIDAY) WILL UNDOUBTEDLY STRENGTHEN BILL CLINTON 'S PRESTIGE, IN THE EYES OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC AS WELL AS IN RUSSIA."

PHILIPPE MARCOVICI IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE QUOTIDIEN: "THE CLINTON-YELTSIN SUMMIT WILL NOT TAKE PLACE UNDER THE SAME AUSPICES AS THEIR FIRST MEETING IN APRIL IN VANCOUVER.... THE ONLY BREAKTHROUGH THAT ONE COULD HAVE EXPECTED AT THIS SUMMIT...WAS UKRAINE'S DECISION TO DISMANTLE ITS NUCLEAR ARSENAL.... BUT KIEV SEEMS TO BE STEPPING BACK TODAY. THE UKRAINIANS NOW SAY THAT NOTHING DEFINITIVE HAS BEEN DECIDED CLINTON WILL ALSO HAVE TO REASSURE THE RUSSIANS ON THE 'PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE' PLAN, AND CONVINCE MOSCOW THAT HE IS NOT WILLING TO GO TOO FAR IN BOSNIA. THIS IS A DIFFICULT ENTRY INTO FOREIGN DIPLOMACY, FOR A PRESIDENT WHO DID NOT INTEND TO HAVE THIS BE HIS MAJOR CONCERN."

INFLUENTIAL LE MONDE FRONT-PAGE UNATTRIBUTED EDITORIAL: "...PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON HAS TWO REASONS TO BE HAPPY (WITH UKRAINE'S DECISION). NOT ONLY THIS DECISION GIVES AN EXTRA LUSTRE TO THE BRUSSELS NATO MEETING, BUT IT CROWNS THE EFFORTS MADE BY U.S. DIPLOMACY TO TRY TO CONVINCE UKRAINIAN LEADERS TO GIVE UP NUCLEAR WEAPONS. HOWEVER, EVERYTHING IS NOT SETTLED.... THE KIEV PARLIAMENT MIGHT...ONCE AGAIN PLAY THE TROUBLE-MAKER.... ALTHOUGH, IN THE END, WE CAN BE HAPPY WITH AN ACCORD
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THAT REDUCES THE NUMBER OF NUCLEAR COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD, THE FACT REMAINS THAT THE PRESSURE EXERTED BY THE AMERICANS AND THE RUSSIANS ON KIEV WAS SOMEWHAT SHOCKING."

STILL IN LE MONDE, ALAIN FRACHON AND CLAIRE TREAN COMMENT ON UKRAINE: "...ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT BEING ABLE TO ANNOUNCE SUCH AN (U.S.-RUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN) AGREEMENT ON THE OCCASION OF BILL CLINTON'S TRIP TO EUROPE, THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION SEEMS TO BE RUNNING A BIG RISK--I.E. POSSIBLE REJECTION ON THE PART OF THE UKRAINIAN PARLIAMENT, IF IT DISAVOWS PRESIDENT KRAVCHUK AND FAILS TO RATIFY THIS AGREEMENT AS IT DID WITH START-1."

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of U.S. President Bill Clinton with heads of state of Hungary,
Poland and Slovakia will take place here today, putting emphasis on
the U.S. project of European security cooperation "Partnership for
Peace."
Today's talks will follow up Clinton's talks with Czech President
Vaclav Havel and other Czech representatives yesterday. After the
talks Havel said the Czech Republic had indicated that it welcomed
the partnership project and was ready to fill it with concrete
contents. ((passage omitted))
An originally planned working meeting of Clinton with heads of

state of the Visegrad Four -- Arpad Goncz of Hungary, Lech Walesa of Poland, Michal Kovac of Slovakia and ((Vaclav Havel of)) the Czech Republic -- will not take place. Only a working dinner and a briefing are scheduled to be held.

Earlier in the afternoon Clinton will visit the Kmart department store for discussion on privatisation and prospectives of Czech-U.S. trade. In the morning Clinton is scheduled to visit Prague's Jewish Cemetery and historic synagogues.

Joint talks of the Visegrad countries' presidents were not included in yesterday's itinerary. Heads of state met at Prague Castle last night for a dinner given by Vaclav Havel.

Havel and his Visegrad counterparts are scheduled to meet briefly at Prague Castle in the morning.

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((Text)) Hungary is still seeking full membership of NATO,
Hungarian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Janos Herman said in Prague
today, prior to the U.S.-Hungarian summit.

At the same time, Budapest wants to use all forms of cooperation which could bring Hungary closer to NATO, he said, adding that Hungary sees the U.S. "Partnership for Peace" initiative as a project that will facilitate the rapprochement of Hungary and NATO.

In addition to the two countries' presidents, the one-hour U.S.-Hungarian summit was also attended by Hungarian Premier Peter Boross, the two countries' foreign ministers Warren Christopher and Geza Jeszenszky and U.S. Permanent Representative in the UN Madeleine Albright.

Today's Clinton's talks with high-ranking officials of three Visegrad Countries (Hungary, Poland and Slovakia) follow up the President's negotiations with a Czech delegation yesterday, which among other things, discussed regional Central European cooperation.

In the course of his European tour, Clinton will visit, in addition to Brussels and Prague, also Kiev, Moscow and Minsk, and meet leaders of seven Central and East European countries.

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//((Interview with Pavol Demes, director of the Foreign Department at the Office of the President of the Slovak Republic, by Alexander Polakovic; place and date not given: "Clinton's Visit Is a Positive Signal"))

((Text)) ((Polakovic)) On Thursday ((6 January)) an important U.S. newspaper, THE WASHINGTON POST, carried an interview with

Slovak President Kovac on the front page. The president proposed that NATO accept Slovakia and the other Visegrad Four countries as "political members" and provide them with security guarantees. In view of the approaching NATO summit in Brussels and President Clinton's visit to Prague, where he is to meet with the presidents and prime ministers of the Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, and Slovakia, this article attracted much attention, because Kovac's proposal could become an alternative to the Partnership for Peace plan.

((Demes)) First, I would like to stress that the proposal made by our president has been incorrectly interpreted in the press as a counterproposal to the U.S. one. Slovakia welcomes the U.S. Partnership For Peace initiative, and our president is not going to Prague to present a counterproposal or any other alternative, but he will present our attitude toward the U.S. project. I repeat, we welcome it, but we would like to have clearer information about the time scale and the conditions that we need to meet to become full members of NATO. The Slovak Republic is not only interested in joining this alliance, but also in joining it as soon as possible. In this sense, there is a consensus among all the political parties and most people are in favor of joining NATO. This is why we believe that we have become politically "mature." NATO could accept us as a political partner, and gradually, upon fulfillment of other conditions in the military sphere, full membership could follow.

((Polakovic)) What attitude of the other Visegrad Four countries will the U.S. president have to face in Prague?

((Demes)) President Michal Kovac and the other presidents of the Visegrad Group have several times shown that they were not satisfied that NATO has been unable to fix a schedule for the admission of their countries or to determine conditions for being suitable for admission. Despite this, we believe that the fact that President Clinton will arrive in Prague and meet with the presidents and the prime ministers of the Visegrad Four -- without other countries being invited -- is a very important signal by the United States to the entire region. It testifies that the United States is perceiving this space as a geopolitical whole and would like to see these countries cooperating toward their final goal -- admission to Western European structures.

((Polakovic)) The declarations and gestures by Czech politicians, however, testify that the idea of coordinated action has not found fertile ground in Prague.

((Demes)) Unlike the Czech side, our president prefers a broader coordination among the Visegrad Four over joining NATO, and believes that NATO should consider the joint admission of these countries if they continue to democratize their society, to establish a market economy, and to orient themselves toward Western European political, economic, and security structures. The Hungarians and Poles are of a similar opinion.

We understand that the signals that we are receiving from important U.S. and European politicians, and even directly from NATO, are identical to our attitude. We can also see that the Czech side either does not perceive them that way, or it has a different opinion about them. Let us wait for several more days. At the meeting in Prague, we will have an opportunity to speak after the NATO summit with the U.S. President, and we can hope that we will learn whether individual efforts will have a chance to succeed. I presume that our understanding of the signals from the West is more realistic, and I believe that a joint course of action would be more

advantageous for the Czech Republic, too. Clinton's arrival here is an unequivocal signal to the entire region. If we do not assess this signal correctly and do not issue our own signal to the West saying that there is a group of post-communist countries that want and are able to cooperate, then we will all lose out. The policy of the Czech Republic, which is the host country -- not of a bilateral meeting, but a of a meeting between the U.S. President and countries of this region -- cannot influence the entire region, otherwise it would be surprising, to say the least. In this sense, we distinguish between Havel's attitude and that of the government executive.

((Polakovic)) Before the meeting in Prague, there will also be much activity in Bratislava....

((Demes)) Yes, on Sunday on their way to Prague, two important U.S. personalities will stop over in Bratislava -- the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Mrs. Madeleine Albright, and General Shalikashvili, chairman of the U.S. Chiefs of Staff. We will have a great opportunity to learn more details, more than before the summit, about the attitude of the U.S. cabinet and the Pentagon toward the U.S. Partnership For Peace proposal, our ambitions to join NATO, cooperation among the Visegrad Four countries, and possible differences in our attitudes. The presence of General Shalikashvili will give the meeting an expert nature, which our defense minister will certainly appreciate after his visit to Warsaw.

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FROM MOSCOW:
"THERE IS LITTLE REAL EXCITEMENT HERE (ABOUT THE SUMMIT).
RUSSIANS STILL CHERISH SOME MYTHS ABOUT THE WEST, BUT NOT
THE HOPE THAT WESTERN AID WILL EVER BRING THEM
PROSPERITY."
A. TODAY'S MAJOR NEWS STORIES
1. NATO SUMMIT / CLINTON VISIT TO EASTERN EUROPE
B. SUMMARY
1. NATO SUMMIT / CLINTON VISIT TO EASTERN EUROPE
ON A DAY STILL DOMINATED BY BRITISH DOMESTIC SCANDALS,
THE MORE SERIOUS PAPERS FOUND SPACE TO REVIEW THE NATO
SUMMIT AND PROGRESS MADE THERE. MANY PAPERS SAW THE
SUMMIT AS HAVING BEEN A SUCCESS FOR PRESIDENT CLINTON.
BUT SOME COMMENTATORS WERE DEEPLY CRITICAL OF U.S.
FOREIGN POLICY AS SET OUT AT THE SUMMIT, THE MAIN
CRITICISMS BEING THAT THE U.S. WAS NO LONGER COMMITTED TO
HELPING EUROPE, AND THAT THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION WAS
CONCENTRATING ON RUSSIA TO THE EXCLUSION OF ALL ELSE IN
EUROPE.
ON BOSNIA, PAPERS WERE SKEPTICAL THAT THE RENEWED THREAT
OF AIR STRIKES WOULD MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE TO THE PROGRESS
OF THE WAR IN THE BALKANS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY ACTION ON
THE GROUND. THE CONSERVATIVE TIMES DESCRIBED IT IN A
FRONT PAGE HEADLINE AS "NATO TRYING TO PAPER OVER BOSNIA
CRACKS". BUT THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH SAID ON
ITS FRONT PAGE: "THE NATO DECISIONS MARK A MOMENT OF
TRUTH FOR THE UN IN BOSNIA. 'IT IS TIME TO GET IN OR GET
OUT,' ACCORDING TO BRITISH OFFICERS IN THE REGION."
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"BRITISH VOTERS FAVOR EXTENDING NATO'S DEFENSIVE SHIELD EASTWARDS TO COVER RUSSIA AND THE FORMER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES BY A MAJORITY OF THREE TO TWO, ACCORDING TO TODAY'S GUARDIAN-ICM POLL."

FINALLY, THE CONSERVATIVE TABLOID DAILY MAIL REPORTED ITS OWN CONTINUING FEDERALIST ALARM:

"PRESIDENT CLINTON SET ALARM BELLS RINGING IN LONDON AGAIN YESTERDAY WITH FRESH SUPPORT FOR JACQUES DELORS. IN ANOTHER SIGNAL OF THE WIDENING RIFT BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND WESTMINSTER, THE AMERICAN LEADER SAID HE 'SHARED A LOT OF COMMON IDEAS' WITH THE EC PRESIDENT."

HOWEVER, THE SAME PAPER PRAISED THE U.S. DEAL WITH UKRAINE, SAYING IN ITS EDITORIAL:

"FOR THAT AT LEAST -- DESPITE STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN LONDON AND WASHINGTON -- WE CAN SINCERELY SAY 'GOD BLESS AMERICA AND DOLLAR DIPLOMACY'."

