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CHINA: PROSPECTS FOR SECRETARY MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER (1,3); HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS/IMPROVEMENTS/PROBLEMS (1-2,4-5); STATUS OF RED CROSS VISITS TO PRISONS (3); CONDITIONS FOR MFN (2,4,5-7); COOPERATION WITH US RE: NORTH KOREAN NUCLEAR ISSUES (6)

SWITZERLAND: US REVIEW OF PROPOSED NUCLEAR FUEL TRANSFERS TO UK (7-8); REPORTED US INTERAGENCY DISPUTE ON ISSUE (8)

HAITI: CONFERENCE OF PARTIES IN MIAMI (9-10); FUEL TANKER SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE THIS WEEK (9)

MEXICO: POSSIBLE GROUPS INVOLVED IN VIOLENCE/PROSPECTS FOR NEGOTIATIONS (10,11); PRESIDENT DECLARES UNILATERAL CEASE FIRE (10-11)

FORMER YUGOSLAVIA: STATUS OF FIGHTING (11)

GABON: OPPOSITION LEADERS PREVENTED FROM DEPARTING THE COUNTRY/US VIEW (11-12)

BEGIN TEXT:

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MS. SHELLY: GOOD AFTERNOON, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I DON'T HAVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS, SO WE'LL START RIGHT AWAY WITH YOUR QUESTIONS.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON THE SITUATION IN BOSNIA IN LIGHT OF THE NATO DEMONSTRATION OF RESOLVE?

MS. SHELLY: NO, I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD. THE PRESIDENT HAS CONTINUED TO ADDRESS BOSNIA AND THE AIR STRIKES QUESTION. HE DID THIS IN PRAGUE TODAY, AND I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING FURTHER TO ADD TO WHAT THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID.

Q: CAN YOU JUST CLARIFY AGAIN ON THE ISSUE OF BOUTROS-GHALI HAVING TO SIGN OFF ON EITHER AN INITIAL AIR STRIKE OR ON EVERY AIR STRIKE? IS THAT CLEAR YET?

MS. SHELLY: I ADDRESSED THAT YESTERDAY, AND I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD TO WHAT I SAID ON THAT YESTERDAY.

Q: CHRISTINE, IS THE SECRETARY PLANNING TO MEET THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER LATER THIS MONTH IN EUROPE?

MS. SHELLY: I'M AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THERE'S A REPORT TO THIS EFFECT. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING DEFINITIVE TO GIVE YOU ON THIS. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION. IT WOULDN'T SURPRISE ME IF SOMETHING DID POP UP ON THE SCREEN ON THAT. ALL I CAN REALLY TELL YOU AT THIS POINT IS THAT IT IS UNDER DISCUSSION FOR THE POSSIBILITY FOR THE SECRETARY TO HAVE A MEETING WITH HIS COUNTERPART. BUT I CAN'T CONFIRM ANY DETAILS RELATED TO THAT AT THIS POINT.

Q: IF WE CAN JUST REVISIT, WHILE WE'RE ON THAT POINT, THE STATE OF CHINESE HUMAN RIGHTS, THE EXTENT, IF ANY, THAT THERE'S BEEN AN IMPROVEMENT?

MS. SHELLY: SURE, I'D BE HAPPY TO ADDRESS THAT. AS YOU KNOW, THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS IN THE FINAL STAGES OF PREPARING ITS HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT THAT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS AT THE END OF THIS MONTH. THERE HAS BEEN SOME REFERENCE TO THE CHINA SECTION IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL COUNTRY REPORT. BUT AS THIS IS STILL IN PROCESS AND THE FINAL

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VERSION OF THIS HAS NOT YET BEEN PULLED TOGETHER, I'M NOT REALLY IN A POSITION TO GET SPECIFICALLY INTO WHAT MAY OR MAY NOT BE IN THAT REPORT.

BUT ON THE SUBJECT MORE GENERALLY, I THINK I CAN MAKE A FEW COMMENTS ON THAT. AS SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER HIMSELF SAID MOST RECENTLY ON THIS SUBJECT, WE HAVE SEEN SOME POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CHINA, BUT IT IS CERTAINLY CLEAR THAT MUCH MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE.

WE HAVE, OF COURSE, A DIALOGUE WITH THEM ON THIS. THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR SOME TIME. LAST OCTOBER, AS YOU KNOW, OUR ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHATTUCK, WENT TO BEIJING. HE HAD SOMETHING LIKE 20 HOURS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS ON THIS SUBJECT. HE WAS ALSO IN SEATTLE AT THE APEC MEETING. THE SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS CAME UP AND WAS DISCUSSED AND THE VERY DETAILED DISCUSSIONS ON THIS WERE CONTINUED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHATTUCK IN SEATTLE.

THE PRESIDENT HAS ADDRESSED THIS. THE SECRETARY HAS ADDRESSED THIS. U.S. OFFICIALS HAVE CERTAINLY INDICATED THAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR FURTHER PROGRESS DURING THE EARLY MONTHS OF 1994. WE WILL HAVE TO ASSESS BY JUNE, WHEN CHINA'S MOST-FAVORED-NATION STATUS WILL COME UP FOR RENEWAL, WHETHER CHINA HAS MADE THE OVERALL SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS WHICH HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS BEING NECESSARY IN ORDER TO MEET THE CONDITIONS OF THE PRESIDENT'S MAY 28 EXECUTIVE ORDER.

WE ARE USING OUR DIALOGUE WITH THE CHINESE, INCLUDING THE MEETINGS THAT I'VE REFERRED TO AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS, TO UNDERScore THE SERIOUSNESS OF OUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE AND THE NEED FOR PROGRESS WHICH IS SPECIFICALLY INDICATED AS BEING NECESSARY IN THE EXECUTIVE ORDER.

Q: CAN YOU BE MORE SPECIFIC ABOUT WHAT THE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS HAVE BEEN AND WHAT SPECIFICALLY NEEDS TO BE DONE FOR THEM TO MEET U.S. STANDARDS?

MS. SHELLY: AS TO THE SPECIFICS, THIS IS A SUBJECT UNDER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CHINESE, AND I JUST DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR ME TO GET INVOLVED IN THE EXACT THINGS THAT WE HAVE HAD UNDER DISCUSSION.

THE AREAS WHERE THERE HAS BEEN SOME PROGRESS, WHICH, AGAIN, THE SECRETARY HAS INDICATED THESE AREAS THAT THERE IS A PERCEIVED WILLINGNESS ON THE PART OF THE CHINESE TO RECEIVE VISITS BY THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS TO CHINESE PRISONS. THERE IS ALSO THE QUESTION OF PERMISSION FOR RELATIVES OF SOME OF THE DISSIDENTS TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. THESE ARE THE TWO AREAS THAT WE HAVE PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED WHERE THERE HAS BEEN SOME MOVEMENT. BUT AS TO THE OTHER AREAS, THESE REMAIN UNDER DISCUSSION, AND I

JUST DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO OUR DIALOGUE FOR ME TO IDENTIFY WHAT THESE ARE OR TO ENGAGE ANY FURTHER.

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Q: CHRISTINE, THIS TRIP THAT'S UNDER CONSIDERATION, WOULD IT BE SPECIFICALLY AND EXPRESSLY TO HAVE THIS BILATERAL MEETING, OR WOULD IT BE FOR AN EVENT AT WHICH THE MINISTERS WOULD BOTH BE ATTENDING AND THE MEETING WOULD BE ON THE FRINGES OF THAT?

MS. SHELLY: I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING FOR YOU ON THAT. WHAT I KNOW TO BE THE CASE IS THAT THE MEETING HAS BEEN TALKED ABOUT IN THE CONTEXT OF REVIEWING THE ENTIRE SET OF ISSUES THAT WE HAVE WITH CHINA. I WOULDN'T SAY THAT THIS IS JUST LINKED TO ONE ISSUE OR ONE EVENT. I THINK, ASSUMING THAT THEY REACH CLOSURE ON AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON THIS AT SOME POINT IN THE NEAR FUTURE, THERE MIGHT BE SOME INDICATIONS AT THAT TIME ABOUT WHAT THE TOPICS WOULD BE. BUT I THINK IT IS SUPPOSED TO BE A BROADER DISCUSSION OF A RANGE OF ISSUES.

Q: WHAT YOU JUST SAID SUGGESTS THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS ASKED FOR A MEETING, IS THAT THE CASE?

MS. SHELLY: I WOULDN'T PUT IT IN THOSE TERMS. I THINK IT'S THE SUBJECT OF HAVING A MEETING IS SOMETHING WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION, AND WE'VE GONE BACK AND FORTH. I THINK IT'S NOT A QUESTION OF ONE PARTY BEING THE DEMANDER AND ONE BEING RESPONSIVE. I THINK THERE'S A DESIRE TO MEET TO DISCUSS THE RANGE OF ISSUES ON BOTH SIDES, AND THE EXCHANGES THAT ARE GOING BACK AND FORTH ON THIS REFLECT THAT. AGAIN, I HOPE WE'LL BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU SOME MORE DETAILS ON THIS SHORTLY.

Q: AND THESE RED CROSS PRISON VISIT HAVE NOT ACTUALLY TAKEN PLACE, HAVE THEY?

MS. SHELLY: I'D HAVE TO CHECK ON THAT. I'LL SEE IF I CAN GET ANYTHING MORE SPECIFIC FOR YOU.

Q: I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY NEWS THAT THEY HAVE, AND I THINK THEY'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IT FOR SOME SIX MONTHS, SO ISN'T SUCH A LENGTHY DELAY IN ITSELF A SIGN?

MS. SHELLY: I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THIS HAS BEEN ON THE AGENDA FOR SIX MONTHS. IT IS SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN ON THE AGENDA, I KNOW, FOR AT LEAST THE TWO OR THREE MONTHS. BUT AGAIN I DON'T HAVE THAT INFORMATION WITH ME. I'D HAVE TO CHECK ON THAT, AND IF THERE ARE SOME DETAILS RELATED TO THAT THAT I CAN SHED FURTHER LIGHT ON I'LL TRY TO PUT UP A RESPONSE TO THAT THIS AFTERNOON.

Q: CHRISTINE, WHY WOULD THE SECRETARY MEET IN EUROPE WITH THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER WHEN HE HAS SAID TO BE CONSIDERING A TRIP TO ASIA IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR? WHY NOT JUST DO IT IN BEIJING?

MS. SHELLY: I THINK IT'S A SCHEDULING QUESTION. I WOULDN'T READ ANY PARTICULAR MEANING INTO THAT.

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Q: DO YOU HAVE AN EVALUATION OF AMBASSADOR ROY'S REMARKS TO THE NEW YORK TIMES LAST WEEK IN LIGHT OF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING NOW ABOUT THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE?

MS. SHELLY: NO. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ON THAT.

Q: YOU DON'T WANT TO SAY WHETHER YOU STAND BY HIS REMARKS OR DISAVOW THEM?

MS. SHELLY: I'M NOT INSTRUCTED ON THAT POINT. I'D HAVE TO GO BACK AND TAKE A LOOK AT IT TO SEE -- LOOK AT SPECIFICALLY THE REMARKS THAT HE MADE. I KNOW THAT THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN PERHAPS MORE UPBEAT THAN SOME OF THE OTHER REPORTS HAVE BEEN.

HE IS OUR AMBASSADOR, AND I THINK THAT HE IS CERTAINLY IN A POSITION TO MAKE THOSE KINDS OF COMMENTS AND JUDGMENTS. BUT AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THIS IS EXACTLY THE POSITION OF OTHERS BACK HERE, I JUST DON'T WANT TO GET DRAGGED INTO THAT.

Q: CHRISTINE, WILL CHINA'S ECONOMIC LIBERALIZATION BE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION LOOKS AT AS IT EVALUATES MFN?

MS. SHELLY: IN EVALUATING MFN, I THINK THAT THE CRITERIA ARE REALLY VERY CLEAR. THERE HAS BEEN DISCUSSION ABOUT LOOKING AT THE BROADER RELATIONSHIP AND THE ECONOMIC LIBERALIZATION, TRADE, OTHER KINDS OF ISSUES. BUT THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT IS WHAT IS SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED IN THE EXECUTIVE ORDER, AND THAT IS THE PHRASING REFERRING TO THE OVERALL SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

SO CERTAINLY THE QUESTION OF ECONOMIC LIBERALIZATION IS ONE WHICH CONTINUES TO BE OF GREAT INTEREST TO US, AND IT'S SOMETHING IN WHICH OUR DIALOGUE IS ALSO CONTINUING. BUT I WOULD SAY THOSE ISSUES ARE LOOKED AT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE BROADER RELATIONSHIP.

Q: CHRISTINE, I WONDER IF YOU COULD CHARACTERIZE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHERE PERCEIVE CHINA TO BE NOW ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND WHERE THEY NEED TO BE TO SATISFY MR. CLINTON'S EXECUTIVE ORDER?

MS. SHELLY: I'VE SAID WHAT I HAVE TO SAY ON THIS. I DON'T THINK THAT IT'S PRODUCTIVE FOR ME TO GET DRAGGED ANY FURTHER INTO SETTING A KIND OF YARDSTICK OF PROGRESS. I THINK THE KEY POINT HERE IS THAT THERE IS DIALOGUE. IT'S BEING UNDERTAKEN AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS, AND CERTAINLY THERE IS A FEELING THAT THE DIALOGUE IS A VERY SERIOUS ONE. BUT I DON'T THINK IT WILL BE

APPROPRIATE FOR ME IN THIS CONTEXT TO TRY TO ESTABLISH BENCHMARKS.

Q: BUT IN THE AREAS THAT ARE THE AREAS YOU SAID PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE -- ANNOUNCING PRISON VISITS, WHICH APPARENTLY HAVE NOT TAKEN PLACE, AND ALLOWING SOME RELATIVES OF DISSIDENTS TO IMMIGRATE -- THAT STRIKES ME AS PRETTY SMALL

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POTATOES COMPARED TO THE LARGER QUESTION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, THE OTHER FREEDOMS LISTED IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT. WOULD YOU AGREE THAT THEY ARE RELATIVELY MINOR COMPARED TO THOSE LARGER ISSUES?

MS. SHELLY: I THINK IT REFLECTS PROGRESS. BUT, AS I'VE INDICATED ALREADY, IT IS VERY CLEAR THAT MUCH MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE IN ORDER TO MEET THE CRITERIA WHICH HAVE BEEN SET IN THE MFN RENEWAL, AND I THINK THAT'S WHERE WE ARE.

Q: IMPLICIT IN WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THAT IT NEEDS TO BE DONE RELATIVELY QUICKLY BECAUSE IF THE DECISION IS TAKEN IN JUNE, PRESUMABLY SOMETHING THAT'S UNDERTAKEN TWO WEEKS BEFORE THAT DECISION FALLS WOULDN'T BE VIEWED IN THE SAME WAY AS SOMETHING THAT WAS UNDERTAKEN, SAY, IN FEBRUARY OR LATE JANUARY?

MS. SHELLY: I THINK THAT WE CERTAINLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE PROGRESS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT. SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER HIMSELF HAS USED A FORMULATION INDICATING THAT MEASURES TAKEN SOONER WILL CARRY MORE WEIGHT THAN MEASURES TAKEN LATER, AND I THINK THAT THAT GIVES THE IDEA THAT WE'RE TRYING TO SEND. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE PROGRESS ON THIS NOW AND NOT THINGS OCCURRING AT THE 11TH HOUR.

Q: A LAST QUESTION ON CHINA: WHEN WE WERE ALL IN SEATTLE, CHINESE PRESIDENT JIANG POINTED OUT THAT CHINA WAS ALSO A MARKET OF 1.2 BILLION PEOPLE. IS THE ADMINISTRATION READY TO JEOPARDIZE THE CHANCES OF AMERICAN BUSINESSES IN CHINA FOR THE PRINCIPLES YOU JUST ENUNCIATED?

MS. SHELLY: I THINK THAT RAISES A VERY BROAD POLICY QUESTION, AND THAT'S NOT JUST A SIMPLE YES OR NO. I THINK THAT OUR COMMITMENT TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE HAS BEEN MADE EXPLICITLY CLEAR. AT THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE BUSINESS INTERESTS IN CHINA. IT IS A MAJOR MARKET. THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF TRADE.

I THINK THAT WE ALL WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT TRADE GO FORWARD ON A FAVORABLE BASIS. BUT A BENCHMARK HAS BEEN LAID DOWN ON THE MFN POINT, AND THE EXECUTIVE ORDER ON THIS, I THINK, IS QUITE CLEAR.

IN ANY RELATIONSHIP THAT YOU HAVE WITH A COUNTRY, YOU ARE PURSUING A MULTITUDE OF INTERESTS, AND SOMETIMES THOSE

INTERESTS CONFLICT. IT'S JUST NOT A SIMPLE YES OR NO. YES, CHINA'S IMPORTANT TO US. ECONOMIC LIBERALIZATION IS IMPORTANT. WE DO HAVE COMMERCIAL INTERESTS THERE. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AS POSITIVE A RELATIONSHIP AS WE CAN IN THAT REGARD.

BUT THE EXECUTIVE ORDER IS VERY CLEAR ON THE MFN POINT, AND, WITHOUT PROGRESS, IT'S GOING TO BE VERY DIFFICULT TO RENEW IT.

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Q: ARE YOU TRYING TO EMBARK THE USUAL ALLIES -- OTHER POWERFUL, EXPORTING ECONOMIES -- IN THE SAME CRUSADE TO AVOID HAVING THEM, YOU KNOW, FILLING THE VACUUM IN CASE ONE DAY AMERICAN BUSINESSES ARE TO GET OUT OF CHINA?

MS. SHELLY: I DON'T HAVE ANY INFORMATION FOR YOU ON THAT.

Q: YOU DON'T WANT TO TAKE THE QUESTION ON NUMBERS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS RELEASED BY CHINA OVER THE PAST YEAR OR TWO, OR NUMBER OF POLITICAL PRISONERS WHO ARE STILL IMPRISONED? YOU DON'T WANT TO TAKE THAT QUESTION?

MS. SHELLY: NO, I DON'T THINK SO.

