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MINSK, KIEV, BRUSSELS, MOSCOW FOR PAO
SUBJECT: CZECH MEDIA REACTION ON THE AFTERMATH OF
PRESIDENT CLINTON'S VISIT TO PRAGUE
1. "TELEGRAF" (RIGHTIST DAILY, CIRCULATION 50,000) IN
A FRONT-PAGE SIGNED COMMENTARY ENTITLED "HURRY UP AND
WAIT, EVEN IF NATO IS CONCERNED" OPINES: (BEGIN
QUOTE) PRESIDENT CLINTON'S SYMBOLIC VISIT TO PRAGUE
AND AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT'S ALL-PROMISING ALLUSIONS
TESTIFY TO THE FACT THAT THE CZECH INTEGRATION IN NATO
IS TODAY TAKEN PRACTICALLY FOR GRANTED ALSO IN
WASHINGTON. (END QUOTE)
2. "MLADA FRONTA DNES" (RIGHT-OF-CENTER DAILY,
CIRCULATION 320,000) IN A SIGNED COMMENTARY ENTITLED
"THE CZECH REPUBLIC CANNOT DO WITHOUT VISEGRAD"
OBSERVES: (BEGIN QUOTE) THE OUTCOME OF THE NATO
SUMMIT, THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE PROJECT, AND THE
RESULTS OF BILL CLINTON'S VISIT TO PRAGUE DOES NOT
NECESSARILY MEAN AN END TO COOPERATION WITHIN THE
VISEGRAD GROUP. THE PRAGUE MEETING HAS REVEALED THE
FACT THAT DIFFERENCES WITHIN THE GROUP ARE NOT SO
SHARP AS THEY SEEMED TO BE BEFORE THE SUMMIT... IF WE
(THE CZECH REPUBLIC) REALLY WANT TO BE A LEADING POST-
COMMUNIST COUNTRY IN EUROPE WE MUST NOT FORGET THAT
SUCH A ROLE INVOLVES MANY COMMITMENTS TOWARDS OUR
NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES... CLOSE COOPERATION WITH

NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IS A VITAL NECESSITY FOR US.
THE HISTORY OF THE PRE-WAR CZECHOSLOVAKIA SHOULD BE A
WARNING EXPERIENCE FOR US. (END QUOTE)

3. "LIDOVA DEMOKRACIE" (CHRISTIAN DAILY, CIRCULATION
50,000) CARRIES A SIGNED COMMENTARY HEADLINED "(KEEP)
A COLD HEAD." (BEGIN QUOTE) ONE HAS TO UNDERSTAND
WHY THE UNITED STATES HAS CREATED THIS "SUBSTITUTE"
OPTION (PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE). IT WAS IN RESPONSE TO
SIGNALS COMING FROM RUSSIA... THE UNWILLINGNESS TO
REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIA ONLY BECAUSE OF SOME
FOUR CENTRAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES COULD CONSEQUENTLY
BRING UNHAPPINESS ALSO TO THOSE FOUR. HOWEVER, ONE
CAN OBJECT THAT IN NOT SO DISTANT PAST, A SIMILAR
SACRIFICE MEANT UNHAPPINESS FOR THE WHOLE WORLD...
(END QUOTE)

4. "ZEMEDELSE NOVINY" (AGRARIAN DAILY, CIRCULATION
45,000) IN A SIGNED COMMENTARY ENTITLED "DOMESTIC
CONTEMPLATIONS AMONG PARTNERS" MAINTAINS: (BEGIN
QUOTE) THE CZECH INPUT INTO THE "FUNDAMENTAL
PROPERTY" OF THE ALLIANCE SHOULD BE BASED ON THE
ABILITY TO RADIATE PEACE, STABILITY, AND MOBILIZE
RESOURCES - NOT ONLY HUMAN BUT ALSO ECONOMIC - IN
CRISIS SITUATIONS WHEN THE STATE OR ITS ALLIES ARE
THREATENED... (END QUOTE)

5. "PRACE" (LABOR UNION DAILY, CIRCULATION 45,000) IN
A SIGNED COMMENTARY HEADLINED "THE BIG ONES HAVE
AGREED, THE LITTLE ONES ARE FIGHTING" OBSERVES:
(BEGIN QUOTE) IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE PRESS AMONG THE
VISEGRAD COUNTRIES FOR INTEGRATION INTO WEST EUROPEAN
STRUCTURES WILL ENCOURAGE A MORE VIGOROUS REGIONAL
COOPERATION BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, IT WILL BRING TO A
HEAD SOME POLITICAL CONTROVERSIES: A FIGHT FOR
LEADERSHIP BETWEEN THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND POLAND,
ETHNIC CLASHES BETWEEN SLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY... THAT
IS WHAT THE SUPERPOWERS WERE BASICALLY UP TO: TO
PREVENT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GEO-POLITICAL PRESSURE
GROUP IN CENTRAL EUROPE. THIS (GROUP) COULD ONE DAY
COME UP WITH THE IDEA THAT NATO IS NOT THE ONLY
SECURITY SYSTEM IN THE WORLD. AND THAT THE CONFERENCE
ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE - CSCE - COULD
BE MADE USE OF. (END QUOTE)

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CLINTON'S VISIT TO KIEV (JANUARY 12)
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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP MEDIA REACTION ON PRESIDENT
CLINTON'S VISIT TO KIEV (JANUARY 12)
1. CAUTIOUS BUT GENERALLY PESSIMISTIC ASSESSMENTS
OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT APPEARED IN THE UKRAINIAN
PRESS TODAY, TWO DAYS AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
TO KIEV. MAJOR NEWSPAPERS CARRIED DESCRIPTIONS OF
THE BRIEF VISIT, NOTING THAT NOTHING CONCRETE IS
KNOWN ABOUT THE TRILATERAL DOCUMENT TO BE SIGNED
IN MOSCOW TODAY. IN THE VIEW OF MOST NEWSPAPERS,
THE RESULT OF THE VISIT IS THAT UKRAINE'S WEAPONS
WILL BE FORCIBLY REMOVED, BUT THAT THE NEW
AGREEMENT WILL NOT BE RATIFIED BY PARLIAMENT. IN
ADDITION, ONE STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT CLINTON MADE
A GREAT IMPRESSION ON UKRAINIAN JOURNALISTS:
ALMOST ALL ARTICLES MENTIONED THAT THE PRESIDENT
SAID, "IF MR. KRAVCHUK DID NOT HAVE SUCH AN
IMPORTANT POSITION HERE, THEN I WOULD OFFER HIM
THE JOB OF PRESS SECRETARY AT THE WHITE HOUSE."
(THE COMMENT REFERRED TO PRESIDENT KRAVCHUK'S OWN
OFFER TO ACT AS PRESS SECRETARY DURING THE JOINT
PRESS CONFERENCE.) BLOCK QUOTES FROM THE
UKRAINIAN PRESS FOLLOW.
2. "HOLOS UKRAINY" (CIRC: 700,000; UKRAINIAN- AND
RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE DAILY OF THE UKRAINIAN
PARLIAMENT) CARRIED A LARGE-TYPE, FRONT-PAGE

HEADLINE QUOTING PRESIDENT KRAVCHUK: "WE WILL NOT STAND IN THE WAY OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT." THE CORRESPONDENT WRITES, "THE HEAD OF THE WHITE HOUSE HAD NOT PLANNED TO VISIT UKRAINE DURING HIS EUROPEAN TOUR (DEMONSTRATING THE LACK OF AGREEMENT, TO PUT IT MILDLY, BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ITS ALLIES ON OUR COUNTRY'S POSITION TOWARD ITS 'NUCLEAR INHERITANCE'). ... THE BORISPIL (AIRPORT) AGREEMENTS, I AM SURE, WILL NOT SATISFY EVERYONE, AND MANY WILL CRITICIZE THEM. BUT LET US PUT EMOTION ASIDE. A DECENT COMPROMISE WAS REACHED. IF UKRAINE HAD NOT AGREED TO NON-NUCLEAR STATUS, THE COUNTRY WOULD HAVE BEEN THREATENED WITH AN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL BLOCKADE, NOT ONLY BY THE U.S."

3. "PRAVDA UKRAINY" (CIRC: 93,000) HEADLINED ITS ARTICLE ON THE VISIT "WILL PARLIAMENT SAY ANYTHING ELSE?" THE CORRESPONDENT WAS NOT HAPPY WITH THE RESULTS OF THE VISIT: "THOSE WHO GATHERED TO GREET THE PRESIDENT WERE SOMEWHAT SHOCKED THAT THE PRESIDENT DID NOT GET OUT OF HIS PLANE FOR A LONG TIME. ... THE UKRAINIAN-AMERICAN AGREEMENTS REACHED AT BORISPIL WILL NOT MAKE ANYBODY PARTICULARLY HAPPY. ... THE U.S. SIDE DID NOT INTRODUCE ANYTHING NEW TO ITS POSITION. ... UKRAINE IS NOT GETTING GOOD SECURITY GUARANTEES OR THE FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT IT DESERVES.

IT IS UNLIKELY (THE AGREEMENT) WILL BE RATIFIED WITHOUT MORE CONDITIONS BEING PLACED ON IT. EITHER THE CURRENT PARLIAMENT WILL CONSIDER THE AGREEMENT, OR (BETTER STILL) THE PARLIAMENT WE WILL ELECT IN MARCH WILL DISCUSS THE AGREEMENT."

4. "VECHIRNIY KYIV" (CIRC: APPROX. 500,000 PER MONTH; KIEV'S INDEPENDENT UKRAINIAN-LANGUAGE EVENING PAPER) QUOTED THE "WASHINGTON POST" SAYING THAT "BILL CLINTON IS READY TO DEMONSTRATE HIS NEW POLITICAL STANCE." HOWEVER, THE CORRESPONDENT ADDED, "CLINTON'S 'NEW POLITICAL STANCE' IS NOTHING MORE THAN THE OLD DESIRE OF THE U.S. TO FORCE UKRAINE TO GIVE UP ITS NUCLEAR WEAPONS." IN ANOTHER "VECHIRNIY KYIV" ARTICLE, THE CORRESPONDENT QUOTES PRESIDENT CLINTON'S COMMENT ABOUT PRESIDENT KRAVCHUK AS PRESS SECRETARY (SEE PARAGRAPH 1) AND ASKS, "HAS IT REALLY LED TO THAT FOR PRESIDENT KRAVCHUK?"

5. "KYIVSKIYE VEDOMOSTI" (CIRC: 200,000; INDEPENDENT RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE KIEV DAILY) WRITES "THE MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS, THE POSSIBILITY FOR WHICH HAD BEEN SO LONG DISCUSSED, FINALLY HAPPENED. BUT THE IMPRESSIONS IT LEFT ARE WHOLLY UNPLEASANT. IT ALL STARTED FROM LEONID KRAVCHUK WAITING FOR HIS COLLEAGUE AT THE STEPS TO AIR FORCE ONE FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES, AND ENDED WITH BILL CLINTON'S ABSOLUTELY TACTLESS JOKE THAT 'IF

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MR. KRAVCHUK DID NOT HAVE SUCH AN IMPORTANT POSITION HERE, THEN I WOULD OFFER HIM THE JOB OF PRESS SECRETARY AT THE WHITE HOUSE.' ALL OF THESE INCIDENTS WERE MEANT FOR ONE THING: TO PUT UKRAINE IN ITS PLACE. ... THE PRESIDENT (KRAVCHUK) PROMISED TO GIVE UP THE WEAPONS, (BUT) IN EXCHANGE FOR WHAT AND UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS? WE STILL DO NOT HAVE A CLEAR ANSWER TO THESE QUESTIONS. ... THE ONLY THING THAT IS CLEAR IS THAT UKRAINIAN DIPLOMACY HAS REACHED THE BEST POSSIBLE COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE DEMANDS OF PARLIAMENT AND THE DESIRES OF MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON. ... UNFORTUNATELY, UKRAINE DID NOT END UP IN THE BEST POSITION. BUT THIS WAS DECIDED FOR IT BY OTHERS."

6. "MOLOD UKRAINY" (CIRC: 90,000) HAD ONLY POSITIVE VIEWS OF THE CLINTON-KRAVCHUK VISIT. "AFTER THE RATIFICATION OF START-I, MANY SPECULATED THAT UKRAINE WOULD NOT GET FROM THE WEST MORE THAN IT WAS ALREADY PROMISED. BUT THIS WAS TOO PESSIMISTIC. AND CAN WE SEE TODAY'S AGREEMENTS AS A VICTORY FOR US? OR IS IT A VICTORY FOR THE U.S.? WE WILL HEAR MANY ASSESSMENTS. WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT WE MET EACH OTHER HALFWAY, AND DIDN'T MISS EACH OTHER IN THE FOG WHICH HAS ENSHROUNDED US THIS WINTER."

7. "NEZAVISIMOST" (CIRC: 300,000 PER MONTH; INDEPENDENT RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE BI-WEEKLY) QUOTES UKRAINIAN POLITICAL ANALYST EDUARD LISYSTSYN: "'BY UNDERSCORING THE SPECIAL ROLE OF THE UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT (IN REACHING THE TRILATERAL AGREEMENT), CLINTON UNWITTINGLY DROVE A WEDGE BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND PARLIAMENT. THE AGREEMENTS WHICH MAY BE REACHED IN MOSCOW COULD VERY WELL ... CAUSE A CRISIS OF THE PRESIDENT'S AUTHORITY OR, ON THE OTHER HAND, BRING SERIOUS PRESSURE ON THE PARLIAMENT.' ... I (THE CORRESPONDENT) THINK THAT IN THE NEAR FUTURE, THE CONCEPT OF 'UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE' WILL BE CALLED INTO QUESTION, AND WE WILL FIND OURSELVES TIED TO ONE OF THE POLES IN THE AMERICAN-RUSSIAN AXIS. MOST LIKELY, IT WILL BE THE LATTER." BROWN

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TEXT:
///((Report on interview with Defense Minister Werner Fasslabend
by Hans-Henning Scharsach in Vienna; date not given: "'Europe Must
Do More Itself For Its Security'"))
((Text)) Has Europe become more secure? Following the NATO
summit in Brussels and President Clinton's visit to Prague, Kiev,
and Moscow, Defense Minister Werner Fasslabend discussed topics of
international security policy in a KURIER interview.
-- The new NATO concept: The fact that the Eastern reform states
have not been accepted as members is not primarily a concession to
Russian President Yeltsin. The foremost consideration in this is
the Alliance's unity. Homogeneous political, economic, and social
structures are the real strength of NATO. This requires an
adaptation process of several years for prospective members. I

expect this process to be concluded before the end of this decade.

-- Consequences for Europe: We must not draw the wrong conclusions from the outcome in Brussels. The truth is that Europe will have to do more for its security by itself, also in the future.

-- Consequences for Austria: We are going a different way: Security via integration. Austria will try to co-determine European security within the European Union.

-- Clinton's foreign policy: However fervently the U.S. President may state the opposite, the fact is that following the end of the Cold War American interests have moved away from Europe. And a power vacuum has formed in the Pacific area, which has the highest population growth and where some of the countries have two-digit economic growth rates. The leading economic power Japan only has a very small army. Opening up of Communism requires a different security policy in that part of the world.

There are also other parts of the world that are more important to the United States than Europe at the moment: the Middle East for instance, where the peace process demands support; or the petroleum producing countries, upon whose political stability the United States' economy is directly dependent.

-- The situation in Russia: The recent developments should not be dramatized. History has shown that times of big changes tend to play into the hands of radical nationalists. But the danger must not be underestimated, either. In Russia we have the same situation now as before the elections: The president faces a parliament where communists and nationalists hold a majority. Considering this, a long period of political and military instability can be expected.

-- Nuclear arms: In view of the distribution of arms in four states of the former Soviet Union and considering the diminishing central power and control, nobody can rule out that mass destruction arms get into the wrong hands. This is the real challenge to American security policy. Beside continuing efforts for disarmament, it would be important to include the new nuclear arms countries in a network of international monitoring.