C. HEADLINES

1. NATO SUMMIT / CLINTON VISIT TO EASTERN EUROPE

"CHRISTOPHER SEES PATH OF HOPE IN FOREIGN POLICY MAZE"

(TIMES CHRISTOPHER INTERVIEW 1/8)

"AT LAST, A BIT OF SENSE" (LONDON EVENING STANDARD EDITORIAL 1/11)

"CHARM OFFENSIVE CHALKS UP SUCCESS WITH PLEDGES ON SECURITY" (TIMES COMMENTARY)

"WHERE NEXT FOR NATO?" (TIMES COMMENTARY, JENKINS)

"RHETORICAL STRIKES" (TIMES EDITORIAL)

"AN ILLUSORY GAME OF BUILDING BLOCS FOR EAST AND WEST" (GUARDIAN COMMENTARY)

"PARTNERS, AND PEACE" (GUARDIAN EDITORIAL)

"ALIVE BUT AILING" (F.T. COMMENTARY, DAVIDSON)

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"CLINTON CAMP SEES ITS MAN AS A WINNER" (F.T. COMMENTARY)

"UKRAINE'S PERIL" (F.T. EDITORIAL)

"DO MORE OR PULL OUT" (DAILY TELEGRAPH EDITORIAL)

"DOLLAR DIPLOMACY" (DAILY MAIL EDITORIAL)

"BRITONS BACK NATO EXPANSION TO EAST" (GUARDIAN REPORT)

D. TEXT

1. NATO SUMMIT / CLINTON VISIT TO EASTERN EUROPE

IN SATURDAY'S CONSERVATIVE TIMES (1/8), WASHINGTON

CORRESPONDENT MARTIN FLETCHER REPORTED ON HIS INTERVIEW WITH SECRETARY OF STATE CHRISTOPHER. FLETCHER WROTE: "WARREN CHRISTOPHER, THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE, OUTLINES A DISTINCTLY POSITIVE OUTLOOK FOR RELATIONS WITH BRITAIN AND WESTERN EUROPE, FOR EASTERN EUROPE'S FUTURE WITH NATO, AND FOR THE ADMINISTRATION'S FOREIGN POLICY RECORD -- ALL ISSUES THAT MORE DETACHED OBSERVERS OF PRESIDENT CLINTON'S FIRST FULL YEAR MIGHT NOT RECOGNIZE IN SUCH A ROSE-TINTED LIGHT.

"SITTING IN THE ORNATE ANTE-ROOM OF HIS SEVENTH-FLOOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICE, RATHER NATTILY DRESSED IN A PINK SHIRT AND LIGHT-GREY PIN-STRIPED SUIT WITH A BRIGHT RED HANDKERCHIEF, THE SECRETARY OF STATE WAS ARTICULATE AND SMOOTH DESPITE ACUTE LARYNGITIS WHICH HE QUELLED WITH HOT LEMON TEA. ...

"THIS ADMINISTRATION'S DEALINGS WITH WESTERN EUROPE HAVE BEEN DOMINATED BY NASTY SQUABBLES OVER TRADE AND POLICY IN BOSNIA. THESE ISSUES BELITTLED EUROPE EVEN BEFORE MR CLINTON'S NOVEMBER SUMMIT WITH LEADERS OF ASIA'S BOOMING ECONOMIES. MR CHRISTOPHER INSISTED, HOWEVER, THAT TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS WERE IN 'STRONG SHAPE', THAT MR CLINTON WOULD GO TO GREAT LENGTHS NEXT WEEK TO EMPHASIZE THEIR 'HEALTH AND SIGNIFICANCE', AND THAT BY THE TIME THE PRESIDENT HAD MADE THREE TRIPS TO EUROPE IN THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS WOULD LOOK VERY DIFFERENT. ...

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"I HOPE PEOPLE WILL TAKE CONFIDENCE FROM OUR OVERALL PERFORMANCE,' MR CHRISTOPHER SAID, BUT ONE SUSPECTS MANY EUROPEANS WILL BE SUSPENDING JUDGEMENT UNTIL NEXT WEEK WHEN THEY GET THEIR FIRST CLOSE LOOK AT MR CLINTON AND HIS MOST SENIOR DIPLOMAT."

YESTERDAY (1/11), THE CONSERVATIVE TABLOID LONDON EVENING STANDARD EDITORIALIZED:

"IT'S NOT OFTEN THAT THERE IS OCCASION TO CONGRATULATE THE (BRITISH) FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR DOUGLAS HURD, ON HIS POLICY INITIATIVES IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA, BUT FOR ONCE, IT HAS TO BE SAID, THE PRIME MINISTER AND MR HURD ARE WORKING ALONG THE RIGHT LINES. THE BRITISH PROPOSALS AT THE NATO SUMMIT FOR AIR ATTACKS ON SERBIAN FORCES IF THEY DO NOT ALLOW TUZLA AIRPORT TO BE OPENED AND RELEASE

THEIR STRANGLEHOLD ON THE TOWN OF SREBRENICA, ARE ENTIRELY POSITIVE. ...

"THE FIRST REASON IS HUMANITARIAN. ... THE OTHER REASON FOR SUPPORTING TUZLA IS THAT IT IS A REGION WHICH IS STILL A MODEL OF ETHNIC HARMONY COMPARED WITH OTHER AREAS, LIKE ZENICA, WHICH ARE FALLING PREY TO MUSLIM FUNDAMENTALISTS. OPENING THE AIRPORT, AND GUARANTEEING IT AGAINST SERBIAN ATTACK, WOULD BE A USEFUL GESTURE IN SUPPORTING THE BEST PLURALIST POLITICAL PRACTICE IN WHAT IS LEFT OF THE BOSNIAN STATE. WHAT IT REQUIRES IS THE MORAL COURAGE FOR US FOR ONCE TO TAKE ON THE SERBIAN ARMY. PRESIDENT CLINTON IS SAID TO BE AGAINST THE BRITISH INITIATIVE BECAUSE IT MEANS REDRAWING HIS NICE, PRE-PREPARED DRAFT ON BOSNIA. THAT'S TOO BAD. MESSRS HURD AND MAJOR SHOULD STAND FIRM ON THIS ONE."

THIS MORNING, THE CONSERVATIVE TIMES ASKED:

"HOW WILL EUROPE KNOW THAT BILL CLINTON IS REALLY COMMITTED TO PRESERVING AMERICA'S ROLE IN EUROPEAN SECURITY?"

"HIS FIRST OUTING TO EUROPE CAN BE CONSIDERED A SUCCESS. ... MR CLINTON SAID AS CLEARLY AS THE MOST DEVOTED ATLANTICIST COULD WISH THAT AMERICA'S STAKE IN EUROPEAN SECURITY WAS PIVOTAL, THAT EUROPEAN PEACE AND PROSPERITY UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 11 LONDON 00554

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WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE U.S. AND THAT EUROPE WAS AMERICA'S MOST VALUED PARTNER. HIS RELAXED STYLE WENT DOWN WELL.

...

"BUT, AS THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF TOLD NATO, ACTION MUST MATCH WORDS. MR CLINTON AGREED FOUR PROMISES IN BRUSSELS; AND ALL AWAIT DELIVERY. ONLY PRACTICAL RESULTS WILL DETERMINE WHETHER MR CLINTON CAN MANAGE THE DILEMMA OF RESTORING AMERICA'S ECONOMIC SELF-CONFIDENCE WHILE NOT WITHDRAWING FROM HIS COUNTRY'S OLD ROLE OF GUARANTEEING EUROPE'S STABILITY. ...

"NEVERTHELESS MR CLINTON HAS REPAIRED A PRESIDENTIAL IMAGE IN EUROPE DAMAGED BY NEGLIGENCE OVER TRANSATLANTIC LINKS AND HIS ZIG-ZAG INCONSISTENCY OVER THE WAR IN BOSNIA.

"YESTERDAY'S CLAIM BY MANFRED WOERNER, THE NATO SECRETARY GENERAL, THAT THE SUMMIT MARKED A 'HISTORIC TURNING POINT' IS PREMATURE. ITS DECISIONS, ALL PROVISIONAL, ARE

HAUNTED BY THE QUESTION POSED BY SO MUCH OF THE
TURBULENCE SINCE THE COLD WAR ENDED : WHO CAN FIND THE
WILL TO ENFORCE RULES OF INTERNATIONAL BEHAVIOR THAT HAVE
BEEN FLOUTED?"

WRITING IN THE SAME PAPER, COLUMNIST AND FORMER EDITOR OF
THE TIMES SIMON JENKINS WAS CRITICAL OF U.S. POLICY:
"PRESIDENT CLINTON'S EXASPERATED SPEECH IN BRUSSELS ON
MONDAY WAS UNDERSTANDABLE. STRIPPED OF DIPLOMACY IT
SAID: YOU EUROPEANS TWITTER ON ABOUT COLLECTIVE SECURITY,
YET YOU DO NOTHING ABOUT BOSNIA. YOU WANT US TO GIVE YOU
GUARANTEES OF INTERVENTION WHEN THINGS GO WRONG, BUT YOU
DO NOTHING TO KEEP THEM RIGHT. YOU ARE ALL OVER THE
SHOP. YOU WANT US TO PUSH THE NATO BORDER FARTHER EAST.
THEN YOU WANT US TO DETER RUSSIAN NEO-IMPERIALISM. WELL
TOO BAD. WE ARE MORE INTERESTED IN JAPAN AND CHINA. WE
SHALL DEAL WITH RUSSIA OUR WAY. YOU CAN COMFORT THE
SMALL FRY.

"AT THIS POINT, BLOOD DRAINS FROM EUROPE'S CHEEKS.
DOUGLAS HURD MUTTERS THAT HE MIGHT DROP A LITTLE BOMB ON
BOSNIA TO SHOW HIS MACHISMO. BUT BEGGARS CAN'T BE
CHOOSERS. THE ROCK ON WHICH NATO RESTS IS THE OLD
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AMERICAN WILLINGNESS TO FIGHT ANYBODY WHO THREATENED TO
TEAR EUROPE APART. ...

"IF I WERE A LITHUANIAN OR A UKRAINIAN, A POLE OR A
SLOVAK, I WOULD BE MORE THAN JITTERY AT THE RISE OF MR
ZHIRINOVSKY AND THE AMBIVALENCE OF THE RUSSIAN GENERALS.
I WOULD LOOK URGENTLY FOR A POWERFUL ALLY. HENCE THE
REQUEST TO JOIN NATO.

"SOME NATO MEMBERS HAVE SYMPATHIZED. AMERICA HAS NOT.
WASHINGTON'S REALPOLITIK, LED BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF
STATE, STROBE TALBOTT, WILL DO NOTHING THAT MIGHT
UNDERMINE PRESIDENT YELTSIN. ANY ADVANCE OF THE NATO
GUARANTEE NEAR TO, EVEN UP TO, THE RUSSIAN BORDER WOULD,
WE ARE TOLD, STRENGTHEN OPPOSITION TO MR YELTSIN. MORE
OMINOUS, IT WOULD BE DISHONEST. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
WOULD NOT ACCEPT THEIR TROOPS CONFRONTING A RUSSIAN
BLITZKRIEG THROUGH LITHUANIA, BELORUSSIA, UKRAINE OR
MOLDOVA. THEY WOULD NOT DO SO EVEN IF THE TANKS ROLLED
ON INTO POLAND OR SLOVAKIA. NOTHING HAS CHANGED SINCE
1956 OR 1968. AMERICANS MIGHT BE UPSET, AS THEY WERE

OVER AFGHANISTAN. BUT UPSET AMERICANS DO NOT STOP TANKS. "MILITARY STRATEGISTS ARE NOW REALIZING THAT THE UNTHINKABILITY OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS HAS MADE LIMITED CONVENTIONAL WAR MORE PLAUSIBLE. EUROPEANS ARE KILLING EACH OTHER WITH BAYONETS AND HAND GRENADES. THE DETERRENT IS LOSING ITS BITE. A BATTLE TO STOP A RUSSIAN ARMY ADVANCING INTO THE BALTICS OR POLAND WOULD AT FIRST BE CONVENTIONAL AND EXTREMELY MESSY. IT WOULD REQUIRE HUGE NUMBERS OF SOLDIERS WITH LOGISTICAL SUPPORT. IT MIGHT ULTIMATELY REQUIRE TACTICAL NUCLEAR DETERRENCE. WITHOUT AMERICA, SUCH CONFLICT WOULD BE VULNERABLE TO EVERY 20TH-CENTURY HORROR: RUSSIAN VICTORY, GERMAN EXPANSION, THE SPREAD OF BALKAN ATROCITIES, THE RISE OF DICTATORSHIP, MASS MIGRATION OF REFUGEES. "AMERICA IS DEAF TO SUCH ALARMISM. IT IS LED BY A NEO-ORIENTALIST PRESIDENT, A PARTLY ISOLATIONIST CONGRESS AND A PATHOLOGICAL FEAR OF MILITARY CASUALTIES OVERSEAS. HENCE THE FORMULA PUT TOGETHER IN WASHINGTON TO FOB OFF THE NEW APPLICANTS: A 'PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE' WITH NO SECURITY GUARANTEE. HENCE THE STALLING IDEALS OF NEW APPLICANTS 'PROVING THEIR DEMOCRATIC CREDENTIALS', OF NATO BECOMING A UNITED SERVICES CLUB FOR MILITARY CO-UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 11 LONDON 00554

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OPERATION AND BONHOMIE, EMBRACING EVEN RUSSIA. THIS IS LIKE SAYING TO A SINKING SHIP THAT IT CAN HAVE A LIFEBOAT ONLY IF IT MAKES IT FIRST TO PORT. THIS IS NOT THE NATO THAT LITHUANIA WANTS TO JOIN. IT WANTS NATO'S TERRITORIAL GUARANTEE AT ITS SHOULDER NOW."