Q: HOW DO YOU ASSESS THE CURRENT LEVEL OF CHINESE COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. ON THE NORTH KOREAN NUCLEAR ISSUE?

MS. SHELLY: THAT'S A SEPARATE ISSUE, BUT CERTAINLY AS WE'VE INDICATED BEFORE, THIS IS AN ISSUE ON WHICH WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH CHINA. I THINK THAT WE HAVE BEEN VERY PLEASED WITH THE CHINESE ENGAGEMENT IN THIS ISSUE. WE HAVE FELT IN OUR EXCHANGES WITH THEM THAT THEY WERE VERY COMMITTED TO THE BROADER GOALS OF A DENUCLEARIZED KOREAN PENINSULA. THEY HAVE INDICATED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WITH US THEIR WILLINGNESS TO BE HELPFUL, AND CERTAINLY WHAT THEY HAVE DONE HAS SUPPORTED THE INDICATIONS THAT THEY HAVE GIVEN US BILATERALLY.

Q: THEREFORE, THERE HAS BEEN NO CONFLICT WITH THEM OVER THEIR OPPOSITION TO ANY THREAT OF IMPOSING ECONOMIC SANCTIONS IN NORTH KOREA? THEY WERE VERY CLEAR ON THEIR OPPOSITION TO THAT.

MS. SHELLY: THEY HAVE ARTICULATED THAT VIEW, BUT THEY HAVE ALSO HAD WAYS OF WORKING THE ISSUE QUIETLY WITH THE NORTH KOREANS, AND I THINK WE'VE BEEN VERY PLEASED WITH WHAT THEY HAVE DONE.

Q: WE'RE A LITTLE CONFUSED.

MS. SHELLY: ARE YOU ON THE SAME TOPIC?

Q: CHINA.

MS. SHELLY: OKAY.

Q: WE'RE A LITTLE CONFUSED BACK HERE IN THE THIRD ROW. FROM WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, IT WOULD SEEM THAT HUMAN RIGHTS HAS BECOME SORT OF THE OVERALL REASON FOR DENYING OR GIVING MFN STATUS, AND I THOUGHT THAT THINGS LIKE HOW THEY RESPONDED TO SELLING OF TECHNOLOGY AND OF MISSILES TO COUNTRIES LIKE PAKISTAN, IRAQ, AND IRAN WERE ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS CRITERIA. AM I WRONG?

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MS. SHELLY: NO, THERE IS NO EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUE OR NON-PROLIFERATION GOALS THAT IS LINKED TO THE MFN RENEWAL. THE EXECUTIVE ORDER IS VERY CLEAR, AND THAT IS SPECIFICALLY -- IT ARTICULATES THE NEED FOR THE OVERALL AND SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN HUMAN RIGHTS. THERE ARE NOT OTHER FACTORS WHICH FALL WITHIN THAT ORDER.

BUT CERTAINLY IN THE BROADER RELATIONSHIP THAT WE HAVE WITH CHINA, THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT CONCERN. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT THERE ARE TALKS WHICH ARE OCCURRING LATER THIS MONTH SPECIFICALLY ON THIS SUBJECT. SO IT IS A SUBJECT THAT IS VERY MUCH ON THE AGENDA WITH CHINA. BUT THERE IS NOT A STATUTORY LINKAGE FOR PROGRESS ON THIS TO MFN RENEWAL.

Q: I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT PROGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS WAS A NECESSARY CONDITION FOR MFN RENEWAL BUT NOT A SUFFICIENT ONE, THAT THERE WERE OTHER THINGS AS WELL. THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS JUST MADE IT A ONE-ISSUE THING: HUMAN RIGHTS/MFN? IS THAT RIGHT?

MS. SHELLY: I DON'T WANT TO PUT IT IN THOSE KINDS OF TERMS. I THINK THE POINT IS, WHAT IS IN THE EXECUTIVE ORDER? AND ON THAT I THINK I'VE MADE MYSELF VERY CLEAR.

BUT AS TO THE RANGE OF ISSUES WHICH CONCERN US WITH CHINA, THAT'S NOT A UNI-DIMENSIONAL POINT. WE HAVE A BROAD RANGE OF INTERESTS WITH CHINA. WE HAVE A LOT OF ISSUES ON THE AGENDA. AND IN TERMS OF THE OVERALL RELATIONSHIP, WE HAVE THE DIALOGUE, WE'RE LOOKING AT THESE THINGS, AND ALL OF THE DIFFERENT ELEMENTS ARE FACTORED INTO THE BROADER RELATIONSHIP.

BUT ON THE EXECUTIVE ORDER, WHAT THAT IS SPECIFICALLY LINKED TO IS THE HUMAN RIGHTS POINT.

Q: A DIFFERENT SUBJECT? WHY, AFTER A YEAR, HAS THE UNITED STATES REFUSED TO GRANT A LICENSE TO SWITZERLAND TO TRANSFER SPENT NUCLEAR RODS TO GREAT BRITAIN? SOME IN THE SWISS GOVERNMENT ARE SAYING THAT THE U.S. IS BLOCKING THAT EFFORT.

MS. SHELLY: I'M NOT AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THIS IS AN ISSUE IN WHICH THERE HAS BEEN A YEAR OF DELAY. AS A GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT, WE DO HAVE A POLICY ON NUCLEAR FUEL TRANSFERS. THE U.S. DOESN'T ENCOURAGE THE CIVIL USE

OF PLUTONIUM AND DOESN'T ENGAGE IN PLUTONIUM REPROCESSING.

AS A GENERAL RULE, WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT ACCUMULATIONS OF HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM OR PLUTONIUM ANYWHERE THAT THEY MIGHT OCCUR. WE DO SEEK TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE SUBJECT TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF SAFETY, OF SECURITY, OF ACCOUNTABILITY; AND WHERE IT'S POSSIBLE, TO ACTUALLY ELIMINATE THEM.

WE DO MAINTAIN OUR EXISTING COMMITMENTS REGARDING THE USE OF PLUTONIUM IN CIVIL NUCLEAR PROGRAMS IN WESTERN EUROPE AND JAPAN. THIS INCLUDES BEING A RELIABLE SUPPLIER AND

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GRANTING THE NECESSARY ADVANCE CONSENTS FOR TRANSFERS OF U.S.-ORIGIN FUELS ON A PREDICTABLE AND RELIABLE BASIS.

ON THE SPECIFIC POINT ABOUT SWITZERLAND AND THE SHIPMENT IN QUESTION WHICH INVOLVES U.S.-ORIGIN NUCLEAR FUEL RODS GOING FROM SWITZERLAND TO THE U.K., TO THEIR THORP REACTOR, WE HAVE REVIEWED THE REQUEST FOR TRANSFER AND HAVE LOOKED AT IT AGAINST THE VARIOUS CONDITIONS THAT I'VE MENTIONED ABOUT THE SAFETY, THE SECURITY, THE CONDITIONS SURROUNDING THE TRANSFER.

WE'RE IN THE FINAL STAGES OF THIS REVIEW FOR THE TRANSFER, AND A FINAL DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN TAKEN.

Q: IS THERE DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE DEPARTMENT -- WHICH HAS, I'M TOLD, ALREADY APPROVED THIS -- AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY WHICH, I AM TOLD, THE SECRETARY HAS STOPPED THIS PROCESS AND SAID SHE WANTS MORE INFORMATION? IS THERE A DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ON THIS?

MS. SHELLY: I'D HAVE TO LOOK INTO THAT. I'M NOT AWARE SPECIFICALLY THAT THERE IS A DISPUTE BETWEEN THE TWO AGENCIES. I KNOW THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY HAS THE FINAL AUTHORITY TO ACTUALLY APPROVE RETRANSFERS OF THE U.S.-ORIGIN NUCLEAR FUELS. CERTAINLY IT'S AN ISSUE IN WHICH WE WORK WITH THEM AND WE CONSULT WITH THEM. BUT ON THIS PARTICULAR POINT, I DON'T HAVE PRECISE INFORMATION ON THE ENERGY POINT. AND SO ON THAT PART I'D LIKE TO TAKE YOUR QUESTION AND SEE IF I CAN FIND ANYTHING THAT WE COULD PUT UP THIS AFTERNOON.

Q: JUST ONE FINAL QUESTION. THE CHANGES THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON ANNOUNCED A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO ON OUR PROLIFERATION POLICY, IS THAT SOMEHOW AFFECTING THIS DECISION? AND SORT OF SECONDARILY, DO GREAT BRITAIN OR SWITZERLAND POSE A PROLIFERATION RISK IN THIS CASE?

MS. SHELLY: I'M NOT AWARE THAT THERE IS ANY SPECIFIC LINKAGE BETWEEN THE ANNOUNCEMENTS. I THINK YOU'RE REFERRING TO THE LATE SEPTEMBER PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ON THAT. I'M NOT AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THAT HAS BEEN ANGLE IN THE DELAY, BUT I'LL BE HAPPY TO LOOK INTO THAT AND SEE.

Q: AND THE PROLIFERATION RISK -- THE PROLIFERATION RISK
POSED BY SWITZERLAND?

MS. SHELLY: I DON'T HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THAT. AS I
SAID, I'VE STATED WHAT THE INDICATION IS AND THE FACT
THAT WE HAVE THESE COMMITMENTS RELATED TO THE CIVIL
NUCLEAR PROGRAMS IN WESTERN EUROPE AND JAPAN, AND THOSE
ARE CONTINUING. SO I'M NOT AWARE OF ANYTHING THAT
SUGGESTS THAT EITHER THE U.K. OR SWITZERLAND -- THAT
THERE'S A PROBLEM THERE.

Q: CAN WE DO HAITI?

MS. SHELLY: SURE.

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Q: DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON (A) THE TANKER OR (B) U.S.
PARTICIPATION IN THE MIAMI CONFERENCE?

MS. SHELLY: I DON'T HAVE A LOT TO ADD ON THE MEETING
ITSELF. WE WERE INFORMED, AS I MENTIONED YESTERDAY AND
THE DAY BEFORE, THAT THE MILITARY WAS TO BE INVITED.
THERE HAVE BEEN SOME RECENT PRESS REPORTS INDICATING THAT
THE MILITARY MAY DECLINE TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE THIS
WEEK. I DON'T HAVE MUCH TO ADD ON THAT.

THE U.S. POSITION ON PARTICIPATION IS UNCHANGED FROM
YESTERDAY. WE'VE LOOKED AT, AS YOU KNOW -- WE FELT IT
WAS NECESSARY TO HAVE A GOOD-FAITH EFFORT TO GET ALL OF
THE PARTIES TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. IF WE FELT THAT
THERE WAS A BASIS FOR A VERY SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF THE
ISSUES, WE WOULD BE LIKELY TO ATTEND. WE'RE STILL AT
THAT POINT. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING NEW TO ADD FOR YOU ON
THAT.

ON THE FUEL TANKER DELIVERY, THE TANKER, AS I SAID
YESTERDAY, IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE LATER THIS WEEK. I
DON'T BELIEVE IT'S ARRIVING TODAY. I THINK IT'S STILL A
QUESTION OF ANOTHER DAY OR TWO. I DON'T HAVE THE EXACT
DATE ON THIS. BUT WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE MILITARY AND
THE POLICE WILL TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE THAT
THE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT, WHICH IS BEING MADE TO
DISTRIBUTE THE FUEL TO THE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF
ORGANIZATIONS, THAT THIS WILL BE FACILITATED.

Q: WHAT KIND OF EXPLANATION CAN YOU OFFER FOR THE DELAY?

MS. SHELLY: FOR THE DELAY IN THE SHIP'S ARRIVAL?

Q: YES.

MS. SHELLY: I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE PROBLEM
IS. I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS A TECHNICAL PROBLEM OR IF IT
WAS JUST RELATED TO OTHER THINGS. I DON'T HAVE THAT
INFORMATION, SO I COULDN'T SHED ANY FURTHER LIGHT ON IT.

Q: IT'S YOUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE IS A PROBLEM?

MS. SHELLY: NO, I DON'T THINK SO. IT'S SUPPOSED TO ARRIVE WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO. I'M NOT AWARE OF THERE BEING ANY PROBLEM.

Q: BUT THE STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED VERY CLEARLY LAST WEEK THAT IT WOULD ARRIVE JANUARY 12.

MS. SHELLY: AT THAT TIME, THAT'S WHEN WE THOUGHT IT WOULD ARRIVE, BUT NOW I'M TOLD IT'S GOING TO BE SLIGHTLY LATER THIS WEEK.

Q: WHAT WOULD THE POINT BE OF HAVING THIS CONFERENCE WITHOUT THE MILITARY WHO ARE A PRINCIPAL PARTY IN THE WHOLE DISPUTE?

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MS. SHELLY: ON THAT, I REALLY WOULD HAVE TO DIRECT YOU TO ARISTIDE OR TO THE HAITIAN EMBASSY HERE. IT'S THEIR CONFERENCE; IT'S THEIR IDEA. THEY'VE SET THE AGENDA ON THIS. THEY'RE ALSO THE ONES WHO OF COURSE ARE EXTENDING THE INVITATIONS TO THE PARTICIPANTS.

I THINK IT'S VERY CLEAR THAT IN ORDER TO BREAK OUT OF THE POLITICAL IMPASSE WHICH EXISTS RIGHT NOW, YOU NEED PARTICIPATION BY AS BROAD AN ELEMENT OF HAITIAN SOCIETY AS POSSIBLE. THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE WORKED WITH ARISTIDE AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES, TO TRY TO BOTH SHAPE THE AGENDA AND TO TRY TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO EXTEND THEIR INVITATIONS TO AS BROAD A RANGE OF PARTICIPANTS AS POSSIBLE. BUT AS TO ACTUALLY WHAT THEY HOPE TO ACHIEVE OUT OF THAT, IT'S THEIR CONFERENCE. AGAIN, I THINK THE QUESTION HAS TO BE DIRECTED TO THEM.

Q: CAN WE GO TO MEXICO?

MS. SHELLY: SURE.

Q: ACCORDING TO THE ANALYSIS THAT THE U.S. IS MAKING DOWN IN MEXICO, DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION IF, IN THIS WHOLE MOVEMENT, THERE ARE SEVERAL GROUPS THAT ARE PARTICIPATING? IT SEEMS LIKE THE EXPLOSIONS IN MEXICO CITY MAY HAVE BEEN PERPETRATED BY OTHER GROUPS, WITH REFERENCE TO SUBVERSIVE -- I MEAN, CLANDESTINE GROUPS, AND THAT PERHAPS THEIR MOVEMENT IS BEING TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF BY OTHER MOVEMENTS ALSO. DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THAT?

MS. SHELLY: I DON'T HAVE ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THAT. I KNOW WHEN THESE OTHER EPISODES OF VIOLENCE OCCURRED THAT OF COURSE WE LOOKED INTO THEM; WE EXCHANGED INFORMATION WITH THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT ON THIS.

AT THE TIME THAT THEY OCCURRED, OUR CONCLUSION AT THAT TIME WAS THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL DIFFERENT GROUPS WHICH HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN THESE EPISODES; AND THERE HAD BEEN

SOME IMPRESSION CREATED THAT THESE WERE ALL LINKED TO THE ACTIONS OF THE ZAPATISTAS. BUT I THINK THAT UPON LOOKING AT IT AND ALSO SHARING INFORMATION, OR GETTING INFORMATION FROM MEXICAN AUTHORITIES ON THIS, THAT WE CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT THINGS TAKING PLACE OUT THERE. SO THERE WASN'T A SINGLE THREAT OR A SINGLE SOURCE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF THE DIFFERENT THINGS WHICH OCCURRED.

Q: DO YOU HAVE A COMMENT ON THIS MORNING'S SALINAS ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CEASE-FIRE?

MS. SHELLY: OF COURSE WE'VE SEEN THAT. I DON'T HAVE A SPECIFIC THING FOR YOU. I'VE SEEN THAT PRESIDENT SALINAS HAS DECLARED A UNILATERAL CEASE-FIRE. HE HAS INDICATED THAT THE SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN ORDERED NOT TO FIRE UNLESS THEY COME UNDER ATTACK; AND HE HAS ALSO CALLED ON THE REBELS TO TURN IN THEIR ARMS. HE'S PROMISED A PARDON, I UNDERSTAND.

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MORE BROADLY SPEAKING, HE HAS BEEN VERY CLEAR IN HIS STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS TO DATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES IN CHIAPAS MUST ENSURE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THAT STATE.

AS WE'VE MENTIONED, I THINK YESTERDAY, THE NAMING OF THE FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, CARPIZO, TO THE INTERIOR MINISTRY AND THE FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER, CAMACHO, TO THE PEACE AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION, THESE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS ARE BEING ADDRESSED AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS.

Q: ACCORDING TO WHAT YOU SAID BEFORE, THAT PERHAPS SEVERAL GROUPS ARE HAVING SOME PARTICIPATION IN ALL THIS CONFLICT, DO YOU FORESEE A QUICK SOLUTION TO THIS CONFLICT? IT SEEMS LIKE IF THERE'S MORE THAN ONE GROUP, THEN THE NEGOTIATION WILL BE COMPLICATED, JUST TO USE ONE TERM.

MS. SHELLY: I THINK THE SITUATION IS CERTAINLY COMPLICATED. IT'S GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME. I THINK WE'RE PLEASED THAT FIGHTING IN THE CHIAPAS REGION HAS DIMINISHED SHARPLY AS THE CLASHES BETWEEN THE MEXICAN ARMY AND THE ZAPATISTAS CERTAINLY HAVE MARKEDLY DECREASED. NEGOTIATIONS, HOWEVER, BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE REBELS IN CHIAPAS STATE HAVE NOT ACTUALLY COMMENCED. BOTH OF THE SIDES HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE FOR NEGOTIATIONS, BUT I THINK THEY STILL HAVE TO ADDRESS THE MODALITIES OF HOW THESE WOULD COMMENCE. OF COURSE, WE HOPE THAT THAT WOULD START SOON.