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TEXT:

((Text)) Prague, Jan 14 (CTK) -- Czech diplomatic efforts will soon be able to move ahead with preparations for joining the Partnership for Peace, Foreign Minister Josef Zieleniec said today.

The ministry will present to the government as soon as possible a statement on the country's preparedness to join the partnership. It will send this, along with a statement of how the country envisages its participation in the plan, to NATO General Secretary Manfred Woerner. These two documents will form the basis for working out the Czech Republic's individual partnership program, Zieleniec said.

The minister added that the financial cost of the program should reflect the country's security needs, but will probably not be much. Financial participation, he said, is a real sign of willingness to take part in defense activities.

Zieleniec emphasized that the discussions in Prague this week confirmed the unified support of Czech leaders for cooperating within the Visegrad framework in a way that reflected Czech interests. This does not mean the Czech Republic is against cooperation, since an all or nothing approach will lead to agreement with no one, he said, adding that finding common interests is part of the tradition of Western civilization.

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SUBJ: Jeszenszky Interviewed on Peace Partnership Program

TEXT:

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SERIAL: AU1401210994

PASS: ATTN BBC HUNGARY

COUNTRY: Hungary

SUBJ: Jeszenszky Interviewed on Peace Partnership Program

SOURCE: Budapest PESTI HIRLAP in Hungarian 14 Jan 94 p 13

TEXT:

(((Interview with Foreign Minister Geza Jeszenszky by Laszlo Gog; place and date not given: "Geza Jeszenszky on the Peace Partnership Program"))

((Text)) ((Gog)) Hungary was among the first to accept the U.S. and NATO offer for a partnership for peace, and announced that, within this framework, Hungary would like to participate in bilateral military cooperation with NATO. When do you expect from the signing of the peace partnership declaration adopted in Brussels?

((Jeszenszky)) I cannot yet give you a firm answer to this question, but it will take place soon. After certain political consultations at home, the signing of this cooperation will take place soon. The U.S. side plans to send a further delegation to Hungary, as well as to the other states, in the near future. This is not an international agreement, so it does not need parliamentary ratification; however, the government believes it important to have the broadest possible political consensus behind this.

((Gog)) The signing of the statement will be followed by the bilateral NATO-Hungarian agreement on cooperation, one that contains the details of cooperation. What does Hungary plan to include in this project?

((Jeszenszky)) Definitely the framework of concrete cooperation, political representation, and participation in the activity of the NATO Headquarters. We would also like to include something that is there in the Brussels document, namely that the goal is full membership and, at the same time, that we accept certain obligations.

((Gog)) Will certain concrete elements of military cooperation, such as the organization of military exercises, military training, and participation in peacekeeping missions also be included in the treaty?

((Jeszenszky)) Of course. However, some elements of military cooperation have already been effected, such as the training of Hungarian officers in various NATO countries, as well as the broadening of control over airspace. As a UN member, Hungary also participates in certain peacekeeping actions, for example in Mozambique and Cambodia. When we train in a NATO framework, this will also advance the reform of the Hungarian Army.

((Gog)) All four Visegrad countries have already announced their willingness to participate in the cooperation offered under the peace partnership program. In your opinion, in what way are President Clinton's visit and discussions in Prague important?

((Jeszenszky)) Actually, exactly what NATO was offering only transpired on Monday ((10 January)). This is an American proposal and it had to be accepted by NATO. The United States played an important and positive role in making the NATO summit accept this rich cooperation program after all and, in this way, opened a possible venue. It was not their goal in Prague to convince us that this peace partnership is good for us and that it provides adequate security, and it was not our goal to convince them that this should be better and that they should give as much as possible; instead, we talked of ways in which the stability of Hungary and its neighbors could be advanced, for example in economic matters, because these matters are very important from the viewpoint of security.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE SPOKESMAN
JANUARY 14, 1994

STATEMENT BY CHRISTINE SHELLY, ACTING SPOKESMAN

CHINA/France: SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER'S
JANUARY 24-25 MEETINGS IN PARIS

SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER WILL MEET WITH CHINESE VICE PREMIER AND FOREIGN MINISTER QIAN QICHEN IN PARIS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 24. THEY WILL DISCUSS A FULL RANGE OF ISSUES, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS REQUIRING JOINT COOPERATION AND BILATERAL ISSUES THAT AFFECT OUR RELATIONS. THE LATTER INCLUDES HUMAN RIGHTS, NONPROLIFERATION AND TRADE.

THE SECRETARY WILL ALSO MEET WITH FRENCH OFFICIALS DURING HIS VISIT TO PARIS. IN THE MEETINGS, THE SECRETARY WILL DISCUSS PRESIDENT CLINTON'S MEETINGS IN PRAGUE, MOSCOW, KIEV, MINSK AND GENEVA AND WILL ADDRESS A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

2. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCES WERE PREPARED ON 1/14/94. ACTING SPOKESMAN CHRISTINE SHELLY USED THE ANSWERS IN PARA 3 AND 4 AT THE BRIEFING THAT DAY. IN PARA 5, SHE USED THE ANSWER, THE FIRST TWO TICKS OF THE "IF PRESSED" PORTION, AND THE FIRST SENTENCE FROM EACH OF THE LAST TWO TICKS.

3. CHINA: RELEASE OF TIBETANS

Q. WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO CHINA'S RELEASE OF THE TWO TIBETAN POLITICAL PRISONERS? IS THIS A REACTION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S CONCERNS OVER LACK OF PROGRESS IN HUMAN RIGHTS?

A. THE RELEASE OF GENDUN RINCHEN AND LOBSANG YONTEN IS DEFINITELY A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION ON THE PART OF THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT TIBETANS ACCUSED OF POLITICAL CRIMES HAVE BEEN RELEASED WITHOUT A PRISON SENTENCE AFTER A LONG INVESTIGATION AND DETENTION.

-- THERE ARE, HOWEVER, HUNDREDS OF OTHER TIBETANS IN JAILS OR PRISONS ACCUSED OF SIMILAR OFFENSES. WE HOPE THERE WILL BE MORE RELEASES OF THIS KIND IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

-- THE DETENTION LAST MAY OF RINCHEN, WHO AS A TOUR GUIDE HAD MET THOUSANDS OF VISITORS FROM OUTSIDE CHINA, RESULTED IN A VERY HIGH LEVEL OF INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION.

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-- WE CALL ON THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE ALL
INDIVIDUALS, IN TIBET AND ELSEWHERE IN CHINA,
IMPRISONED PURELY FOR THE PEACEFUL EXPRESSION OF
POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS VIEWS.

4. CHINA: TRAVEL OF FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH'S
TRAVEL OF CHINA? IS HE CARRYING ANY MESSAGE? HAS HE
BEEN BRIEFED? WILL HE REPORT BACK?

A. FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH IS TRAVELING TO CHINA AS A
PRIVATE CITIZEN AT THE INVITATION OF THE CHINESE
GOVERNMENT.

-- OFFICIALS OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE
STATE DEPARTMENT BRIEFED THE FORMER PRESIDENT ON
THE CURRENT STATE OF U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS PRIOR TO
HIS DEPARTURE.

-- HE IS NOT CARRYING ANY MESSAGE FOR THE
ADMINISTRATION, BUT WE WOULD WELCOME HEARING FROM
HIM ABOUT HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH CHINESE LEADERS.

5. U.S. AMBASSADOR TO CHINA ROY'S NYT INTERVIEW

Q. WOULD YOU CARE TO MAKE A STATEMENT CONCERNING
SPECULATION THAT U.S. AMBASSADOR TO CHINA J. STAPLETON
ROY HAS ADVANCED POLICY VIEWS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AT ODDS
WITH THOSE OF THE ADMINISTRATION?

A. I WANT TO PUT TO REST NOTIONS THAT AMBASSADOR
ROY'S VIEWS DIVERGE FROM THOSE OF THE
ADMINISTRATION ON THE CRUCIAL ISSUE OF HUMAN
RIGHTS. AMBASSADOR ROY IS ONE OF OUR MOST SENIOR,
EXPERIENCED AND RESPECTED CAREER DIPLOMATS. HE
ENJOYS OUR FULL CONFIDENCE, AND HIS POLICY
ANALYSIS AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS CARRY
PARTICULAR WEIGHT.

IF PRESSED:

-- AS TO THE VARIOUS REPORTS WHICH HAVE CONTENDED
THAT THE AMBASSADOR WAS DISTANCING HIMSELF FROM
THE ADMINISTRATION, WE HAVE CLOSELY REVIEWED THE
ENTIRE TRANSCRIPT AND FOUND NOTHING OF THE SORT.
THE INTERVIEW WAS A LENGTHY ONE, AND THE
AMBASSADOR, WHO WAS BORN AND RAISED IN CHINA, WAS
ASKED TO COMMENT ON CONTEMPORARY CHANGE IN CHINESE
SOCIETY. TO THAT, HE NOTED -- CORRECTLY AND
APPROPRIATELY -- THAT THERE HAD BEEN A PROFOUND
CHANGE FOR THE BETTER IN THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR THE AVERAGE CHINESE.

-- AMBASSADOR ROY FULLY SUPPORTS THE ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHINA IN ALL ASPECTS.

-- AT THE SAME TIME, AMBASSADOR ROY STATED CLEARLY THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES CONTINUE TO BE A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM IN CHINA. AS THE NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE REPORTS, HE NOTED THAT "AMERICAN POLICY MAKERS COULD NOT FORGET THAT CHINA RELIED FUNDAMENTALLY ON 'REPRESSION AS ITS NORMAL MEANS OF MAINTAINING CONTROL.'" AT ANOTHER POINT IN THE INTERVIEW, AMB. ROY TOLD HIS INTERVIEWER THAT "...IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR A COUNTRY LIKE THE UNITED STATES TO HAVE NORMAL RELATIONS WITH A COUNTRY THAT RESORTS TO OVERT SUPPRESSION AGAINST ITS OWN

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PEOPLE."

-- ANY EQUATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITH GENUINE POLITICAL REFORM AND PROGRESS IN HUMAN RIGHTS IS SIMPLY WRONG. U.S. OFFICIALS, AMBASSADOR ROY PROMINENT AMONG THEM, REGULARLY REMIND THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT OF THIS CORE U.S. BELIEF. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE CHINESE ARE UNDER NO ILLUSIONS AS TO THE STRENGTH OF OUR CONVICTION IN THIS REGARD, AND OUR INSISTENCE AS A MATTER OF POLICY THAT CHINA'S MFN ELIGIBILITY SHALL NOT BE RENEWED IN 1994 ABSENT OVERALL, SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN THE AREAS SPECIFIED IN PRESIDENT CLINTON'S MAY 28, 1993 EXECUTIVE ORDER.

6. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE, ALSO PREPARED ON 1/14/94, WAS NOT USED AT THE BRIEFING. POSTS MAY DRAW FROM IT ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

7. CHINA: CHRISTOPHER-QIAN MEETING

Q. WHY IS THE SECRETARY FLYING BACK TO EUROPE SO SOON? WHAT WILL HE AND FM QIAN DISCUSS?

A. THE SECRETARY WILL BE REVIEWING WITH FRENCH LEADERS THE RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S CURRENT VISIT TO EUROPE AND OTHER ISSUES OF BILATERAL INTEREST. AS FOR THE MEETING WITH THE CHINESE, SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER AND FOREIGN MINISTER QIAN AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL AT AN EARLY DATE TO FOLLOW UP ON THEIR NOVEMBER TALKS IN SEATTLE. PARIS PROVIDED A CONVENIENT VENUE FOR THE TWO TO MEET. (FYI. FM QIAN IS CURRENTLY MAKING A SWING THROUGH AFRICA.)

-- WE INTEND TO USE THE MEETING TO MAKE PROGRESS IN THE THREE CORE AREAS OF CONCERN, HUMAN RIGHTS,

NONPROLIFERATION AND TRADE, AS WELL AS DISCUSS
GLOBAL AND REGIONAL ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

Q. IS THERE A CRISIS IN BILATERAL RELATIONS OR A SPECIAL
OPPORTUNITY?

A. AS MANY SENIOR OFFICIALS HAVE PREVIOUSLY STATED,
THE UNITED STATES SEEKS A FRIENDLY AND
CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH A CHINA THAT IS
STRONG, STABLE, PROSPEROUS AND OPEN.

-- ACHIEVEMENT OF THAT OBJECTIVE REQUIRES A CLOSE AND
OPEN DIALOGUE WITH THE CHINESE ON A COMPLEX ARRAY
OF ISSUES.

Q. IS THIS RELATED TO THE COMPLETION OF THE ANNUAL HUMAN
RIGHTS REPORT?

A. NO. PRESIDENT CLINTON DECIDED IN SEPTEMBER THAT
WE SHOULD PURSUE AN INTENSIFIED DIALOGUE WITH
CHINA IN ORDER TO MAKE PROGRESS ON KEY PROBLEMS IN
THE AREAS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, NONPROLIFERATION AND
TRADE. THE MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER
AND FOREIGN MINISTER QIAN IS PART OF THAT STRATEGY.

Q. DO YOU EXPECT THEY WILL LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR A
SUBSEQUENT TRIP TO CHINA BY THE SECRETARY?

A. WE ARE HOPEFUL THIS MEETING WILL GIVE THE
NECESSARY IMPETUS TO THE RELATIONSHIP TO SPUR
PROGRESS ON OUR CORE CONCERNS.

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-- THE SECRETARY HAS NO PLANS AT THIS POINT TO VISIT
CHINA.

8. THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS TAKEN AT THE
1/14/94 BRIEFING WERE POSTED IN THE DEPARTMENT LATER THAT
DAY.

9. CHINA: RELEASE OF TIBETAN PRISONERS

Q. DID THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA INFORM THE U.S. THROUGH
DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS OF THE RELEASE OF THE TWO TIBETANS?

A. CHINESE AUTHORITIES INFORMED OUR CONSULATE GENERAL
IN CHENGDU THAT GENDUN RINCHEN HAD BEEN RELEASED.

10. JAPAN: TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO NORTH KOREA

Q. ANY COMMENT ON REPORTS A JAPANESE FIRM ILLEGALLY
TRANSFERRED MISSILE-RELATED TECHNOLOGY TO NORTH KOREA?

A. WE UNDERSTAND JAPANESE AUTHORITIES ARE

INVESTIGATING A POSSIBLE ILLEGAL TRANSFER OF
MISSILE-RELATED TECHNOLOGY FROM A JAPANESE FIRM TO
NORTH KOREA.

-- JAPAN IS A MEMBER OF COCOM, AND WOULD HAVE NEEDED
THE CONSENT OF ITS COCOM PARTNERS BEFORE THE SALE
OF SUCH EQUIPMENT TO NORTH KOREA. TO OUR
KNOWLEDGE, NO REQUEST FOR SUCH CONSENT WAS EVER
MADE.

-- WE ARE SURE THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES WILL
INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER THOROUGHLY AND, IF
WARRANTED, TAKE STRONG ACTION AGAINST THOSE
RESPONSIBLE.

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SUBJ: Take 1 of 2 -- Havel on Meeting With Clinton, Visegrad

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SOURCE: Prague Radiozurnal Radio Network in Czech 1315 GMT
16 Jan 94

TEXT:

//((Interview with Czech President Vaclav Havel by Eva Hulkova at Lany presidential residence, date not given: "Conversations at Lany" -- live or recorded))

((Excerpts)) ((Hulkova)) Mr. President, you have always rather vehemently opposed a concept of "Conversations" that would have us deal with the past week. But this week was marked by the visit of Bill Clinton, and we simply cannot ignore this fact.