THE SAME PAPER EDITORIALIZED:

"NATO'S THREATS AGAINST THE BOSNIAN SERBS HAVE LONG FAILED TO CONVINCE. THUS THEY HAVE ALSO FAILED, DISMALLY, TO DETER. THE LEADERS OF NATO STATES, IN A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN BRUSSELS YESTERDAY, REAFFIRMED THEIR 'READINESS TO CARRY OUT AIR STRIKES IF NECESSARY'. VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL TO THE ONE ISSUED LAST AUGUST, IT IS HARDLY THE MOTHER OF ALL THREATS. ITS TIMOROUS SCALE AND UNIMAGINATIVE CONTOURS MARK ONCE MORE THE SHABBINESS OF NATO'S POLICY ON BOSNIA. ... ANY ACTION NOW, HOWEVER EFFECTIVE AND COMMITTED, WILL BE SEVERAL THOUSAND LIVES TOO LATE. THAT, HOWEVER, SHOULD NOT EXCUSE FURTHER PUSILLANIMITY.

"FRUSTRATION WAS EVIDENT IN PRESIDENT CLINTON'S LANGUAGE ON THE MATTER AT THE NATO SUMMIT. ... (IT WAS) A STINGING REBUKE TO EUROPE'S LEADERS. IT IS CRITICISM THAT THEY RICHLY DESERVE. THEIR THREATS TO USE FORCE HAVE DEGENERATED TO THE LEVEL OF PURE RHETORIC, OF EMPTY SABER-RATTLING, DEVOID OF DETERRENT EFFECT AND CREDIBILITY. THE SERBS KNOW THIS, AS THEY POUND SARAJEVO DAILY, AND MERCILESSLY. THE CROATS KNOW THIS, TOO. AND MOST DAMNINGLY, THE BOSNIAN GOVERNMENT HAS LONG SINCE LOST HOPE. THIS EXPLAINS IN PART ITS DETERMINATION TO GAMBLE EVERYTHING ON RENEWED MILITARY OFFENSIVES AGAINST THE INCREASINGLY VULNERABLE CROATS. IT IS TIRED OF PROMISES AND EXPRESSIONS OF SOLIDARITY.

"MR CLINTON SPOKE HIS MIND AND HE MUST BE CONGRATULATED FOR THAT. IF IT MEANS AN END TO VACUOUS RHETORIC, THEN SOME GOOD, AND SOME TRUTH, MIGHT BE SAID TO HAVE EMERGED FROM THE NATO SUMMIT."

WRITING IN THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN, FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMENTATOR MARTIN WOOLLACOTT COMMENTED:

"THE CONJUNCTION OF THE UKRAINE DEAL AND THE PARTNERSHIP PROPOSALS IS PARTICULARLY IRONIC. EVER SINCE THE SOVIET UNCLAS SECTION 08 OF 11 LONDON 00554

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UNION BROKE UP, IT HAS BEEN AN EMINENTLY WORTHWHILE OBJECT OF AMERICAN POLICY TO PERSUADE ALL THE SUCCESSOR STATES EXCEPT RUSSIA TO GIVE UP THEIR NUCLEAR WEAPONS. IF THE UKRAINE DEAL IS NOT UPSET BY LOCAL EXTREMISTS, THAT HAS NOW BEEN ACHIEVED. ... YET IN THE LIGHT OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE PROPOSALS WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? IN EFFECT THE TWO TAKEN TOGETHER CONSIGN THE UKRAINE, AND BY EXTENSION MOST OR ALL STATES OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION, TO A RUSSIAN BLOC WHILE NOT IN ANY CERTAIN WAY GATHERING IN THE EAST EUROPEANS TO THE WEST. THIS IS THE PROBLEM WITH THE ARGUMENT FOR A CAUTIOUS NATO AND EU APPROACH TO THE EAST EUROPEANS. IT IGNORES THE FACT THAT RIGHTLY OR WRONG THERE ALREADY IS A RUSSIAN BLOC, A RUSSIAN SPHERE, WANTED BY THE RUSSIANS AND ALREADY CONCEDED BY THE AMERICANS, AND THAT THE QUESTION IS WHAT IS IN IT AND WHAT IS NOT."

ON BOSNIA, WOOLLACOTT WROTE:

"CAN IT BE THAT SOMETHING, FINALLY, IS ABOUT TO BE DONE, BY NATO, WORKING TOGETHER, IN BOSNIA? UNHAPPILY, THE

THREAT OF AIR STRIKES WHICH WAS REVIVED IN BRUSSELS IS NOT A POLICY OR EVEN PART OF A POLICY. IT IS THE PRODUCT, AGAIN, OF THE FRENCH DETERMINATION TO DISPLAY LEADERSHIP IN EUROPE, AND TO SATISFY A FRENCH PUBLIC OPINION WHICH HAS LATELY BECOME MORE INTERVENTIONIST. THE BRITISH HAVE JOINED IN FOR TACTICAL REASONS. ... AIR STRIKES WOULD ONLY BE GENUINELY WORTHWHILE IF THEY WERE PART OF A LARGER INTERVENTION, NOW AN EXCEEDINGLY REMOTE POSSIBILITY. "

THE SAME PAPER EDITORIALIZED:

"TO MOSCOW FROM BRUSSELS VIA PRAGUE, PRESIDENT CLINTON IS BUSILY SAYING THE RIGHT THINGS. ... BEHIND THE FLOURISHES OF VERBAL INTENT, THE REALITY IS RATHER HARDER TO DETECT. ... THE TRUTH IS THAT, IN EUROPE'S UNCERTAIN STATE OF TRANSITION, THE ORGANIZATION (NATO) CAN HARDLY PRETEND TO OFFER ANY GREATER CERTAINTY. THE U.S. FORCES IN EUROPE CAN NO LONGER HAVE THE CLEAR ROLE ASSIGNED TO THEM BY ITS PREVIOUS DIVISION. MR CLINTON, UNLIKE HIS PREDECESSORS, IS ONLY TOO HAPPY TO ENDORSE MILITARY CO-OPERATION, SUCH AS THE PROPOSED NATO JOINT TASK FORCES, BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN ALLIES. IT IS A SIGN OF CHANGED TIMES THAT CHANCELLOR KOHL SHOULD EXPRESS HIS GRATITUDE

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FOR AN ATTITUDE WHICH REALLY HIGHLIGHTS THE U.S.'S GROWING DETACHMENT FROM EUROPE. ..

"THE SHOW MOVES TO MOSCOW WHERE MR CLINTON'S DIFFICULTIES ARE CONSIDERABLY GREATER THAN THEY WERE IN BRUSSELS. HIS ENCOUNTER WITH MR YELTSIN CAN HARDLY BE TERMED A 'SUMMIT' -- AND NOT JUST BECAUSE OF THE LOSS OR EROSION OF SUPERPOWER STATUS. SUCH MEETINGS ARE NO LONGER A VANTAGE-POINT FROM WHICH TO SURVEY THE WORLD, BUT JUST ANOTHER MUNDANE ENCOUNTER. THE ONLY TANGIBLE ACHIEVEMENT TO TIE UP IS THE AGREEMENT ON REMOVING UKRAINE'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS, YET THAT IS STILL SUBJECT TO THE PARLIAMENT IN KIEV. NO LONGER ADVERSARIES, NEITHER LEADER WOULD HOWEVER BE WISE TO EMBRACE THE OTHER TOO WARMLY. THE U.S. CANNOT REMAKE RUSSIA IN ITS OWN IMAGE AS WEST GERMANY HAS DONE -- AT A HIGH PRICE -- WITH THE EAST. A REASONABLE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL NO DOUBT HELP REASSURE THE REST OF EUROPE; BUT IT IS BEST SECURED ON THE BASIS OF MODEST EXPECTATIONS."

IN THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES, COLUMNIST IAN DAVIDSON OPINED:

"IN THEORY THIS WEEK'S NATO SUMMIT IN BRUSSELS HAS BREATHED NEW LIFE INTO THE ORGANIZATION. IN FACT, THE EUROPEAN ALLIES HAVE NOW BEEN GIVEN NOTICE THAT THE U.S., DOES NOT INTEND, EITHER IN NATO OR IN ANY OTHER WAY, TO TAKE ANY SIGNIFICANT LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITY WHICH WOULD GET IT BOGGED DOWN IN EUROPE'S NEW SECURITY UNCERTAINTIES. ...

"PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON SAID IN A SPEECH ON HIS ARRIVAL IN BRUSSELS ON SUNDAY: 'WE CANNOT AFFORD ... TO DRAW A NEW LINE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST THAT COULD CREATE A SELF-FULFILLING PROPHECY OF CONFRONTATION.' THIS SOUNDS STATESMANLIKE. WHAT IT MEANS IN PLAIN ENGLISH IS THAT WASHINGTON HAS DECIDED THAT RUSSIA NOT ONLY TAKES PRIORITY OVER EASTERN EUROPE, BUT THAT IT HAS AN EFFECTIVE VETO OVER U.S. LINKS WITH EASTERN EUROPE. FROM THE LEADER OF THE WESTERN WORLD, THIS IS HARDLY BOLD, CONSIDERING THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR DEMOCRATIC AND MARKET REFORM ARE MODERATELY GOOD IN EASTERN EUROPE AND GETTING BETTER, BUT DIRE IN RUSSIA AND RAPIDLY GETTING WORSE. 'THE FACT IS THAT THERE IS NO WAY THAT ANY RATIONAL U.S. UNCLAS SECTION 10 OF 11 LONDON 00554

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SENATE WILL AGREE TO GIVE EASTERN EUROPE AN AMERICAN SECURITY GUARANTEE, AT A TIME WHEN THE U.S. IS FAST RUNNING DOWN ITS FORCES IN WESTERN EUROPE. FOR MR CLINTON TO GUARANTEE 100,000 TROOPS IN WESTERN EUROPE SOUNDS GOOD: BUT IT IS NOTHING LIKE GOOD ENOUGH IF THE TROOPS ARE MEANT TO BACK UP AN ADDITIONAL NUCLEAR GUARANTEE TO POLAND, HUNGARY AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC IF RUSSIA IS EVEN POTENTIALLY EXPANSIONIST. AND THE MORE THE EAST EUROPEANS NEED SUCH A GUARANTEE, THE LESS THEIR CHANCE OF GETTING IT. ...

"THE AMERICANS IMPLY AIRILY THAT NATO MAY ONE DAY BE ENLARGED, DEPENDING ON HOW THE EAST EUROPEANS RESPOND TO THE 'PARTNERSHIP' PLAN: IF THEY GETS LOTS OF PRACTICE AT JOINT MILITARY EXERCISES, THEY WILL HAVE EARNED THEIR NATO STRIPES. THIS IS HOOEY. THE ESSENTIAL CONDITION FOR NATO ENLARGEMENT IS THAT RUSSIA MUST FIRST ESTABLISH A RECORD AS A PEACEFUL AND STABLE MARKET ECONOMY. AT THAT POINT, ANYBODY CAN JOIN NATO, BECAUSE IT WILL NO

LONGER MATTER WHETHER THE ORGANIZATION IS WOUND UP, OR CONVERTED INSTEAD INTO A KNITTING CIRCLE. ...

"THE NEW U.S. POLICY IN A NUTSHELL (IS): NOT ONLY IS YUGOSLAVIA EUROPE'S PROBLEM, BUT SO, TOO, IS THE SECURITY OF EASTERN EUROPE; AND IT ALL DEPENDS ON EUROPE'S INTEGRATION."

THE SAME PAPER COMMENTED IN A SEPARATE ITEM:

"THERE ARE THREE QUESTION MARKS (ABOUT U.S. POLICY). FIRST, U.S. EFFORTS TO REDISTRIBUTE THE BURDEN OF DEFENSE IN EUROPE COULD EASILY BE MISINTERPRETED AS DISENGAGEMENT. SECOND, A DISTINCT EUROPEAN 'DEFENSE IDENTITY' WILL AMOUNT TO NOTHING IF THE EUROPEANS THEMSELVES CANNOT MUSTER THE POLITICAL WILL TO ACT, AS THE DIVISIONS OVER THE WISDOM OF FUTURE ACTION IN BOSNIA ONCE AGAIN SHOWED THIS WEEK. THIRD, AND MORE BROADLY, IT IS UNCLEAR WHAT THE ADMINISTRATION'S CALL FOR GREATER POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND MILITARY INTEGRATION IN EUROPE, INCLUDING RUSSIA, MEANS IN PRACTICE."