I THINK THAT THIS IS SOMETHING -- THERE ARE CERTAINLY SOME BROAD ISSUES OUT THERE, AND THEY WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO ADDRESS. WE EXPECT THAT THEY FIRST WILL HAVE TO ADDRESS THE MODALITIES OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THEN

OBVIOUSLY GET INTO THEM, BUT IT WOULD PROBABLY TAKE SOME TIME.

Q: CAN WE JUST GO BACK TO BOSNIA FOR JUST A MINUTE? ARE YOU IN A POSITION TO REPORT ANY IMPROVEMENT IN THE SITUATION AROUND SARAJEVO AFTER THE VERY STRONG THREATS MADE TO THE SERBS BY THE NATO SUMMIT?

MS. SHELLY: I'D HAVE TO LOOK INTO THAT. I'LL CHECK AND SEE. WE'RE USUALLY ABLE TO GET FAIRLY TIMELY INFORMATION ABOUT THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND AND FIGHTING AND SHELLING -- THAT KIND OF THING. I DON'T HAVE THAT WITH ME NOW, BUT I'LL CHECK AND SEE. WE PROBABLY CAN POST AN ANSWER TO THAT THIS AFTERNOON.

Q: CHRISTINE, ON GABON. DOES THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE A COMMENT ON THE ALLEGATION THAT A GROUP OF FORMER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES WERE ARRESTED AND NOT PERMITTED TO TAKE A FLIGHT TO PARIS AND TO WASHINGTON TO MEET WITH U.S. OFFICIALS AT THE WHITE HOUSE AND HERE? AND DOES THE ADMINISTRATION FINALLY HAVE AN OPINION ON WHETHER THE GABONESE ELECTIONS WERE FREE, FAIR, UNCOERCED, AND SO FORTH?

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MS. SHELLY: ON THE POINT ABOUT THE ELECTIONS, I THINK, IN FACT, WE DID HAVE SOME GUIDANCE ON THIS A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. SO ON THAT POINT, IF I CAN ASK YOU TO CHECK WITH OUR PRESS OFFICE.

WHEN WE HEARD THE REPORTS ABOUT THIS GROUP OF OPPOSITION LEADERS HAVING BEEN STOPPED, WE DID LOOK INTO THAT. WHAT I UNDERSTAND IS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF GABON, ON BOTH JANUARY 8 AND 11, STOPPED SEVERAL OPPOSITION LEADERS, INCLUDING A NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPUTY, FROM DEPARTING THE COUNTRY.

I UNDERSTAND ALSO THAT SEVERAL -- I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT NUMBER; PERHAPS THREE OR FOUR -- WERE FORMER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES IN THE ELECTION.

ON JANUARY 11, MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP WERE BARRED FROM BOARDING AN AIRCRAFT -- IT WAS ACTUALLY AN AIR FRANCE FLIGHT -- THAT WAS GOING TO PARIS. THEY WERE STOPPED BY AIRPORT POLICE AND BY ELEMENTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD.

I UNDERSTAND ALSO THAT SEVERAL OF THE SUPPORTERS OF THIS GROUP, WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED THE DELEGATION TO THE AIRPORT AND WERE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THE BOARDING WAS PREVENTED, THEY PARTICIPATED, THEY STAGED SOME DEMONSTRATIONS AFTER THE INCIDENT, STOPPING TRAFFIC. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WAS ONE ATTACK ON A MOTORIST, AND POLICE EVENTUALLY WERE CALLED IN TO BREAK UP THE DISTURBANCE.

WE MAY ACTUALLY HAVE SOMETHING, A STATEMENT ON THIS, LATER TODAY.

I WOULD NOTE THAT THE U.S. DEPLORES THE ACTIONS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GABON TO RESTRICT THE RIGHT OF OPPOSITION POLITICAL LEADERS TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF GABON. THEIR CONSTITUTION PROVIDES THE RIGHT TO THEIR CITIZENS TO TRAVEL FREELY OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTRY AND TO RETURN. THIS IS CLEARLY A RIGHT WHICH WE WOULD EXPECT TO BE RESPECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT. SO WE CALL UPON THE GOVERNMENT TO RESPECT THE BASIC CIVIL LIBERTIES AND THE FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THEIR CITIZENS.

Q: THANK YOU.

MS. SHELLY: THANK YOU.

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SUMMARY

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

HUNGARIAN TELEVISION

2. STATE-RUN HUNGARIAN TELEVISION (MTV) COVERED THE
PRAGUE SUMMIT ON ITS NIGHTLY NEWS PROGRAM "HIRADO."
ESTIMATED VIEWERSHIP: 3 MILLION. BLOCK QUOTES FOLLOW:
TV COMMENTATOR: "THE US ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO
EAST-CENTRAL EUROPE....CLINTON APPRECIATES THE REACTION
OF HUNGARY TO THE PFP INITIATIVE."
HUNGARIAN PRESIDENT ARPAD GOENCZ: "PFP IS VERY
IMPORTANT, BUT HUNGARY HAS TO BE STRONGLY TIED TO THE
WESTERN WORLD IN MANY OTHER RESPECTS AS WELL."
HUNGARIAN PRIME MINISTER PETER BOROSS: "I WANT TO
EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESIDENT CLINTON'S NEW

PROPOSAL IN WHICH HE PROMISED TO HELP FURTHER PROMOTE FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THE REGION BY ORGANIZING A CONFERENCE IN THE US ON THIS TOPIC."

HUNGARIAN RADIO

3. HUNGARIAN RADIO'S MAIN NEWS AND POLITICAL CHANNEL "KOSSUTH RADIO" REPORTED ON THE SUMMIT IN ITS HOURLY NEWS BROADCASTS.

NEPSZABADSAG

4. HIGHEST-CIRCULATION DAILY "NEPSZABADSAG" (310,000) JANUARY 13 CARRIES A FRONT-PAGE NEWS STORY TITLED "DIPLOMATIC SUMMIT DAY IN THE CZECH CAPITAL," SUBTITLED "CLINTON SAYS THE EXPANSION OF NATO IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME." ARTICLE IS ACCOMPANIED ON THE FRONT PAGE BY A PHOTO OF PRESIDENT CLINTON AND THE FOUR VISEGRAD LEADERS CAPTIONED "PRESIDENTS."

"NEPSZABADSAG" JANUARY 13 CARRIED AN OPINION PIECE HEADED "THE RACE" ON PAGE 2. BLOCK QUOTES FOLLOW: "THE PROCESSION OF THE LEADERS OF THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES TO BILL CLINTON'S RESIDENCE IN BUBENEC WAS A PECULIAR VIEW. THE VARIOUS DELEGATIONS CAME AND LEFT INDEPENDENTLY, ALMOST UNAWARE OF EACH OTHER'S EXISTENCE. IT COULD BE TAKEN AS A HINT THAT... THERE WAS NO TRACE OF COMMON ACTION IN SUPPORT OF COMMON INTERESTS. THEREFORE, EACH REPEATED THE SAME THINGS DURING THEIR TALKS WITH THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT: THAT THEY NEED WASHINGTON'S SUPPORT; THAT THEY SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE; AND THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO INTEGRATE INTO THE WESTERN POLITICAL, MILITARY AND ECONOMIC STRUCTURE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN THE END, EVERYBODY GOT WHAT THEY HAD HOPED FOR. THE AMERICANS GOT THE BLESSING OF CENTRAL EUROPE ON THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE, AND THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES ACHIEVED WHATEVER THEY COULD REALISTICALLY EXPECT FROM THE WESTERN ALLIANCE. THIS OF COURSE SHIES AWAY FROM THEIR FORMER HOPES, BUT IT IS MORE THAN WHAT THEY HAD RECEIVED THUS FAR. THE GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT WAS THAT NOW EVERYBODY KNOWS WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE OTHERS. FROM THIS ANGLE, THE RESULTS OF THE PRAGUE SUMMIT ARE NOT SO BAD. ON THE CONTRARY: ALL PARTIES COULD LEAVE FEELING SATISFIED.

FROM ANOTHER ANGLE, HOWEVER, PRAGUE WAS A FAILURE FOR THOSE HOPING FOR CENTRAL EUROPEAN COOPERATION. IT WAS ONLY THE INTEGRATION INTO THE WEST THAT WAS ENDORSED IN PRAGUE, NOT THE VISEGRAD CONCEPT ITSELF. THE CRISIS IN COOPERATION OF THE V-4 COUNTRIES BECAME EVIDENT IN PRAGUE....THESE COUNTRIES, AND ESPECIALLY THE CZECHLANDS, SHOW VERY LITTLE INTENTION OF ACTING JOINTLY.... HOWEVER, REMARKS OF THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE WEST WOULD LIKE TO DEAL WITH THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES AS A GROUP, AND THE TECHNICAL ADVANTAGES OF SUCH TREATMENT SHOULD NOT BE IGNORED:

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THE CONCEPT OF PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE WILL ENHANCE
COMPETITION AMONG THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED. WITH THE
INTRODUCTION OF THE CONCEPT OF "SELF-SELECTION," THE
RACE WILL BEGIN FOR THE CHANCES OF MILITARY-POLITICAL
INTEGRATION AND, AS A FINAL GOAL, FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP IN
NATO. THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT, APPEARING SELF-
CONFIDENT, DOES NOT SEEM TO FEAR ITS COMPETITORS BUT
INSTEAD THINKS IT HAS A FAIRLY GOOD CHANCE OF WINNING
THE RACE."

MAGYAR HIRLAP

5. INFLUENTIAL DAILY "MAGYAR HIRLAP" (90,000), THE
PAPER OF THE URBAN INTELLECTUALS, CARRIED A PAGE ONE
HEADLINE STORY JANUARY 13 ENTITLED "CLINTON PROMISES
ECONOMIC SUPPORT TO THE VISEGRAD GROUP." THE ARTICLE WAS
ACCOMPANIED BY A PHOTO OF PRESIDENT CLINTON AND
HUNGARIAN PRESIDENT GOENCZ, WITH THE CAPTION "ARPA
D GOENZC AND BILL CLINTON DURING THE PRAGUE TALKS." THE
ARTICLE REPORTS THAT YESTERDAY IN PRAGUE, PRESIDENT
CLINTON PROMISED ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR THE CZECH
REPUBLIC, POLAND, HUNGARY AND SLOVAKIA, EMPHASIZING THAT
HE ALSO EXPECTS COOPERATION AMONG THE FOUR COUNTRIES.
THE ARTICLE ALSO STATES THAT THERE WERE THREE MAIN
ISSUES DISCUSSED: THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE, REGIONAL
COOPERATION IN CENTRAL EUROPE, AND POLICY TOWARDS
RUSSIA. PRESIDENT CLINTON WAS REPORTED TO STATE, "IT
IS NOT A QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT NEW MEMBERS CAN
ENTER (NATO), BUT RATHER WHEN AND HOW."
THE ARTICLE MENTIONS THAT IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THE FOUR
HEADS OF STATE OF THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES DIFFER
SIGNIFICANTLY IN THEIR ENTHUSIASM FOR THE 'PARTNERSHIP
FOR PEACE' PLAN. THE ARTICLE ALSO CONFIRMS CLINTON'S
VISIT TO WARSAW AND HIS INVITATION TO SLOVAKIA.
THE ARTICLE GOES ON TO MENTION THE POSSIBILITY OF JOINT
MILITARY EXERCISES BETWEEN NATO AND CENTRAL EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES. TWO OF THE FOUR CENTRAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES,
HUNGARY AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC, REFERRED TO THE MEETING
WITH CLINTON AS 'HISTORIC'.
A SECOND PAGE ONE ARTICLE ENTITLED "AGREEMENT BETWEEN
CLINTON AND KRAVCHUK DURING THEIR MEETING" DESCRIBES THE
AGREEMENT REACHED BY THE U.S. AND UKRAINE ON NUCLEAR
DISARMAMENT.

NEPSZAVA

6. ANTI-GOVERNMENT "NEPSZAVA" (110,000) JANUARY 13
CARRIED A PAGE ONE MTI (HUNGARIAN NEWS AGENCY) NEWS
PIECE TITLED "WASHINGTON DOES NOT ABANDON NEW CENTRAL
EUROPEAN DEMOCRACIES." ARTICLE IS ACCOMPANIED BY A
PHOTO OF PRESIDENT CLINTON, HUNGARIAN PRESIDENT ARPA
D GOENCZ, AND HUNGARIAN PRIME MINISTER PETER BOROSS,

CAPTIONED "NEGOTIATION BETWEEN BILL CLINTON AND HUNGARIAN LEADERS LASTED ALMOST AN HOUR."

ON PAGE 9 "NEPSZAVA" RAN AN EDITORIAL TITLED "HALF-FULL PEACE GLASS." EXCERPTS FOLLOW:

"WE CAN VIEW PFP AS SOMETHING THAT IS NOT MUCH MORE THAN NOTHING, SINCE IT DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY SECURITY GUARANTEES. OF COURSE, WE MIGHT FEEL FLATTERED BECAUSE THIS HALF-FULL GLASS OF PFP WAS HANDED TO THE DISAPPOINTED VISEGRAD LEADERS BY BILL CLINTON HIMSELF....ONE HAS TO ADMIT, HOWEVER, THAT AT THE MOMENT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO GET THE CONSENT OF ALL 16 NATO MEMBER COUNTRIES FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE ORGANIZATION....THE AMERICANS HAVE ALWAYS EMPHASIZED THAT THEY WELCOME REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD,...HOWEVER, BY OFFERING A HALF-EMPTY GLASS TO US, THEY MANAGED TO KILL ALL THE ILLUSIONS CHERISHED BY THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES THAT THEY ARE ENTITLED TO A BIGGER GLASS OF HOPES....CLINTON'S MEETING WITH VISEGRAD LEADERS IN PRAGUE CAN BE VIEWED AS A TURNING POINT IN THE HISTORY OF VISEGRAD COOPERATION. IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE FOR US TO MAINTAIN THIS COOPERATION, BECAUSE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT REASONS FOR NATO TO POSTPONE ITS EXPANSION IS THAT THEY WANT TO AVOID HAVING TO OFFER A SECURITY UMBRELLA TO THESE FOUR COUNTRIES IN CASE OF UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 04 BUDAPEST 000446

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POSSIBLE CONFLICTS."

"NEPSZAVA" ALSO CARRIED A PAGE 9 ARTICLE WHICH QUOTES BILL CLINTON AS SAYING, "THE QUESTION NOW IS NOT WHETHER NATO WOULD ADMIT NEW MEMBERS, BUT WHEN AND HOW...THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE INITIATIVE IS OPEN FOR ALL FORMER WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES AND CSCE COUNTRIES." HUNGARIAN PRESIDENT ARPAD GOENCZ IS QUOTED SAY

ING, "CENTRAL EUROPE

CANNOT BECOME A GRAY ZONE, A SECURITY VACUUM." PRIME MINISTER BOROSS WAS ALSO QUOTED SAYING THAT "OUR TALKS WITH US PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON WERE CORDIAL,...AND OUR CONCLUSION IS THAT THE US WELCOMES HUNGARY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PFP PROGRAM... ALTHOUGH HUNGARY WOULD HAVE LIKED TO BE OFFERED SOMETHING MORE THAN PFP, WE ARE READY TO ACCEPT REALITIES." THIS PIECE IS ACCOMPANIED BY A PHOTO OF BILL CLINTON AND THE FOUR PRESIDENTS OF THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

"NEPSZAVA" ALSO CARRIES AN INTERVIEW WITH HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER GEZA JESZENSZKY TITLED "JESZENSZKY SAYS IT DID NOT DEPEND ON THE RUSSIANS." EXCERPTS FROM THE INTERVIEW FOLLOW:

"I DO NOT THINK THAT FULL NATO MEMBERSHIP IS THE NOTION OF THE FUTURE,... I WOULD RATHER SAY THAT NATO'S DOOR IS OPEN FOR US AND IT DEPENDS ON US WHEN WE ENTER... IT IS

TRUE THAT THE RUSSIANS MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT THEY WOULD NOT WELCOME THE EXPANSION OF NATO TOWARDS THE EAST, BUT NATO HAS FIRMLY REJECTED THEIR REQUEST... I THINK THE AMERICANS AND OTHER NATO MEMBER STATES INTENDED TO FIND THE BEST SOLUTION FOR THEMSELVES,... AND THIS INCLUDES THE POSSIBILITY FOR RUSSIA TO BECOME A FLOURISHING DEMOCRATIC STATE....NEITHER THE US NOR WE WANT TO DIVIDE EUROPE ONCE AGAIN,... AND THIS AMERICAN POINT OF VIEW SHOWS THE RESPONSIBILITY THEY FEEL TOWARDS THIS PART OF THE WORLD...I WOULD NOT BE HAPPY TO SEE A VERY QUICK AND SUDDEN EXPANSION OF NATO; THE ORGANIZATION HAS TO REMAIN FUNCTIONAL...I THINK THAT AFTER THE CHANGES IN EASTERN EUROPE THERE ARE A NUMBER OF NEW STATES ON VERY DIFFERENT LEVELS OF DEVELOPMENT, AND LIMITED WESTERN RESOURCES HAVE TO BE SHARED AMONG US...THIS IS ALSO ONE OF THE REASONS FOR SLOW PROGRESS."