((Havel)) I think we cannot. I would like to make perhaps two or three minor observations in relation to this visit. As far as the substance is concerned, meaning the future European security arrangement, the political arrangement and the Partnership for Peace plan, I would not touch on it too much anymore. A lot was said about it. I would make only one observation. Voices are often heard that this is not enough, that it is only a form of pacifying us, calming us down, of delaying NATO membership and that the right

thing would be to accept us immediately. I think these are quite short-sighted voices because few people are aware that all this places some demands on us. ((passage omitted on duties and obligation of belonging to European structures and on unreasonable expectations)) For example, the Partnership for Peace plan means that our soldiers may have to go fight somewhere occasionally. It means that foreign troops could be here for certain joint exercises. It is difficult to know how the public will react to this. It will also cost some money. It will require making certain psychological, moral, and also material investments. It remains to be seen to what extent our society, our public is ready for it. It seems to me that it is a very well balanced plan, and we should not forget this side of it. On the degree of our capability to take over this common responsibility for Europe, that will primarily depend on how really and fully we are going to be able to be integrated in such structures as NATO.

((Hulkova)) When I think of Bill Clinton, it seems to me that compared with other U.S. Presidents he is playing a special and important role. ((passage omitted)) What kind of man is he? What are his qualities as a statesman?! How does he measure up as the U.S. President? After all, this is the most important political post in the world.

((Havel)) ((Passage omitted noting he spent 24 hours with President Clinton)) My impression was that he was an unusually responsible, sincere, direct, and open man. Although on television, especially during the election campaign, he may appear as a continually smiling television star aware of being surrounded by cameras, I have arrived at the conclusion that he is a sincere man. He is really like that. He is a very frank man who wants to know everything. ((passage omitted -- examples)) He is a very direct man who likes to meet people, and who likes to listen to them. ((passage omitted -- repetition of above))

All this makes me like him. At the same time it does not mean that he is not a professional. He always finds time to read books on politics, history, the future, and other books. In the White House he is surrounded by a large number of intellectuals and scientists. He is a man who likes to think and who is attempting to see matters in a long term perspective. ((passage omitted -- on Clinton's responsibilities as a head of state and executive power; explains to people of Prague that delays in municipal transport were caused by the need to protect U.S. President))

((Hulkova)) Let's recall another aspect of Bill Clinton's visit to our country. It has been apparent for some time that the Visegrad countries ((Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, and Hungary)) find themselves at a crossroads and that they do not know how to continue. Have all the negotiations that took place provided some kind of an indication of what should happen next?

((Havel)) The cooperation between the four was surrounded by an endless number of various speculations, conjectures, and analyses that appeared both in our and foreign press. I think -- and I have said this on many occasions -- that we are in fact living in a different time now, that the original purpose of the group has been exhausted and fulfilled, as it were, and that the era of grand joint declarations, manifestos, and summits, by which we were demonstrating our indestructible unity, has passed. We had to do this at the time when we were jointly trying to extricate ourselves from Soviet hegemony. That's clear and it has been said on a number of occasions.

I think, however, that the other half of the truth should be voiced, too. The truth is that we will be living side by side with our neighbors for centuries to come, and this is more important than whether our opinions are closer to a particular government or to a particular president of a neighboring country. We must bear the long term perspective in mind. We must be aware of the fact that almost 60 percent of our exports are in fact exports to neighboring countries. ((passage omitted -- elaborates on above))

What is at issue now is finding a new identity and a new form of this regional cooperation that will be in keeping with the present time. The fact is that at the present time, when the interests of individual countries are beginning to differentiate, when differences in the historical identity of these countries are coming to the surface, it is becoming clear that things are slightly different in this period than they were in the initial phase. Thus, cooperation will have to have a different form. It will have to be less manifest. It will have to be a specific cooperation in various spheres, in the spheres where a common minimum of joint interests exists ((spolecne minimum spolecnych zajmu)), as our foreign minister puts it. I would like to add to this that we should hold talks even in the spheres where there is a divergence of interests or where our interests differ or where differences exist. We should conduct a lasting political dialogue.

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((Excerpts)) ((Havel continues)) Certain differences between individual countries, which are gradually beginning to emerge, are not a reason for terminating the dialogue. On the contrary, these differences should lead to stepping up the dialogue.

I became aware of this during a presidential dinner, when four presidents of the countries of this group had a very interesting, professional, and long debate. It was dominated by a discussion between President Walesa and President Goncz, whose views were quite different. I then realized how important this type of discussion is. ((passage omitted -- elaborates on importance of dialogue)) This contributes to the cleansing of regional climate, which is very important.

My impression is that this meeting, this joint meeting with President Clinton, contributed to our more intensive thinking about new forms, new shapes, and new identities of this regional

cooperation in Central Europe.

Voices appeared reproaching the United States for forcing us too strongly into coordination or joint conduct and for not paying enough attention to the fact that we are independent states and that each of us is in a slightly different situation. Although they may well have a point, I would also like to point out that the United States has the experience of the 1,000-year-long hostility between France and Germany. Thousands of disputes came to an end after World War II when West European integration started to form itself. It was the United States that to a considerable extent contributed to this integration under the Marshall Plan. ((passage omitted -- more on West European integration))

To a certain extent perhaps, the United States applies or reflects this experience to Central Europe. I think that this aspect is also noteworthy.

((Hulkova)) Mr. President, perhaps it could be said that your considerations are aimed at a meeting in Litomysl where you will meet representatives of not only the Visegrad countries but also representatives of Germany, Austria, and Slovenia.

((Havel)) Reports about this meeting have already appeared in newspapers. It might be appropriate for me to comment further on this issue. Recently I, our prime minister, and our foreign minister agreed that we felt that Austria and Slovenia were also an integral part of Central Europe. ((passage omitted -- these countries share common values))

Last year, when attending the opening of the Salzburg Festival, we had a meeting with President Goncz, ((Austrian President Thomas)) Klestil and President von Weizsaecker. The talks we had were very interesting. There was also a big television discussion. We agreed to meet from time to time and also to invite those who were absent; in other words the Slovak and Polish presidents. ((passage omitted))

It was my idea that we could meet in Litomysl. It was in Salzburg that I invited them to visit the Czech Republic. All of them agreed. ((passage omitted))

It would be an unofficial meeting. The purpose of this meeting would not be to conclude treaties and agreements and issue declarations. Nothing of the sort. Its purpose would be to contribute to a good regional climate and create a psychologically favorable atmosphere or scope that would make it possible for our executive bodies -- the governments -- to carry out their work. ((passage omitted))

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SUBJ: Havel Views Clinton Visit, Visegrad Four Meeting

SOURCE: Prague CTK in English 1522 GMT 16 Jan 94

TEXT:

((Text)) Prague, Jan 16 (CTK) -- U.S. President Bill Clinton is
an extremely responsible, frank and open man, Czech President Vaclav
Havel said today in his regular Sunday radio programme "Talks in
Lany."

Asking Czech citizens to pardon the complicated situation in
Prague transport which was due to Clinton's visit to Prague earlier

this week, he stressed that "serious things were at issue," such as our country's future orientation in the decades to come.

Havel also indicated that Czech Republic's cooperation with its neighbours must be less demonstrative and more concrete. "For centuries we will be living side by side with our neighbours, which is more important than our relations being closer or more different with with this or that government, this or that neighbour's president," Havel stressed.

He said that last week's meeting between the representatives of the Visegrad Four (the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia) with Clinton "also contributed to our more intensive considering new forms, new shape and new identity of this kind of regional operation in Central Europe."

The Czechs should avoid all expressions of provincial mistrust of the world, "Czechocentrism" and the idea that history could be cheated by "our caring only for ourselves," Havel emphasised. "We will care best for ourselves when considering also the others," he added.

Havel confirmed that the Visegrad Four representatives would meet with the German, Austrian and Slovenian presidents in Litomysl, east Bohemia, this year.

"These are the countries tied to each other by analogical historical traditions and values of civilisation," he said.

All these countries are seeking a form of their relations with Germany, Havel said. That is why he agreed on a meeting to "contribute to a better regional climate" with all the presidents involved during the Salzburg Festival last year.

Havel said that the unofficial meeting would not be aimed "at concluding any pacts" treaties and issuing declarations,.

According to information received by journalists by far, the meeting is to take place in April.

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CLINTON'S VISIT TO MOSCOW, PRIMARILY THE TRILATERAL
AGREEMENTS WITH UKRAINE, RUSSIA, AND THE U.S, AND THE
VARIOUS BILATERAL AGREEMENTS. MANY COMMENTATORS
MENTIONED THE NEW ATMOSPHERE IN RUSSIAN-AMERICAN
RELATIONS OF CO-OPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP. AND THEY
HAD ONLY PRAISE FOR THE VERY POSITIVE IMPRESSION THE
AMERICAN PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY MADE ON THE RUSSIAN
PEOPLE.
2. IN A PAGE 1 ARTICLE IN THE JAN. 14 EDITION OF THE
CONSERVATIVE DAILY "KRASNAYA ZVEZDA" ENTITLED "RUSSIAN-
AMERICAN DIALOGUE IN THE KREMLIN", THE JOURNALISTS
VLADIMIR KUZAR AND MIKAIL POGORELLY COMMENTING ON
PRESIDENT CLINTON'S REMARKS THAT "RUSSIA' GREATNESS
WILL BE CONSOLIDATED", STRESSED THAT THESE WERE MORE
THAN MERE POLITE AND RESPECTFUL WORDS.
3. "....THE CRUX OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIOPOLITICAL
REFORMS BEING PURSUED IN THE COUNTRY IS PRECISELY TO
CONSOLIDATE RUSSIA'S GREATNESS AND RESTORE TO IT THE
GREAT POWER STATUS WHICH LEGITIMATELY BELONGS TO IT.

AFTER ALL, THE MIGHT AND POWER OF A STATE RESTS ON THE PROSPERITY AND CONFIDENCE IN THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF ITS CITIZENS ON THE STABILITY OF ITS ECONOMY AND THE SOLIDITY OF ITS INTERNATIONAL POSITION. OUR PEOPLE HAVE TO SCALE THESE HEIGHTS THEMSELVES, THROUGH THEIR OWN EFFORTS. BUT THEY DO NOT HAVE TO DO IT SOLO! IT IS EASIER AND MORE RELIABLE TO DO IT WITH OTHERS. AND HERE NO SMALL ROLE COULD BE PLAYED BY THE CLOSE RUSSIAN-AMERICAN COOPERATION WHICH IS BEING BUILT ON THE PRINCIPLES OF PARTNERSHIP, EQUALITY, AND MUTUAL BENEFIT."

4 "...PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSION WAS ABOUT REDUCING THE DANGER POSED TO ONE ANOTHER, LOWERING THE LEVEL OF MILITARY CONFRONTATION, AND PREVENTING NUCLEAR CATASTROPHE; IT IS NOW ABOUT JOINT, COORDINATED EFFORTS TO MAINTAINING WORLD STABILITY."

5. IN AN JAN. 14 P. 3 ARTICLE IN "IZVESTIYA" ENTITLED "KRAVCHUK AND CLINTON REACH AGREEMENT. UNCERTAIN HOW UKRAINIAN PARLIAMENT WILL ACT", MARIYA STAROZHITSKAYA, QUOTING PRESIDENT CLINTON WHO SAID "LET ME GIVE CREDIT TO PRESIDENT KRAVCHUK FOR HIS STATESMANLIKE WAY OF THINKING AND HIS GUIDANCE IN REACHING THIS ACCORD," FEELS THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON IS ALSO DESERVING OF PRAISE FOR MAKING THE ACCORD POSSIBLE:

6...."CREDIT STILL HAS TO BE GIVEN: THE U.S. PRESIDENT PROMISED THAT HE WOULD TAKE CARE TO ENSURE THAT UKRAINE RECEIVES MOST SPEEDILY THE PROPER COMPENSATION FOR THE TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN TO RUSSIA AND, IN ADDITION, THAT UKRAINE GETS A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR DISMANTLING THE WEAPONS -- MONEY THAT CAN BE USED FOR DEFENSE AND CONVERSION."

7. IN A JAN. 15 P.4 ARTICLE IN "IZVESTIYA" ENTITLED "ELIMINATION OF UKRAINIAN NUCLEAR ARSENAL IS SUCCESS FOR SECRET DIPLOMACY", ALEKSANDR SHALNEV, CALLING THE AGREEMENT TO TURN UKRAINE INTO A NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE "TRULY SENSATIONAL", SPECULATES THAT WASHINGTON AND KIEV WERE EQUALLY HASTY IN MAKING THE QUIETLY NEGOTIATED DEAL WHICH STILL LEAVES "A LOT UNREVEALED":

8. "...WHY WAS CLINTON IN A HURRY? AMONG THE EXPLANATIONS WE HAVE HEARD THE MOST RATIONAL IS THE SIMPLEST -- OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS THE PROBLEM OF PREVENTING NUCLEAR ARMS PROLIFERATION HAS BEEN TOP OF HIS PERSONAL AGENDA AND PERSONAL LIST OF PRIORITIES. THE U.S. PRESIDENT SAW UKRAINIAN NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AS HIS MOST REALISTIC CHANCE TO TAKE THE FIRST AND MOST SUBSTANTIVE STEP IN THIS DIRECTION. IF SUCH AN AGREEMENT WERE REACHED IT WOULD, MOREOVER, BE ANOTHER FOREIGN POLICY TRIUMPH FOR CLINTON -- THE SECOND FOLLOWING THE RECONCILIATION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE PLO. SUCH A TRIUMPH WOULD NOT BE OUT OF PLACE FOR THE PRESIDENT AT A TIME WHEN HE FACES GROWING SCANDALS AT UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 MOSCOW 001167

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HOME -- SCANDALS WHICH MANY ARE ALREADY COMPARING TO NIXON'S WATERGATE."

9. "...ACHIEVING THIS GOAL ON HIS PERSONAL AGENDA WAS MADE CONSIDERABLY EASIER FOR CLINTON BY THE FACT THAT, UKRAINE, AS ONE OF MY INTERLOCUTORS PUT IT, WAS BY THEN 'PRETTY MUCH READY -- IT HAD VIRTUALLY DOOMED ITSELF TO ISOLATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA, AS DEMONSTRATED BY CLINTON'S REFUSAL, WIDELY TRUMPED BY THE WASHINGTON WHITE HOUSE, TO VISIT UKRAINE DURING HIS TOUR OF THE FORMER UNION, AND TO RESTRICT HIMSELF TO MOSCOW AND -- A PARTICULAR BLOW TO THE UKRAINIANS -- TO MINSK.' KIEV CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT GOING FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD WHICH UKRAINE HAD FOLLOWED SINCE ESSENTIALLY REFUSING TO RATIFY START I WOULD MEAN DEPRIVING THE COUNTRY OF WESTERN AID."

10. THE JAN. 15 EDITION OF 'NEZAVISIMAYA GAZETA' CARRIED AN P.L ARTICLE LAUDING PRESIDENT CLINTON'S APPEARANCE ON OSTANKINO TELEVISION. RATHER THAN TALKING MUCH ABOUT POLITICS, CLINTON SKILLFULLY TURNED THE MEETING INTO A SHOW. NOT ONLY DID HE CREATE THE IMAGE OF A 'MERRY GOOD SOUL', HE ALSO DEMONSTRATED A GREAT ABILITY TO IMPROVISE. COMMENTING FURTHER:

11. "...THE AMERICANS MADE A CORRECT MOVE WHEN THEY DECIDED TO SHOW THEIR PRESIDENT DOING WHAT HE CAN DO BEST - IMPRESSING THE AUDIENCE. WHO KNOWS WHAT IMPRESSED THE RUSSIANS MORE: THE RESULTS OF THE SUMMIT OR THE OPENNESS AND AFFABILITY OF THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT?"

12. THE 9:00 P.M. NEWS PROGRAM "NOVOSTI" ON OSTANKINO TV HAD ONLY PRAISE FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE SUMMIT: "...THIS DAY MAY BE CALLED ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT IN RUSSIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS, CONSIDERING THE NUMBER AND IMPORTANCE OF THE AGREEMENTS SIGNED...WE STILL NEED TO ELIMINATE SOME OF THE REMNANTS OF THE COLD WAR AND CLINTON HAS DONE VERY MUCH IN THIS DIRECTION." AND DURING A BRIEF SEGMENT ON HILLARY CLINTON'S PROGRAM IN MOSCOW, THE COMMENTATOR SAID "THE PRESIDENTIAL COUPLE MADE A VERY POSITIVE IMPRESSION ON THE RUSSIANS AND FILLED THEM WITH CONFIDENCE THAT NOT ONLY FAMILIES BUT WHOLE PEOPLES CAN BE FRIENDS."