ON THE SUBJECT OF UKRAINE, THE SAME PAPER EDITORIALIZED: "UKRAINIANS WOULD BE FOOLISH INDEED IF THEY IMAGINE THAT THE INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY OF THEIR NEW STATE CAN BE UNCLAS SECTION 11 OF 11 LONDON 00554

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EFFECTIVELY SECURED EITHER BY NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR BY CAREFULLY WORDED WESTERN GUARANTEES, OR INDEED BY WESTERN FINANCIAL AID. SUCH THINGS CAN ONLY BE COMPLEMENTS TO ANY NATION'S SECURITY. THE FIRST PREREQUISITE IS A UNITED PEOPLE, CONFIDENT OF ITS NATIONAL IDENTITY AND GENERATING THE RESOURCES TO DEFEND IT."

ON BOSNIA, THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH EDITORIALIZED:

"THE NATO DECLARATION MERELY THREATENS AIR STRIKES. IT OMITS TO MENTION THAT A TOUGHER POLICY WOULD ALSO REQUIRE REINFORCEMENTS ON THE GROUND. IF THE UN IS TO USE TUZLA AIRPORT, OPEN THE ROAD FROM MOSTAR TO SARAJEVO AND ASSURE ACCESS TO THE MUSLIM ENCLAVES IN EASTERN BOSNIA, IT MUST BE PREPARED NOT MERELY TO MAKE AN ARMED DEMONSTRATION, BUT ALSO TO PROTECT AREAS WHICH HAVE BEEN SECURED. THE WORST COURSE WOULD BE FOR NATO, ACTING FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL, TO MAKE A ONE-OFF GESTURE WITHOUT ANY INTENTION OF FOLLOWING UP. THE ALLIANCE MUST PURSUE A COHERENT PLAN FOR RELIVING THOSE AREAS MOST AT RISK FROM THE

FIGHTING."

THE CONSERVATIVE TABLOID DAILY MAIL EDITORIALIZED:

"FOR ALL PRESIDENT CLINTON'S FINE PHRASES ABOUT
'PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE', THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE UNDER HIS
LEADERSHIP STILL DITHERS BETWEEN APPEASING RUSSIA AND
OFFERING SECURITY TO THE EMERGING DEMOCRACIES OF EASTERN
EUROPE. FOUR VOLATILE YEARS AFTER THE END OF THE COLD
WAR, NATO STILL MARKS TIME. NOT VERY REASSURING.
"BUT \$12 BILLION OF U.S. MONEY DOES AT LAST SEEM TO HAVE
PERSUADED THAT DISASTER ZONE, UKRAINE, TO PART UP WITH
ITS 1,800 NUCLEAR MISSILES. FOR THAT AT LEAST -- DESPITE
STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN LONDON AND WASHINGTON -- WE
CAN SINCERELY SAY 'GOD BLESS AMERICA AND DOLLAR
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NATO SUMMIT. ZDF TV (NATIONAL CHANNEL TWO), IN ITS EARLY EVENING NEWSCAST HEUTE, OPENED WITH THE CONCLUSION OF THE NATO SUMMIT, THE RENEWED SHELLING OF SARAJEVO, AND THE TWO PERCENT WAGE INCREASE IN CHEMICAL INDUSTRY.

B. NATO: BRUSSELS SUMMIT

1. MASS-CIRCULATION RIGHT-OF-CENTER BILD ZEITUNG CARRIES AN EDITORIAL BY DEFENSE MINISTER VOLKER RUEHE UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"NATO SUMMIT: WE MUST NOT EXCLUDE ANYBODY."

"THE NATO SUMMIT WAS A MAJOR SUCCESS. AMERICA REITERATED ITS COMMITMENT TO EUROPEAN SECURITY IN AN IMPRESSIVE MANNER. THE ALLIANCE DECIDED ON THE NECESSARY STEPS FOR REFORM. AMERICA RECOGNIZED THE EUROPEAN UNION AS AN INDEPENDENT PARTNER IN THE ALLIANCE. THE ALLIANCE OPENED UP CLEAR PERSPECTIVES FOR AN ACCESSION OF OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE EAST. ON THE ROAD TO THIS ACCESSION, THE 'PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE' PAVES THE WAY FOR IMMEDIATE CLOSER COOPERATION THAT DOES NOT EXCLUDE ANYBODY. IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF OUR COUNTRY THAT DEMOCRACY AND PROSPERITY, THAT NATO AND THE EU DO NOT END AT GERMANY'S EASTERN BORDER. NATO'S OPENING TOWARD THE EAST MEANS

GREATER STABILITY FOR ALL OF EUROPE."

2. RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE CARRIES A FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL BY KARL FELDMAYER UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"APPROPRIATE DECISION."

"NATO IS SERIOUS ABOUT ITS ANNOUNCED INTENTIONS TO DEVELOP OVERALL EUROPEAN SECURITY STRUCTURES AND INCLUDE YESTERDAY'S OPPONENTS. WHAT WE ARE OBSERVING HAS A DIFFERENT QUALITY THAN OCCASIONAL COOPERATION IN THE UN FRAMEWORK. NATO'S INTENTION TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH EACH PARTNER STATE...OFFERS ADDITIONAL POSSIBILITIES OF TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF EACH STATE.

"ALL THIS HAS IMPLICATIONS FOR EUROPEAN SECURITY. THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN HONORED TO THE EXTENT THAT NATO WOULD LIKE TO SEE, IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT MANY GOVERNMENTS, TO WHICH THIS OFFER HAS BEEN EXTENDED, VIEW IT AS MERELY A CONSOLATION PRIZE AND HAVE PROBLEMS HIDING THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT ABOUT NOT BEING ABLE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF NATO IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, THUS HAVING TO DO WITHOUT THE PROTECTION OF THE ALLIED ASSISTANCE GUARANTEE.... BUT A COMMITMENT TO RENDERING ASSISTANCE MUST NOT BECOME AN EMPTY PROMISE, THUS PUTTING NATO'S CREDIBILITY AT RISK.... WITHOUT CONSIDERATION FOR RUSSIA'S INTERESTS AND WITHOUT RUSSIA'S INCLUSION IN A UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 08 BONN GE 00817

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EUROPEAN SECURITY SYSTEM, THERE CAN BE NO SECURITY FOR THE VERY COUNTRIES WHICH ARE CURRENTLY MISSING IT THE MOST: RUSSIA'S IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS.

"THE CHANCE OF CREATING A SECURITY SYSTEM THAT IS STABLE BECAUSE IT IS BASED ON A BALANCING OF INTERESTS OF ALL COUNTRIES ON THE CONTINENT DOES NOT COME ALONG VERY OFTEN. THIS IS WHY IT MUST NOT BE WASTED. NATO IS RIGHT TO TRY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY. IF IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE, RUSSIA MUST BE TIED INTO WESTERN POLITICS. THIS IS THE OBJECTIVE OF 'PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE' SINCE IT IS OPEN NOT ONLY TO COUNTRIES WHICH ARE AFRAID OF RUSSIA REGRESSING TO A HEGEMONIC POLICY, BUT TO RUSSIA AS WELL. IF MOSCOW PARTICIPATED IN THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE LIKE THE NATO COOPERATION COUNCIL, THIS WOULD CONSTITUTE A FIRST STEP TOWARD MILITARY COOPERATION AND THUS AN OVERALL EUROPEAN SECURITY SYSTEM.

"NOT ONLY THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE INTERESTED IN THIS, BUT ALSO THE UNITED STATES. AMERICA AND ITS ALLIES DEMONSTRATED WITH THEIR PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO TAKE RUSSIA'S WISHES AND INTERESTS INTO ACCOUNT - IN ORDER TO BOLSTER YELTSIN'S SUCCESS. FOR

EUROPEAN SECURITY, THE SUCCESS OF DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN RUSSIA IS OF GREATER SIGNIFICANCE THAN NATO'S EXPANSION TO THE EAST. HOWEVER, IF THE REFORMERS IN MOSCOW WERE TO FAIL, THE NEXT NATO SUMMIT WOULD BE FACING SOME TOUGH DECISIONS. BUT AT LEAST NATO WOULD THEN NOT HAVE TO BLAME ITSELF FOR HAVING SQUANDERED THE OPPORTUNITY OF BUILDING A EUROPEAN SECURITY SYSTEM TOGETHER WITH RUSSIA."

3. RIGHT-OF-CENTER DIE WELT OF BERLIN CARRIES AN EDITORIAL BY HERBERT KREMP UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"AS FAR AS (OUR) WILL WILL TAKE US."

"ONE CAN CONSIDER THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE AN ACHIEVEMENT OF THE ALLIANCE AND A RUSSIAN SUCCESS, DEPENDING ON ONE'S VIEWPOINT, LOCATION AND PROXIMITY OR DISTANCE TO THE EAST...." REFERRING TO UKRAINE AS A VICTIM, BOWING TO RUSSIAN PRESSURE IN THE FORM OF RATIONED ENERGY SUPPLIES, THE WEST'S FAILURE TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WAR IN BOSNIA, AND ITS FAILURE TO ADDRESS A POSSIBLE NATO EXPANSION TO THE NORTH (SEE FINLAND), KREMP GOES ON TO SAY: "THE BALTIC COUNTRIES CONTINUE TO REMAIN UNDER PRESSURE, POLAND IS DISAPPOINTED AND SLOVAKIA WAS NOT EVEN MENTIONED AS A PARTNERSHIP COUNTRY. WHEN IN MOSCOW, CLINTON WILL BE ASKED WHAT THE AGREEMENTS TO BE CONCLUDED WITH NATO MEAN IN REALITY.... SINCE RUSSIA WAS SUCCESSFUL WITH ITS VETO, IT WILL SOON SEEK FURTHER SUCCESSES IN NARROWING DOWN THE DEFINITION OF THE NEW PARTNERSHIPS.

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"THE QUESTION IS TO WHAT EXTENT MUTUAL WILL AND UNDERSTANDING ARE DEVELOPED TO NOT ONLY 'OPEN' THE ALLIANCE TO THE EAST...BUT TO ACTUALLY INCLUDE IT IN THE WESTERN SECURITY STRUCTURE. IF U.S. POLICY - AS IT GIVES THE IMPRESSION - 'DOES EVERYTHING' TO HELP THE PRESSURED YELTSIN, IT WILL HAVE TO ACCEPT THE 'PATIENT' DICTATING 'ALMOST EVERYTHING' (TO THE WEST) SINCE HE CAN REFER TO POSSIBLE RISKS TO HIS HEALTH DURING EVERY OF THE WEST'S MOVES....

"IF CLINTON SENT A SIGNAL, IT WAS NOT DIRECTED TO THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES BETWEEN THE ALLIANCE AND RUSSIA, BUT TO THE RUSSIANS AND THE WEST EUROPEANS: IN BRUSSELS, THE PRESIDENT GAVE A FIRST ANSWER TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: WILL THE U.S. REMAIN THE LEADING POWER IN EUROPE? WILL IT BE CAPABLE OF PUTTING UP THE MEANS THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR THIS ENGAGEMENT IN THE FUTURE AS WELL - POLITICALLY AND MILITARILY? CLINTON VOTED 'YES' AFTER ONE YEAR OF A DOMESTIC PRESIDENCY: YES, THE AMERICANS

WILL STAY, THEY WILL MAINTAIN 100,000 TROOPS. THESE TROOPS ARE, AS CLINTON SAID, 'NATURALLY ALSO' A RESERVE INTERVENTION FORCE IN THE CASE OF CRISIS NEAR EUROPE (FORWARD DEPLOYMENT). BUT THEY ARE STAYING IN EUROPE. MOSCOW WILL INTERPRET THIS CORRECTLY. THE SOVIET UNION HAD TO VACATE ITS FORWARD POSITION, WHILE THE U.S. DOES NOT. AFTER ALL, SOME CLASS DIFFERENCES MUST REMAIN.

"THIS, HOWEVER, DOES NOT MEAN THAT AMERICA'S POLICY TOWARD EUROPE HAS BEEN THOUGHT OUT TO THE END. MORE THAN EVER BEFORE, ENGAGEMENTS RATHER HINGE ON THE INTERNAL STATE OF THE COUNTRY AND THE PERSONAL STYLE OF THE PRESIDENT. BUSH WANTED TO LEAD AND WAS THUS SKEPTICAL OF THE WEU.... WITH CLINTON, A MINOR CONSENSUS WAS FOUND. IF THE WEU EVER WANTED TO DO ANYTHING, IT COULD USE CERTAIN GENERAL STAFFS AND HEADQUARTERS OF NATO. PLEASE DO - THIS CONSENSUS HAS AN IRONIC RING TO IT. THE AMERICANS WILL MAINTAIN A MILITARY PRESENCE IN GERMANY. THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR A COUNTRY THAT HAS BECOME INSECURE. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, THE OUTCOME OF THE NATO CONFERENCE DOES NOT MEAN A VICTORY BUT RATHER A SEMI-DEFEAT FOR THE GERMAN SIDE. THE U.S. IS STRANGLING THE SCOPE OF ACTION OF GERMAN POLICY TOWARDS THE EAST. THE EU STRING IS FOLLOWED BY THE NATO STRING.