MAGYAR NEMZET

7. CONSERVATIVE "MAGYAR NEMZET" (50,000) JANUARY 13 HAD A FRONT-PAGE STORY HEADED "NO MEMBERSHIP, BUT NO PERMANENT WAITING ROOM EITHER: ECONOMIC ISSUES AT THE CENTER OF THE PRAGUE SUMMIT." THIS NEWS PIECE IS ACCOMPANIED BY A PHOTO OF BILL CLINTON, ARPAD GOENCZ, AND PETER BOROSS CAPTIONED "BILL CLINTON FIRST MEETS WITH ARPAD GOENCZ AND PETER BOROSS AT THE US EMBASSY IN PRAGUE." "MAGYAR NEMZET" PRAGUE CORRESPONDENT QUOTES BILL CLINTON AS SAYING, "I MADE IT CLEAR TO MY PARTNERS THAT THE SECURITY OF THEIR COUNTRIES IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AS WELL....THE US WELCOMES AND SUPPORTS REGIONAL COOPERATION BETWEEN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES." HUNGARIAN PRESIDENT ARPAD GOENCZ IS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING, "HUNGARY WILL DO HER UTMOST TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS NEW OFFER MADE BY THE UNITED STATES." THIS PIECE IS ACCOMPANIED ON PAGE 3 BY A PHOTO OF BILL CLINTON AND THE FOUR VISEGRAD PRESIDENTS CAPTIONED "THE US PRESIDENT WITH THE PRESIDENTS OF THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES IN THE GARDEN OF THE RESIDENCE OF THE US AMBASSADOR TO PRAGUE." "MAGYAR NEMZET" ALSO CARRIES AN OPINION PIECE ON PAGE 1 ENTITLED "THE PRAGUE MESSAGE." EXCERPTS FOLLOW: "CLINTON HAS UNDOUBTEDLY WON A VICTORY, AT LEAST IN EUROPE WHERE FIRST HE HAD OTHER NATO MEMBERS AND LATER THE CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ADOPT THE PFP... FROM NOW ON THE US ADMINISTRATION CAN NO LONGER BE BLAMED FOR LETTING EUROPE DOWN...AND FOR FORGETTING ABOUT THE PROBLEMS OF ITS NEW DEMOCRACIES... THE TALKS THE US CONDUCTED IN PRAGUE WITH THE VISEGRAD LEADERS HAVE PROVED ITS COMMITMENT TOWARDS DEMOCRATIC REFORMS... THE US HAS ALSO SHOWN THAT IT TREATS THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES IN THE SAME WAY... AND THAT NONE OF THEM WILL BE FAVORED IN ANY WAY... BILL CLINTON MADE IT CLEAR TO THE VISEGRAD LEADERS THAT THE US IS INTERESTED IN A COOPERATIVE CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE READY TO

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ALLEVIATE CONFLICTS IN THE REGION... LEADERS OF THE
VISEGRAD COUNTRIES HAD VERY USEFUL TALKS WITH BILL
CLINTON,... HOWEVER, THEY HAVE TO MAKE THEMSELVES
UNDERSTOOD BY THEIR COUNTERPARTS AS WELL. THE COUNTRIES
OF THE REGION HAVE TO COME UP WITH A PARTNERSHIP AMONG
THEMSELVES, TOO, ... OTHERWISE THE PFP INITIATIVE WILL
FAIL... AND THE REGION WILL ULTIMATELY BE LEFT ALONE."

UJ MAGYARORSZAG

8. PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY "UJ MAGYARORSZAG" (15,000)
CARRIED A PAGE 1 ARTICLE ENTITLED "NEW TYPE OF SECURITY
AND SUPPORT FOR THE REGION: PRAGUE MEETINGS WITH
PRESIDENT CLINTON." THIS NEWS PIECE IS ACCOMPANIED BY A
PHOTO OF BILL CLINTON, ARPAD GOENCZ AND PETER BOROSS
CAPTIONED "HUNGARIAN DELEGATION NEGOTIATING WITH
PRESIDENT CLINTON." "UJ MAGYARORSZAG" CORRESPONDENT
QUOTES CLINTON AS SAYING "THE SECURITY OF CENTRAL EUROPE
IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE UNITED STATES, AND THE PFP
INITIATIVE PROVIDES THE POSSIBILITY OF JOINING A NEW
TYPE OF SECURITY SYSTEM FOR ALL INTERESTED STATES."

PESTI HIRLAP

9. PRO-GOVERNMENT "PESTI HIRLAP" (15,000) HAS A PAGE 1
ARTICLE ENTITLED "BILL CLINTON MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE FOUR: WASHINGTON IS INTERESTED IN VISEGRAD."
THIS NEWS PIECE IS ACCOMPANIED BY A PHOTO OF BILL
CLINTON WITH ARPAD GOENCZ AND PETER BOROSS. CULPEPPER
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CZECH DAILIES. MAJOR NEWSPAPERS CARRIED WHOLE-PAGE TO
SEVERAL-PAGE-LONG COVERAGE OF THE PRAGUE VISIT
INCLUDING PICTURES FROM THE MEETING.

1. "LIDOVE NOVINY" (CENTRIST INTELLECTUAL DAILY,
CIRCULATION 100,000) CARRIED A FRONT-PAGE SIGNED
COMMENTARY HEADLINED "DUAL ROAD AND ONE CHANCE."

(BEGIN QUOTE) EXCEPT FOR AN INDIRECT PROMISE OF
NATO'S ASSISTANCE IN THE EVENT OF INTERVENTION AGAINST
CENTRAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES... THE SUMMIT - NON-SUMMIT
HAS NOT CONVEYED ANY SURPRISING MESSAGE... PARTNERSHIP
FOR PEACE IS THE CHANCE WHICH HAS BEEN OFFERED TO ALL
(VISEGRAD COUNTRIES), AND IT IS UP TO THOSE WHO ARE
INTERESTED TO MAKE USE OF IT TO BECOME NATO MEMBERS IN
THE END. IF SOME OF THEM DO NOT ACHIEVE THE GOAL, THE
IMPLICATION WILL BE EVIDENT: THIS PARTICULAR COUNTRY
IS NOT INTERESTED IN THE OFFERED ROAD. (END QUOTE)

2. "LIDOVE NOVINY" CARRIED YET ANOTHER SIGNED COMMENTARY ENTITLED "CLINTON'S TRIP IS MARKED BY CHRISTOPHER'S CAUTIOUSNESS." (BEGIN QUOTE) CLINTON'S MAIDEN TRIP TO EUROPE IS SET IN CHRISTOPHER'S STYLE: (ONE HAS TO) LISTEN CAREFULLY AND WITH UNDERSTANDING BUT NEVER BRING THE SITUATION TO A HEAD WITH AN INCONSIDERATE REMARK, UNLESS IT WAS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CLIENT (RUSSIA), IN WHICH CASE THE DIRECTION OF NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE CHANGED ACCORDINGLY. (END QUOTE)

3. "MLADA FRONTA DNES" (RIGHT-OF-CENTER DAILY, CIRCULATION 320,000) IN A SIGNED COMMENTARY ENTITLED "PARTNERSHIP ONLY FOR PARTNERS" OPINES: (BEGIN QUOTE) AFTER THE BRUSSELS SUMMIT, THE ISSUE OF NATO MEMBERSHIP CAN BE UNDERSTOOD IN A DIFFERENT WAY. AFTER IT LOST ITS ENEMY FROM THE "EVIL EMPIRE," THE ALLIANCE HAS BEEN CHANGING SUBSTANTIALY AND HAS BEEN WORKING FOR COOPERATION WITH RUSSIA RATHER THAN FOR DETERRING (RUSSIA). IN VIEW OF MOSCOW'S NUCLEAR POTENTIAL, THIS APPROACH IS COMPREHENSIBLE. THE CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES DO NOT OFTEN SHARE THIS VIEW. THE ONE WHO'LL UNDERSTAND THIS SOONEST, MAY BECOME A MEMBER SOONEST. NATO - LIKE PARTNERSHIP IS ONLY FOR PARTNERS, NOT FOR COMPETITORS AND RIVALS. (END QUOTE)

4. "HOSPODARSKE NOVINY" (ECONOMIC DAILY, CIRCULATION 140,000) IN A SIGNED COMMENTARY HEADLINED "CALLS TO THE EAST ARE ECHOED FROM THE WEST" OBSERVES: (BEGIN QUOTE) THE FACT IS THAT PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE CREATES CONDITIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL APPROACH TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES, ALTHOUGH, ON THE OTHER HAND, THE U.S. AND WESTERN EUROPE WOULD WELCOME CLOSER REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THE EAST. IT WOULD NOT BE SENSIBLE FOR THE CZECH REPUBLIC TO TRY TO OUTSTRIP ITS NEIGHBORS AT ANY COST. (END QUOTE)

5. "CESKY DENIK" (RIGHTIST DAILY, CIRCULATION 55,000) IN A SIGNED COMMENTARY ENTITLED "SUMMIT OBSERVATIONS" MAINTAINS: (BEGIN QUOTE) FOR AMERICA THE SUPERPOWER TALKS IN MOSCOW WILL BE OF MAJOR INTEREST. IN THE SHADOW OF THESE, THE PRAGUE STAY IS INDEED ONLY A "VISIT TO THE TIGER PUB." (END QUOTE)

6. "LIDOVA DEMOKRACIE" (CHRISTIAN DAILY, CIRCULATION 50,000) IN A SIGNED COMMENTARY HEADLINED "THE VISIT AND INVESTMENT" OPINES: (BEGIN QUOTE) DUE TO ECONOMIC RECESSION IN WESTERN EUROPE IT WAS AMERICAN INVESTMENT WHICH WAS LARGEST IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1993. APART FROM THE FACT THAT B. CLINTON VISITED PRAGUE 24 YEARS AGO, THIS MAY BE THE CLUE (TO WHY PRAGUE HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS A SITE FOR THE MEETING). I

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ANY CASE, THE CZECH REPUBLIC HAS AGAIN BECOME VISIBLE ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE. AND THIS WON'T BE A DISADVANTAGE WHEN FOREIGN ENTERPRENEURS ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DECIDING WHERE TO INVEST THEIR MONEY. (END QUOTE)

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7. "PRACE" (LABOR UNION DAILY, CIRCULATION 45,000)
CARRIES A SIGNED COMMENTARY ENTITLED "WE'LL BEHAVE
OURSELVES." (BEGIN QUOTE) IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO
DRAW ANY LINE IN EUROPE BETWEEN THOSE WHO ARE NATO
MEMBERS AND THOSE WHO ARE NOT. BY LAUNCHING THE
PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE PROGRAM EVERYONE IS AND IS NOT
INCLUDED. IT IS WIDELY EXPECTED THAT THE PURPOSE OF
CLINTON'S VISIT TO PRAGUE WILL BECOME EVIDENT ONLY
AFTER HIS VISIT TO MOSCOW. (END QUOTE)

8. PRESIDENT CLINTON'S VISIT TO PRAGUE WAS THE MAIN
HEADLINE NEWS ON CZECH TV'S PRIME TIME EVENING NEWS
PROGRAM. (BEGIN QUOTE) THE MEETING WAS ONLY
INFORMATIVE, WITHOUT SURPRISING RESULTS. TALKS ALSO
FOCUSED ON THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE U.S. SHARE IN
ESTABLISHING DEMOCRACY AND A MARKET ECONOMY IN CENTRAL
EUROPE. PRESIDENT HAVEL SAID THAT THE CZECH REPUBLIC
WELCOMES PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE AND THAT IT WAS READY
TO START TALKS ON ITS CONCRETE CONTENTS IMMEDIATELY.
(END QUOTE)

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KIEV (JANUARY 12)
1. THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO KIEV WAS THE NUMBER ONE ITE
ON THE ELECTRONIC MEDIA, WITH TV CARRYING EXTENSIVE
VISUALS OF THE ARRIVAL CEREMONY AND OF THE PRESS
CONFERENCE. REPORTS CONSISTED OF BRIEF SUMMARIES OF
ISSUES DISCUSSED DURING THE U.S.-UKRAINIAN TALKS--NUCLEA
WEAPONS AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS--RATHER THAN IN-DEPTH
ANALYSIS. WHILE THE TONE OF THE ELECTRONIC MEDIA
COVERAGE WAS POSITIVE, UKRAINIAN TELEVISION (STATE TV)
DID CONCLUDE WITH THE COMMENT THAT "THIS MEETING SHOWED
THAT YOU CANNOT TALK WITH UKRAINE IN THE LANGUAGE OF
ULTIMATUMS." THE SLOW-MOVING PRINT MEDIA, WHICH
COMMENTED ON THE VISIT PRIOR TO ITS OCCURRENCE, HAS NOT
YET COVERED THE EVENT ITSELF. THE PRE-VISIT COMMENTARY
(WHICH APPEARED JANUARY 13, THE DAY FOLLOWING THE VISIT)
NOTED THAT THE PROPOSED TRILATERAL AGREEMENT WAS UNDER
CRITICISM IN PARLIAMENT AND THAT IT HAS NOT YET BEEN
FINALIZED. FOLLWING ARE BLOCK QUOTATIONS FROM PRINT
MEDIA COMMENTARY WHICH HAS APPEARED THUS FAR.
2. "KYIVSKIYE VEDOMOSTI" (CIRC: 200,000; INDEPENDENT
RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE KIEV DAILY) IN ITS JANUARY 12 EDITION
QUOTES MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SERHIY HOLOVATY "'IF THE
AGREEMENT (THAT PRESIDENT KRAVCHUK SIGNS) IS THE SAME ON
PRESIDENT CLINTON DESCRIBED IN BRUSSELS, THEN THERE WILL
BE A SERIOUS SCANDAL IN PARLIAMENT. ... IF THE AGREEMENT

IS NOT BENEFICIAL TO UKRAINE, THEN, OF COURSE, WE (PARLIAMENT) WILL NOT BE SILENT.'" THE CORRESPONDENT ADDS HER OWN COMMENTARY, POINTING OUT THAT "IF THE AGREEMENT WILL APPLY TO ALL OF UKRAINE'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS THEN OUR PRESIDENT WILL SEEM TO HAVE OVERSTEPPED HIS AUTHORITY." THE ARTICLE ENDS WITH A QUOTE FROM MFA SPOKESMAN YURIY SERGEEV: "'WE DON'T KNOW YET WHICH IS WORSE FOR UKRAINE--TO BE STUCK IN ECONOMIC DEADLOCK, OR TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO ASSURE THAT OUR GOVERNMENT RECEIVES AID FROM ABROAD TO SOLVE DOMESTIC PROBLEMS. IF THE PRESIDENT SIGNS THE AGREEMENT, HE WILL HAVE TAKEN A STEP WHICH MAKES SUCH AID AVAILABLE TO UKRAINE.'"

3. "KYIVSKIYE VEDOMOSTI" FOR JANUARY 13 RAN THE TRANSCRIPT OF PRESIDENT CLINTON'S JANUARY 11 STATEMENT IN BRUSSELS UNDER THE HEADLINE "GOODBYE, WEAPONS?"

4. "VECHIRNIY KYIV" (CIRC: APPROX. 500,000 PER MONTH; KIEV'S INDEPENDENT UKRAINIAN-LANGUAGE EVENING PAPER) ON JANUARY 12 SPECULATES ON WHAT MADE PRESIDENT CLINTON CHANGE HIS PLANS AND ADD KIEV TO HIS ITINERARY: THE CORRESPONDENT ASKS, BY NOT PLANNING TO COME, WAS HE DISCIPLINING UKRAINE, OR WERE THE AGREEMENTS JUST NOT READY FOR DISCUSSION? "SO WHOSE DIPLOMACY PREVAILED WHEN THE VISIT WAS ANNOUNCED: UKRAINIAN, AMERICAN OR RUSSIAN AS ONE GERMAN NEWSPAPER NOTES, 'IF THE CLINTON-KRAVCHUK MEETING HAPPENS, IT WILL BRING GLORY TO PRESIDENT KRAVCHUK, BUT NO RELIEF TO THE POPULATION OF UKRAINE.'"

THE AGREEMENT (ABOUT UKRAINIAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS) WILL HELP PRESIDENT CLINTON'S IMAGE AS A FOREIGN POLICY PRESIDENT; IT WILL IMPROVE THE IMAGE OF THE U.S. AS A PEACEMAKER; AND IT WILL MAKE RUSSIA THE ONLY NUCLEAR POWER IN THE REGION, AND THEREFORE THE ONLY FORMER SOVIET STATE TO WHICH THE WEST AND THE U.S. MUST PAY ATTENTION.

MFA SPOKESMAN YURIY SERGEEV SAID THAT 'THE FINAL (TRILATERAL) DOCUMENT IS NOT COMPLETE, SO THE MEETINGS IN MOSCOW MAY TURN OUT TO BE ONLY CONSULTATIONS (AND NOT A SIGNING CEREMONY).' WE WILL FIND OUT FRIDAY (WHETHER THE MEETINGS ARE PURELY CONSULTATIONS), BUT WILL THIS NOT BE TOO LATE? BUT WE STILL HAVE A PARLIAMENT WHICH KNOWS HOW TO SLOW DOWN, STOP, OR PUT CONDITIONS (ON INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS)."

5. "DEMOCRATYCHNA UKRAINA" (CIRC: 150,000; INDEPENDENT UKRAINIAN-LANGUAGE DAILY) PUZZLES OVER PRESIDENT CLINTON'S SUDDEN CHANGE IN ITINERARY, AND QUESTIONS PRESIDENT KRAVCHUK'S AUTHORITY TO SIGN AWAY UKRAINE'S NUCLEAR ARSENAL. "MEANWHILE, OPPOSITION GROUPS AND MOVEMENTS DO NOT WANT TO MISS THEIR CHANCE AT SOME POLITICAL CAPITAL. ACCORDING TO 'RUKH-PRESS' (INFORMATION SERVICE OF AN OPPOSITION MOVEMENT), 'YOUNG UKRAINIAN PATRIOTS WILL DEMONSTRATE AGAINST THE VISIT OF THIS UNBIDDEN GUEST (BILL CLINTON), WHO JUST DAYS AGO SAID HE WAS GOING TO UKRAINE TO DISARM IT. THE DEMONSTRATION WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE WILL ALSO BE ANTI-KRAVCHUK.' (COMMENT: THE DEMONSTRATION DID TAKE PLACE IN FRONT OF THE AIRPORT ON THE EVENING OF THE VISIT.) THEREFORE, THE FOG WHICH HAS ENSHROUDED KIEV IN UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 KIEV 000285
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THE LAST FEW DAYS SEEMS TO BE MORE THAN JUST A
METEOROLOGICAL PHENOMENON."

6. "NEZAVISIMOST" (CIRC: 300,000 PER MONTH; INDEPENDEN
RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE BI-WEEKLY) ON JANUARY 12 SIMPLY
ANNOUNCED THE PRESIDENT WOULD VISIT KIEV, AND SAID THAT
"WHAT MADE HIM CHANGE HIS PLANS REMAINS A RIDDLE."