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PARIS -- MONDAY JANUARY 17, 1994
(A) SUMMARY OF TYPE OF COVERAGE:
THE FRENCH PRESS HAS BEEN OVERWHELMINGLY DOMINATED BY
THE DEMONSTRATION OF DEFENDERS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL, WITH
SEVERAL HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF THEM--PERHAPS A
MILLION--MARCHING THROUGHOUT THE STREETS OF PARIS
YESTERDAY TO PROTEST A GOVERNMENT PLAN TO AID PRIVATE
SCHOOLS. ANOTHER LEAD STORY IS YET ANOTHER
ASSASSINATION OF A FRENCH CITIZEN IN ALGERIA, THIS TIME

A CONSULATE EMPLOYEE MARRIED TO AN ALGERIAN--LEADING PARIS TO ANNOUNCE A DRAW DOWN OF NON-ESSENTIAL EMBASSY STAFF.

THE END OF PRESIDENT CLINTON'S EUROPEAN TOUR IN MOSCOW AND GENEVA WAS A LEAD INTERNATIONAL STORY.

HIS RUSSIAN STOP WAS COVERED BY ALL MEDIA ON SATURDAY. FOCUS WAS ON THE TWO ARMS CONTROL ACCORDS WHICH THE U.S. PRESIDENT SIGNED WITH HIS RUSSIAN, AND UKRAINIAN COUNTERPARTS.

--ON THE UKRAINIAN ACCORD, COMMENTATORS STRESS THE NEED FOR "CIRCUMSPECTION" AND "CAUTION", DUE TO THE UNCERTAIN REACTION OF THE UKRAINIAN PARLIAMENT. MANY SAY THAT THE DETARGETIZATION ACCORD SIGNED WITH RUSSIA IS "ABOVE ALL SYMBOLIC".

--SOME MEDIA (LIBERATION, LE MONDE) REPORT THAT "DIFFERENCES" REMAIN BETWEEN BILL CLINTON AND BORIS YELTSIN, FOR INSTANCE REGARDING BOSNIA, AND SECURITY ISSUES. (SEE PART D OF REPORT).

THE CLINTON-ASSAD SUMMIT IN GENEVA YESTERDAY WAS COVERED.

--COMMENTATORS NOTE THAT THERE HAS BEEN "NO SPECTACULAR BREAKTHROUGH" (AFP, FRANCE 2), BUT FOCUS ON THE TWO PRESIDENTS' CALL FOR "A PEACE OF THE BRAVE". HOWEVER, MANY NOTE THAT THE U.S. AND SYRIAN PRESIDENTS DON'T SHARE THE SAME VIEWS ON THE QUESTION. THEY STRESS ASSAD'S STATEMENT THAT SYRIA WOULD BE READY TO ESTABLISH NORMAL RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

--BEFORE THE SUMMIT TOOK PLACE, SPECIAL ENVOYS TO DAMASCUS REPORTED ON THE REACTION OF THE OFFICIAL SYRIAN PRESS (LIBERATION, LE MONDE), WHICH SPOKE OF "THE SUMMIT OF THE CENTURY", AND ON THE ATMOSPHERE IN SYRIA (TV TF-1). ALL NOTED SYRIA'S DESIRE TO LOOK FOR A NEW ALLY, TO COME OUT OF ITS ISOLATION. BENOIT LAPORTE, ON RADIO EUROPE 1 AT 12:00 MIDDAY SUNDAY, EXPLAINED THAT SYRIA WANTED TO GIVE THIS SUMMIT AS MUCH PUBLICITY AS POSSIBLE WHILE THE AMERICANS WANTED TO GIVE IT "LESS LUSTRE".

--LAST NIGHT'S ELECTRONIC MEDIA AND THIS MORNING'S NEWSPAPERS REPORT ON THE FIVE-HOUR TALKS BETWEEN CLINTON AND ASSAD.

--FOCUS IS ALSO ON THE ISRAELI REACTION, AND PM RABIN'S "CAUTION". AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE REPORTS THAT YITZHAK UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 07 PARIS 01463

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RABIN SAID HE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO HEAR THE WORD NORMALIZATION "FROM THE MOUTH" OF SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASSAD HIMSELF. TV FRANCE 2'S JERUSALEM CORRESPONDENT CHARLES ENDERLIN SAID YESTERDAY: "RABIN DID NOT APPRECIATE TO

SEE BILL CLINTON MAKE HIMSELF THE SPOKESMAN OF THE SYRIAN PRESIDENT".

--SOME MEDIA SPECULATE (TV FRANCE 2 ON SATURDAY, LE FIGARO THIS MORNING, AFP YESTERDAY) THAT THE U.S. MIGHT SEND PEACEKEEPING TROOPS TO THE GOLAN HEIGHTS TO ENSURE ITS DEMILITARIZATION.

ON FRIDAY, AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE REPORTED THAT U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE WARREN CHRISTOPHER WOULD MEET WITH HIS CHINESE COUNTERPART ON JANUARY 24 IN PARIS. AFP SAID: "SOME ANALYSTS THINK THAT THE CHRISTOPHER-QICHEN MEETING MIGHT BE THE PRELUDE TO A BEIJING VISIT BY MR. CLINTON." MEDIA TODAY CONTINUE TO TALK ABOUT THE UPCOMING QICHEN VISIT AND MEETING WITH CHRISTOPHER.

(B) STORIES COVERED IN REPORT:

1. THE CLINTON-ASSAD SUMMIT
2. BILL CLINTON IN RUSSIA

(C) HEADLINES:

CLINTON-ASSAD SUMMIT:

"TOUCHDOWN--BUT THE EXTRA POINTS HAVE TO BE SCORED" (LE FIGARO-PAGE 3)

"HAFEZ EL ASSAD'S RETURN" (LES ECHOS-BACK PAGE).

"CLINTON AND ASSAD EXPRESS GOOD RESOLUTIONS"

(LIBERATION-PAGE 21)

"ASSAD WANTS TO BE THE KEY-MAN FOR PEACE" (LE QUOTIDIEN-PAGE 11)

"HAFEZ EL ASSAD: THE TIME FOR RECOGNITION" (LE FIGARO-SATURDAY/SUNDAY-PAGE 4)

"BILL CLINTON MEETS WITH THE SYRIAN PRESIDENT" (LE JOURNAL DU DIMANCHE-FRONT PAGE)

"WASHINGTON PUTS DAMASCUS BACK IN THE PEACE PROCESS"

(LIBERATION-SATURDAY/SUNDAY-PAGE 20)

RUSSIA:

"CLINTON DETERMINED TO HELP YELTSIN" (LE FIGARO-SATURDAY/SUNDAY-FRONT PAGE)

"A SUMMIT WITHOUT SURPRISE" (LE FIGARO-SATURDAY/SUNDAY-PAGE 2)

(D) SUPPORTING TEXT:

1. CLINTON-ASSAD SUMMIT:

MARC ULLMAN ON RADIO RTL AT 7:20AM: "...ONE MUST ALWAYS KEEP A DOSE OF-SKEPTICISM WHEN ONE NEGOTIATES WITH ASSAD.... THIS MAN IS DEVoured BY HIS NEED FOR POWER. HE IS READY TO DO ANYTHING FOR POWER, EVEN GOING AS FAR AS (SUPPORTING) TERRORISM. ASSAD IS A COLD MAN, WHO WILL MAKE PEACE ONLY IF IT SERVES HIS POWER.... IF CLINTON HOPED FOR ENTHUSIASM, HE MUST BE DISAPPOINTED. ASSAD'S ONLY OBJECTIVE WAS TO CONVINCE CLINTON THAT PEACE CANNOT BE MADE WITHOUT HIM, AND THAT ARAFAT ALONE CAN DO NOTHING."

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CHRISTIAN MALAR SAID LAST EVENING ON TV FRANCE 3 THAT
"ACCORDING TO U.S. SOURCES, A MEETING HAS ALREADY TAKEN
PLACE IN CYPRUS WITH SYRIAN, ISRAELI AND AMERICAN
OFFICIALS."

NAIDA NAKAHD REPORTED FROM SYRIA ON TV TF-1 AT 8:00PM
YESTERDAY: "...THE SYRIANS HAVE ABOVE ALL NOTICED THAT
THE UNITED STATES HAS RECOGNIZED ASSAD'S KEY-ROLE IN THE
PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. BUT THEY EXPECTED THAT PRESIDENT
CLINTON WOULD HAVE CLEARLY SAID THAT THE GOLAN HEIGHTS
ARE SYRIAN TERRITORY. ON THAT POINT, DAMASCUS HAS BEEN
DISAPPOINTED."

CHARLES ENDERLIN REPORTED FROM JERUSALEM ON TV FRANCE 2
AT 8:00PM: "...THE ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER DID NOT
APPRECIATE SEEING THE U.S. PRESIDENT MAKE HIMSELF THE
SPOKESMAN OF THE SYRIAN PRESIDENT."

JEAN-MARC ILLOUZ REPORTED FROM GENEVA ON TV FRANCE 2
LAST NIGHT AT 8:00PM: "...NOT A DEFINITIVE BREAKTHROUGH,
BUT AN ENCOURAGING SIGN FROM PRESIDENT ASSAD, WHO--FOR
THE FIRST TIME--PUBLICLY MADE IT KNOWN THAT HE WOULD BE
READY TO LINK UP REAL, NORMAL RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL....
ASSAD SAID THAT 'THE PEACE OF THE BRAVE' IS A STRATEGIC
OBJECTIVE FOR SYRIA, WHICH DOES NOT WANT TO REMAIN
ISOLATED, BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC REASONS. PRESIDENT
CLINTON WAS OBVIOUSLY SATISFIED.... OF COURSE PEACE IS
NOT THERE YET, AND THE UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE
VERY TOUGH. BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME TONIGHT IN GENEVA,
SYRIA IS SPEAKING OF PEACE. NOT YET IN THE SAME TERMS
AS ISRAEL, BUT WITH THE SAME OBJECTIVE--I.E. A REAL
PEACE BETWEEN NEIGHBORS."

ULYSSE GOSSET REPORTED FROM GENEVA ON TV TF-1 SUNDAY AT
1:00PM: "OF ALL STOPS IN BILL CLINTON'S EUROPEAN TOUR,
THAT IN GENEVA IS PROBABLY THE MOST DELICATE. IT IS NOT
EASY FOR THE U.S. PRESIDENT TO MAKE THE AMERICAN PUBLIC
ACCEPT THIS DIALOGUE...WITH SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASSAD WHOM
THE NEW YORK TIMES CALLS 'THE DAMASCUS KILLER'....

(WHEN MEETING WITH ASSAD) CLINTON LOOKED AS TENSE AS
ASSAD APPEARED JOVIAL.... HERE IN GENEVA, THE KEY-WORD--
THE MAGIC WORD--WHICH EVERYONE IS WAITING FOR IS
'NORMALIZATION', BETWEEN THE SYRIANS AND THE ISRAELIS OF
COURSE. IF CLINTON AND ASSAD MANAGE TO GET ALONG, THIS
WILL BE A FINE SUCCESS FOR THE U.S. PRESIDENT--BILL
CLINTON WHO KNOWS, LIKE THE ISRAELIS, THAT THERE CAN BE
NO DURABLE PEACE WITHOUT SYRIA."

JEAN-MARC ILLOUZ SAID ON TV FRANCE 2 AT 1:00PM SUNDAY:
"...ONE DOES NOT EXPECT A BREAKTHROUGH, BUT A
SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD. THE CONSEQUENCES ON THE
GROUND WILL TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS (TO BE CARRIED OUT)."

STEPHANE MANIER ON TV FRANCE 2 SATURDAY NIGHT:

"...PRESIDENT ASSAD IS IN GENEVA FOR SOMETHING
CONCRETE.... PRESIDENT ASSAD WILL HAVE SHOWN HE IS
INDISPENSIBLE. THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT HE WANTS."

STEPHANE MARCHAND AND CLAUDE LORIEUX REPORT FROM GENEVA
IN CONSERVATIVE LE FIGARO: "SUCCEFUL TOUCHDOWN. IT IS
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NOW UP TO THE ISRAELIS AND THE SYRIANS TO CONVERT IT
INTO EXTRA POINTS IN THE UPCOMING WEEKS OR MONTHS,
DURING THEIR MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON.... BY COMING TO
SWITZERLAND, THE SYRIAN LEADER EXPECTED THAT THE NEW
U.S. PRESIDENT WOULD RECOGNIZE HIS KEY-ROLE ON THE
MIDDLE EASTERN SCENE. HE HASN'T BEEN DISAPPOINTED. NOT
ONLY DID BILL CLINTON SALUTE HIS COUNTERPART'S ENERGY--
ASSAD, 64, HAS HAD SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT HEALTH PROBLEMS;
BUT BILL CLINTON ALSO RECOGNIZED THAT 'PEACE CANNOT BE
MADE IN THE MIDDLE EAST UNLESS PRESIDENT ASSAD PLAYS A
LEADERSHIP ROLE'.... THE TWO PRESIDENTS HAVE LEFT IT TO
THE ISRAELI AND SYRIAN DELEGATIONS TO CONVERT THE SCORE
THEY THINK THEY HAVE MADE IN GENEVA.... IF ISRAEL AND
SYRIA REACH AN ACCORD ONE DAY, THE UNITED STATES MAY
HAVE TO SEND TROOPS TO THE GOLAN HEIGHTS, IN ORDER TO
GUARANTEE ITS DEMILITARIZATION. THE CLINTON
ADMINISTRATION HAS ALREADY SAID IT AGREES."

PIERRE BRIANCON REPORTS FROM GENEVA IN ECONOMIC LES
ECHOS: "YESTERDAY, BILL CLINTON TRIED TO PRESENT THE
OUTCOME OF HIS FIVE-HOUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRESIDENT
ASSAD IN THE MOST OPTIMISTIC WAY.... BUT THE PUBLIC
STATEMENTS OF THE TWO PRESIDENTS, DURING THEIR JOINT
PRESS CONFERENCE, DID NOT SEEM TO REINFORCE THE U.S.
PRESIDENT'S OPTIMISM.... IT SEEMS THAT THE LINKAGE OF
THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS FROM THE GOLAN HEIGHTS
AND THE NATURE OF THE 'PEACE' THAT SYRIAN WOULD AGREE TO
IN EXCHANGE DID NOT MAKE ANY PROGRESS BUT SEMANTIC ONES
YESTERDAY--BUT IT IS TRUE THAT 'WORDS WEIGH HEAVILY', AS
A U.S. OFFICIAL SAID. ON THE SECOND POINT ON THE
AGENDA--THE IMPROVEMENT OF U.S.-SYRIAN RELATIONS, IT
DOES NOT SEEM THAT (THE TWO PRESIDENTS) MADE SPECTACULAR
BREAKTHROUGH EITHER.... THE WHITE HOUSE HAD PERHAPS
GOOD REASONS TO BE OPTIMISTIC YESTERDAY. IF THAT IS THE
CASE, WE WILL HAVE TO WAIT BEFORE DISCOVERING WHY.
BESIDES, FOR THE AMERICANS, THIS SUMMIT WAS NOT
JUSTIFIED BY ITS POTENTIAL SUCCESS. IT WAS A QUESTION
OF 'MAKING HIMSELF KNOWN' BY HAFEZ EL ASSAD...IN THE
HOPES THAT THE SYRIAN PRESIDENT WOULD THEN HAVE
INCREASED CONFIDENCE IN THE ROLE THE U.S. INTENDS TO
PLAY IN THE UPCOMING EVENTS. ON THAT MORE MODEST POINT,
THE SUMMIT HAS PRODUCED A RESULT."