"RUEHE WAS BASICALLY ON HIS OWN WHEN HE IMAGINED A GERMANY SURROUNDED BY NATO COUNTRIES ('FRIENDS') AND ADVOCATED AN EXPANSION OF THE ALLIANCE AND ITS SECURITY GUARANTEES. AS FACTUALLY STRONGEST EUROPEAN ALLIANCE STATE, GERMANY WOULD HAVE GAINED GREATER INFLUENCE. IN AN UNMISTAKABLE SENSE, HOWEVER: EASTERN CENTRAL EUROPE IS THE NEIGHBORING REGION, WHILE THE SECURITY VACUUM IN UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 08 BONN GE 00817

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FACT BEGINS ALREADY ON THE TERRITORY OF THE FORMER GDR. AT ISSUE ARE INTERESTS. THE OTHERS DISAGREED WITH RUEHE. RUEHE IS NOT KOHL AND KOHL IS NOT NECESSARILY BEHIND RUEHE AND HIS BOLDER CONCEPT OF CENTRAL EUROPE."

4. LEFT-OF-CENTER DIE TAGESZEITUNG OF BERLIN CARRIES AN EDITORIAL BY WALTHER STUETZLE UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"RISKY CAUTIOUSNESS."

"THE DOOR TO CENTRAL EASTERN EUROPE HAS BEEN OPENED A CRACK. BUT THE FARSIGHTEDNESS TO MAKE A WHOLE STEP TOWARD A NEW, GENUINELY EUROPEAN-AMERICAN ALLIANCE WAS MISSING. NOT ONLY THE JUSTIFIED WISHES OF VACLAV HAVEL, LECH WALES AND ARPAD GONCZ OF PLACING THEIR COUNTRIES QUICKLY AND IN ONE SWIFT MOVE UNDER NATO'S ROOF FELL BY THE WAYSIDE, THE INTERESTS OF WESTERN EUROPE, TOO, WERE

SHORTCHANGED. BECAUSE IT IS A MISTAKE TO CONSIDER NATO'S EXPANSION TO THE EAST AS ASKING FOR A SACRIFICE FROM THE WEST. IN REALITY, THIS MOVE WOULD SERVE WESTERN INTERESTS AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE CANDIDATES FOR ACCESSION.... IF THE WEST IS SERIOUS ABOUT PROTECTING THE YOUNG DEMOCRACIES, IT MUST BE READY TO TAKE THE LITMUS TEST.... IT IS LESS RISKY TO PROTECT A THREATENED ALLIANCE PARTNER THAN TO SAFEGUARD A NON-MEMBER FROM DANGER.... THE DECISION TO OPT INSTEAD FOR A PROMISE THAT IS VAGUE AND OPEN TO ALL KINDS OF INTERPRETATIONS COULD COME BACK TO HAUNT NATO ONE DAY....

"BUT THE POSITIVE RESULTS, TOO, SHOULD NOT BE IGNORED. NORTH AMERICA, MEANING INCLUDING CANADA, COMMITTED ITSELF ONCE AGAIN AND IN AN UNMISTAKABLE FASHION TO ITS INTERESTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR EUROPE. PRESIDENT CLINTON MADE EXPRESSLY CLEAR THAT MILITARY STRENGTH AND COOPERATION ARE THE 'FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT' OF AMERICA'S SECURITY TIES WITH EUROPE. THIS TONE MAY FALL SHORT OF THE EXPECTATIONS THAT HAD BEEN HARBORED SINCE THE END OF THE COLD WAR, BUT IT DOES JUSTICE TO A REALITY THAT IS CHARACTERIZED BY GENOCIDE IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA AS WELL AS LUNATIC STATEMENTS BY A VLADIMIR ZHIRINOVSKY. IN ADDITION TO THIS, THE U.S. PROVIDED THE WESTERN EUROPEANS ONCE AGAIN WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW UNDER THE U.S. PROTECTIVE UMBRELLA FROM AN DEPENDENT ALLY INTO A PARTNER OF AMERICA, MEANING A FINAL BUNDLING OF EUROPEAN DIVERSITY INTO POLITICAL UNITY."

C. U.S.-EUROPE: CLINTON TOUR

1. WOLFGANG KREMER SPOKE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTARY ON HESSISCHER RUNDfunk:

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"AFTER THIS SUMMIT, NATO SEEMS TO BE ON ITS WAY TO A NEW FUTURE. AND AMERICAN PRESIDENT CLINTON PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THIS UNSPECTACULAR BUT POLITICALLY IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT. DURING HIS FIRST VISIT TO EUROPE, HE MANAGED TO GIVE HIS EUROPEAN ALLIES, DESPERATELY SEEKING ORIENTATION, CERTAINTY AND DIRECTION. HE DID THIS PARTLY BY LENDING NEW IMPETUS TO TRANSATLANTIC LINKS WITHIN THE ALLIANCE BY CONFIRMING A CONSIDERABLE AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE OF 100,000 MEN IN EUROPE. AND IN THE VEXED QUESTION OF YUGOSLAVIA, HE FIRMLY TOOK THE SIDE OF HIS VACILLATING PARTNERS IN SPITE OF ALL THE MISGIVINGS. IN SUMMARY, ONE CAN CERTAINLY SAY THAT THE SUMMIT IN BRUSSELS WAS A SUCCESS."

2. ERICH HAUSER, BRUSSELS CORRESPONDENT, CONTRIBUTES THE FOLLOWING PIECE TO LEFT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU, CENTRIST GENERAL-ANZEIGER OF BONN AND CENTRIST WESTDEUTSCHE ALLGEMEINE OF ESSEN:

"RELAXED AFTER A SUMMIT WITH NO TENSION."

"WHEN AIR FORCE ONE TOOK OFF FROM BRUSSELS AIRPORT AND HEADED FOR PRAGUE WITH BILL CLINTON AND 79 WHITE HOUSE ADVISORS ABOARD, THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT HAD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT HE HAD MADE A PEACEFUL 'CONQUEST' WITH HIS LIGHTNING TOUR THROUGH EUROPE. THE GAINS ON THE DOMESTIC FRONT SEEMED CERTAIN.... AFTER THIS SUMMIT, NOBODY IN NORTH AMERICA OR EUROPE WILL SERIOUSLY ASK WHY THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE STILL EXISTS. THE OFFER OF 'PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE...' HAS BEEN GIVEN TEETH BY CLINTON'S UNDERTAKING TO KEEP AT LEAST 100,000 GIs IN EUROPE IN FUTURE. THE UNOFFICIAL, DIPLOMATIC FORMULATION IN BRUSSELS WAS THAT MOSCOW'S WESTERN NEIGHBORS - UNSETTLED BY THE RUSSIAN CHAUVINIST ZHIRINOVSKY - COULD 'WORK THEIR WAY INTO NATO VIA POLITICAL-MILITARY COOPERATION.' EVEN IF IT DOES NOT PUT A BRAKE ON AGGRESSIVE FORCES, THE EXPANSION OF THE ALLIANCE COULD SEND A WARNING SIGNAL.

"MOREOVER, CHANCELLOR KOHL SPOKE OF A NEW 'COMRADELY ATMOSPHERE' FOLLOWING CLINTON'S FIRST MEETING WITH THE ALLIANCE CHIEFS. THE FACT THAT WASHINGTON REGARDED EUROPE'S EFFORTS TO ATTAIN INDEPENDENCE IN SECURITY AS POTENTIALLY UNDERMINING THE ALLIANCE WAS A CONSTANT CLOUD OVER RELATIONS BETWEEN CLINTON'S PREDECESSOR BUSH AND THE EUROPEAN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT. THE NEW PRESIDENT OF A 'DIFFERENT GENERATION' (KOHL) OPENLY SUPPORTED 'EUROPEAN INTEGRATION.' AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE 'VIETNAM GENERATION,' CLINTON NO LONGER WANTS TO SEE THE U.S. INVOLVED IN EVERY EUROPEAN CONFLICT.... THE SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE WILL STRENGTHEN RATHER THAN WEAKEN THE ALLIANCE.... IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE WHEN THE EU UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 08 BONN GE 00817

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TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THE NEW POSSIBILITIES IN NATO.... ARE SUMMIT MEETINGS NECESSARY WHEN EVERYTHING HAS ALREADY BEEN ARRANGED IN PREPARATORY TALKS AT DIPLOMATIC LEVEL? YES: IN THIS AGE OF MEDIA OVERKILL, IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE POLITICAL LANDSCAPE ARE HARDLY NOTICED BY THE ORDINARY PEOPLE OTHERWISE."

3. DETLEF PUHL MAKES THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS IN CENTRIST STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG AND DER TAGESSPIEGEL OF BERLIN UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"A RELAXED PRESIDENT MAKES THE MOST OF HIS TALENTS."

"THE YOUNG AMERICAN PRESIDENT, WHO HAD WAITED ALMOST EXACTLY A YEAR BEFORE VISITING EUROPE FOR THE FIRST TIME, MADE A GREAT IMPRESSION ON EVEN THE MOST HARDENED OF CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS. HE SKILLFULLY USED THE FORUM TO DEMONSTRATE STRENGTH OF LEADERSHIP. THE OFFER OF A 'PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE' WHICH HIS COLLEAGUES GAVE THEIR BLESSING TO WAS HIS PROJECT. HE WAS EASILY ABLE TO BOW TO FRENCH PRESSURE ON BOSNIA, SINCE HE HAD HIMSELF FELT IMPEDED BY HIS EUROPEAN ALLIANCE PARTNERS LAST AUGUST. NOW THEY HAVE COME OVER TO HIS WAY OF THINKING, AT LEAST WITH REGARD TO THE THREAT OF AIR STRIKES. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, HE WAS ABLE TO CELEBRATE THE AGREEMENT WITH UKRAINE ON THE TOTAL SCRAPPING OF ITS NUCLEAR WEAPONS AS A SUCCESS FOR HIS POLICY OF PARTNERSHIP. THERE IS NO DOUBT - AT THIS, THE FIRST SUMMIT FOR THE NEW BOSS IN THE WHITE HOUSE, BILL CLINTON PRESENTED HIMSELF AS THE UNDISPUTED NUMBER ONE IN THE ALLIANCE."

3. BUSINESS NEWSPAPER HANDELSBLATT OF DUESSELDORF CARRIES AN EDITORIAL BY EBERHARD WISDORFF UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"FRESH ACCENTS."

"WITH HIS BELATED THREE-DAY VISIT TO BRUSSELS, PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS TURNED HIS ATTENTION TO THE DISAPPOINTED EUROPEANS AFTER ALL. THE LATTER HAD BELIEVED THAT THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP IN WASHINGTON HAD SHIFTED U.S. FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES TO ASIA AND THE PACIFIC. THIS IMPRESSION WAS PARTICULARLY STRONG PRIOR TO THE FINAL PHASE OF THE URUGUAY ROUND, WHEN OUR PARTNERS ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC WERE PRIMARILY PREOCCUPIED WITH BUILDING UP NAFTA. ONLY WHEN THIS HAD BEEN SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED DID WASHINGTON DEVOTE MORE ATTENTION TO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION, SUCCESS IN WHICH PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN ACHIEVING NEW RULES FOR WORLD TRADE...."

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POLICY LAID DOWN IN THE MAASTRICHT TREATY FOUND CONCRETE EXPRESSION AT THE NATO SUMMIT. AFTER MANY YEARS OF AMERICAN OBJECTIONS TO EUROPEAN EFFORTS TO DEVELOP AN INDEPENDENT SECURITY IDENTITY AND ENHANCE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WEU, THE PROVISION OF NATO CAPACITIES HAS CREATED A FRAMEWORK WHICH WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WEU INTO THE ARMED WING OF THE EU TO PROCEED AS ENVISAGED IN THE MAASTRICHT TREATY.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, WITH ITS CONCEPT FOR EASTERN EUROPE AND A 'PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE,' WASHINGTON HAS RE-EMPHASIZED ITS CLAIM TO LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE ALLIANCE. FROM CLINTON'S POINT OF VIEW, HIS VISIT TO BRUSSELS WAS A SUCCESS. WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT HIS BELATED INTEREST IN EUROPE, WHOSE POLITICAL STRUCTURES ARE CHANGING RAPIDLY, IS NOT MERELY TEMPORARY."

4. HORST WILLI SCHORS COMMENTS IN CENTRIST KOELNER STADT-ANZEIGER UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"TIPS FOR CLINTON'S TRIP EAST."

"THE GOOD ATMOSPHERE WAS FOSTERED BY THE FIRST EUROPEAN APPEARANCE OF AMERICAN PRESIDENT CLINTON, WHO WON OVER HIS COLLEAGUES NOT ONLY WITH YOUTHFUL CHARM BUT ALSO SURE-FOOTED KNOWLEDGE OF DETAILED ISSUES AND A SYMPATHETIC ATTITUDE TO EUROPEAN EFFORTS TO EMANCIPATE ITSELF. DIPLOMATS IN BRUSSELS REMARKED THAT ON THIS ISSUE, THEY HAD ENCOUNTERED QUITE DIFFERENT AMERICAN VIEWS.