7. "HOLOS UKRAINY" (CIRC: 700,000; THE BILINGUAL DAILY
OF THE UKRAINIAN PARLIAMENT) FOR JANUARY 12 RAN THE
PRESIDENCY'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLINTON'S VISIT AND
COMPLAINED THAT, "AS ALWAYS, THE AMERICAN PRESS HAD
BETTER INFORMATION ON THE VISIT THAN THE UKRAINIAN
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1994
1. THIS MEDIA REACTION COVERS COMMENT AND REPORTING ON:
-- CLINTON-YELTSIN TALKS --
-- NATO SUMMIT --
LEAD STORIES: THE YOMIURI GAVE TOP COVERAGE FRIDAY
MORNING TO A REPORT ON THE ALLEGED, ILLEGAL EXPORT OF
SPECTRUM ANALYZERS, PRODUCTS CLASSIFIED AS STRATEGIC
ITEMS UNDER COCOM REGULATIONS, TO NORTH KOREA. THE
REPORT SAID INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE THE JAPANESE-MADE
ANALYZERS ARE USED TO IMPROVE AIMING IN THE INTERMEDIATE-
RANGE RODONG 1 BALLISTIC MISSILE UNDER DEVELOPMENT BY
PYONGYANG. THE NIHON KEIZAI'S HEADLINE STORY DEALT WITH
NISSAN MOTOR CO.'S DECISION TO SELL FORD MOTOR CARS IN

JAPAN STARTING IN APRIL.

-- CLINTON-YELTSIN TALKS --

-- PRESS REPORTS --

2. NIHON KEIZAI'S MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT KOIKE FILED A REPORT (JANUARY 14), ENTITLED QUOTE CLINTON, YELTSIN CONFIRM NEW, COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP UNQUOTE, SAYING, "DURING THEIR TALKS, PRESIDENT CLINTON EXPRESSED STRONG U.S. SUPPORT FOR RUSSIAN PRESIDENT YELTSIN'S FIRM COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRATIC REFORMS IN RUSSIA. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE U.S. AND RUSSIAN LEADERS HAD SHOWN A CLOSER AND MORE COOPERATIVE U.S.-RUSSIA RELATIONSHIP. "IT IS UNMISTAKABLY TRUE THAT U.S.-RUSSIA RELATIONS HAVE ENTERED A NEW, MATURE PHASE SINCE CLINTON AND YELTSIN CALLED FOR A U.S.-RUSSIA PARTNERSHIP DURING THEIR SUMMIT TALKS IN VANCOUVER LAST APRIL. YELTSIN MUST SECURE ALL-OUT U.S. SUPPORT FOR MAINTAINING HIS LEADERSHIP TO CARRY OUT ECONOMIC REFORMS AMID THE RISE OF ULTRANATIONALISTS IN RECENT RUSSIAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS."

3. TOKYO SHIMBUN'S MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT MUKUCHI WROTE A DISPATCH (JANUARY 14), TITLED QUOTE U.S. MAY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SUPPORT YELTSIN UNQUOTE, SAYING, "ALTHOUGH MR. YELTSIN ACCEPTED PRESIDENT CLINTON'S REQUEST FOR ECONOMIC REFORM MEASURES, IT IS TRUE THAT THE U.S. PRESIDENT VISITED MOSCOW AT A TIME WHEN THE RUSSIAN POLITICAL SITUATION IS BECOMING MORE DELICATE.

"AS THE YELTSIN GOVERNMENT'S RADICAL REFORMIST POLICY HAS BEEN BACKING OFF QUICKLY, YELTSIN FINDS IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO MAP OUT CONCRETE ECONOMIC REFORM MEASURES. WORSE STILL, THE NEW RUSSIAN PARLIAMENT REMAINS IN GREAT CONFUSION AMID THE GROWING RISE OF ULTRANATIONALISTS AND COMMUNISTS IN RECENT ELECTIONS.

"SHOULD THE REFORMISTS LOSE TO THE ULTRANATIONALISTS, THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION WOULD DISTANCE ITSELF SOMEWHAT FROM THE YELTSIN GOVERNMENT."

4. MAINICHI'S MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT SHIGEMURA WROTE A REPORT (JANUARY 14), TITLED QUOTE CLINTON INTERESTED IN FINDING NEW RUSSIAN LEADERS UNQUOTE, SAYING, "THE PRESIDENT'S ORIGINAL PLAN DURING HIS VISIT TO MOSCOW HAD BEEN TO EXPRESS CONTINUING STRONG U.S. SUPPORT FOR
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YELTSIN'S REFORM PLAN.

"BECAUSE OF THE REGRESSION OF PRO-YELTSIN REFORMISTS AND THE RISE OF ULTRANATIONALISTS IN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS, HOWEVER, CLINTON BECAME MORE EAGER TO MEET NEW RUSSIAN POLITICAL HOPEFULS DURING A RECEPTION AT THE U.S. AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE THURSDAY EVENING."

-- NATO SUMMIT --

-- EDITORIAL --

5. THE YOMIURI (JANUARY 14), WITH THE HEADLINE QUOTE NEW, POST-COLD WAR NATO UNQUOTE, SAID, "THE NATO SUMMIT, THE FIRST SINCE THE COLLAPSE OF THE SOVIET UNION, DECIDED ON MAJOR STRUCTURAL REFORM, INCLUDING THE CONCEPT OF 'PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE' THAT ENVISIONS THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE FUTURE AND THE CREATION OF COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCES.

"REGIONAL CONFLICTS IN THE FORMER SOCIALIST ZONE, SUCH AS THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA, HAS THROWN EUROPE INTO A PERIOD OF INSTABILITY. WE WELCOME THE REORGANIZATION OF THE ATLANTIC MILITARY ALLIANCE THAT WILL STRENGTHEN SECURITY IN EUROPE.

"SOME ARE CRITICAL ABOUT THE 'PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE' INITIATIVE AS AN INSUFFICIENT RESPONSE TO CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WHICH ARE EAGER FOR PROTECTION UNDER NATO'S DEFENSE UMBRELLA. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE THE CONCEPT IS A REALISTIC RESPONSE TO THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES IN EUROPE.

"WITH RUSSIAN POLITICS IN A PERIOD OF DISARRAY, IT IS WISE POLICY TO TREAD CAUTIOUSLY ON THE SUBJECT OF NATO EXPANSION. PRESIDENT CLINTON'S VISIT TO PRAGUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SUMMIT TO SECURE THE SUPPORT OF CENTRAL AND EAST EUROPEAN LEADERS WAS ALSO A CONSIDERATE MOVE."

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SOURCE: Bucharest TINERETUL LIBER in Romanian 11 Jan 94 p 1
TEXT:

(((Ilie Serbanescu article: "An Awful Triumph"))
((Text)) Whether we realize it or not, these days Romania is going through one of the most turbulent moments of its history. For a short while, after the 1989 December events (about which we did not know much at the time they occurred) we believed we would be able to start living a normal life, escape from uncivilized poverty and an aberrant international isolation in an era of the most acute "shrinking" of the planet, due to the impact of the formidable progress made in the field of electronics and telecommunication. We had signs long ago that this aspiration was but an illusion (and, in a tragic way, not long after that significant December 1989). But now we are absolutely sure of it. The West has dealt a mortal blow to the Romanians. Or, at least to the naive people who believed that ultimately, salvation from the West would reach us. The West has robbed Romanians of hope.

We can advance toward a normal life only through our own efforts and with the indispensable assistance of those we saw living a normal life, that is, the West. It is difficult to evaluate the

percentage, but most probably at least half of the contribution must belong to us. That is, we have to start living a normal life, to work hard and become productive, to get seriously organized in order to become efficient, and to be merciless with ourselves in order to be able to confront successfully an equally merciless international competition that characterizes the end of the 20th century and the beginning of the third millennia. We also have to be aware of the fact that the values of democracy and the market economy must be promoted because we indeed need them, and not because somebody somewhere asks us to do so. The second half of the contribution in the aforementioned proportion was expected to come from the West. And a contribution of 50 percent is still not an exaggeration, because this would not have meant immediate money and advice, but rather the adequate political pressure that would direct us, and even drag us if necessary, toward a normal life in those many cases and situations in which the old mentalities and structures fiercely opposed it. Currently the West is announcing officially, even if it maintains a screen of bare words, that Romania is not part of its world. NATO is officially declaring that it has no intention of guaranteeing security for the former communist countries from the new Russian empire, guarantee that cannot exist in reality except if these countries join NATO. But there is something else even more tragic! If such an admission to NATO takes place, this will be achieved in two phases: first the "Central European" countries and never the "East European" countries. The American president who came to Europe to sanction the policy of the West toward the East, communicated to this to Romania through the fact that after his stay in Central Europe he flew directly to Moscow. If we acknowledge the American thesis, namely that Mr. Clinton did not stop in Prague to seal Central Europe's blessing and excommunicate East Europe, then, there can be only one, even more annoying interpretation, for this discriminatory visit as far as Romania's aspirations are concerned. Mr. Clinton went there to appease those who not only thought that the West will help them to emerge from their "Eastern condemnation" but also did all they could to change themselves and receive the alms and assistance of the West.

It is clear now that there was no question of Romania's admission even being discussed at all. Those who believed that the West's reticence toward Romania was due to the leadership in Bucharest were mistaken. The reality was exactly the opposite. The leadership structure in Bucharest is the way it is precisely because Romania was not considered even for a moment as part of the Western sphere but as part of the Russian sphere. Those who believed that the West would not indefinitely accept that the old structures remain unchanged in Romania and the reform aimed at a market economy has not been implemented, were naive people. The reality is that the West was less than marginally interested in our country, because Romania was not and will not be part of its world.

Those who led our destinies -- probably were aware of this -- through the current official NATO decision, experience these days a real triumph. They can prove now that Romania's association to the Western world does not take place not because of them, that is, because of the communist restoration or the blocking of the reform, but because of the West itself, which has showed that it does not want us. As a matter of fact, they did their duty formally and advanced the request to join the NATO, when it was clear that in no way can such a thing come into question. The excommunicatory treatment applied to Romanians -- who, contrary to the Central

Europeans, are considered in the West as people from the other side of the fence -- is a shattering additional argument for the "Eastern" statute of Romania.

What else can the Romanians do? The ideal reaction -- or better said idealistic reaction -- would be if they obstinately progressed on the path of democracy and of market economy in spite of the leadership in Bucharest which is not really in favor of it. In a way, it would be a case of promoting a "pro-Western" attitude without the West. These are impossible prospects because we did not do it before, not even when it was believed that the West is with us!

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1. IN ANTICIPATION OF PDS LEADER ACHILLE OCCHETTO'S
PLANNED VISIT TO NATO HEADQUARTERS, THE ARTICLE IN
PARA 2 PROVIDES INSIGHT INTO HIS PARTY'S ORIENTATION
ON SUMMIT ISSUES. THE ARTICLE, PUBLISHED IN THE PDS
NEWSPAPER "L'UNITA'" ON JANUARY 8, WAS BROUGHT TO THE
ATTENTION OF THE AMBASSADOR BY PIERO FASSINO,
RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PDS
(DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF THE LEFT -- FORMER COMMUNIST
PARTY). FASSINO SAID THE ARTICLE WAS "AN
AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT" THAT THE UNITED STATES AND
ITS ALLIES SHOULD FIND OF INTEREST. SEPTTEL WILL
PROVIDE COMMENT ON THE UPCOMING OCCHETTO VISIT AND
SUGGESTED POINTS FOR USE DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM
AT NATO.
2. BEGIN TEXT OF INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION:
BILL CLINTON'S PRESENCE AT THE JANUARY 11 (NORTH)
ATLANTIC COUNCIL IN BRUSSELS CLEARLY SHOWS THE
STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF THAT SUMMIT.
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THE TRAGEDY WHICH IS CAUSING BLOODSHED IN THE FORMER
YUGOSLAVIA; THE RE-EMERGENCE OF NATIONALISM AND
IRREDENTISM IN VARIOUS CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN
REGIONS; THE INSTABILITY OF TRANSITION, IN PARTICULAR
IN THOSE COUNTRIES BORN OUT OF THE DISSOLUTION OF THE
SOVIET UNION; THE DOUBTS ON THE RELIABILITY OF THOSE
WHO STILL RETAIN ENORMOUS NUCLEAR ARSENALS; AND THE
DISTURBING ELECTORAL RESULTS IN RUSSIA. ALL OF THE
ABOVE INDICATE THAT THE FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL DID
NOT IN ITSELF REPRESENT THE SOLUTION TO THE SECURITY

PROBLEMS IN OUR CONTINENT.

THE HYPOTHESIS THAT, SINCE ONE OF THE TWO MILITARY BLOCS HAS DISSOLVED, THE OTHER ALLIANCE NO LONGER HAS ANY REASON TO EXIST, IS TOTALLY WEAK AND UNFOUNDED. GOING BEYOND THE BIPOLAR ERA MUST NOT RESULT IN ERASING SUPRA-NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND STEPPING BACKWARD INTO A "NATIONALIZATION" OF POLITICS WHICH WOULD TRANSFORM THE POST-1989 YEARS INTO A DANGEROUS PRE-1914.

THE REAL POINT, INSTEAD, IS THE ROLE OF NATO IN BRINGING ABOUT A NEW SYSTEM OF SECURITY.

POLAND, HUNGARY, SLOVAKIA, THE CZECH REPUBLIC -- AND, SINCE YESTERDAY, LITHUANIA -- ARE PRESSING FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP AND INTEGRATION TO THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, SEEING IN IT THE FINAL CONSOLIDATION OF THEIR DEMOCRATIC REGIMES AND THE GUARANTEE FOR A FULL SAFEGUARD TO THEIR SOVEREIGNTY.

RUSSIA IS, HOWEVER, DECIDEDLY AGAINST SUCH A HYPOTHESIS, DENOUNCING A THREAT TO ITS OWN SECURITY AND FEARING A GREATER REDUCTION OF ITS INTERNATIONAL WEIGHT.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE EXTREME HYPOTHESIS OF AN IMMEDIATE GENERAL WIDENING OF NATO TO THE ENTIRE EX-COMMUNIST BLOC, INCLUDING RUSSIA, IS NOT AT ALL CREDIBLE. THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE WOULD BE TOO LARGE TO BE EFFECTIVE, AND RUSSIA WOULD CLAIM A PRIVILEGED ROLE WITHIN THE ALLIANCE.

TO COME OUT OF THESE STRAITS, CLINTON WILL SHOW UP AT THE ATLANTIC COUNCIL WITH HIS "PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE" PROPOSAL. IT IS A FLEXIBLE SYSTEM OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS AND PERMANENT CONSULTATION WHICH ESTABLISHES A CLOSER AND INTERDEPENDENT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NATO AND EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, WITHOUT, HOWEVER, OPENING THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH REQUESTED MEMBERSHIP.

IN OTHER WORDS, IT IS A WAY NOT TO DISAPPOINT BUDAPEST AND PRAGUE, BUT WITHOUT IRRITATING MOSCOW.

WITH THIS, WASHINGTON IS SHOWING THAT IT IS BEING CAREFUL NOT TO RAISE RUSSIAN SUSPICIONS OF ISOLATION. FURTHERMORE, ZHIRINOVSKI'S SUCCESS, WHO NOT BY CHANCE RECEIVED CONSENSUS ALSO BY EXPLOITING THE "HUMILIATION FOR RUSSIA'S LOST GRANDEUR," JUSTIFIES THE CARE TAKEN NOT TO DO ANYTHING THAT WILL FEED NATIONALISTIC AND CHAUVINISTIC IMPULSES.

ALTHOUGH THE AMERICAN PROPOSAL IS APPRECIABLY PRAGMATIC AND GRADUAL, IT STILL DOES NOT

SATISFACTORILY ADDRESS THE REQUEST FOR SECURITY COMING FROM CENTRAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. ON THE CONTRARY, IT RECOGNIZES DE FACTO A SORT OF RUSSIAN RIGHT TO VETO AND GIVES CENTRAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES THE UNPLEASANT UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 ROME 000693

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- SUMMIT ISSUES

FEELING THAT THEY ARE ONCE AGAIN UNDER LIMITED NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY.

THE PROPOSAL ALSO RENOUNCES THE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF DEMOCRATIC STABILIZATION WHICH MEMBERSHIP IN NATO WOULD HAVE ON EAST AND CENTRAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. USING POLAND AS AN EXAMPLE: A FULL PROTECTION OF ITS SOVEREIGNTY, WHICH BOTH THE EAST AND THE WEST HAVE CONSTANTLY AND FOR CENTURIES PUT UNDER DISCUSSION, IS NOW "THE" CONDITION FOR A FULL DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT OF THAT COUNTRY AND THE STABILITY OF THE BALTIC REGION. OR HUNGARY, FOR INSTANCE: AFTER THE DEATH OF ANTALL, THERE IS A DANGER OF A SHIFT TO THE RIGHT AND A RELAUNCHING OF NATIONALISTIC ACTIONS. HUNGARIAN MINORITIES IN SLOVAKIA AND ROMANIA ARE RESTLESS -- MADE SO BY THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER STOPPED REGRETTING THE END OF THE "GREAT HUNGARY" AND WHO PUT INTO QUESTION POST-WORLD WAR II BOUNDARIES. MEMBERSHIP IN NATO WOULD BE CLEARLY CONNECTED TO HUNGARIAN RECOGNITION OF THE INVIOABILITY OF ITS CURRENT TERRITORIAL ARRANGEMENT IN CENTRAL EUROPE AND WOULD HAVE AN EFFECT OF STABILITY AND SECURITY IN THE ENTIRE REGION, INCLUDING RUSSIA.

IN OTHER WORDS, IN ORDER TO AVOID FRUSTRATION AND DISAPPOINTMENT IN THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, THE "PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE" PROPOSAL MUST BE INTEGRATED INTO A FIRST OUTLINE OF STEPS AND WAYS FOR A PROGRESSIVE PARTICIPATION OF EASTERN COUNTRIES INTO THE LIFE OF NATO.