ECONOMIC LES ECHOS BACK-PAGE UNATTRIBUTED EDITORIAL:

"SET ASIDE BY THE ISRAELI-PLO SEPTEMBER 13 ACCORD, HAFEZ
EL ASSAD HAS COME BACK ON THE INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL
SCENE, THANKS TO BILL CLINTON WITH WHOM HE TALKED FOR
MORE THAN FOUR HOURS YESTERDAY IN GENEVA. SOME EXPECTED
MUCH--TOO MUCH PERHAPS--FROM THIS SUMMIT. BUT THIS WAS

TO BADLY KNOW THE MIDDLE EASTERN 'BISMARCK' (ASSAD), AND HIS NATIONALIST VISION OF INTRANSIGENT ARABISM. INDEED, ALTHOUGH THE TWO PRESIDENTS SENT A JOINT CALL FOR 'A PEACE OF THE BRAVE'...ONE HAS TO RECOGNIZE THAT THEY DON'T SHARE THE SAME VIEWS ON THIS OBJECTIVE....

(ASSAD'S) SKILFUL PERFORMANCE YESTERDAY CAUSED BILL CLINTON TO GIVE HIM, ALMOST WITHOUT ANYTHING IN UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 07 PARIS 01463

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EXCHANGE..., THE MOST FLATTERING HOMMAGE, I.E. TO SAY THAT SYRIA IS 'THE KEY TO A DURABLE PEACE'.... THEREIN LIES ASSAD'S MERIT AND SKILFULNESS--TO HAVE MANAGED TO MAKE ALL AMERICAN PRESIDENTS SINCE NIXON, AND THEIR SECRETARIES OF STATE, BELIEVE THAT NOTHING WAS POSSIBLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WITHOUT DAMASCUS."

HENRI VERNET REPORTS FROM GENEVA IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE QUOTIDIEN: "...THE SYRIAN LEADER HAS REASON TO THINK THAT HE IS THE WINNER OF THIS SUMMIT, WHICH WAS MUCH LONGER THAN THE AMERICAN (PRESIDENT) WOULD HAVE WISHED. HE LEFT GENEVA WITH THE STATUS--PUBLICLY RECOGNIZED BY THE ONLY POST-COLD WAR SUPER-POWER--OF A 'KEY-ACTOR' IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THAT WAS ASSAD'S OBJECTIVE, MUCH MORE THAN A BREAKTHROUGH ON THE GOLAN QUESTION."

PHILIPPE DEBEUSCHEER REPORTS FOR AFP: "...THE TWO PRESIDENTS ANNOUNCED NO DEFINITIVE BREAKTHROUGH. U.S. OFFICIALS HAD WARNED AGAINST ANY EXCESSIVE OPTIMISM. THINGS WENT ON AS IF THE TWO LEADERS WANTED, WITH THIS FIRST CONTACT, TO BETTER ASSESS AND KNOW EACH OTHER, AND TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE THAT COULD ALLOW THE PARTIES TO MAKE RAPID PROGRESS AFTER TWO YEARS OF STALLING." CHRISTIAN CHAISE REPORTED FOR AFP YESTERDAY: "...THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESPECTABILITY IS, FOR MR. ASSAD, A SIGNIFICANT SUCCESS."

FRANCOISE CHIPAUX IN SATURDAY LE MONDE: "...THE THREE QUESTIONS ON THE AGENDA--THE PEACE PROCESS, THE SITUATION IN THE REGION AND BILATERAL RELATIONS--INCLUDE DELICATE ASPECTS, ON WHICH DAMASCUS EXPECTS U.S.

GUARANTEES.... ALL THESE QUESTIONS WILL OBVIOUSLY BE ONLY BRIEFLY ADDRESSED AT THE SUMMIT. THE ESSENTIAL PART WILL PROBABLY BE THE DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE THAT WILL EMERGE BETWEEN (ASSAD AND CLINTON)."

CHRISTOPHE BOLTANSKY IN SATURDAY/SUNDAY LIBERATION:

"...THE CLINTON-ASSAD SUMMIT IS A DIPLOMATIC VICTORY FOR DAMASCUS. SINCE THE COLLAPSE OF THE USSR, THE SYRIAN REGIME HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR A NEW ALLY.... A DIPLOMAT SAYS: 'THE AMERICANS WANT TO REVIVE THE PEACE PROCESS WHILE THE SYRIANS ARE ABOVE ALL CONCERNED BY

STRENGTHENING THEIR TIES WITH THE U.S.' ON THAT POINT, BILL CLINTON WILL PROBABLY NOT MAKE MANY CONCESSIONS.... FOR CLINTON, THE SUMMIT HAS ONLY ONE AIM--TO CONVINCE ASSAD TO RESUME THE TALKS WITH ISRAEL."

CLAUDE LORIEUX IN SATURDAY/SUNDAY LE FIGARO: "SOME DIPLOMATS THINK THAT HAFEZ EL ASSAD GRANTS MORE IMPORTANCE TO HIS RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. THAN TO RECUPERATE THE GOLAN HEIGHTS AND MAKE PEACE WITH ISRAEL. IN HIS VIEWS, HIS MEETING WITH BILL CLINTON SHOWS THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE LEADER OF THE ONLY WORLD SUPERPOWER GRANTS SYRIA. FOR ASSAD, THIS RECOGNITION IS MORE A POLITICAL ASSET THAN A SATISFACTION OF HIS PRESTIGE.... AMERICANS AND SYRIANS HAVE WORKED HARD TO CREATE A CLIMATE PROPICIOUS FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE SUMMIT.... IN THE PAST WEEKS, MR. ASSAD HAS SHOWN TWICE HIS GOOD WILL (VISAS TO JEWISH SYRIANS, PROMISE TO HELP FIND THE UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 07 PARIS 01463

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THERE REMAINS THE HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS, A QUESTION ON WHICH BILL CLINTON...WOULD HAVE A LOT TO SAY."

2. CLINTON IN RUSSIA:

ALAIN FRACHON IN SUNDAY-MONDAY LE MONDE: "AMERICANS AND RUSSIANS STILL DISAGREE ON WHAT THE FRAMEWORK ON SECURITY IN POST COLD WAR EUROPE SHOULD BE. 48 HOURS OF A SUMMIT DID NOT MANAGE TO ERASE A BIG MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT A U.S. PLAN THAT WAS AT THE CORE OF BILL CLINTON'S TRIP--PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE. TRUE, BORIS YELTSIN SAID HE IS IN FAVOR OF THE PLAN.... BUT THE TWO PARTIES...DON'T HAVE THE SAME CONCEPTION OF THE PROJECT AT ALL.... FOR THE RUSSIAN PRESIDENT, EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES MUST NOT BE LET INTO NATO."

PIERRE BRIANCON IN SATURDAY/SUNDAY LIBERATION: "BILL CLINTON ENDED HIS MOSCOW VISIT YESTERDAY BY SIGNING TWO ACCORDS WHICH ELIMINATE THE ULTIMATE TRACES OF THE COLD WAR AND HELP GIVE HIS VISIT THE IMAGE OF SUCCESS HE WAS LOOKING FOR.... CLINTON RELIED ON THIS ACCORD (UKRAINE DENUCLEARIZATION) TO CROWN HIS EUROPEAN TRIP. BFT BILL CLINTON ABOVE ALL HOPED THAT THE MOSCOW SUMMIT WOULD ALLOW HIM TO REAFFIRM THE SOLID U.S.-RUSSIAN TIES, AND TO SHOW THE WARMTH OF HIS PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH YELTSIN.... HOWEVER, BORIS YELTSIN (IN THE JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE) DID EXPRESS--WITHOUT EVER FAILING IN GOOD MANNERS--THAT THERE ARE POTENTIAL DIFFERENCES WITH CLINTON. THE LATTER, A SKILFUL POLITICIAN, DID NOT TAKE OFFENSE AT WHAT WAS AN OBLIGATION ON THE PART OF THE RUSSIAN PRESIDENT--I.E. NOT TO APPEAR AS BEING DRAGGED

ALONG BY THE U.S. YELTSIN INSISTED ON 'VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS' OF RUSSIAN MINORITIES IN THE BALTICS.... AND, CONCERNING BOSNIA, CLINTON SAID (HIS) CONVERSATION (WITH YELTSIN) HAD BEEN 'HONEST'--WHICH IS A WOODEN RHETORIC WAY OF SAYING THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE SERIOUS DIFFERENCES."

STEPHANE MARCHAND IN SATURDAY/SUNDAY LE FIGARO: BILL CLINTON WILL PERHAPS BE ABLE TO ADD HIS NAME TO THE LIST OF THE U.S. PRESIDENTS WHO WON THE COLD WAR.... YESTERDAY'S SIGNING (DENUCLEARIZATION OF UKRIANE) IS THE CROWNING OF BILL CLINTON'S FIRST TRIP IN EUROPE. HE CELEBRATED IT IN ADVANCE THURSDAY NIGHT BY PLAYING SAXOPHONE IN BORIS YELTSIN'S DATCHA.... TODAY, BILL CLINTON PLANS TO CELEBRATE ANOTHER SUCCESS IN HIS FIGHT AGAINST PROLIFERATION (MINSK STOP). THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION HOPES THAT NORTH KOREA IS CLOSELY WATCHING WHAT IS TAKING PLACE IN UKRAINE."

ALAIN FRACHON REPORTED IN SATURDAY'S LE MONDE: "...AS A WAY TO SHOW THE NEW NATURE OF THE U.S.-RUSSIAN RELATIONSHIP, IT IS ECONOMICS--AND NOT MILITARY OR DISARMAMENT ISSUES--WHICH DOMINATED THE FIRST DAY OF THE MOSCOW SUMMIT ON THURSDAY. THERE WAS AN OBVIOUS UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 07 PARIS 01463

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((Text)) Vilnius, Jan 17 (CTK) -- Czech Defense Minister Antonin Baudys arrived today for a three-day official visit to Lithuania for talks on the security situation in Europe in the wake of NATO's Brussels summit and sales of Czech redundant military equipment to the Lithuanian Army.

Besides talks with his counterpart Linas Linkiavicius, Baudys is also to meet with President Algirdas Brazauskas and Sejm (parliament) Chairman Ceslovas Jursenas and visit the Siauliai Air Base and some Army units.

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CONFERENCE HELD IN SOFIA BY U.S. PERMREP MADELEINE K.
ALBRIGHT ON 14 JANUARY 1994, IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO HER
DEPARTURE FROM BULGARIA:

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AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT: GOOD MORNING. I HAVE COMPLETED A
VERY CONSTRUCTIVE SET OF DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT
ZHELEV, PRIME MINISTER BEROV, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT

OFFICIALS.

AS PRESIDENT CLINTON'S SPECIAL ENVOY TO THE BALKANS FOLLOWING THE NATO AND PRAGUE SUMMITS, I DELIVERED AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT ZHELEV AND THE PEOPLE OF BULGARIA:

FIRST, WE APPRECIATE BULGARIA'S ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FOR THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE--IN PARTICULAR THE PARLIAMENT'S FORMAL ENDORSEMENT.

SECOND, THE UNITED STATES HAS A DIRECT AND MATERIAL INTEREST IN THE SECURITY OF BULGARIA AND OTHER CENTRAL AND EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE REFLECTS THE SERIOUSNESS OF THAT INTEREST AND THE COMMITMENT OF NATO TO CONSULT WITH PARTNER STATES WHEN THEIR SECURITY IS THREATENED.

THIRD, THE PARTNERSHIP IS NOT AN AUTOMATIC TICKET TO MEMBERSHIP IN NATO, BUT IT OFFERS A CHANCE TO BUILD PRACTICAL, WORKING RELATIONSHIPS RIGHT AWAY BETWEEN NATO AND THE NATIONS OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE. EACH STATE CAN PARTICIPATE AT ITS OWN SPEED. IN SHORT, THE PARTNERSHIP IS THE BEST PATH TO FORMAL NATO MEMBERSHIP. IN ADDITION TO MILITARY ISSUES, I WANT TO STRESS TODAY THAT THERE IS ALSO A POLITICAL DIMENSION TO THE PARTNERSHIP. WHEN BULGARIA AND OTHER EUROPEAN STATES SIGN THE FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT, THEY WILL BE REAFFIRMING THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE PRESERVATION OF DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES, THEIR FREEDOM FROM COERCION AND INTIMIDATION, AND THE MAINTENANCE OF THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. THEY WILL FURTHER REAFFIRM THEIR COMMITMENT TO FULFILL IN GOOD FAITH THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE U.N. CHARTER AND THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT, AND ALL SUBSEQUENT CSCE DOCUMENTS.

THE RELEVANCE OF THE PARTNERSHIP CAN BEST BE UNDERSTOOD HERE IN THE BALKANS, WHERE THE POLITICAL TRANSFORMATION OF THE POST-COLD WAR ERA HAS BEEN SO BLUNTLY CHALLENGED BY THE CARNAGE IN BOSNIA AND THE CONDUCT OF THE GOVERNMENT IN BELGRADE. THE PARTNERSHIP INVOLVES A POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO THE SHARED VALUES THAT ARE UNDER SIEGE IN BOSNIA.

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THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZES THAT BULGARIA'S CONSTRUCTIVE POLICY IN THE BALKANS HAS BEEN AN ESSENTIAL FACTOR IN PREVENTING THE CONFLICT IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA FROM SPREADING.

WE ALSO APPRECIATE THAT BULGARIA HAS SUFFERED ECONOMIC LOSSES FROM ITS ENFORCEMENT OF THE SANCTIONS REGIME AGAINST SERBIA-MONTENEGRO. THE UNITED STATES IS KEENLY AWARE THAT THE SANCTIONS COULD NOT SUCCEED IN CHANGING

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BELGRADE'S POLICIES WITHOUT THE ACTIVE ENFORCEMENT
POLICIES OF THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT

ALREADY BULGARIA HAS SHOWN THE KIND OF COMMITMENT TO ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE U.N. CHARTER THAT WILL BE SO IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE AND EACH PARTNER'S ASPIRATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN NATO. DURING OUR VISIT, WE HAD A COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSION REGARDING THE NECESSITY AND EFFECTS OF SANCTIONS. WE EXPRESSED OUR APPRECIATION FOR BULGARIA'S COMMITMENT TO ENFORCE U.N. SANCTIONS; AND WE UNDERTOOK TO WORK COOPERATIVELY TO SEEK WAYS TO LESSEN THE IMPACT ON BULGARIA'S ECONOMY. THE UNITED STATES WILL ATTEND AN IMPORTANT MEETING OF SENIOR CSCE OFFICIALS IN VIENNA LATER THIS MONTH TO DISCUSS ASSISTING THE FRONT-LINE STATES TO BETTER COPE WITH THE U.N. SANCTIONS ON SERBIA-MONTENEGRO. WE INTEND TO FOCUS ON IDENTIFYING PRIORITIES FOR VARIOUS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FOR THE REGION, INCLUDING BULGARIA, TO FACILITATE THE FLOW OF TRADE AROUND SERBIA-MONTENEGRO.

THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZES THE NEED TO FURTHER SUPPORT DEMOCRATIC AND MARKET ECONOMIC REFORMS IN THE BALKANS. PRESIDENT CLINTON ASKED ME TO AFFIRM HERE TODAY THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL INCREASE ITS EFFORTS TO HELP BULGARIA AND OTHER NEW DEMOCRACIES CONTINUE THEIR ECONOMIC REFORMS AND COPE WITH REFORM'S SOCIAL AND HUMAN DIMENSIONS. SPECIFICALLY, THE UNITED STATES WILL -- LAUNCH A MAJOR EXPANSION OF OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION (OPIC) PROGRAMS IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE.

-- SPONSOR A CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE TO TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON THIS YEAR.

-- INITIATE THE DEMOCRACY NETWORK, A \$30 MILLION PROGRAM

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TO ENLIST SELECTED U.S. NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS TO COOPERATE AND SUPPORT SIMILAR GROUPS IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE.

-- PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND ENCOURAGE INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR PROJECTS TO IMPROVE AND UPGRADE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE.

-- OFFER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO REGIONAL GROUPS TO HELP DESIGN PROJECTS INVOLVING MORE THAN ONE NATION. WE SEE BULGARIA AS A KEY PARTICIPANT IN ALL OF THESE PROGRAMS.