"DURING THEIR JOINT DINNER, THE EUROPEANS ALSO PROVIDED THEIR AMERICAN GUEST WITH A COUPLE OF TIPS FOR HIS UPCOMING TRIP TO EASTERN EUROPE. THE OLD HANDS SAID ADMIRINGLY THAT THE YOUNG PRESIDENT HAD ALREADY LEARNED A GREAT DEAL ON THE SUBJECT OF 'PSYCHOLOGY' - HE HAD UNDERSTOOD THAT THE RUSSIANS HAD TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY AND TREATED AS A SUPERPOWER, MERELY TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF 'RUSSIAN SENSITIVITIES.' THE MOOD WAS REPORTED TO BE 'COMRADELY.' CLINTON RESPONDED POLITELY BY RETURNING ALL THE COMPLIMENTS.... OVER THE COURSE OF THESE HARMONY-RICH DAYS, THE PROTAGONISTS SEEMED TO HAVE COME SO CLOSE THAT OBSERVERS SAW THEM MELT TOGETHER INTO A SINGLE IDEAL STATESMAN."

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TEXT:

((Text)) U.S. President Bill Clinton gave a working lunch in the U.S. embassy in Prague today for the three-strong delegations of all the four Visegrad group states. Thus a joint meeting of all those who directly participated in the Prague summit took place at an oval table in the embassy's dining room.

Visegrad countries were represented by presidents, prime ministers, and foreign affairs ministers. The presidents were supposed to deliver speeches during the lunch. But according to the instruction of U.S. organizers, they exchanged the written texts of the speeches, and to save time they delivered only their ((speeches)) main thoughts.

Bill Clinton summed up the outcome of the meeting after lunch. Vaclav Havel did the same on behalf of the Visegrad group.

The Czech Republic's highest representatives met their counterparts from Slovakia, Hungary, and Poland this morning.
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SUMMARY

1. ALL HUNGARIAN DAILIES, AS WELL AS STATE TV AND
RADIO, COVERED PRESIDENT CLINTON'S VISIT TO EUROPE FOR
THE BRUSSELS AND PRAGUE SUMMITS. END SUMMARY.

HUNGARIAN TELEVISION

2. STATE-RUN HUNGARIAN TELEVISION'S DAILY EVENING NEWS
PROGRAM "HIRADO" GAVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO THE PRAGUE
AND BRUSSELS SUMMITS. OVERAL THEME: THE US WOULD
WELCOME A UNIFIED, COORDINATED POLICY TOWARDS PFP AMONG
THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES. "HIRADO" QUOTED HUNGARIAN
FOREIGN MINISTER GEZA JESZENSZKY AS SAYING, "THERE ARE
MORE THINGS THAT LINK THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES THAN DIVIDE
US."

HUNGARIAN RADIO

3. HUNGARIAN RADIO'S MAIN POLITICAL AND NEWS CHANNEL, KOSSUTH RADIO, COVERED THE EVENTS EVERY HOUR. ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 12, THEY CARRIED AN INTERVIEW WITH HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER JESZENSZKY REGARDING HIS EXPECTATIONS FOR THE PRAGUE SUMMIT. HE SAID HE EXPECTED NOTHING NEW TO COME OUT OF THE SUMMIT, BECAUSE EVERYTHING HAD BEEN CLARIFIED BY AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT AND GENERAL SHALIKASHVILI DURING THEIR RECENT VISIT TO BUDAPEST. EXCERPTS FROM THIS INTERVIEW WERE ALSO AIRED ON RADIO BRIDGE, AN INDEPENDENT BUDAPEST STATION.

MAI NAP

4. HIGH-CIRCULATION AFTERNOON TABLOID "MAI NAP" JANUARY 11 CARRIED A NEWS STORY ON PAGE 2 TITLED "CLINTON WILL START HIS DAY WITH THE HUNGARIANS." THE DAILY ALSO RAN AN OPINION PIECE ON PAGE 2 HEADED "WHY IS IT OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE?" EXCERPTS FOLLOW: "THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SIGNS TO PROVE THE INERTIA OF THE AMERICANS. FOR EXAMPLE, THEY MANAGED TO INFLUENCE THEIR PARTNERS EASILY. LET US TAKE THE EXAMPLE OF THE AMERICAN INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE. MANY PEOPLE ARGUE THAT NATO WANTS TO CONVINCE THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES TO ACCEPT IT SO THAT IT WILL NOT HAVE TO DEAL WITH STATES EAGER TO JOIN THE ORGANIZATION IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS....NATO AS WELL AS THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES SUPPORT THE INITIATIVE. BUT WHY?....FOR NATO MEMBERS THE REASON IS THAT THEY ARE RELUCTANT TO CONTRADICT THE AMERICANS, ESPECIALLY IF THEY ARE RIGHT: THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES HAVE NOT REACHED THE NECESSARY POLITICAL OR MILITARY LEVEL FOR THEIR ADMITTANCE. WE SAID YES BECAUSE THIS IS OUR ONLY CHOICE....OUR ONLY CHANCE TO BE ADMITTED INTO NATO GOES THROUGH THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE. THE STRONGEST SIDE ALWAYS MAKES THE FINAL DECISION. EVERYTHING ELSE IS OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE.

NEPSZABADSAG

5. HIGHEST-CIRCULATION DAILY "NEPSZABADSAG" (310,000) JANUARY 12 CARRIED A PAGE 1 NEWS STORY TITLED "WASHINGTON SUPPORTS THE JOINT ACTION OF THE VISEGRAD FOUR," SUBTITLED "U.S. - VISEGRAD FOUR NEGOTIATIONS START IN PRAGUE." ARTICLE ACCOMPANIED BY PHOTO OF CLINTON CAPTIONED "CLINTON'S EUROPEAN DEBUT". "NEPSZABADSAG" JANUARY 12 PAGE 3 CARRIED AN OPINION PIECE TITLED "THE STANDARD FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CLUB." BLOCK QUOTES FOLLOW: "CORRESPONDENTS MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT SUMMITS HAVE SUSPECTED THAT SOMETHING OR SOMEONE WOULD STEAL THE SHOW. IT HAS TURNED OUT TO BE UKRAINE. PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE HAS REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT KRAVCHUK ON THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ENTIRE UKRAINIAN NUCLEAR ARSENAL (AND FOR WHICH KIEV WILL RECEIVE 12 BILLION DOLLARS FROM THE WEST) HAS BECOME THE REAL SENSATION OF THE NATO SUMMIT IN BRUSSELS. UNDOUBTEDLY, THE DESTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS HAS GREATER RELEVANCE TO THE SECURITY OF EUROPE

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THAN ANYTHING ELSE ON THE
AGENDA OF THE SUMMIT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BOSNIA OF
COURSE....THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE PROGRAM, ACCEPTED ON
AN AMERICAN INITIATIVE, WILL MAKE THE EXPANSION OF NATO
POSSIBLE. ALTHOUGH IT DOES NOT LAY DOWN GUIDELINES AS TO
WHEN THE FORMER ENEMIES CAN BE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE
OR WHAT CONDITIONS THEY MUST LIVE UP TO, IT OFFERS MUCH
MORE THAN JUST A DIALOGUE AND A LOOSE COOPERATION.
IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTICE THAT, AS SECRETARY GENERAL
WOERNER NOTED, NATO HAS MADE NEITHER A NEGATIVE NOR A
POSITIVE DISTINCTION AMONG THE FORMER WARSAW PACT
COUNTRIES (WHICH WOULD HAVE CREATED NEW BORDERS AND NEW
ENEMIES), BUT THEY ADMITTED THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENCES
AMONG THE APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP. OBVIOUSLY THERE
WILL BE COUNTRIES THAT WILL QUALIFY FOR MEMBERSHIP
SOONER THAN OTHERS. FORTUNATELY, BECAUSE THIS IS THE
CLUB OF DEMOCRATIC STATES, THE STANDARD WILL BE AN
ABILITY TO CREATE A WORKING DEMOCRACY, AND NOT HAVING A
STRONG ARMY EXEMPT FROM DEMOCRATIC CONTROL."

MAGYAR HIRLAP

6. INFLUENTIAL DAILY "MAGYAR HIRLAP" (90,000), THE
PAPER OF THE URBAN INTELLECTUALS, CARRIED A PAGE 1 STORY
JANUARY 12 WITH THE HEADLINE "THERE ARE NO PRIVILEGED
COUNTRIES IN THE PARTNERSHIP." ARTICLE ACCOMPANIED BY
UNCAPTIONED PHOTO OF CLINTON STANDING UNDER THE NATO
LOGO.

"MAGYAR HIRLAP" JANUARY 12 ALSO CARRIED A FRONT-PAGE
ARTICLE TITLED "THE PARTNERSHIP HAS BEEN WORKED OUT AS
THE BEST POSSIBILITY." BLOCK QUOTES FOLLOW:
"FOREIGN MINISTER GEZA JESZENSZKY CONSIDERED THE
DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE HEAD OF U.S. DIPLOMACY AND THE
FOUR VISEGRAD FOREIGN MINISTERS, WHICH TOOK MORE THAN AN
HOUR ON TUESDAY EVENING, FRIENDLY....IT WAS ALSO
MENTIONED AT (THIS) MEETING THAT NOT THE SCALE BUT THE
QUALITY OF THE MILITARY COOPERATION IS IMPORTANT WHEN
CONSIDERING POTENTIAL NATO PARTNERS. FOREIGN POLICY
WILL BE THE MAIN TEST FOR THE SELECTION, JESZENSZKY
ADDED....'THE STRICT SYSTEM OF CONDITIONS WILL
DEFINITELY BE FAVORABLE FOR US, BECAUSE HUNGARY HAS
ALWAYS MET THE REQUIREMENTS.'"

ON PAGE 3, JANUARY 12, "MAGYAR HIRLAP" CARRIED A STORY
WITH THE HEADLINE "TODAY: HUNGARIAN-U.S. SUMMIT."

BLOCK QUOTES FOLLOW:

"YESTERDAY IN PRAGUE THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT MUST HAVE
MADE IT CLEAR TO THE CZECH LEADERS THAT THE U.S.
CONSIDERS THE VISEGRAD GROUP TO STILL BE IN EXISTENCE
AND TO BE NECESSARY....NATURALLY, THE PARTNERSHIP FOR

PEACE CONCEPT WAS AN ISSUE AT THE NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, AFTER THEIR MEETING, CLINTON AND HAVEL APPEARED TO HAVE SLIGHT DIFFERENCES OF OPINION REGARDING THEIR DISCUSSIONS.....CLINTON EMPHASIZED THAT THE SECURITY OF WESTERN EUROPE AND THE U.S. ALSO DEPEND ON THE SECURITY OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND THE OTHER CENTRAL EUROPEAN STATES. HAVEL PLACED EMPHASIS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF EACH COUNTRY JOINING NATO INDIVIDUALLY."

"MAGYAR HIRLAP" RAN AN ARTICLE ON PAGE 3 HEADED "JESZENSZKY: A FORM OF GUARANTEE." BLOCK QUOTES FOLLOW:

"DURING THE VISIT OF MADELEINE ALBRIGHT, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE U.N., AND GENERAL JOHN SHALIKASHVILI, OUR MAIN TASK IS NOT TO CALL THEIR ATTENTION TO CENTRAL EUROPE...BUT TO THINK TOGETHER ON HOW WE CAN REACH THE BEST MUTUAL GOAL, THE EUROPEAN SECURITY SYSTEM," SAID FOREIGN MINISTER JESZENSZKY AT A PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE LEAVING FOR PRAGUE. 'IT IS AN EXAGGERATION THAT HUNGARY IS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE PROGRAM, BUT IS PLEASED TO ACCEPT IT...BASICALLY WE WELCOME THE BRUSSELS DECISION BECAUSE IT WAS CLARIFIED BY THE SIXTEEN (NATO MEMBERS) THAT NATO WOULD OPEN ITS GATES, ALTHOUGH IN THE PAST WEEKS IT WAS NOT CERTAIN THAT THIS DECISION WOULD BE MADE....THE OFFER OF FUTURE CONSULTATIONS IS A FORM OF (SECURITY) GUARANTEE...HUNGARY, POLAND, THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND SLOVAKIA FORM A UNIFIED GROUP OF COUNTRIES, AND ...EVEN UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 04 BUDAPEST 000389

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IF THEY ELABORATE THEIR EXPECTATIONS AND GOALS INDEPENDENTLY, THESE ARE ALMOST LITERALLY THE SAME," SAID JESZENSZKY.