BRZEZINSKI RECENTLY PROPOSED THAT NATO SIGN WITH RUSSIA AN ALLIANCE TREATY AND THAT, AT THE SAME TIME, NATO ESTABLISH ORGANIC RELATIONS OF COOPERATION WITH SOME CENTRAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THIS IS NATURALLY ONLY ONE OF MANY PROPOSALS, BUT IT CERTAINLY IS A USEFUL INCITEMENT TO THE (NORTH) ATLANTIC COUNCIL'S DECISIONS.

THE COMPLEXITY OF THE CHOICES FACING THE BRUSSELS SUMMIT SHOWS THAT THE OVERALL GROUPING OF EUROPEAN AND INTER-ATLANTIC INSTITUTIONS MUST UNDERTAKE COHERENT AND TARGETED STRATEGIES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A EUROPEAN SYSTEM OF SECURITY.

FOR INSTANCE, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT SECURITY IS NOT ONLY DEPENDENT UPON POLITICO-MILITARY ALLIANCES BUT ALSO UPON THE DYNAMICS OF ECONOMICS AND THE CLEAR SUPPORT BY G-7 COUNTRIES OF THE TRANSITION IN RUSSIA. THUS, THE PROGRESSIVE AND FULL INTEGRATION OF THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES INTO THE EUROPEAN UNION, AND THEIR GRADUAL ASSOCIATION TO THE WEU AND TO OTHER FORMS OF JOINT COOPERATION, COULD CONSTITUTE AN ESSENTIAL BUILDING BLOCK FOR EUROPEAN SECURITY.

IN CONCLUSION, THERE IS A NEED TO RELAUNCH CSCE, WHICH INCLUDES THE U.S., CANADA, AND ALL OF THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES FROM THE ATLANTIC OCEAN TO THE URAL MOUNTAINS, AND IS TODAY THE LARGEST ORGANIZATION OF INTERATLANTIC COOPERATION. THERE IS A NEED TO SUPPLY CSCE WITH THE INSTRUMENTS THAT WOULD GIVE IT A MORE EFFECTIVE CAPACITY OF INTERVENTION AND RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS -- STRENGTHENING OF THE POLITICAL ROLE OF ITS GENERAL SECRETARIAT, CREATION OF A SECURITY COUNCIL, AND COORDINATION WITH NATO AND THE WEU. IN SUCH A MULTILATERAL CONTEXT, ITALY MUST TAKE ON A

FULLY RESPONSIBLE ROLE AND CONTRIBUTE (ON AN EQUAL
BASIS WITH THE REST OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY) TO
EUROPE'S ENTRANCE IN THE NEW MILLENIUM WITHOUT THE
NIGHTMARE OF WAR.

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//((Interview with Hungarian Foreign Affairs Minister Geza Jeszenszky by Grzegorz Lubczyk; place and date not given: "We Can Accept the Arguments of the United States" -- questions published in boldface))

((Text)) ((Lubczyk)) What will Hungarian foreign policy be like after the recent decisions at the NATO summit and the Prague meeting

of Visegrad Group leaders and U.S. President Bill Clinton?

((Jeszenszky)) It will not change. We have positively accepted the decisions reached in Brussels and Prague. In the Czech capital, we all agreed that the "Partnership for Peace" plan began to become much more specific. This is not the optimal situation for which Poland and Hungary have strived, however, we are able to accept the U.S. arguments, in line with which both Ukraine and Russia will be incorporated into the process of shaping security and peace in Europe. Now our main task will be to do as much as possible for the implementation of the "Partnership for Peace" program, and to do this as quickly as possible.

((Lubczyk)) Is it already known what will be the order of measures that Hungary is going to take?

((Jeszenszky)) Very soon we will hold important talks. We expect a U.S. military delegation to come to Hungary within two weeks. It is then that we will discuss a strategy for future activities.

((Lubczyk)) Mr. Minister, President Clinton left Prague for Kiev and Moscow. Do you not fear any possible U.S.-Ukrainian or U.S.-Russian decisions that might threaten our regional interests? Can we believe the Americans?

((Jeszenszky)) In the 20th century, both our countries were put to so many tests that it is really difficult to have any faith left. However, I believe that in the past the United States and the other NATO states proved that we should change our attitude toward them. The present Western leaders are doing a lot to prevent any doubts concerning the purity of their intentions and declarations.

I think that they treated the Polish and Hungarians warnings very seriously. I cannot even imagine that the United States would sacrifice our countries for their joint interests with Russia or Ukraine. In the past three or four years, we have been making great efforts to make the West realize that we cannot be left aside and that it is also in the interest of the West to incorporate Central Europe into Western structures.

((Lubczyk)) Should we still use the expression of the Visegrad Group, after all the controversies among the states of our region leading up to the Prague summit?

((Jeszenszky)) "Visegrad" does not depend exclusively on the words and actions of certain politicians. The Visegrad agreement was the result of the geographical and historical situation. Our countries, being in the same region of Europe, can in fact achieve success together, or they can experience failure together, either in the area of security or economics. Therefore, I am an optimist. I believe that the framework of cooperation that we have had so far will not only be maintained -- I believe that it will be extended and strengthened, not for a year or two, but for decades to come. I anticipate a situation similar to the Benelux countries or in Scandinavia to develop. I hope that our nations -- I am not referring solely to the Poles and Hungarians -- will also achieve the level of fraternity, similar to the Scandinavians, who used to wage wars against each other, whereas today, when we speak about those states, we just naturally list them all together.

((Lubczyk)) What is the place of Poland in Hungarian foreign policy?

((Jeszenszky)) I have always been of the opinion that the Polish-Hungarian friendship does not depend on our governments. Of course, tradition still forms the basis of our relations. However, we are linked not only by similar histories, but also by similar

mentalities in both societies. Hungary considers Poland to be one of its most trusted partners, which has been confirmed in many areas of the international activities of both countries.

((Lubczyk)) If, as you say, Poland means so much to Hungary, then why is it so that we feel that more could be done in the area of nonpolitical cooperation? Representatives of companies trading with Hungary claim that Poles offer their Hungarian partners better conditions than those offered to Poles by Hungarians. Do you not think that this deadlock in the area of economic cooperation should be broken?

((Jeszenszky)) I could not agree with you more. I also think that the degree of economic cooperation, for instance, is not satisfactory. However, we should also bear in mind that nowadays not everything depends on the will of governments. Unfortunately, both our nations have the same weak spot: a degree of snobbishness and excessive admiration of the West. I think that this will change only when economies start to be governed by real markets and market laws. If foreign investors are operating very successfully, both in Poland and Hungary, then it really means something, does it not? I wish our entrepreneurs would draw conclusions from this. I believe that the agreement on free trade will certainly expedite this process.

((Lubczyk)) What is the main purpose of your visit to Warsaw?

((Jeszenszky)) It is the result of bilateral agreements; however, not only that. As a result of recent events, in short referred to as "Brussels" and "Prague," many issues need to be discussed jointly. Some of the initiatives that were launched during the session of the Central European initiative in Debrecin should be developed as well. The Warsaw talks will definitely not be a waste of time.

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CORRESPONDENT BEN BROWN AND WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT
JEREMY HARRIS WERE INTERVIEWED LIVE FROM MOSCOW.
ASKED IF THE DECISION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND RUSSIA TO STOP
TARGETING THEIR NUCLEAR MISSILES ON ONE ANOTHER WAS
SYMBOLIC, BROWN SAID: "IT IS SYMBOLIC, BUT NOT
UNEXPECTED. "
HARRIS WAS ASKED IF THE AMERICANS WERE BEING SUCCESSFUL
IN 'REASSURING THE RUSSIANS' AS TO FUTURE NATO
MEMBERSHIP. HE REPLIED:
"THEY ARE DOING THEIR DARNDDEST TO, THAT MUCH IS CLEAR: MR
CLINTON WAS VERY FORTHRIGHT ON THAT SUBJECT -- THIS
MORNING. ... WHAT THE AMERICANS ARE REALLY TRYING TO DO
IS TO PERSUADE MR YELTSIN THAT IT IS NOT A THREAT TO
RUSSIA NOR TO HIS OWN POLITICAL VIABILITY IF IN SOME FORM
HE BUYS INTO THIS PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE. AMERICAN
OFFICIALS ARE SAYING PRIVATELY THAT THEY THINK MR
YELTSIN WILL ACCEPT, AND THAT THE RUSSIANS WILL BECOME
PART OF PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE. THE QUESTION IS, ON WHAT
TERMS?"
BROWN WAS THEN ASKED IF THE RUSSIANS HAD BEEN ABLE TO
REASSURE THE AMERICANS ON THE THREAT OF MR ZHIRINOVSKY.
HE REPLIED:
"I THINK THEY PROBABLY HAVE. CERTAINLY BORIS YELTSIN'S
VIEW IS THAT MR ZHIRINOVSKY'S RISE IN LAST MONTH'S
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SPEAKING ON ITN'S LUNCHTIME NEWS, REPORTER JULIAN MANYON SAID FROM MOSCOW THAT THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND RUSSIA WAS A "SYMBOLIC BUT NONETHELESS IMPORTANT PART OF THE BURIAL OF THE COLD WAR."

THIS MORNING, THE CLINTON-YELTSIN-KRAVCHUK SIGNINGS WERE RUNNING AS THE LEAD STORY ON ALL BROADCAST MEDIA

MONITORED. ON BBC RADIO'S NEWS BULLETIN AT 9.00 A.M., MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT ANGUS ROXBOROUGH REPORTED:

"THE SIGNING CEREMONIES IN THE KREMLIN MARK THE HIGH POINT OF MR CLINTON'S TWO-DAY VISIT TO MOSCOW."

AND BBC TV'S BREAKFAST NEWS CARRIED THIS REPORT FROM MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT KEVIN CONNOLLY AS THE LEAD IN ITS 8.00 A.M. BULLETIN:

"OFFICIALLY, THE TALK IS OF BUSINESSLIKE NEW PARTNERSHIPS. BUT A PRIVATE RECEPTION LAST NIGHT AT BORIS YELTSIN'S COUNTRY RETREAT ... REVEALED A TOUCH OF GENUINE WARMTH BETWEEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS. ... IT IS THE HASTILY SCHEDULED ARRIVAL OF A THIRD LEADER, THOUGH, LEONID KRAVCHUK OF THE UKRAINE, WHICH IS GIVING THIS SUMMIT ITS DIPLOMATIC CENTERPIECE. HE IS TO SIGN AWAY HIS COUNTRY'S SHARE OF THE OLD SOVIET ARSENAL.

"THAT AGREEMENT MAY NOT TURN OUT TO BE QUITE THE CLEAR-CUT ACHIEVEMENT IT APPEARS. UKRAINE'S PARLIAMENT COULD REFUSE TO RATIFY A DEAL UNDER WHICH ITS NUCLEAR MISSILES ARE HANDED OVER TO RUSSIA TO BE DISMANTLED."

A. TODAY'S MAJOR NEWS STORIES

1. CLINTON VISIT TO MOSCOW
2. CLINTON / ASSAD MEETING
3. U.S. POLITICS

B. SUMMARY

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1. CLINTON VISIT TO MOSCOW

EVENTS IN MOSCOW DID NOT ATTRACT AS MUCH COVERAGE AS ONE

MIGHT EXPECT, THE BRITISH PAPERS INSTEAD BEING SWAMPED BY RENEWED AND CONTINUING BRITISH POLITICAL SCANDAL AND CONTROVERSY. BUT PAPERS DID REPORT THE CLINTON-YELTSIN AGREEMENT, AND WELCOMED IT. COMMENTATORS AGREED ON ONLY ONE THING: THAT THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF RUSSIA, AND UKRAINE, WAS NOT MILITARY OR STRATEGIC BUT ECONOMIC. HOWEVER, THEY CONTINUED TO DISAGREE ON HOW THE WEST SHOULD HELP.

THE CENTRIST INDEPENDENT REPORTED:

"WITH THE WORRYING RISE OF RUSSIAN NATIONALISM AT THE BACK OF BOTH THEIR MINDS, PRESIDENTS BORIS YELTSIN AND BILL CLINTON USED THE FIRST DAY OF THEIR MOSCOW SUMMIT YESTERDAY TO REASSURE EACH OTHER ABOUT THEIR RELATIONSHIP. ...

"THE SUMMIT, BUILDING ON THE PRESIDENTS' HAPPY MEETINGS IN CANADA AND JAPAN LAST YEAR, SHOULD HAVE BEEN AN OCCASION TO CELEBRATE, HAD RUSSIA'S DEMOCRATS MET THE EXPECTATIONS OF BOTH THE KREMLIN AND THE WEST AND DONE WELL IN THE ELECTIONS. BUT INSTEAD MR CLINTON'S VISIT HAS BEEN OVERSHADOWED BY THE SUCCESS NOT ONLY OF OLD COMMUNISTS BUT ALSO OF VLADIMIR ZHIRINOVSKY AND HIS ANYTHING-BUT-LIBERAL LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY. ... BUT IF MR ZHIRINOVSKY HAS SPOILT THE MOOD, UKRAINE HAS PROVIDED SOME COMPENSATION BY PROMISING TO GIVE UP ITS SHARE OF THE SOVIET UNION'S ARSENAL."

2. CLINTON / ASSAD MEETING

THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE TODAY OF GROWING ISRAELI NERVOUSNESS IN ADVANCE OF PRESIDENT CLINTON'S MEETING ON SUNDAY WITH PRESIDENT ASSAD OF SYRIA. THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES REPORTED FROM JERUSALEM:

"PRESIDENT ASSAD OF SYRIA IS SERIOUSLY PURSUING PEACE
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WITH ISRAEL BUT WILL HAVE TO CLARIFY HIS INTENTIONS CONCERNING SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND POLITICAL TIES IF NEGOTIATIONS ARE TO SUCCEED, MR SHIMON PERES, ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER, SAID YESTERDAY. IN AN INTERVIEW AHEAD OF SUNDAY'S GENEVA SUMMIT ... THE 70-YEAR-OLD VETERAN ISRAELI POLITICAL SAID THE SYRIAN LEADER'S PRIORITY WAS IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH THE US. AND THAT PEACE WITH

ISRAEL WAS A BY-PRODUCT."

3. U.S. POLITICS

THE INDEPENDENT WEEKLY ECONOMIST REVIEWED PRESIDENT CLINTON'S FIRST YEAR IN A LENGTHY FEATURE, WHICH CONCLUDED:

"AN END OF YEAR REPORT MIGHT AWARD MR CLINTON TEN OUT OF TEN FOR EFFORT AND FOR ENTERTAINMENT VALUE, A GOOD SEVEN OUT OF TEN FOR ACHIEVEMENT, BUT ONLY FIVE OUT OF TEN FOR INSPIRING CONFIDENCE."

C. HEADLINES

1. CLINTON VISIT TO MOSCOW

"CLINTON TRIES TO REASSURE YELTSIN" (INDEPENDENT REPORT)

"RUSSIA IN NEED" (ECONOMIST EDITORIAL)

"RUSSIAN ROULETTE" (SPECTATOR EDITORIAL)

"WHEN BILL MET BORIS" (GUARDIAN EDITORIAL)

"POVERTY IS RUSSIA'S BIGGEST ENEMY" (INDEPENDENT EDITORIAL)

"UKRAINE'S NUCLEAR ARSENAL" (DAILY TELEGRAPH EDITORIAL)

"WHITEWATER DOGS PRESIDENT'S ROAD SHOW" (DAILY TELEGRAPH COMMENTARY)

2. CLINTON / ASSAD MEETING

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"SYRIA 'PUTS U.S. LINKS AHEAD OF ISRAELI PEACE'" (F.T. REPORT)

"SYRIA AIMS AT MID-EAST LEADERSHIP ROLE" (INDEPENDENT REPORT)

"GOLAN SETTLERS FEAR SYRIAN LEADER PLANS TO DROP 'PEACE BOMBSHELL'" (GUARDIAN REPORT)

3. U.S. POLITICS

"CLINTON'S FIRST YEAR : THE YEAR OF LIVING DANGEROUSLY" (ECONOMIST COMMENTARY)

"MR CLINTON'S TRADE AGENDA" (F.T. EDITORIAL)

"WILL THE CELESTIAL SOAP OPERA TAKE OFF AGAIN?" (INDEPENDENT EDITORIAL)

"ONE OF THE PRESIDENT'S MEN" (SPECTATOR PROFILE OF ADM. CROWE)

D. TEXT

1. CLINTON VISIT TO MOSCOW

THE INDEPENDENT WEEKLY ECONOMIST EDITORIALIZED:

"'PRESIDENT YELTSIN IS BY FAR THE BEST EXPONENT OF DEMOCRACY AND PROGRESS AND HENCE THE PATH TO STABILITY.' NOT EVERYONE AGREES WITH WARREN CHRISTOPHER, AMERICA'S SECRETARY OF STATE. AS BILL CLINTON WAS HEADING TOWARDS MOSCOW THIS WEEK TO MEET HIS RUSSIAN COUNTERPART, THE MURMURS OF THE DOUBTERS WERE BECOMING EVER LOUDER. SINCE LAST MONTH'S ELECTION, IN WHICH EX-COMMUNISTS AND RANTING NATIONALISTS DID SO WELL, MANY OUTSIDERS HAVE GROWN GLOOMY ABOUT RUSSIA. THERE IS CERTAINLY CAUSE FOR GLOOM, BUT NOT YET FOR DESPAIR, ESPECIALLY IF THE WEST HANDLES RUSSIA IN THE RIGHT WAY. ...

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"ON FOREIGN POLICY THE WEST STAYED SILENT WHEN IT SHOULD HAVE TALKED TOUGH. WHEN RUSSIA TOOK ADVANTAGE OF A REBELLION IN GEORGIA TO DISMEMBER ITS SOUTHERN NEIGHBOR, THE WEST SAID NOTHING. WHEN RUSSIA SAID THAT FORMER WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM NATO, THE WEST BEGAN ENUNCIATING ALL THE REASONS WHY IT WAS PREMATURE TO ADMIT THEM. IT MAY BE PREMATURE, BUT BECAUSE OF THE ALLIANCE'S OWN WORRIES ABOUT ITS ABILITY TO GUARD THESE COUNTRIES, NOT BECAUSE OF RUSSIA'S CONCERNS. THE WEST GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT RUSSIA HAS A VETO. ...