MY TALKS IN SOFIA HAVE CONVINCED ME THAT BULGARIA WILL BE AN ENTHUSIASTIC PARTICIPANT IN THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE. I WANT TO THANK PRESIDENT ZHELEV IN PARTICULAR FOR HIS COOPERATION IN THE MANY AREAS OF MUTUAL CONCERN TO OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

THANK YOU AND I AM READY TO TAKE YOUR QUESTIONS.

QUESTION: BULGARIAN TELEVISION CHANNEL TWO NEWSCAST. MY QUESTION IS RELATED TO...YOUR VISIT IN CENTRAL EUROPE TOGETHER WITH GENERAL SHALIKASHVILI. THE ABSENCE OF UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 05 SOFIA 000333

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GENERAL SHALIKASHVILI, DOES IT MEAN THAT THE UNITED
STATES ARE PAYING LESS ATTENTION TO BULGARIA?

AMB ALBRIGHT: ABSOLUTELY NOT. LET ME SAY THAT I HAVE
WITH ME GENERAL GOFF, WHO REPRESENTS GENERAL
SHALIKASHVILI. THE GENERAL HAD TO RETURN TO THE UNITED
STATES FOR SOME BUSINESS TO DO WITH HIS POSITION AS
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF. AND, LET ME
SPECIFICALLY SAY THAT THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE IS ONE
IN WHICH EACH COUNTRY CAN SELECT ITS OWN PACE. THERE IS
NO COUNTRY THAT IS MORE OR LESS IMPORTANT. IT IS A
DYNAMIC AND EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS IN WHICH EACH COUNTRY
CAN PARTICIPATE AT THE PACE AT WHICH IT WANTS TO MOVE,
AND, AS GENERAL SHALIKASHVILI ACTUALLY HAS SAID, IN THE
NATO ALLIANCE THERE IS NO GREATER REGARD FOR GERMANY,
WHICH PROVIDES MANY DIVISIONS, THAN FOR BELGIUM, WHICH
PROVIDES LESS, SO THAT THERE IS, IN FACT, AN EQUALITY
AND THERE IS ALSO A FEELING OF RESPECT FOR EACH OF THE
COUNTRIES THAT HAVE BEEN INVITED TO JOIN THE PARTNERSHIP
FOR PEACE, AND IT IS A SELF SELECTION PROCESS ACCORDING
TO THE PACE AT WHICH BULGARIA IS READY TO MOVE IN TERMS
OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AND ITS ACCEPTANCE OF SHARED
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VALUES IT WILL BE OPEN TO. AS I SAID, THIS IS THE BEST
PATH TO MEMBERSHIP.

QUESTION: MS. ALBRIGHT, WHAT WOULD THE PARTNERSHIP FOR
PEACE PLAN MEAN FOR BULGARIA, IN CASE THAT ...
HERCEGOVINA SPILLS TO NEW BALKAN TERRITORIES? THANK
YOU.
AMB.

ALBRIGHT: WELL FIRST LET ME SAY THAT THE
PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE IS SOMETHING THAT HAS TO EVOLVE IN
TERMS OF A WHOLE SERIES OF RESPONSIBILITIES AND TRAINING
PROGRAMS TOGETHER. THE IMPORTANT PART ABOUT THE
PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE IS THAT IT WILL ALLOW FOR
CONSULTATION ON SECURITY ISSUES. AS I HAVE SAID, IT IS
NOT AN AUTOMATIC SECURITY GUARANTEE, BUT IT DOES PROVIDE
FOR CONSULTATION AMONG THE MEMBERS WHEN THEY FEEL THAT
THEIR SECURITY HAS BEEN THREATENED.

QUESTION: MRS. ALBRIGHT, A QUESTION FROM RADIO FREE
EUROPE. UPON YOUR ARRIVAL YESTERDAY, YOU SAID ONE OF
YOUR THREE MISSIONS WAS TO DISCUSS SANCTIONS, AND THAT
YOU WOULD RECOMMEND SPECIFIC MEASURES THAT THE U.N.
MIGHT TAKE TO COMPENSATE--TO REIMBURSE--BULGARIA. HAVE
YOU DRAFTED SUCH SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS? AND ONE
QUESTION IN CONNECTION WITH THAT, DO YOU BELIEVE
PRESIDENT CLINTON MIGHT COME IN THE VISIBLE FUTURE TO
VISIT BULGARIA? THANK YOU.

AMB. ALBRIGHT: AS FAR AS THE FIRST QUESTION IS
CONCERNED, LET ME SAY THAT WE ARE ON A MISSION, WHERE WE
HAVE BEEN LISTENING TO THE VARIOUS QUESTIONS AND
PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH BULGARIA'S FULFILLMENT OF ITS
RESPONSIBILITIES AS FAR AS THE SANCTIONS MEASURES ARE
CONCERNED. WE ARE LOOKING INTO A VARIETY OF WAYS, BUT
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING HERE IS THE SANCTIONS COMMITTEE
AT THE UNITED NATIONS LOOKS INTO THIS ON A CASE-BY-CASE

BASIS AND IT'S IMPORTANT FOR BULGARIA TO COME FORWARD WITH CONCRETE IDEAS. BUT, WE ARE HERE LOOKING AT SOME OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED WITH THE SANCTIONS AND LOOKING FOR WAYS THAT THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM AND THE U.S. CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE. ON THE SECOND QUESTION, PRESIDENT CLINTON WANTS VERY MUCH TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 05 SOFIA 000333

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THIS REGION, AND ONE WOULD EXPECT THAT, IN THE COURSE OF HIS TWO TERMS, HE WILL HAVE THE POSSIBILITY OF DOING THAT.

QUESTION: YOKA DIMITROVA, '24 HOURS'. MS. ALBRIGHT, ARE YOU WORRIED BY THE FACT THAT THE LARGEST POLITICAL ALBRIT04

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FORCE IN BULGARIA HAS A DECLARATION AGAINST THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE ... ACHIEVED BY THE BULGARIAN STATESMEN? THE BULGARIAN SOCIALIST PARTY YESTERDAY IN A DECLARATION ... AND WHAT THEY DECIDED THERE YESTERDAY ... THE BULGARIAN SOCIALIST PARTY DOESN'T AGREE WITH IT.

AMB. ALBRIGHT: I CAN TELL YOU THIS, WE WERE VERY HEARTENED BY THE RECEPTION OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE BY PRESIDENT ZHELEV, BY THE PRIME MINISTER, AND BY THE FACT THAT THE PARLIAMENT WAS THE FIRST PARLIAMENT TO ENDORSE THE IDEA OF PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE ... TO REQUEST MEMBERSHIP IN NATO.

QUESTION: 'OTECHESTVEN VESTNIK DAILY, PRAVDA VESSILEVA. MRS. ALBRIGHT, AS A FOLLOWER OF BRZEZINSKI, TO WHAT EXTENT HAVE HIS FORECASTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE COME TRUE?

AMB. ALBRIGHT: I AM NOT FAMILIAR WITH WHAT DR. BRZEZINSKI SAID. HAVING, HOWEVER, NOT ONLY BEEN A STUDENT OF HIS, BUT ALSO SOMEONE WHO WORKED FOR HIM IN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, I HAVE ALWAYS LEARNED TO RESPECT HIS VIEWS. I DO BELIEVE THAT SOME OF THE STATEMENTS THAT HE HAS MADE IN THE PAST ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING SURE THE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND THE MARKET ECONOMIES TAKE ROOT IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE ARE VERY IMPORTANT. WE BELIEVE, AS I EXPLAINED IN MY STATEMENT, THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE PROVIDES NOT ONLY MILITARY SECURITY OPTIONS AND POSSIBILITIES, BUT ALSO STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE EVOLUTION OF DEMOCRATIC SYSTEMS AND MARKET ECONOMIES. NOT ONLY AS A STUDENT OF DR. BRZEZINSKI'S AND A COLLEAGUE OF HIS, BUT ALSO AS SOMEONE WHO HAS SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME STUDYING THIS AREA MYSELF, I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE BEST SECURITY FOR ANY COUNTRY IS TO HAVE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND A MARKET ECONOMY AND TO HAVE NEIGHBORS THAT HAVE THE SAME. BECAUSE, WE KNOW, FROM STUDYING HISTORY, THAT DEMOCRACIES DO NOT GO TO WAR WITH EACH OTHER.

QUESTION: ROBERT, BBC WORLD SERVICE. WHY SHOULD THE

BOSNIAN SERBS FEAR AIR STRIKE NOW MORE THAN ANY OTHER TIME.

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B. ALBRIGHT: WELL, I THINK THAT, GENERALLY, THERE IS A SENSE FROM BRUSSELS THAT THERE'S A NECESSITY FOR INCREASING THE WARNINGS, BECAUSE THE FACTS ARE SUCH THAT ALBRIT04

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IN SARAJEVO, TUZLA AND SREBRENICA IT IS DIFFICULT TO GET HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND THE SHELLING CONTINUES. AND, THERE IS AN INCREASED SENSE IN THE NATO PARTNERSHIP--IN THE NATO ALLIANCE--THAT THINGS HAVE GONE VERY FAR.

QUESTION: 'NOVINAR', ROKANOVA. MS ALBRIGHT, ISN'T IT STRANGE THAT MR. CLINTON IS VISITING THE COUNTRIES FORM UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 05 SOFIA 000333

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THE VISEGRAD FOUR AND YOU CAME TO BULGARIA? ISN'T IT STRANGE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCE?

AMB. ALBRIGHT: NO, I DON'T THINK IT'S STRANGE. I AM A MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENT'S CABINET AND A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL. THE PRESIDENT HAS FIVE PRINCIPAL SENIOR FOREIGN POLICY ADVISORS. I AM ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE. I CONSIDER IT AN HONOR TO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO REPRESENT HIM. THE PRESIDENT SPOKE AND, OBVIOUSLY, SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME WITH ME PERSONALLY, ASKED ME TO DELIVER A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT ZHELEV, AND MADE VERY CLEAR THAT THE SECURITY OF BULGARIA WAS OF DIRECT AND MATERIAL INTEREST TO THE UNITED STATES AND NATO. THERE IS A DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY IN TERMS OF TRAVEL AND CARRYING MESSAGES, AND, FRANKLY, I CONSIDER IT AN HONOR TO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO COME TO BULGARIA, AND I WOULD HOPE THAT THE BULGARIAN PEOPLE AND PRESIDENT ZHELEV WOULD BE HAPPY THAT I HAVE ARRIVED.

2. THE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY FORTY JOURNALISTS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS REPRESENTING ALL MAJOR BULGARIAN MEDIA AND WIRE SERVICES IN BULGARIA. FOLLOWING THE PRESS CONFERENCE, AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT GAVE AN INTERVIEW TO BULGARIAN NATIONAL TELEVISION'S MAJOR EVENING NEWS PROGRAM 'PO SVETA I U NAS'. THIS INTERVIEW WILL BE REPORTED SEPTEL. DILLEN

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((Text)) Bratislava, January 17 (CTK) -- Council of Europe (CE) experts are enthusiastic about the Slovak Government's basic approach to local government revision which is designed to strengthen the powers of towns and villages, a spokesman for Slovak Deputy Prime Minister Roman Kovac told CTK today.

The experts with whom Kovac was talking today said the Slovak Government's approach to the question is "sufficiently flexible," is in harmony with the overall aims of the CE and in the spirit of the European Local Government Charter. They also expressed the belief that reform could go ahead without unnecessary time-slips.

Kovac told the meeting that the Slovak Government was unambiguously promoting the decentralization of public administration, the strengthening of all the functions of local administration and the creation of regional autonomy.

On Tuesday the CE experts will discuss the government's plans for the administrative division of Slovakia. They are on a two-day visit to Slovakia at the invitation of Roman Kovac.

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- A. TODAY'S MAJOR NEWS STORIES
- 1. CLINTON EUROPEAN TOUR / RUSSIA
- 2. CLINTON / ASSAD SUMMIT
- 3. U.S. POLITICS
- B. SUMMARY

1. CLINTON EUROPEAN TOUR / RUSSIA
PRESIDENT CLINTON SHOULD VISIT THIS CONTINENT MORE OFTEN,
TO JUDGE BY THE ENTHUSIASTIC COVERAGE AWARDED TO THE LAST
DAY OF HIS RUSSIAN VISIT BY THE BRITISH PRESS ON
SATURDAY, A DAY STILL DOMINATED BY DOMESTIC BRITISH
TURBULENCE. PAPERS FOUND PLENTY OF SPACE TO PRAISE MR
CLINTON FOR TWO THINGS : HIS TELEVISED ADDRESS TO THE
RUSSIAN PEOPLE AND THE SIGNING OF THE THREE-WAY NUCLEAR
AGREEMENT. HOWEVER THE RESIGNATION OF REFORMIST YEGOR
GAIDAR WAS SEEN IN MONDAY'S PAPERS AS CASTING A SHADOW
OVER THE CLINTON VISIT, AND ALSO ON THE PROSPECTS FOR
PROGRESS IN RUSSIA.

THE CENTRIST INDEPENDENT, IN A FRONT PAGE REPORT ON
SATURDAY (1/15), DESCRIBED PRESIDENT CLINTON AS "TEACHING
YELTSIN HOW TO WOO VOTERS", SAYING:

"NATIONALISTS MIGHT COMPLAIN THAT MR CLINTON WAS
PATRONIZING RUSSIANS WITH HIS FOLKSY TV SHOW. ... BUT,
SINCE MR YELTSIN LAUNCHED PAINFUL MARKET REFORMS IN 1992,
NO RUSSIAN POLITICIAN HAS GONE ON TELEVISION TO EXPLAIN
WHY THEY ARE HAVING TO TIGHTEN THEIR BELTS, AND WHAT
BENEFITS THEY MIGHT EXPECT IN THE FUTURE. HAD REFORMISTS
REGULARLY TALKED AND LISTENED TO RUSSIAN PEOPLE IN A
FRIENDLY INSTEAD OF ARROGANT MANNER, THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN
BETTER REWARDED IN DECEMBER'S ELECTIONS."

THE SAME PAPER EDITORIALIZED ON TUESDAY (1/18): "IT IS
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TIME TO TAKE A LESS PERSONALIZED VIEW OF RUSSIAN AFFAIRS. THE BEST CONTRIBUTION THE WEST CAN MAKE WITH THE MODEST LEVERAGE AT ITS DISPOSAL IS TO CONFRONT THE MUDDLE IN MOSCOW WITH AS MUCH CLARITY AS POSSIBLE."

2. CLINTON / ASSAD SUMMIT

MONDAY'S PAPERS (1/17) GAVE A CAUTIOUS WELCOME TO THE OUTCOME OF THE CLINTON-ASSAD SUMMIT, WHILE STRESSING THAT MUCH REMAINED TO BE SETTLED. THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN REPORTED:

"PRESIDENT CLINTON GAVE AN OPTIMISTIC SHOVE TO THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS LAST NIGHT, INSISTING THAT THE SYRIAN LEADER HAD GIVEN HIM A CLEAR AND FORTHRIGHT COMMITMENT TO ESTABLISH NORMAL RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL IF IT COULD REACH AGREEMENT ON SWAPPING LAND FOR PEACE."

ON THE SAME DAY, THE CONSERVATIVE TIMES SAID IN ITS LEAD FRONT PAGE REPORT:

"PRESIDENT ASSAD OF SYRIA YESTERDAY BROKE NEW GROUND IN THE SEARCH FOR A COMPREHENSIVE MIDDLE EAST PEACE BY OFFERING ISRAEL THE ONE WORD IT HAS BEEN WAITING FOR. MR ASSAD SIGNALLED FOR THE FIRST TIME HIS READINESS TO ESTABLISH 'NORMAL' RELATIONS WITH THE JEWISH STATE -- A COUNTRY WITH WHICH HE IS TECHNICALLY AT WAR. ... MR ASSAD'S STATEMENT IN TURN GAVE MR CLINTON A BIG BONUS AT THE END OF HIS EIGHT-DAY EUROPEAN TOUR AND MORE THAN JUSTIFIED HIS CONTROVERSIAL DECISION TO MEET THE LEADER OF A NATION THAT REMAINS ON AMERICA'S LIST OF STATES THAT SPONSOR TERRORISM."