"MAGYAR HIRLAP" CARRIES AN EDITORIAL ON PAGE 7 TITLED "STEP TOWARDS THE 21ST CENTURY." EXCERPTS FROM THE EDITORIAL FOLLOW:

"THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATO APPEARED SATISFIED AT THE BRUSSELS PRESS CONFERENCE,...AND HIS HAPPINESS WAS WELL-FOUNDED. THE PRIME MINISTERS AND PRESIDENTS OF NATO COUNTRIES UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED THE PFP INITIATIVE, EXPRESSED THEIR READINESS FOR MILITARY RETALIATION AGAINST THE BOSNIAN SERBS IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY, AND ADOPTED VARIOUS MEASURES WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF MAKING THE STRUCTURE OF NATO MORE FLEXIBLE....THE MOST IMPORTANT MESSAGE OF THE NATO SUMMIT FOR THE CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WAS THE STATEMENT THAT NATO IS READY FOR COMPREHENSIVE COOPERATION WITH ALL THE STATES OF EUROPE AND WOULD WELCOME THE EXPANSION OF THE ORGANIZATION... NATO HAS WON TIME AND OPPORTUNITY FOR MANEUVER. IT WILL NOT HAVE TO LISTEN TO MOSCOW'S ANGRY STATEMENTS, SINCE THE PFP PROGRAM WAS ALSO OFFERED TO

RUSSIA, AND IT WILL NOT HAVE TO IMPORT THE UNCERTAINTIES OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE BY ADMITTING THESE STATES AS MEMBERS....A NUMBER OF REQUIREMENTS THAT HAVE TO BE MET BEFORE ANY COUNTRY CAN BECOME A NATO MEMBER HAVE BEEN EXPLICITLY SET...THE MOST IMPORTANT AMONG THESE IS POLITICAL MATURITY: THE EXISTENCE OF STABLE DEMOCRACY AND MARKET ECONOMY. FUTURE MEMBERS DO NOT ONLY HAVE TO ADHERE TO NATO PRINCIPLES, BUT THEY ALSO HAVE TO CARRY OUT SIGNIFICANT CHANGES OF CONSIDERABLE FINANCIAL BURDEN AS WELL, AND THIS IS GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME EVEN FOR THE MOST DEVELOPED VISEGRAD COUNTRIES."

ON PAGE 7, "MAGYAR HIRLAP" RAN A CARTOON PICTURING CLINTON SAYING TO THE FOUR PRIME MINISTERS OF THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES, "WE ARE PARTNERS IN PEACE, BUT DON'T COUNT ON US DURING WAR."

MAGYAR NEMZET

7. CONSERVATIVE "MAGYAR NEMZET" (50,000) JANUARY 12 CARRIED A FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE TITLED "HUNGARIAN LEADERS IN PRAGUE: VISEGRAD COUNTRIES MEETING WITH CLINTON AND WITH EACH OTHER". THE ARTICLE IS ACCOMPANIED BY A PHOTO OF BILL CLINTON AND CZECH PRESIDENT VACLAV HAVEL CAPTIONED "THE US PRESIDENT WITH HIS HOST, VACLAV HAVEL, AT THE TIME OF HIS ARRIVAL IN PRAGUE."

"MAGYAR NEMZET" CARRIES ANOTHER FRONT-PAGE NEWS PIECE TITLED "BOSNIAN DAY IN BRUSSELS: NATO STARTS DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONSHIPS IMMEDIATELY."

NEPSZAVA

8. ANTI-GOVERNMENT "NEPSZAVA" (110,000) JANUARY 12 CARRIES A FRONT-PAGE MTI (HUNGARIAN WIRE SERVICE) NEWS PIECE TITLED "THE RENDEZVOUS OF CLINTON AND THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES" ACCOMPANIED BY A PHOTO OF BILL CLINTON AND VACLAV HAVEL CAPTIONED "PRESIDENT CLINTON WAS MET BY VACLAV HAVEL AT THE AIRPORT."

PESTI HIRLAP

9. PRO-GOVERNMENT "PESTI HIRLAP" (15,000) CARRIED A FRONT-PAGE NEWS PIECE IN ITS JANUARY 12TH ISSUE TITLED "US PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON HAS ARRIVED IN PRAGUE: THE DOOR OF NATO IS OPEN," ACCOMPANIED BY AN UNCAPTIONED PHOTO OF BILL CLINTON."

"PESTI HIRLAP" CARRIED ANOTHER NEWS PIECE ON THE NATO SUMMIT TITLED "THE BRUSSELS NATO SUMMIT IS OVER: CENTRAL-EUROPE ON."

UJ MAGYARORSZAG

10. PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY "UJ MAGYARORSZAG" CARRIED A FRONT-PAGE NEWS PIECE HEADED "HUNGARY REPRESENTED BY UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 04 BUDAPEST 000389

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ARPAD GONCZ, PETER BOROSS AND GEZA JESZENSZKY:

PRAGMATISM IN PRAGUE."

"UJ MAGYARORSZAG" CARRIED ANOTHER FRONT-PAGE NEWS PIECE TITLED "NATO IS COMMITTED TO STABILITY: BRUSSELS RESOLUTIONS," ACCOMPANIED BY A PHOTO OF MANFRED WORNER CAPTIONED "MANFRED WORNER AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE."

KURIR

11. MID-MARKET TABLOID KURIR (80,000) JANUARY 12 CARRIED A NEWS PIECE ON PAGE 6 TITLED "CLINTON'S WALK," ACCOMPANIED BY A CARTOON OF PRESIDENT CLINTON WHICH FIRST APPEARED IN "THE TIMES." CULPEPPER

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TEXT:

((Text)) Prague, Jan 12 (CTK) -- Slovak Premier Vladimir Meciar

said today the U.S. Partnership For Peace project, in a legal and a political sense, provides the same chances for all Central and East European countries.

Speaking after a meeting with Czech Premier Vaclav Klaus today, Meciar said, however, he believed that in fact this equality did not exist since individual countries differ in their geopolitical situation, the extent of their economic development and the structure of their armed forces.

Partnership For Peace could start a certain process which could also be developed individually. That is why the results could also be different, he said.

Regarding cooperation between the Visegrad Four countries (Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland) Klaus said that the Czech Republic was currently seeking to find a "common denominator" for cooperation with all its partners in the group. He admitted that not everything in this cooperation was a success but that this "was not caused by individual people on this or that side, but rather by the real interests of these countries." At the same time Klaus admitted that a "common denominator" for cooperation between the Czech and Slovak Republic could be higher than between the Czech Republic and other Visegrad countries.

Meciar said that all the steps undertaken by the Czech Republic to protect its political and security interests were considered by the Slovak Government fully legitimate.

He said it was his reaction to some "critical voices which have recently come from Poland especially." Meciar said this criticism was one-sided, simplified and that the Slovak Government did not identify itself with it.

Klaus said the difference in the Czech and Polish approach towards the Visegrad Four questions and the organization of U.S. President Bill Clinton's Visit to Prague was not as big as it could appear judging from "some statements of some Polish representatives."

The two premiers confirmed that their views on the American Project Partnership For Peace and on cooperation between the Visegrad countries were "close or similar."

Meciar expressed satisfaction over the fulfillment of mutual agreements between the Czech and Slovak Republics. Klaus said he shared this view and especially appreciated the fact that the Slovak deficit on the joint clearing account "has been repaid promptly."

Klaus said he did not see any reason why some problems which had appeared in Czech-Slovak relations lately could not be solved.

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2. "THE LEADER OF THE RUSSIAN LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY
VLADIMIR ZHIRINOVSKIY, WHO ALSO HEADS HIS PARTY GROUP
IN THE STATE DUMA, HAS DESCRIBED THE COMING VISIT OF
PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON TO MOSCOW AS UNNECESSARY AND
USELESS. IN HIS OPINION THE VISIT DISCREDITS CLINTON
BECAUSE 'RUSSIANS ARE GOING TO SEE HE HAS COME TO
SUPPORT A TEAM OF BANKERS -- THE GAYDAR GOVERNMENT.'
IN A TUESDAY INTERVIEW WITH INTERFAX ZHIRINOVSKIY
CALLED THE REFUSAL OF THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT TO MEET
HIM A MISTAKE. AT THE SAME TIME ZHIRINOVSKIY IS
GRATEFUL FOR THE REFUSAL BECAUSE THIS 'GAVE CREDIT TO
THE LEADER OF LIBERAL DEMOCRATS AND ADDED VOTES.
RUSSIANS KNOW THAT ALL THIS DISARRAY WAS ORGANIZED FROM
THE WEST, IT WAS MOSTLY AMERICANS WHO HELPED OUR
DEMOCRATIC RUSSIA TO UNDERMINE THE COUNTRY,'
ZHIRINOVSKIY DECLARED. THIS REFUSAL 'INDICATES THAT I
AM THE ONLY HONEST AND CLEAN POLITICIAN BECAUSE THE
PERSON WHO HELPS TO UNDERMINE THE COUNTRY DOES NOT WANT
TO MEET ME'.

3. "A LEADING FIGURE IN THE COMMUNIST GROUP IN THE STATE DUMA VICTOR ILYUKIN DOES NOT ATTACH ANY HOPES TO THE CLINTON VISIT. 'AMERICA HAS NEVER WANTED AND WILL NEVER WANT RUSSIA TO BE A STRONG POWER, THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE UNITED STATES IS TO SPLIT RUSSIA AND GET FREE ACCESS TO ITS ENERGY RESOURCES', HE TOLD INTERFAX ON TUESDAY. ILYUKHIN FEELS THAT LATELY RUSSIA 'HAS INVOLUNTARILY STOPPED PLANNING ITS HOME AND FOREIGN POLICIES AND HAS BEEN LIVING ON HINTS FROM THE UNITED STATES.' HE ATTRIBUTED THE COMING VISIT TO THE NEED 'TO SUPPORT THE RUSSIAN PRESIDENT AND GOVERNMENT' AFTER THE DECEMBER ELECTIONS THAT DEMONSTRATED, IN HIS OPINION, THAT 'THE SITUATION HAS NOTABLY CHANGED TO THE DISADVANTAGE OF THE RULING REGIME.'

4. "A LEADING FIGURE IN ANOTHER PARLIAMENTARY GROUP GRIGORIY YAVLINSKIY DOES NOT EXPECT ANYTHING SPECIAL AND THINKS THE VISIT WILL BE SIMPLY A PLEASANT EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS. NEITHER DOES THE LEADER OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY NIKOLAY TRAVKIN BELIEVE THAT THE UNITED STATES CAN HELP RUSSIA IN ANY WAY. IF RUSSIA WERE RECOGNIZED AS AN EQUAL PARTNER IN POLITICS AND ECONOMY, THIS WOULD HELP RUSSIA BEST. 'WE DO NOT NEED ANY TIPS,' TRAVKIN THINKS.'

5. "A MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL ANDRANIK MIGRANIAN HAS TOLD JOURNALISTS THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON IS GOING TO MAKE A MISTAKE IF HE SELECTS THE PARTICIPANTS FOR HIS MEETING WITH THE LEADERS OF POLITICAL PARTIES AND GROUPS. IF CLINTON SIMPLY REFUSES TO MEET ZHIRINOSKIY, THE ADVISOR DOES NOT SEE A GREAT PROBLEM IN THAT. HOWEVER, IF HE REFUSES TO MEET OTHER OPPOSITION GROUPS TOO, THIS WILL GIVE THE OPPOSITION ANOTHER PRETEXT TO CRITICIZE DEMOCRATIC PARTIES FOR THEIR EXCESSIVELY CLOSE TIES WITH THE UNITED STATES."

6. IN THE JAN.12 EDITION OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE "MOSCOW TIMES", AN ARTICLE ON P.5 ENTITLED "WHAT WOULD THEY LIKE TO TELL PRESIDENT CLINTON?" SOLICITED THE OPINION OF SEVERAL IMPORTANT POLITICAL LEADERS:

7. (GRIGORY YAVLINSKY, 41, CHAIRMAN OF THE YABLOKO BLOC) "IN RUSSIA YOU ALWAYS HAVE A CHANCE FOR EVERYTHING. THAT'S RUSSIA. I THINK THAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT MESSAGE. IT'S THE BEGINNING OF DEMOCRACY IN THE COUNTRY. THE WESTERN WORLD HAD 200 YEARS, 300 YEARS FOR THAT; WE HAD SEVERAL YEARS. IT WAS STRANGE BUT TWO OR THREE MONTHS AGO, IN THE UNITED STATES THERE WAS NO VISION OF THE FACT THAT DEMOCRACY IN RUSSIA NEEDS THE DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION.'

8. (GENNADY ZYUGANOV, 47, RUSSIAN COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER) "CLINTON HAS MANY EXPERIENCED ADVISERS, BUT I DON'T THINK THE ADMINISTRATION HAS FULLY UNDERSTOOD THEQ
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SITUATION IN RUSSIA. THEY HOPED THAT RUSSIA'S CHOICE WOULD RECEIVE MORE THAN HALF THE VOTE, AND INSTEAD IT WON 15 PERCENT. AND IF CLINTON, KRAVCHUK AND YELTSIN AGREE ON UKRAINE'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS, BEFORE THE ROCKETS ARE TRANSPORTED TO RUSSIA, THEY SHOULD BE CHECKED SO THAT THERE ARE NO RADIOACTIVE LEAKS ON RUSSIAN SOIL."

9. (DMITRY VOLKOGONOV, 65, HISTORIAN, MILITARY ADVISER TO YELTSIN) "PRESIDENT CLINTON DOES NOT KNOW THAT IN THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW CENTURY RUSSIA WILL BE LIVING THOUGH AN ECONOMIC MIRACLE. HE STILL DOES NOT KNOW THIS BECAUSE MANY IN THE WEST ARE HESITATING; NOT CLINTON, BUT OTHERS ARE WORRYING ABOUT ZHIRINOVSKY AND OTHER THINGS BUT I'M DEEPLY CONVINCED THAT RUSSIA IS GOING DOWN THE SAME ECONOMIC PATH OF SUCCESS AS IN GERMANY AND JAPAN."