"ON AID, THE LESSON TO DRAW FROM THE PAST TWO YEARS IS THAT, IF THE WEST WISHES TO PROVIDE POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR MR YELTSIN, IT MUST DELIVER IT DIRECTLY, NOT BE DRESSING IT UP AS AN ECONOMIC STABILIZATION PLAN GOOD ENOUGH TO WARRANT IMF APPROVAL. ... IF MR YELTSIN IS TO BE SUSTAINED IN POWER -- AND THIS STILL LOOKS THE LEAST BAD BET -- GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT AID IS THE RIGHT WAY. IT AVOIDS MISUNDERSTANDINGS.

"IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE WEST HAS A MORE DIFFICULT LINE TO DRAW : BETWEEN DISCOURAGING THE REBUILDING OF AN EMPIRE AND ACCEPTING SOME TRADITIONAL BIG-POWER ASSERTIVENESS. EFFORTS TO REBUILD THE EMPIRE, IF THEY MEAN FORCIBLE INTRUSION INTO THE AFFAIRS OF SOVEREIGN STATES, CANNOT BE TOLERATED. RUSSIA MUST LEARN TO LIVE WITHIN ITS BORDERS, AND MR CLINTON HAD BETTER TELL MR

YELTSIN TO KEEP HIS NATIONALISTIC INSTINCTS (AND HIS GENERALS) IN CHECK IF HE WANTS ECONOMIC HELP. BUT RUSSIA REMAINS A HUGE REGIONAL POWER, WITH LEGITIMATE INTERESTS AMONG ITS NEIGHBORS AND A POTENTIALLY USEFUL ROLE TO PLAY IN THE WORLD. THE WEST SHOULD ENCOURAGE ANY RUSSIAN FOREIGN POLICY THAT HELPS TO BRING STABILITY THROUGH DEMOCRACY TO RUSSIA'S NEIGHBORS, WHETHER IN THE 'NEAR ABROAD' OR FARTHER AFIELD. ...

"BEYOND THIS, THE WEST SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT IT WILL SUPPORT THE NEW DEMOCRACIES OF EASTERN EUROPE. NATO CAN HOLD JOINT EXERCISES WITH THEM ON THEIR SOIL AND HELP TO TRAIN THEIR ARMED FORCES. THE EU CAN OFFER EARLY

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MEMBERSHIP. TRUE, THESE AND OTHER AGREEMENTS WITH THEM MAY SERVE TO LIMIT RUSSIAN FREEDOM OF ACTION. IF RUSSIAN NATIONALISTS OBJECT, TOO BAD. IT WILL BE EASIER FOR MR YELTSIN TO SEE THEM OFF IF OTHERS ARE MAKING IT PLAIN THAT THEY MUST NOT BE INDULGED."

THE CONSERVATIVE WEEKLY SPECTATOR EDITORIALIZED:

"MR ZHIRINOVSKY IS A PECULIAR CHARACTER: HE IS A PROFESSIONAL CLOWN, AND MAY WELL DISCREDIT HIMSELF BEFORE LONG. BUT THE CONSTITUENCY HE REPRESENTS IS HARDLY A NEW ONE, AND IT WILL NOT DISAPPEAR, EVEN IF MR ZHIRINOVSKY HIMSELF IS DEPOSED. THE EXISTENCE OF TRADITIONAL RUSSIAN NATIONALISTS SHOULD NOT HAVE SURPRISED ANYONE IN THE WEST : AFTER ALL, A MERE FIVE YEARS AGO, THE WEST STILL MAINTAINED CONSTANT PREPAREDNESS, EXPECTING AN ATTACK FROM PRECISELY THIS QUARTER.

"BUT THE WEST WAS SURPRISED, AND IN ITS SURPRISE HAS GREETED MR ZHIRINOVSKY WITH UNUSUAL STUPIDITY. IN AMERICA, PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON LAID THE BLAME FOR MR ZHIRINOVSKY'S SUCCESS UPON THE RUSSIAN ECONOMIC REFORM PROGRAM, WHICH IS MISLEADINGLY KNOWN AS 'SHOCK THERAPY'. ... MR CLINTON SEEMS NOT TO REALIZE THAT THE PROBLEM WITH THE RUSSIAN REFORM IS NOT THAT IT IS TOO SHOCKING, BUT THAT IT HAS YET TO HAPPEN : BECAUSE OF BUREAUCRATIC SQUABBLES AND PARLIAMENTARY STONEWALLING, ONLY A PORTION OF THE PROGRAM HAS GONE THROUGH. ... AT THE MOMENT, WESTERN HARD CURRENCY DOES LITTLE MORE THAN HELP TO

POSTPONE INEVITABLE SACRIFICES, NOT ALLEVIATE THEM. WHAT THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE NEED IS NOT LESS REFORM BUT MORE.

"EVEN MORE PECULIARLY, THE WEST HAS FURTHER CONCLUDED FROM THE ZHIRINOVSKY VICTORY THAT THE STATED AIMS OF RUSSIAN NATIONALISTS OUGHT TO RECEIVE MORE ENCOURAGEMENT THAN THOSE OF RUSSIAN MODERATES. ...

"'PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE' IS NOT WITHOUT MERIT, AS IT INCLUDES SOME FORMS OF MILITARY CO-OPERATION BETWEEN EAST AND WEST EUROPE, AND PROMISES TO KEEP THE QUESTION OF UNCLAS SECTION 08 OF 15 LONDON 00768

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FULL NATO MEMBERSHIP ON THE TABLE. BUT BY CHANGING THE ISSUE FROM SECURITY GUARANTEES TO JOINT EXERCISES, THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE WILL LEND HOPE TO NATIONALISTS IN THE RUSSIAN SECURITY ESTABLISHMENT. THEY WANT TO SEE ALL OF NATO DILUTED INTO A VAST AND UNDEFINED SECURITY SYSTEM, STRETCHING FROM THE ATLANTIC TO THE PACIFIC, WITH CENTRAL EUROPE KEPT WITHIN A RUSSIAN ZONE OF INTEREST.

BY REFUSING TO FACE ITS FIRST REAL POST-COLD WAR CHALLENGE -- AND REFUSING TO CREATE A NEW ROLE FOR ITSELF AS THE GUARANTOR OF CENTRAL EUROPEAN SOVEREIGNTY -- NATO HAS BOTH TAKEN A STEP TOWARDS IRRELEVANCE, AND ENCOURAGED THOSE FORCES IN RUSSIA WHICH THE WEST CLAIMS TO DISLIKE.

...

"ULTIMATELY, THE WEST HAS VERY LITTLE INFLUENCE OVER RUSSIA. THAT IS WHY IT IS SO CRITICAL THAT WHAT SLIGHT INFLUENCE WE DO HAVE SHOULD BE USED TO HELP THE RUSSIANS BECOME A NORMAL NATION -- A NATION WHICH PLAYS BY THE SAME ECONOMIC RULES AS OTHERS, AND WHICH RESPECTS THE SOVEREIGNTY OF OTHERS. WE SHOULD NOT PROVIDE ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO TURN BACK THE CLOCK." THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN EDITORIALIZED:

"THE MOST VISIBLE SIGN OF SUCCESS -- THE AGREEMENT ON NUCLEAR RE-TARGETING -- IS ALSO THE MOST FRAIL. IN THE METAPHYSICS OF NUCLEAR DETERRENCE, THIS SORT OF GESTURE IS STILL IMPORTANT. BUT IT LAGS BEHIND THE DEMAND OF COMMON SENSE THAT, IN THE CHANGED CLIMATE OF THE POST-COLD WAR, MUCH GREATER HASTE SHOULD BE MADE IN DECOMMISSIONING THE MISSILES AND THEIR WARHEADS ALTOGETHER. THE SALT ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE REGARDED AS

MINIMUM TARGETS, TO BE ATTAINED AHEAD OF TIME AND PREFERABLY TO BE EXCEEDED. THIS IS BOTH BECAUSE THE WEAPONS ARE OBSOLETE IN PURPOSE AND BECAUSE OF THE NEED TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS. IN SPITE OF THE CLAIMED AGREEMENT WITH THE UKRAINE, PRESIDENT KRAVCHUK STILL HAS -- AS HE TOLD MR CLINTON -- AN 'URGENT TASK' TO PERSUADE HIS PARLIAMENT TO ACCEPT. ...

"RUSSIA NEEDS (RUSSIA HAS ALWAYS NEEDED) TO FEEL ITSELF UNCLAS SECTION 09 OF 15 LONDON 00768

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TO BE PART OF A WIDER EUROPEAN SECURITY STRUCTURE, EVEN IF THIS DISTURBS SOME OF ITS OWN GENERALS AND MANY MORE OF THE SAME PROFESSION IN THE WEST. MR YELTSIN'S SMARTEST TACTICAL MOVE COULD YET BE TO ACCEPT THE HALF-EXTENDED OFFER (PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE). AND IT MIGHT EVEN MAKE SENSE FOR A SAFER EUROPE."

THE CENTRIST INDEPENDENT EDITORIALIZED:

"AMERICAN DIPLOMACY HAS JUSTIFIABLY SHIFTED EMPHASIS TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE EVOLUTION IN RUSSIAN POLITICS. THE ADVENT OF VLADIMIR ZHIRINOVSKY AND THE SMALL MARGIN BY WHICH PRESIDENT YELTSIN WON HIS REFERENDUM INDICATED THAT PRUDENCE IS IN ORDER. THE WEST WOULD PREFER NOT TO REPEAT THE MISTAKE OF THOSE WHO SUPPOSED THAT UPON THE PERSONALITY OF MIKHAIL GORBACHEV HINGED ALL RUSSIA'S HOPES FOR REFORM. IN SUCH A VAST AND TURBULENT LAND, ONLY A FEW MIGHTY AND BLOODSTAINED INDIVIDUALS HAVE HELD POWER FOR VERY LONG.

"YET STABILITY AND CONTINUED REFORM ARE CLEARLY IN THE INTERESTS OF THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE, THE COUNTRY'S NEIGHBORS AND ITS ERSTWHILE FOES. WHAT IS TO BE DONE? FIRST, MR YELTSIN CONTINUES TO DESERVE THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES SO LONG AS HE REMAINS COMMITTED TO THE PATH OF PEACE ABROAD AND RESTRUCTURING AT HOME. BUT IT IS RIGHT, AS AMERICA IS NOW DOING, TO PRAISE REFORM WITHOUT CANONIZING THE REFORMS. ...

"THE REAL SOURCE OF HOPE FOR RUSSIA IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE REVOLUTIONARY DESTRUCTION OF COMMUNISM MIGHT YET PRODUCE MATERIAL REWARDS FOR THE PEOPLE AND GIVE THEM FAITH IN NEW DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. THE MARKET SYSTEM IS IMPROVING LIVING STANDARDS IN COUNTRIES SUCH AS

HUNGARY AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC. IT IS NECESSARY TO REPEAT THE DICTUM ONCE AGAIN : DEMAGOGUES FLOURISH AND THE GUN COMMANDS WHERE POVERTY AND DESPAIR RULE PEOPLE'S LIVES. THAT IS WHY AID TO RUSSIA IS STILL SO IMPORTANT. THERE IS NO SURE WAY TO UNDERMINE REFORMERS AND GIVE COMFORT TO EXTREMISTS THAN TO UTTER PROMISES AND FAIL TO UNCLAS SECTION 10 OF 15 LONDON 00768

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LIVE UP TO THEM."

THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH EDITORIALIZED:

"UNDER THE (UKRAINE) AGREEMENT, UKRAINE IS RELINQUISHING ITS CHIEF BARGAINING CHIP IN DEALING WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD IN RETURN FOR LOOSE GUARANTEES FROM WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW. MR YELTSIN MAY BE SINCERE IN WISHING TO CARRY OUT HIS PART OF THE DEAL. BUT HE FACES PRESSURE FROM THE MILITARY AND CONSERVATIVE MPS TO FOLLOW MORE OVERTLY NATIONALISTIC POLICIES. UKRAINIANS ARE JUSTIFIED IN DOUBTING THE VALUE OF ANY PLEDGES GIVEN BY MR CLINTON ABOUT THE INVIOABILITY OF THEIR SOVEREIGNTY. A PRESIDENT RELUCTANT TO TAKE THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN DEMOCRACIES INTO NATO CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO DO MUCH TO PROTECT KIEV FROM RUSSIA AGGRESSION.

"THE MAIN INDUCEMENT TO ABANDON THE NUCLEAR ARSENAL IS THE DIRE STATE OF THE UKRAINIAN ECONOMY. ... WHATEVER VIEW PARLIAMENT TAKES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, UKRAINE'S FREEDOM OF MANEUVER WILL CONTINUE TO BE CIRCUMSCRIBED BY ITS RAPIDLY CONTRACTING GDP. ONLY BY LIBERALIZING THE ECONOMY, AN UNLIKELY EVENTUALITY, WILL THE COUNTRY GENERATE THE GROWTH NECESSARY TO LESSEN ITS RELIANCE ON RUSSIA.

"TO PERSUADE THE UKRAINIAN PARLIAMENT OF THE BENEFITS OF NON-NUCLEAR STATUS, THE WEST WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE KIEV WITH REASSURANCES ON SECURITY AND ECONOMIC AID. IT IS IN OUR INTEREST THAT AN INDEPENDENT AND PROSPEROUS UKRAINE SHOULD BECOME A COUNTERWEIGHT TO RUSSIAN POWER, RATHER THAN BE DRAWN BACK INTO MOSCOW'S ORBIT. BUT, GIVEN THE INCOMPETENCE OF MR KRAVCHUK'S GOVERNMENT AND THE LIKELIHOOD THAT ELECTIONS IN MARCH WILL RESULT IN A PARLIAMENT EVEN MORE RESISTANT TO REFORM THAN THE PRESENT ONE, THE OMENS ARE BLEAK."

THE SAME PAPER'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT STEPHEN ROBINSON ALSO REPORTED FROM MOSCOW ON THE WAY ISSUES BACK HOME WERE SPOILING THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT:

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"DESPITE THE FRANTIC EFFORTS OF THE TRAVELLING WHITE HOUSE ENTOURAGE, PRESIDENT CLINTON'S FIRST DAY IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY WAS OVERSHADOWED BY THE GROWING CRISIS AT HOME OVER ALLEGATIONS ABOUT HIS FINANCIAL DEALINGS IN THE 1980S. ...

"THE U.S. MEDIA, WHICH IN OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD HAVE BEEN FULL OF JOLLY IMAGES OF MR CLINTON TOURING THE KREMLIN AND GREETING PRESIDENT YELTSIN, WERE RUNNING FAST WITH THE WHITewater STORY. IT WAS A SORRY SPECTACLE : THE NEW LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD, IN THE MIDST OF A NINE-DAY EUROPEAN TOUR TO REDRAW THE CONTINENT'S SECURITY SYSTEM, WAS DOGGED BY SQUALID ALLEGATIONS RELATING TO PROPERTY SPECULATION.

"TRY AS HE MIGHT, THE MOST POWERFUL MAN IN THE WORLD COULD NOT MAINTAIN HIS DIGNITY BY STAYING ALOOF AND CONTEMPTUOUSLY DISMISSING QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS PAST.

"THE TIMING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SPECIAL COUNSEL WAS DREADFUL, AND SUGGESTS THAT, ONCE AGAIN, THE WHITE HOUSE WAS FORCED TO ACT IN PANIC TO HEAD OFF AN IMMEDIATE CRISIS."

2. CLINTON / ASSAD MEETING

IN THE CENTRIST INDEPENDENT, VETERAN MIDDLE EASTERN REPORTER ROBERT FISK COMMENTED FROM DAMASCUS:

"PRESIDENT ASSAD OF SYRIA LEAVES FOR GENEVA ON SUNDAY IN THE HOPE THAT PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON WILL RECOGNIZE HIM AS A REGIONAL POLITICAL LEADER AND THE KEY TO ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE. A SERIES OF AGREEMENTS IS EXPECTED TO FOLLOW THE SUMMIT, WHICH WILL INCLUDE AMERICAN ASSURANCES THAT THE GOLAN HEIGHTS BELONG TO SYRIA AND NOT TO ISRAEL; A SYRIAN DEFINITION OF WHAT 'TOTAL PEACE' WITH ISRAEL WOULD INVOLVE; AND A PROMISE FROM PRESIDENT ASSAD THAT SYRIA WILL REJOIN THE BILATERAL MIDDLE EAST PEACE TALKS.

"BEHIND THESE IMPORTANT STATEMENTS, HOWEVER, LIES A

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SERIES OF FAR MORE CRITICAL ISSUES. PRESIDENT ASSAD WILL
PRESENT HIMSELF AT GENEVA AS A FUTURE GUARDIAN OF
REGIONAL SECURITY, ABLE TO INVOLVE SYRIA'S ALLY IRAN AS
WELL AS TURKEY AND JORDAN IN A 'NEW ORDER' THAT WILL
GUARANTEE LASTING PEACE IN RETURN FOR ISRAELI MILITARY
WITHDRAWALS AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE REGIONAL INFLUENCE
OF ALL MIDDLE EAST NATIONS, INCLUDING IRAN. ...

"BUT THE SYRIANS ALSO WANT THE ASSAD-CLINTON MEETING TO
BE FOLLOWED BY A CLEAR-CUT ISRAELI DECLARATION THAT THE
GOLAN IS SYRIAN SOVEREIGN TERRITORY: IN EFFECT AN ISRAELI
REVOCATION OF ITS ANNEXATION. MR ASSAD HAS ALREADY TOLD
WARREN CHRISTOPHER, THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, WHAT HE
WILL TELL MR CLINTON ON SUNDAY: THERE CAN BE NO PEACE
WITHOUT A TOTAL ISRAEL WITHDRAWAL AND THE DEPARTURE OF
ALL SETTLERS FROM GOLAN. BUT CAN MR CLINTON DELIVER
YITZHAK RABIN -- WHO WILL HIMSELF HAVE TO BE SATISFIED
WITH MR ASSAD'S DEFINITION OF 'TOTAL PEACE'?"

THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN REPORTED FROM THE GOLAN HEIGHTS
(KATZRIN):

"THE SUBURB BEING BUILT IN THIS NORTHERN ISRAELI TOWN
COMMANDS IMPRESSIVE VIEWS OVER THE VALLEYS OF UPPER
GALILEE TO THE WEST, AND THE PLATEAU LEADING TOWARDS
DAMASCUS TO THE EAST. BUT THE SIGHTS OF PEOPLE HERE ARE
FOR THE MOMENT FIXED INTENTLY ON GENEVA, WHERE PRESIDENT
BILL CLINTON AND PRESIDENT ASSAD MEET ON SUNDAY. THEIR
WEEKEND SUMMIT COULD BE CRITICAL FOR THE FUTURE OF
KATZRIN'S 4,500 RESIDENTS AND FOR THE 8,000 OTHER ISRAELI
CIVILIANS WHO LIVE IN THE 30 RURAL SETTLEMENTS ON THE
ESCARPMENT WHICH ISRAEL CAPTURED FROM SYRIA IN THE 1967
SIX DAY WAR.

"OFFICIALLY, ISRAEL IS WAITING TO SEE IF PEACE WITH SYRIA
CAN BE ADVANCED BY THE SUMMIT. SPEULATION IS RIFE
WHETHER PRESIDENT ASSAD MEANS TO DROP A 'PEACE BOMBSHELL'
BY CONVEYING THROUGH MR CLINTON HIS READINESS TO CUT A
PEACE DEAL IN RETURN FOR A COMPLETE ISRAELI PULLOUT FROM
THE GOLAN HEIGHTS. ...

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"ISRAEL CAN SAFELY EXIST WITHOUT THE GOLAN. MR RABIN
WILL HAVE TO CONFRONT FORMIDABLE EMOTIONAL OPPOSITION,
SHOULD HE SEEK TO EVACUATE THE GOLAN. BUT HE HAS
INDICATED HIS DETERMINATION TO BE GUIDED NOT BY WHAT THE
SETTLERS FEEL, BUT BY ISRAEL'S OVERALL SECURITY
INTERESTS."

3. U.S. POLITICS

THE INDEPENDENT WEEKLY ECONOMIST REVIEWED PRESIDENT
CLINTON'S FIRST YEAR IN A LENGTHY FEATURE, WHICH
CONCLUDED:

"AN END OF YEAR REPORT MIGHT AWARD MR CLINTON TEN OUT OF
TEN FOR EFFORT AND FOR ENTERTAINMENT VALUE, A GOOD SEVEN
OUT OF TEN FOR ACHIEVEMENT, BUT ONLY FIVE OUT OF TEN FOR
INSPIRING CONFIDENCE. THAT IS NOT ENOUGH, ESPECIALLY
WITH AN EVEN TOUGHER YEAR AHEAD. MR CLINTON'S REFORM
AGENDA IS AMBITIOUS AND CROWDED. ON THE MOST AMBITIOUS
PROJECT OF ALL, HEALTH CARE, HE WILL NEED BIPARTISAN
SUPPORT, BUT THE PROSPECT OF MID TERM ELECTIONS WILL MAKE
MAJORITIES IN CONGRESS PARTICULARLY TRICKY TO ASSEMBLE.
"FORTUNATELY, MR CLINTON HAS SHOWN AN ENCOURAGING ABILITY
TO LEARN ON THE JOB: AND HE WOULD DO WELL TO HEED THE
LESSONS OF HIS FIRST YEAR. CLEARLY, HE NEEDS TO SPEND
MORE TIME AND INTELLECTUAL ENERGY ON FOREIGN POLICY. HE
HAS MADE A GOOD START WITH HIS TRIP TO EUROPE, THE FIRST
OF AT LEAST FIVE FOREIGN TRIPS SCHEDULED FOR 1994 AFTER
JUST ONE OVERSEAS VISIT IN 1993. MORE GENERALLY, HE
NEEDS TO MAINTAIN HIS RECENTLY-ACQUIRED SELF-DISCIPLINE
IN FIXING A FEW MAIN PRIORITIES AND LEAVING THE LESSER
MATTERS TO OTHERS.

"THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON FROM 1993, THOUGH, IS THAT MR
CLINTON'S WORST MOMENTS HAVE TENDED TO COME WHEN HE
PANDERS TO SPECIAL-INTEREST LOBBIES, AND HIS BEST WHEN HE
STANDS UP TO POWERFUL LOBBIES AND DEFENDS WHAT HE KNOWS
TO BE RIGHT. AGAIN, THE BIGGEST TEST AHEAD OF HIM HERE
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WILL BE ON HEALTH CARE. IN THE SEARCH FOR A SENSIBLE
HEALTH POLICY, THE SPECIAL INTEREST LOBBIES HE WILL HAVE
TO FACE DOWN WILL INCLUDE THE MOST FORMIDABLE ONE, HIS
WIFE. IF HE MANAGES THAT, THE REST CAN HOLD FEW
TERRORS."

ON THE SUBJECT OF WORLD TRADE, THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL
TIMES EDITORIALIZED:

"WITH THE PASSAGE OF THE NAFTA AND THE COMPLETION OF THE
URUGUAY ROUND OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, MR
CLINTON HAS FINISHED THE TRADE AGENDA HE INHERITED. THIS
IS A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT. BUT NOW HE MUST DRAW UP HIS OWN.
THE SIGNS SO FAR ARE WORRYING. HE SEEMS TO BE DEDICATING
HIS COUNTRY TO DISTORTING TRADE, WHERE IT WILL NOT MERELY
END UP RESTRICTING IT.

"ONE PART OF THE CLINTON AGENDA ALREADY IN EFFECT IS ITS
APPROACH TO THE OPENING OF JAPANESE MARKETS. THE
OBJECTIVE IS RIGHT. BUT THE ADMINISTRATION IS PROPOSING
THE WRONG INSTRUMENT AND THE WRONG PROCEDURES. ...

"THE DANGER (IN THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION'S STANCE ON
LABOR STANDARDS) IS THAT THIS SUPPOSEDLY HIGH-MINDED
AGENDA WOULD PUNISH THE POOR FOR THEIR POVERTY. THE SIDE
AGREEMENTS ON LABOR AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN NAFTA DO
LITTLE TO ASSUAGE THAT FEAR. CONSIDER, FOR EXAMPLE, THE
FACT THAT PARTICIPANTS MAY NOT LOWER THEIR STANDARDS,
HOWEVER INAPPROPRIATE AND COSTLY THEY MAY TURN OUT TO BE.
YET IT IS THESE AGREEMENTS WHICH ARE THE MODEL THAT THE
ADMINISTRATION SEEMS TO WANT TO SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE
WORLD.

"WHAT THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION'S AGENDA LACKS IS A
COMMITMENT TO LIBERALIZATION. IT SEEMS TO SEE THE
EMERGING GLOBAL MARKET ECONOMY AS A THREAT TO BE CURBED.
INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS WILL FORM PART OF THE TRADE
AGENDA. BUT THEY MUST ONLY BE A SMALL PART."

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THE HUBBLE TELESCOPE:

"WELCOME THOUGH THIS ACHIEVEMENT IS, THE AMERICAN PUBLIC SHOULD NOT BE SEDUCED INTO FUNDING EXPENSIVE FOLLIES. ... NASA, WHICH HAS BEEN PROFLIGATE IN THE PAST, SHOULD NOT BE LET OFF THE FINANCIAL LEASH. ASTRONAUTS IN SPACE MAY RESULT IN A FASCINATING CELESTIAL SOAP OPERA FOR TELEVISION VIEWERS, BUT SENDING PEOPLE INTO ORBIT MUST BE SHOWN TO BE COST-EFFECTIVE.

"BRITAIN, AN ALBEIT NIGGARDLY SUBSCRIBER TO THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY, NASA'S HUBBLE PARTNER, SHOULD PLAY ITS PART IN ENCOURAGING SOUND INVESTMENT. BUT THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WILL BE THE MAIN POSERS IF THEIR GOVERNMENT DOES NOT ENSURE THAT A REHABILITATED NASA KEEPS A TOEHOLD ON FINANCIAL REALITY."

IN THE CONSERVATIVE WEEKLY SPECTATOR CARRIED A PROFILE OF POSSIBLE NEXT AMBASSADOR TO THE UK, ADMIRAL CROWE.

REPORTER ANNE APPLEBAUM WROTE:

"MUCH OF ADMIRAL CROWE'S REPUTATION DERIVES FROM HIS ACADEMIC PROWESS. IN FACT, HIS CRITICS COMPLAIN ABOUT HIS ACADEMIC PROWESS AS MUCH AS HIS ADMIRERS PRAISE IT. FOR AN ADMIRAL, HIS EXPERIENCE OF SHIPS IS LIMITED (HE HAS NEVER COMMANDED ANYTHING LARGER THAN A DIESEL SUBMARINE), BUT HIS EXPERIENCE OF PENTAGON BACK OFFICES, NATO NEGOTIATIONS AND CIVILIAN POLITICS HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE. THROUGHOUT HIS EARLY CAREER, HE WAS CONSTANTLY TOLD THAT ACADEMIC DEGREES AND AN INTEREST IN ESOTERIC SUBJECTS LIKE THE ROYAL NAVY WOULD GET HIM NOWHERE. ... BUT CROWE SUCCEEDED ANYWAY. ... LATER, HE BECAME CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEF OF STAFF BECAUSE THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION FIGURED HE WAS EXACTLY THE SORT OF DIPLOMAT AND POLICY ANALYST THE ARMED FORCES NEEDED -- AND ALSO, ALLEGEDLY, BECAUSE CASPAR WEINBERGER, REAGAN'S DEFENSE SECRETARY, THOUGHT THAT ADMIRAL CROWE TOLD GOOD DIRTY JOKES." O'BRIEN

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visit brought some extra confidence into Central Europe, Foreign

Minister Josef Zieleniec told journalists today.

The Prague meeting also helped disperse the unease previously felt in the neighboring countries, Zieleniec said, adding that the Partnership for Peace project holds an extreme importance for the building of Europe and hopefully will have a substantial political dimension.

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TEXT:

Prague CTK in English at 1542 GMT on 14 January transmits a
service message correcting the referent item as follows:

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1. THE PRESIDENT'S FIRST DAY IN MOSCOW WAS THE LEADING NEWS STORY IN THE MEDIA. MOST ARTICLES PLACED EMPHASIS ON THE CORDIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS AND THEIR COUNTRIES AND THE CALM ATMOSPHERE OF THE BILATERAL TALKS. PARTNERSHIP SEEMED TO REPLACE CONFRONTATION AS THE TERM USED TO DESCRIBE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND RUSSIA. WHILE SOME COMMENTATORS FELT THAT WHATEVER AID BEING OFFERED WAS TOO LITTLE AND WOULD BE SQUANDERED ANYWAY, OTHERS FELT THAT EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON ENCOURAGING INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS TO LOOSEN THEIR MONETARY TERMS.
2. REPORTING ON THE OPENING ROUNDS OF THE CLINTON-YELTSIN TALKS IN A PAGE 1 ARTICLE ENTITLED "RUSSIA AND THE UNITED STATES -- GUARANTORS OF PEACE. RUSSIAN-U.S. SUMMIT TALKS BEGIN IN THE KREMLIN" IN THE JAN. 14TH OF "ROSSIYSKIYE VESTI", PAVEL SHINKARENKO WRITES:
3. "...THE TWO PRESIDENTS NONETHELESS STATED THEIR ATTITUDES TO THE COMING TALKS. IN THE OPINION OF BOTH OF THEM, THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN RUSSIA AND THE UNITED STATES WILL HELP STRENGTHEN PEACE AND TRANQUILITY WORLDWIDE AND TO DEEPEN COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES." THE REPORTER CONTINUED "AS VIKTOR

GLUKHIKH, CHAIRMAN OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION STATE COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE SECTORS OF INDUSTRY, PUT IT, THERE IS QUITE A CLEAR TREND IN RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES AWAY FROM PRONOUNCED TECHNOLOGICAL CONFRONTATION TOWARD TECHNOLOGICAL PARTNERSHIP."

4. IN A PAGE 1 ARTICLE ENTITLED "RUSSIAN AND U.S. PRESIDENTS' ONE-ON-ONE MEETING LASTS LONGER THAN PLANNED" IN THE JAN. 14TH EDITION OF "IZVESTIYA", VASILIIY KONONENKO REPORTS:

5. "...ACCORDING TO V. KOSTIKOV, THE RUSSIAN PRESIDENT'S PRESS SECRETARY, THE FIRST ROUND OF RUSSIAN-U.S. TALKS AT THE SUMMIT TOOK PLACE IN A RELATIVELY CALM ATMOSPHERE -- NEITHER SIDE TRIED TO IMPOSE ITS LINE ON THE OTHER. NATURALLY, AT THE VERY BEGINNING OF THE CONVERSATION THE TWO PRESIDENTS TOUCHED ON THE SUBJECT OF COOPERATION WITH PARLIAMENTS. IT IS NOT HARD TO IMAGINE THAT, DURING THIS CONVERSATION, THE U.S. PRESIDENT WOULD HAVE BEEN INTERESTED IN ONE ASPECT -- WILL THE RUSSIAN FINALLY BE ABLE TO DIVIDE UP POWER IN A CIVILIZED MANNER?"

6. MOSCOW "INTERFAX" REPORTED THE FOLLOWING ON JAN.13 SHORTLY AFTER THE OPENING MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS:

7. " 'RUSSIA WILL CONTINUE REFORMS AND THERE IS NO QUESTION OF THEIR SLOW DOWN.' THIS REMARK, MADE BY RUSSIAN PRESIDENT BORIS YELTSIN WHEN HE MET WITH HIS U.S. COUNTERPART BILL CLINTON AT THE HEAD OF A LARGER DELEGATION BECAME THE THEME OF THE SECOND HOUR-LONG MEETING OF THE TWO PRESIDENTS IN THE KREMLIN THURSDAY. FOLLOWING THE END OF THIS ROUND OF TALK OLEG LOBOV, SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, TOLD INTERFAX THAT THE MEETING HAD DEMONSTRATED 'AMERICA'S WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE SUPPORT FOR THE RUSSIAN REFORM BY PAYING SOME OF ITS SOCIAL COSTS.'"

8. IN AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "THE TWO PRESIDENTS SEEM TO BE SATISFIED WITH EACH OTHER" BY VLADIMIR ABARINOV ON PAGE 1. OF THE JAN. 14 EDITION OF "SEGODNYA", THE AUTHOR COMMENTS:

9. "THE RUSSIAN SIDE HAS GOT USED TO RECEIVING YET ANOTHER PACKAGE OF AID AT EVERY SUMMIT. THIS TIME, HOWEVER, CLINTON IS EXPECTED TO OFFER A MODEST SUM OF ONE BILLION DOLLARS -- HE DOES NOT HAVE MORE. THE FIGURE IS SIMPLY INSULTING: THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO SPEND HALF A BILLION DOLLARS MERELY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION

OF A NEW PARLIAMENT BUILDING. BUT THE AMERICAN MONEY IS DESIGNED FOR SOME OTHER PURPOSE -- TO CREATE 'SOCIAL SHOCK-ABSORBERS.' ONE CAN BE ABSOLUTELY SURE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS MONEY WILL SIMPLY BE LOST IN THE HOLE-RIDDEN RUSSIAN BUDGET. WHAT REMAINS ARE JUST HEART-FELT ASSURANCES OF SUPPORT AND ADVICE TO EXTENUATE THE SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE SHOCK

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10. COMMENTING ON THE WAY YELTSIN WAS CHOREOGRAPHING FORCES TO PRESENT TO CLINTON, VITALIY TRETYAKOV IN A PAGE 1 ARTICLE ENTITLED "WATCH THE LINEUP OF FIGURES. BILL CLINTON WILL REVIEW RUSSIAN POLITICAL FORCES -- FOR THE MOST PART PRO-PRESIDENTIAL" IN THE JAN. 13 EDITION OF "NEZAVISIMAYA GAZETA" WRITES:

11. "U.S. PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS ARRIVED IN MOSCOW. NO MATTER HOW THE CURRENT STATE OF RUSSIAN-U.S. RELATIONS AND ESPECIALLY THE ROLE OF TODAY'S RUSSIA IN THE WORLD MIGHT BE ASSESSED, THIS IS STILL A VISIT BY THE HEAD OF ONE SUPERPOWER TO THE CAPITAL OF ANOTHER SUPERPOWER (AND NOT ONLY IN THE NUCLEAR SENSE): A DEMONSTRATION, AS IT WERE, OF MUTUAL RESPECT, RECOGNITION, AND MUTUAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE SIDES' PARITY. IF THE RUSSIAN PRESIDENT ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON, THEN, UNDER DIPLOMATIC PROTOCOL, THE HEADS OF ALL THE POWER BRANCHES IN THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE INTRODUCED TO HIM. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE IS A VERY LONG WAY TO RECIPROCITY HERE. PRESIDENT CLINTON CAN HOLD EQUAL-TO-EQUAL TALKS WITH PRESIDENT YELTSIN. BUT FARTHER DOWN THE LINE, PRIME MINISTER CHERNOMYRDIN CAN DO LITTLE MORE THAN DEMONSTRATE TO THE U.S. GUEST THE PROPOSED VARIANTS FOR THE COMPOSITION OF HIS CABINET. THINGS ARE EVEN WORSE WITH THE PARLIAMENT: BOTH CHAMBERS HAVE NO CHAIRMAN, BUT PERHAPS THE OCCUPANT OF THE WHITE HOUSE WOULD BE PLEASED TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE SYMBOLIC PAIR OF ELDERS: MR. LUKAVA (LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF RUSSIA) AND MR. CHERNICHENKO (RUSSIA'S CHOICE) -- A MODEL OF RUSSIAN POLITICAL DIVERSITY, AS IT WERE. FROM THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT (THE THIRD BRANCH OF POWER) IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PRESENT EITHER ACTING CHAIRMAN VITRUK, IF HE IS STILL ALIVE, OR LUCHIN, WHO HAS CALLED A HUNGER STRIKE. OH, THESE RUSSIAN BEARS! OH, THIS MYSTERIOUS RUSSIAN SOUL!"

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