3. U.S. POLITICS

THE CENTRIST INDEPENDENT COMMENTED (1/18):

"THE PECULIARITIES OF ARKANSAS HELPED TO MAKE MR CLINTON PRESIDENT. WHEN HE WAS GROWING UP IT WAS STILL A STATE WHERE SOMEBODY WHO WAS POOR BUT ABLE COULD GET AHEAD FAST IN BUSINESS OR POLITICS. ... THE TONE WAS DEMOCRATIC."

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... TRADITIONS WERE WEAKER AND STANDARDS LOOSER THAN IN OTHER STATES -- AND FOR THIS MR CLINTON IS NOW PAYING."

C. HEADLINES

1. CLINTON EUROPEAN TOUR / RUSSIA

"CLINTON SHOWS YELTSIN HOW TO WOO VOTERS" (INDEPENDENT FRONT PAGE REPORT)

"CLINTON APPEALS TO RUSSIAN 'GREATNESS'" (GUARDIAN REPORT 1/15)

"CLINTON GOES ON TV IN SALES PITCH FOR YELTSIN REFORMS" (TIMES REPORT 1/15)

"RUSSIANS SEIZE CHANCE TO 'ASK BILL CLINTON' IN TV SPECIAL" (DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORT 1/15)

"TRIUMPHANT LEADERS SIGN TWO NUCLEAR AGREEMENTS" (DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORT 1/15)

"CLINTON SIGNS THREE-WAY N-MISSILE AGREEMENT" (F.T. LEAD FRONT PAGE REPORT 1/15)

"CLINTON TUNES INTO EUROPE" (F.T. REPORT 1/15)

"OPERATION AUSSCHLUSS" (MAIL ON SUNDAY REPORT 1/16)

"BORIS AND BILL SHOW GETS LOW RATINGS" (SUNDAY TELEGRAPH REPORT 1/16)

"CLINTON SLIGHTS STALIN DEAD" (SUNDAY TELEGRAPH FRONT PAGE REPORT 1/16)

"DON'T SPURN OUR 'FAR AWAY' FRIENDS" (SUNDAY TIMES COMMENTARY, AMIEL, 1/16)

"SILLY BILLY HASTENS A RUSSIAN ARMY COUP" (SUNDAY TIMES COMMENTARY, 1/16)

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"CLINTON RAGES AT THE CURSE OF WHITEWATER" (SUNDAY TIMES REPORT 1/16)

"CLINTON'S CLUTCH OF PROMISES LEAVES MUCH TO BE DELIVERED" (TIMES COMMENTARY 1/17)

"A NOTE OF PROMISE" (TIMES EDITORIAL 1/17)

"CLINTON BANDWAGON FINDS ITS FOREIGN POLICY ON THE ROAD" (D.TEL COMMENTARY 1/17)

"COURAGE, BORIS" (DAILY EXPRESS EDITORIAL 1/18)

"MR GAIDAR GOES HOME" (GUARDIAN EDITORIAL 1/18)

"POLICIES BEFORE PERSONALITIES" (INDEPENDENT EDITORIAL 1/18)

2. CLINTON / ASSAD SUMMIT

"CLINTON WINS PEACE PLEDGE FROM ASSAD" (GUARDIAN REPORT 1/17)

"ASSAD READY TO SIGN PEACE WITH ISRAEL" (TIMES LEAD FRONT PAGE REPORT)

"HAGGLING OVER THE PRICE OF PEACE" (F.T. COMMENTARY 1/15)

"THE LONG WIND OF BLADDER DIPLOMACY" (GUARDIAN COMMENTARY 1/15)

"SYRIANS HOPE FOR PROGRESS AS CLINTON MEETS ASSAD" (DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORT 1/15)

"SYRIAN INITIATIVE INCREASES REGIONAL RISKS FOR ASSAD" (TIMES COMMENTARY 1/17)

"ASSAD SENDS STRONG PEACE SIGNAL TO ISRAEL" (INDEPENDENT FRONT PAGE REPORT 1/17)

"CLINTON WOODED BY SYRIAN PRESIDENT" (INDEPENDENT REPORT UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 24 LONDON 00861

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"SYRIA IS READY TO REJOIN MIDDLE EAST PEACE TALKS" (DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORT 1/17)

"SYRIA IN THE PEACE FRAME" (GUARDIAN EDITORIAL 1/17)

"TESTING MR ASSAD" (F.T. EDITORIAL 1/18)

3. U.S. POLITICS

"WHITEWATER RUNS DEEP" (D.TEL EDITORIAL 1/17)

"SMALL TOWN PAST HAUNTS CLINTON IN THE WHITE HOUSE" (INDEPENDENT COMMENTARY 1/18)

"CLINTON RETURNS TO DOUBLE TROUBLE" (GUARDIAN COMMENTARY 1/18)

D. TEXT

1. CLINTON EUROPEAN TOUR / RUSSIA

ON SATURDAY (1/15), THE CENTRIST INDEPENDENT REPORTED ON ITS FRONT PAGE THAT CLINTON HAD, WITH HIS TELEVISED BROADCAST, "SHOWN YELTSIN HOW TO WOO VOTERS" :

"THE BROADCAST, WHICH TOOK THE TONE OF A CHAT SHOW, SEEMED TO GO DOWN WELL WITH THE RUSSIANS, WHO ARE NOT USED TO BEING ADDRESSED DIRECTLY BY WESTERN LEADERS. ... NATIONALISTS MIGHT COMPLAIN THAT MR CLINTON WAS PATRONIZING RUSSIANS WITH HIS FOLKSY SHOW. ... BUT, SINCE MR YELTSIN LAUNCHED PAINFUL MARKET REFORMS IN 1992, NO RUSSIAN POLITICIAN HAS GONE ON TELEVISION TO EXPLAIN WHY THEY ARE HAVING TO TIGHTEN THEIR BELTS, AND WHAT BENEFITS THEY MIGHT EXPECT IN THE FUTURE. HAD REFORMISTS REGULARLY TALKED AND LISTENED TO RUSSIAN PEOPLE IN A

FRIENDLY INSTEAD OF ARROGANT MANNER, THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN BETTER REWARDED IN DECEMBER'S ELECTIONS."

ON THE SAME SUBJECT, THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN REPORTED:

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"PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON, IN THE MOST EXTRAORDINARY
INTERVENTION BY ANY WESTERN LEADER ON RUSSIAN TELEVISION,
TOLD MILLIONS OF RUSSIANS YESTERDAY THAT 'DEMOCRACY IS
ALWAYS A NOISY AND MESSY SYSTEM' BUT THAT THEY AND THEIR
POLITICAL LEADERS MUST LEARN TO LIVE WITH IT.

"THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH, WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY A 'TOWN
MEETING' WHICH LINKED HIM TO QUESTIONERS IN SEVERAL
RUSSIAN CITIES, WAS THE HIGHPOINT OF THE TWO-DAY SUMMIT.
IT WAS A SUBTLE COMBINATION, SURPRISINGLY RELAXED ABOUT
THE THREAT FROM VLADIMIR ZHIRINOVSKY, BUT ALSO DELICATELY
REMINDING PRESIDENT BORIS YELTSIN AND THE REST OF THE
POLITICAL ELITE THAT THEY MUST LEARN THE ART OF
COMPROMISE."

THE CONSERVATIVE TIMES REPORTED:

"PRESIDENT CLINTON LAST NIGHT CAPPED HIS TWO-DAY MOSCOW
SUMMIT WITH PRESIDENT YELTSIN WITH AN UNPRECEDENTED LIVE
PERFORMANCE IN WHICH HE IMPORED THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE NOT
TO TURN THEIR BACKS ON THEIR PRESIDENT'S RADICAL REFORM
PROGRAM."

THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTED:

"RUSSIAN TELEVISION VIEWERS WERE GRANTED AN UNPRECEDENTED
OPPORTUNITY TO 'ASK BILL CLINTON' YESTERDAY AS THE
PRESIDENT GAVE HIS HOSTS THEIR FIRST TASTE OF AN
AMERICAN-STYLE 'TOWN MEETING'. ... RUSSIANS APPEARED
ENCHANTED BY HIS RELAXED STYLE, AND THE 100-MINUTE
TELEVISION SPECIAL WAS A CROSS BETWEEN KILROY (BRITISH TV
AUDIENCE DISCUSSION PROGRAM) AND THE EUROVISION SONG
CONTEST."

THE SAME PAPER REPORTED IN A SEPARATE ITEM:

"PRESIDENT CLINTON AND PRESIDENT YELTSIN ENDED THEIR
SUMMIT IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY BY SIGNING TWO MAJOR WEAPONS
TREATIES WHICH THE WASHINGTON ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE THE
CENTERPIECE OF A NEW POST-COLD WAR SECURITY ARRANGEMENT
FOR EUROPE. ... FOR MR CLINTON, THE AGREEMENTS PROVIDED
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A RARE FOREIGN POLICY VICTORY AND CAPPED A NINE-DAY TOUR
OF EUROPE IN WHICH HE WON RELUCTANT SUPPORT FOR HIS
'PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE' PLAN AND -- IN A COUNTRY
INCREASINGLY SKEPTICAL OF THE AMERICAN DREAM -- TOLD
RUSSIANS THAT AMERICA WAS THEIR FRIEND."

THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES SAID IN ITS LEAD FRONT
PAGE REPORT:

"PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON WRAPPED UP A SUCCESSFUL MOSCOW
VISIT YESTERDAY BY SIGNING AGREEMENTS TO DISMANTLE
UKRAINE'S NUCLEAR ARSENAL AND TO END THE TARGETING OF
U.S. AND RUSSIAN MISSILES AT EACH OTHER AFTER MAY 30.
... BUT THE UPBEAT COMMENTS OF MR CLINTON, MR YELTSIN AND
MR KRAVCHUK PRAISING THE VARIOUS SUBSTANTIVE
ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PAST 48 HOURS COULD NOT ENTIRELY
DISPEL A SENSE THAT NOT ALL THE COMMITMENTS ON PAPER
WOULD EASILY BE TRANSLATED INTO ACTION."

ON AN INSIDE PAGE, WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT JUREK MARTIN
COMMENTED FROM MOSCOW:

"IT REALLY DOES NOT MAKE TOO MUCH DIFFERENCE IF IT IS
PEORIA OR PRAGUE, MALIBU OR MOSCOW, BILL CLINTON, NEVER
AN EASY MAN TO PIN DOWN, IS DEVELOPING A CERTAIN
CONSISTENCY OF BEHAVIOR.

"FOR STARTERS, HE WILL PLAY THE SAXOPHONE WHEREVER HE
GOES. ... NEXT, THIS PRESIDENT CANNOT RESIST CROWDS,
ESPECIALLY IF THEY ARE TO BE FOUND IN RESTAURANTS AND
FOOD SHOPS, PREFERABLY THOSE HE REMEMBERS FREQUENTING AS
A STUDENT TRAVELLING IN EUROPE 25 YEARS AGO. ...

"HE IS ALSO AN UNSTOPPABLE TALKER. ... HIS LEGENDARY
EMPATHY SEEMS TO BE APPLIED EQUALLY TO THE HIGH AND LOW.
THE RUSSIANS MAY BE LIKING BORIS YELTSIN LESS AND LESS
BUT MR CLINTON AND THE RUSSIAN PRESIDENT APPEAR TO GET ON
FAMOUSLY, HUGGING AND CLUTCHING EACH OTHER AND CRACKING
JOKES, PRESUMABLY ABOUT DEFENSE CONVERSION. STERN
WESTERN EUROPEANS, LIKE JACQUES DELORS AND MANFRED
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WOERNER, HAVE BEEN CHARMED OUT OF THEIR SOCKS, HELMUT
KOHL WAS COMPARED TO A SUMO WRESTLER AND HE DELICATELY
AVOIDED ANY DISCUSSION OF BASIC ISSUES, EVEN
RETROSPECTIVE ONES WITH JOHN MAJOR.

"IN OTHER RESPECTS, IT HAS NOT BEEN AN EASY WEEK FOR MR
CLINTON. HE IS REPORTEDLY STILL GRIEVING FOR HIS MOTHER,
WHO DIED LAST WEEK, AND MUST HAVE HAD PART OF HIS MIND ON
THE WHITEWATER DEVELOPMENTS BACK HOME IN WASHINGTON.
THIS HAS BEEN A PARTICULAR FRUSTRATION FOR THE 200-STRONG
AND PROGRESSIVELY EXHAUSTED TRAVELLING WHITE HOUSE PRESS
CORPS AS IT DEBATED WHETHER OR NOT TO PRESS HIM ON
WHITEWATER.

"THE DENOUEMENT FINALLY CAME IN KIEV WHEN A NETWORK TV
REPORTER BROKE THE ICE AND ASKED THE QUESTION. FOR THE
FIRST, AND ONLY, TIME THIS WEEK, BILL CLINTON WAS NOT
AMUSED."

ON SUNDAY (1/16), THE CONSERVATIVE TABLOID MAIL ON SUNDAY
REPORTED:

"PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS GIVEN HIS STRONGEST INDICATION YET
THAT HE IS COOLING RELATIONS WITH JOHN MAJOR. AS HIS
FIRST TRIP TO CEMENT TIES WITH EUROPEAN LEADERS ENDED,
U.S. OFFICIALS MADE CLEAR THAT HIS PRIORITIES NOW LIE
WITH GERMANY AND CHANCELLOR HELMUT KOHL RATHER THAN
LONDON.

"AND IN AN OPERATION AUSSCHLUSS -- GERMAN FOR EXCLUSION
-- BRITAIN WAS EFFECTIVELY SIDELINED BY THE BIG TWO
DURING CLINTON'S MOSCOW SUMMIT WITH BORIS YELTSIN. THE
FRAYED 'SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP' IS LIKELY TO SUFFER EVEN
FURTHER THIS YEAR AS STROBE TALBOTT, 47, THE NEWLY
CONFIRMED DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE, CONSOLIDATES HIS
POWER.

"IT EMERGED THAT MR TALBOTT HAS BECOME THE PIVOTAL PLAYER
IN INFLUENCING U.S. POLICY IN EUROPE. AND HE SEES
BRITAIN AS A PERIPHERAL POWER WITH A STRICTLY LIMITED
ROLE IN THE FOREIGN POLICY AGENDA.

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"OBSERVERS FOLLOWING MR CLINTON LAST WEEK WERE SHOCKED AT
THE DEFERENCE SHOWN TO THE GERMANS AND THE RUSSIANS AND
THE NEAR INDIFFERENCE DISPLAYED TOWARDS BRITAIN."

THE CONSERVATIVE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH REPORTED:

"ALL IN ALL, MR CLINTON IMPRESSED MORE PEOPLE THAN HE
RILED. IN THE END, THOUGH, AS MR CLINTON HIMSELF SAID,
THE AMERICANS CAN ONLY HAVE A BIT PART TO PLAY IN
RUSSIA'S REJUVENATION.

"AS FOR MR YELTSIN, ANY BENEFIT FROM THE SUMMIT WILL BE
TRANSITORY. HIS PROBLEMS WITH THE NEW PARLIAMENT ARE
ONLY JUST BEGINNING AND, IF HE IS GOOD TO HIS WORD TO MR
CLINTON AND STICKS TO THE TOUGH REFORM COURSE, THE SCOPE
OF OPPOSITION COULD WIDEN. THE COMPOSITION OF THE
GOVERNMENT, TO BE ANNOUNCED EARLY NEXT WEEK, WILL GIVE AN
INDICATION OF HOW FAR HE IS PREPARED TO RISK SUPPORT."
THE SAME PAPER, ON ITS FRONT PAGE, ACCUSED MR CLINTON OF
"SLIGHTING THE STALIN DEAD", SAYING:

"IT MAY BE TWO YEARS SINCE THE COLLAPSE OF THE SOVIET
UNION, BUT THE NICETIES OF SUPERPOWER PROTOCOL LIVE ON.
YESTERDAY, PRESIDENT CLINTON KOWTOWED TO THE OLD-STYLE
COMMUNISTS WHO STILL RUN BELARUS, THE FORMER WHITE
RUSSIAN REPUBLIC OF THE SOVIET UNION. HE WAS TO HAVE
VISITED THE KUROPATY MEMORIAL, A MONUMENT HIDDEN IN WOODS
ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE REPUBLIC'S CAPITAL, MINSK, WHICH
MARKS THE BURIAL GROUND OF AS MANY AS 200,000 CIVILIANS
WHO PERISHED IN THE FORMER SOVIET REPUBLIC OF BYELORUSSIA
DURING STALIN'S PURGES. BUT HIS UNRECONSTRUCTED HOSTS
DISAPPROVED AND INSISTED THAT THIS WAS AN INSULT TO THE
MEMORY OF THE GREAT REVOLUTIONARY AND THE OLD SOVIET
UNION.