10. (ALEXANDER NEVZOROV, 35, ULTRANATIONALIST TELEVISION COMMENTATOR) "MANY RUSSIANS UNDERSTAND THAT AMERICA WAS BEHIND THE TRAGIC OCTOBER EVENTS AND MANY OTHER UNPLEASANT THINGS IN OUR LIFE. WE WILL PROVE THAT THIS INTERPRETATION IS CORRECT, AND THEY WILL DISCOVER THAT RUSSIA IS NOT AS WEAK AS THEY THINK. IT WILL THEN BE IMPOSSIBLE TO TALK ABOUT FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES, AND EVERYONE WILL KNOW THAT HERE HAS NEVER BEEN A MORE FRIVOLOUS-MINDED PRESIDENT THAN CLINTON."

11. IN THE JAN. 11 EDITION OF KURANTY NEWSPAPER, A PAGE 3 COMMENTARY BY MIKHAIL SHCHIPANOV ENTITLED 'THEY STILL DO NOT GIVE US MONEY' IS AS FOLLOWS:

12. "IT SEEMS THAT CHIEFS OF THE IMF ARE IN FACT TRYING TO DEFLECT ANY ACCUSATIONS THAT IT WAS ITS UNREASONABLY TIGHT POLICY WITH REGARD TO RUSSIA THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE RUSSIAN EXTREMISTS/ PARLIAMENTARY BREAKTHROUGH. IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT AN AGGRESSIVE ATTACK IS THE BEST DEFENSE. WELL. THE IMF HAS ANNOUNCED IN ITS ATTACKING TYLE THAT IT WAS NOT GOING TO RELEASE THE SECONDPART OF ITS LONG-PROMISED LOAN TO RUSSIA. THE FIRST \$1.5 BILLION WAS GIVEN TO US ON FAIRLY BENEFICIAL TERMS AS EARLY AS LAST SUMMER. IT WAS EXPECTED THAT AFTER A PAUSE, APPROXIMATELY BY JANUARY 1994, THE RUSSIANS WILL GET THE REMAINING HALF AS WELL. U.S. VICE PRESIDENT ALBERT GORE ADDED FUEL TO THE FIRE WHEN HE TOOK INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS TO ASK WHILE IN MOSCOW FOR THEIR SHORT-SIGHTED RIGIDITY IN IMPOSING THE IMF'S ECONOMIC RECIPES ON THE KREMLIN. IT SEEMED THAT THE IMF HAD NO OTHER CHOICE GIVEN THAT THE UNITED STATES ITSELF HOLDS A DOMINANT POSITION IN THE FUND. BUT THE FUND MEN HAVE SHOWN THEIR METTLE."

13. "THEY CONTINUE TO SET THOSE SAME CONDITIONS FOR CARRYING OUT REFORMS BY THE RUSSIAN AUTHORITIES. AS IF THERE WERE NO FEAR FOLLOWING THE BREAKTHROUGH OF VLADIMIR ZHIRINOVSKIY AND HIS LIKE. THE IMF IS NOT GOING TO COMPROMISE ITS PRINCIPLES IN AN APPARENT BELIEF THAT THERE ARE ENDURING ECONOMIC VALUES. FUND EXPERTS ARE NOT CONTENT WITH THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO SUBSIDIZE STAPLE FOODSTUFFS AND ENERGY RESOURCES. THIS IS WHY THE MONEY WILL NOT COME T

RUSSIA UNTIL IT FULFILLS THE ESTABLISHED STANDARDS FOR PUTTING BRAKES ON INFLATION AND CUTTING THE BUDGET DEFICIT. OUR OFFICIAL ECONOMISTS HAVE REPEATEDLY PROMISED YET MORE BUDGET 'BREAKTHROUGH' IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS AND CHEERED THOSE WHO SOWISHED WITH OPTIMISTIC FIGURES ABOUT DECREASING INFLATION. APPARENTLY, NEITHER FEDOROV NOR SHOKHIN WERE TAKEN AT THEIR WORD AS THE FUND PREFERRED TO CONTINUE TO EXERT PRESSURE."

14. "IT IS ANOTHER MATTER THAT THE FUND MAY COME UNDER RENEWED AMERICAN PRESSURE FOLLOWING CLINTON'S VISIT. THE YANKEES ACCOUNT FOR THE BULK OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE IMF BUDGET AND ARE INCLINED TO MAKE THE FUND THE MAIN CHANNEL FOR INFUSING AT LEAST SOME WESTERN ASSISTANCE INTO RUSSIA. HENCE, EVEN THE IMF'S PROFFERED RESOLVE LOOKS AS IF IT WERE A DIRECT THREAT TO CLINTON'S COURSE TOWARD PROPPING UP RUSSIA'S

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VOLATILE DEMOCRACY. SO, WASHINGTON AND THE IMF MAY REACH A GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE -- UNFORTUNATELY, DELAYS MAY AMOUNT TO A FEW MONTHS -- WHEREBY U.S. OFFICIALS WILL NO LONGER QUESTION THE WISDOM OF FUND EXPERTS (AT LEAST IN PUBLIC), AND THE IMF WILL FINALLY AGREE TO RELEASE THE REMAINING PART OF THE \$3-BILLION LOAN TO US."

15. A JAN. 11 'INTERFAX' NEWS ARTICLE ENTITLED "NO FINAL DOCUMENT ON DESTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN UKRAINE YET" REPORTS THE FOLLOWING:

16. " 'I CANNOT SAY THAT A DOCUMENT FOR THE U.S., UKRAINIAN AND RUSSIAN PRESIDENTS TO SIGN IN MOSCOW ON JANUARY 14 EXISTS,' UKRAINIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S SPOKESMAN YURI SERGEYEV TOLD JOURNALISTS IN KIEV. IN HIS WORDS, 'THE DOCUMENT, IN PARTICULAR GUARANTEES OF UKRAINE'S SECURITY, IS BEING DRAFTED.' HE ADDED THAT 'IF THE DOCUMENT IS NOT DRAFTED BEFORE FRIDAY, THE MOSCOW MEETING WILL BE CONSULTATIVE.' "

17. "ACCORDING TO SERGEYEV, THE BRIEF MEETING OF THE U.S. AND UKRAINIAN PRESIDENTS IN KIEV ON JANUARY 12 WILL CONCENTRATE ON BILATERAL RELATIONS. 'UKRAINE AND THE USA WANT TO HAVE BALANCED RELATIONS WHICH SHOULD EMPHASIZE THE ECONOMIC RATHER THAN THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL SPHERES,' HE EXPLAINED. SERGEYEV ALSO EXPLAINED THAT ALL TREATIES AND ACCORDS THAT THE UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT WOULD SIGN MUST BE RATIFIED BY THE COUNTRY'S PARLIAMENT."

18. "THE UKRAINIAN SUPREME SOVIET RATIFIED START-1 WITH NUMEROUS RESERVATIONS. THE TREATY PROVIDES FOR WITHDRAWAL OF NEARLY 1500, OR 16 PERCENT, WARHEADS AND 176, OR 42 PERCENT, STRATEGIC MISSILES FROM UKRAINE.

NUMEROUS NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC DEPUTIES OF THE UKRAINIAN
SUPREME SOVIET HAVE CRITICIZED THE PRESIDENT'S
INTENTION TO SIGN A NUCLEAR DIARMAMENT TREATY IN
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//(("Full Text of Havel's Speech -- CTK Headline))

((Text)) Prague, Jan 11 (CTK) -- We are living in a time of great historical challenge. With the fall of communism came the end of the division of Europe between a democratic one and the one subjugated to the Soviet empire. The cold war ended and the world stopped suffering from the tension between the Euro-American civilization, based on respect for human freedom, and the imperialistic ambitions of Soviet communism -- a tension that could have been fatal to the human race. An unnatural European order, resting on an armed coexistence of its free and non-free parts, has collapsed. We are now living in a time of dramatic searching for a new order, in which no one would be subjugated or endangered any longer, and which would enable all European peoples and states to enjoy an atmosphere of peaceful cooperation backed by a peaceful arrangement extending throughout the entire northern hemisphere. Progress toward this new order is a big -- I will even venture to say historic -- task of our time and our generation.

I view our today's meeting as an important moment during this journey. The American president's visit to Prague, coming immediately after the NATO summit in Brussels, is not just a visit to the Czech Republic. It is also a visit to Central Europe, and I see it as proof that the United States and NATO are well aware of the great importance that stability, security and peace in our region have for peace in all of Europe and for the security of the United States. Truly, history is amply teaching us that ignoring this area never paid off for anyone, that instability here always inevitably grew into instability on a pan-European scale, that our loss of freedom had pernicious consequences for everyone, and that lack of interest in our fate or policies sacrificing us for an illusory peace always led to general catastrophes. I believe that the west realizes this and that its effort to open its political and security structures to Central European nations comes not just from respect for their desires and interests, but from its own desires and interests as well. For me, our meeting is proof of that.

Please allow me a few remarks now about the position of the Czech Republic on the main themes of this meeting.

1. Our country feels it is a legitimate part of Western Euro-American civilization, and shares all of its fundamental values. It does not see itself as someone looking for a new home. We have our home. For centuries, we have helped shape its spiritual and political values. If today we are aspiring to become a regular member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, we do so above all because we subscribe to the same values of civilization which it protects, and because we want to take part in protecting them. So the issue is not only that we, as a small state in an exposed position, seek allies, security ties and guarantees, but also that we are willing to take our share of the joint responsibility for the fate of freedom and democracy on our continent -- the responsibility on which NATO was founded.

2. The Czech Republic welcomes the Partnership For Peace proposal as a good point of departure in NATO's quest for a new identity and new role in new conditions. We know that Western civilization is an open society in principle, and for that reason we consider it logical and right that the alliance is actively opening itself up in this way to all European countries and is thus assuming the role of a true stabilizing core of European security. We also appreciate that Partnership For Peace allows individual approaches to different countries. In our opinion, everything depends on what specific forms and contents the project will take in the various

countries. The Czech Republic wants to do everything it can to ensure that within Partnership For Peace, the relationship between our country and the alliance be as solid as possible, to enable us to get closer to NATO fast, and to eventually result in full membership. In other words, we do not see Partnership For Peace as a substitute for full membership, or as the ultimate achievement in our endeavor to work together with the alliance, but as a beginning of our cooperation as a first step toward joining NATO.

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((Text)) 3. The Czech Republic is well aware that it is neither possible nor desirable to isolate Russia, and that the relationship between the Alliance and Russia, as a large, Euro-Asian nuclear power, should be as good as possible. That is in the interests of the whole world. For our part, we have been systematically striving to have good relations with Russia, Ukraine and other nations of the former Soviet Union, whether or not they are members of the Commonwealth of Independent States. True, the journey of the Russian society to democracy and market-based prosperity will be painful, complicated and long, and the outside world has only limited possibilities to exert a positive influence on the internal developments in Russia. Therefore, the task now is to develop such a relationship between NATO and Russia that will respect all the specific circumstances of Russia's position as well as of possible future developments. There, too, Partnership For Peace could be a point of departure toward that kind of a special relationship which, rather than obstruct NATO's expansion, should become a natural background for the process. Expansion of NATO would not mean bringing an enemy closer to Russia's borders. On the contrary, it would mean bringing closer a partner and a zone of stability and democracy, and that is in Russia's fundamental interest as well. We therefore definitely reject those Russian voices that would wish to prevent such expansion, interpret it as endangerment, or even call for a renewal of a Russian sphere of influence in Central Europe. We are an independent state, and we decide ourselves about our affiliations and our policies.

4. Naturally, it is for each of our respective countries to determine for itself how energetically and quickly it will move to give Partnership For Peace a content meeting its interests and possibilities. At the same time, however, we deem it important to cultivate good relations among ourselves, work together wherever it is advantageous to all and in their joint interests, and thus maintain a good regional climate. Good relations with neighbors are in the fundamental interest of each of our countries as well as in the fundamental interest of Europe as a whole.

As we agreed during conversations with the representatives of central European nations who are taking part in this meeting, our countries have very similar views on the issues I just talked about. That surely is a gratifying circumstance, and it is to the benefit of us all.

The Czech Republic is prepared to accept the NATO offer entitled Partnership for Peace and to immediately begin talks about its specific content. We are fully prepared to negotiate about the relevant protocols and to offer cooperation in all areas in which the proposal envisages or proposes it.

In closing, please allow me to express my firm belief that this Prague gathering will have been successful, that it will become an important landmark on the road to a new democratic and truly peaceful Europe sharing firm and natural ties with its most natural civilization partner, the North American continent, and that it will prove to have been a significant contribution to the creation of a truly just political and security arrangement in the entire northern hemisphere. At one time, the city of Yalta went down in history as a symbol of the division of Europe. I would be happy if today, the city of Prague could emerge as a symbol of Europe standing in alliance.

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