"MR CLINTON GAVE WAY AND RESCHEDULED HIS VISIT SO THAT IT
TOOK PLACE UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS AND AWAY FROM THE
WORLD'S GAZE."

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WRITING IN THE CONSERVATIVE SUNDAY TIMES, COLUMNIST
BARBARA AMIEL COMMENTED:
"THOSE WHO SAY EASTERN EUROPEAN MEMBERSHIP (OF NATO) WILL
UPSET THE RUSSIANS ARE APPEASERS WITH THE NAIVE BELIEF
THAT A POTENTIAL AGGRESSOR SHOULD NOT BE PROVOKED. ...
AN ALLIANCE IS LIKE A LOCK ON A DOOR OR A GUARD DOG. A
BURGLAR ON A STREET WILL CHOOSE THE HOUSE WITH AN OPEN
DOOR BEFORE THE ONE THAT IS LOCKED. IT IS A SEPARATE
MATTER THAT THE LOCK MAY BE PICKED AND THE DOG MAY EAT
BISCUITS.
"THE POINT IS THAT EAST EUROPEANS KNOW NOW THEY ARE SEEN
ONLY AS A SHOCK ABSORBER AND ARE NOT WANTED BY THE WEST.
THEY WILL HAVE TO MAKE THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS. ONE
CONSEQUENCE IS THAT THEY WILL SUCCUMB TO WHATEVER STRONG
MAN OR IDEAS ARISE IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD. ULTIMATELY
WE OUGHT TO BE GETTING RUSSIA INTO NATO AS WELL. IF
THERE IS AN ENEMY ON THE HORIZON IT IS THE COMMUNIST
REGIME OF CHINA WITH A STANDING ARMY OF THREE OR FOUR
MILLION AND A POPULATION BASE OF ONE BILLION. I DON'T
WANT TO PICK A FIGHT WITH THE CHINESE, ONE HOPES FOR THE
BEST, BUT TOGETHER WITH THE RISE OF ISLAM, THE BEST THING
WE COULD BE DOING IS NOT TO RESTRICT NATO BUT TO EXPAND
IT.
"PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE HAS A NICE RING, BUT PARTNERSHIP
IN NATO SOUNDS A LOT BETTER."
THE SAME PAPER COMMENTED IN A SEPARATE ITEM:
"BLOODSHEDDERS WILL HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THE WEST'S
WEAKNESS LAST WEEK, BOTH IN NOT EXPANDING NATO AND
LETTING UNBOMBED MILOSEVIC REINTEGRATE ALL HIS SERBS.
"THE SENSIBLE SECURITY POLICY IS THAT THE CZECHS AND
OTHERS SHOULD BE WELCOMED FULLY INTO NATO, AND RUSSIA AND
UKRAINE INTO WHATEVER PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE THEIR ARMY
LEADERS WANT. ... THE PAST WEEK HAS MOVED US AWAY FROM
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ANY OF THIS. ON FREE TRADE THE FRENCH, BOTH IN PARIS AND DELORS'S BRUSSELS, TURN THE EC MORE PROTECTIONIST. APPALLINGLY, CLINTON IN BRUSSELS SPECIFICALLY SUPPORTED THEM. CLINTON AND MITTERAND HAVE A BOND BECAUSE THE SUICIDES BY SHOOTING OF THEIR FRIENDS FOSTER AND BEREGOVOY, AS A PROBABLE RESULT OF MINOR SCANDALS CONNECTED WITH THEIR OWN POLITICS, HAVE IN THE PAST YEAR HIT BOTH THESE FUNDAMENTALLY DECENT RULING MEN PERSONALLY VERY HARD. ...

"THE CZECHS AND OTHERS WERE NOT ALLOWED INTO NATO BECAUSE THE WEAKENING YELTSIN, AND CLINTON'S WEAKEST ADVISER (THE ALMOST SATIRICALLY NAMED STROBE TALBOTT), THOUGHT THIS MIGHT MAKE THE RUSSIAN ARMY CROSS. THAT ARMY WILL MOVE AGAINST YELTSIN WHEN IT SEES HE AND THE WEST ARE WEAK, NOT WHEN IT IS MADE MORE CROSS. CLINTON'S WEST LAST WEEK GRABBED THE WRONG END OF EVERY STICK WITH UNANIMOUS PRECISION. UNHAPPY NEW YEAR."

THE SAME PAPER REPORTED:

"IT WAS THE WEEK BILL CLINTON HAD BEEN WAITING FOR SINCE HE TOOK OFFICE A YEAR AGO. A GRAND TOUR OF EUROPE WAS GOING STUNNINGLY WELL AS ONE OBSTACLE AFTER ANOTHER FELL BEFORE HIS PERSUASIVE CHARM AND POLITICAL SAVVY. THIS, HIS ADVISERS FELT, SHOULD FINALLY CONVINCE THE PEOPLE BACK HOME THERE WAS A PRESIDENT IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

"THEN, A LONG-SIMMERING CORRUPTION SCANDAL EXPLODED IN WASHINGTON WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD BOWED TO PUBLIC PRESSURE AND ORDERED THE APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL COUNSEL TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST HIM AND HIS WIFE HILLARY.

"AT A STROKE, NATO, NUCLEAR WEAPONS, BOSNIA AND RUSSIA WERE SWEEPED FROM THE FRONT PAGES AND THE TELEVISION NEWS. TO THE HORROR OF CLINTON AND HIS SENIOR ADVISERS, THE CAREFULLY CRAFTED POSITIVE IMAGES WERE REPLACED BY THE NOW FAMILIAR SMELL OF SLEAZE THAT SEEMS TO DOG THE PRESIDENT. ...

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"THE CHALLENGE FACING MR CLINTON IN EUROPE WAS ENORMOUS.

... CLINTON FINESSED EACH PROBLEM WITH A MIXTURE OF LEADERSHIP, CHARISMA AND PERSONALITY THAT SHOWED HIM AT HIS BEST. 'HE GENERATED A FEEL-GOOD ATMOSPHERE,' SAID A BRITISH OFFICIAL. 'WE ALL LIKED HIS STYLE OF DOING BUSINESS AND HE CONVINCED US THAT THE BOY LOVES EUROPE, WHICH IS WHAT WE ALL WANTED TO HEAR. '...

"A SIEGE MENTALITY HAS SETTLED ON THE WHITE HOUSE, WHERE THE CLINTONS SEE THE MEDIA AS THE ENEMY AND OFFICIALS ARE BATTENING DOWN THE HATCHES."

MONDAY'S CONSERVATIVE TIMES (1/17) CARRIED THE FOLLOWING ASSESSMENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT MARTIN FLETCHER, WHO ACCOMPANIED THE PRESIDENT:

"IF PRESIDENT ASSAD OF SYRIA'S COMMITMENT AT GENEVA TO PEACE WITH ISRAEL GAVE PRESIDENT CLINTON A TRIUMPHANT END TO HIS FIRST OFFICIAL TOUR OF EUROPE, YEGOR GAIDAR'S RESIGNATION YESTERDAY CAUSED HIM OBVIOUS EMBARRASSMENT. IT CALLED INTO QUESTION THE SOLEMN PLEDGES OF CONTINUED ECONOMIC REFORM THAT MR CLINTON HAD EXTRACTED FROM PRESIDENT YELTSIN LATE LAST WEEK.

"PRESIDENT CLINTON HAD ENDED HIS FIRST OFFICIAL EUROPEAN TOUR IN MINSK, SURELY ONE OF THE CONTINENT'S BLEAKEST CITIES, WHERE HE BOWED TO PRESSURE FROM THE COMMUNIST LEADERS OF BYELORUSSIA TO CHANGE HIS ITINERARY. ... IF AVOIDING SUCH DIPLOMATIC CLASHES AND PROVIDING GOOD PICTURES WERE MR CLINTON'S PRIME OBJECTIVES, THEN THIS TRIP WAS UNQUESTIONABLY A SUCCESS. ...

"THE 200 INCREASINGLY EXHAUSTED JOURNALISTS WHO TRAILED MR CLINTON ROUND THE CONTINENT WERE FED NUMEROUS PERSONAL TIDBITS, MOST OF WHICH DEMONSTRATED THE PRESIDENT'S PRODIGIOUS ENERGY. ... THIS WAS A PRESIDENT WHO BADLY NEEDED TO DEMONSTRATE HIS FOREIGN POLICY PROWESS AFTER A FAIRLY CALAMITOUS FIRST YEAR, AND ELEVENTH-HOUR CONTROVERSIES WERE NOT PERMITTED TO SPOIL THE MINUTELY UNCLAS SECTION 13 OF 24 LONDON 00861

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CHOREOGRAPHED SCRIPT. ...

"MR CLINTON ACQUIRED TWO NEW SAXOPHONES ... BUT IT WAS MUCH HARDER TO QUANTIFY THE CONCRETE ACHIEVEMENTS HE WENT HOME WITH ON AIR FORCE ONE. LIKE MR YELTSIN'S PLEDGES TO

CONTINUED ECONOMIC REFORM, THE TRIP'S OTHER HEADLINE-GRABBERS COULD ALSO IN TIME BE SEEN AS RATHER LESS SUBSTANTIAL THAN THEY FIRST APPEARED. MR CLINTON WON NATO'S ENTHUSIASTIC APPROVAL OF PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE, A CLEVER COMPROMISE THAT GIVES THE ILLUSION OF EXPANDING NATO BUT ESSENTIALLY POSTPONES ANY FIRM DECISION UNTIL RUSSIA'S FUTURE DIRECTION BECOMES CLEAR.

...

"MR CLINTON CERTAINLY DID MUCH TO ASSUAGE EUROPE'S FEARS ABOUT AMERICAN DISENGAGEMENT WITH A COGENT SPEECH IN BRUSSELS WITHIN HOURS OF HIS ARRIVAL, AND HIS BELATED PRESENCE UNDOUBTEDLY HELPED RELIEVE THE TENSIONS THAT HAVE BEDEVILED TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS OVER THE PAST YEAR. AT EVERY STOP HE PREACHED A SEDUCTIVE NEW VISION OF PAN-EUROPEAN INTEGRATION BASED ON VIBRANT DEMOCRACIES AND OPEN MARKETS.

"IT IS HARD TO BE CERTAIN THAT MR CLINTON'S NEW INTEREST IN EUROPE WILL ENDURE, THOUGH HE PLANS TWO MORE VISITS THIS SUMMER. HE HAS THE CONSUMMATE POLITICIAN'S SKILL OF MAKING THE IMMEDIATE OBJECT OF HIS ATTENTIONS FEEL SPECIAL, BUT FROM TODAY HIS PREOCCUPATIONS WILL BE HEALTH CARE REFORM AND THE BURGEONING WHITEWATER FINANCIAL SCANDAL. IF NOTHING ELSE, THIS ERROR-FREE, TELEGENIC PARADE THROUGH EUROPE WILL HAVE GIVEN HIS DOMESTIC STATURE A BOOST BEFORE THOSE LOOMING BATTLES."

THE SAME PAPER EDITORIALIZED:

"ARMED WITH UNEXPECTEDLY DETAILED PROMISES FROM SYRIA'S PRESIDENT ASSAD, PRESIDENT CLINTON ENDS HIS FIRST SERIOUSLY TESTING APPEARANCE ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE ON A HIGH NOTE. HIS CHARM, READINESS TO LISTEN AND POLITICIAN'S INSTINCT FOR TIGHTROPE-WALKING HAS IMPRESSED

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THE OLD WORLD: AND HIS EUROPEAN DEBUT HAS BEEN AN UNDOUBTED SUCCESS WITH HIS HOME AUDIENCE.

"BUT AS HIS HOSTS, FROM BRUSSELS TO MOSCOW, PUT HIS MANY PROMISES, EXHORTATIONS AND MESSAGES OF ENCOURAGEMENT SIDE BY SIDE, THEY MAY WONDER WHETHER DOMESTIC REACTION WAS HIS MAIN PREOCCUPATION, RATHER THAN A GENUINE RE-ENGAGEMENT OF AMERICA AS A EUROPEAN POWER. ... MR

CLINTON ACKNOWLEDGED THAT 'OUR BONDS WITH EUROPE WILL BE DIFFERENT' AND STRESSED THAT EUROPEANS MUST THEMSELVES TAKE THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INTEGRATION AMERICA EMPHATICALLY WISHED TO PROMOTE. AS IF TO UNDERLINE THE GAP BETWEEN THIS COMFORTING VISION AND EUROPE'S HARDER REALITIES, DIFFERENCES BETWEEN BORIS YELTSIN AND YEGOR GAIDAR, THE ARCHITECT AND SYMBOL OF ECONOMIC REFORM IN RUSSIA, ERUPTED YESTERDAY BEFORE MR CLINTON HAD EVEN RECROSSED THE ATLANTIC.

"WILL THESE NEW BONDS BE STRATEGIC OR MERELY SYMBOLIC? MR CLINTON CLAIMED THAT AMERICA'S COMMITMENT TO EUROPE'S SAFETY AND SECURITY WAS 'AS STRONG AS EVER', BUT PLEDGED ONLY TO KEEP 'ROUGHLY' 100,000 U.S. TROOPS STATIONED THERE. IS AMERICA STILL READY, AT THE LAST, TO FIGHT WHOEVER WOULD THREATEN NATO'S PEACE? THE JURY, ABSORBING HIS PRAISE FOR A MORE ROBUST EUROPEAN DEFENSE IDENTITY AND THE NOVEL AMERICAN ENTHUSIASM FOR GRAFTING NATO'S OPERATIONAL CAPACITY ONTO THE WEU, IS STILL OUT. HIS ADMINISTRATION PUT ADMIRABLE ENERGY INTO DEVISING, AND SELLING, ITS PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE; BUT THE EXTENT OF AMERICAN DETERMINATION TO GIVE IT SERIOUS PRACTICAL SUBSTANCE IS DIFFICULT TO ASSESS. ...

"MR CLINTON LEFT OTHER QUESTIONS IN HIS WAKE. INCONSISTENCIES ABOUND : ARE THE CZECHS AND POLES TO BELIEVE THAT THEIR ENTRY TO NATO IS SUBJECT ONLY TO SORTING OUT 'WHEN AND HOW', GIVEN THE MUCH MORE CAUTIOUS TERMS IN WHICH HE COUCHED THE NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE TO PRESIDENT YELTSIN IN MOSCOW? ARE FREE TRADERS TO BE REASSURED BY HIS APPEAL FOR A SWIFT RATIFICATION OF THE UNCLAS SECTION 15 OF 24 LONDON 00861

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URUGUAY ROUND, OR DISMAYED BY HIS PUBLIC EMPATHIZING WITH JACQUES DELORS ON WORKER PROTECTION? ...

"AGAINST THESE DOUBTS, MR CLINTON CAN -- IF IT HOLDS -- SET UKRAINE'S AGREEMENT TO SCRAP ITS NUCLEAR ARSENAL AS A SOLID ACHIEVEMENT. HE WILL HOLD HIS BREATH THAT HIS SUMMIT WITH MR YELTSIN HAS HELPED TO FEND OFF THE POLITICAL ROUT OF RUSSIA'S REFORMERS. AS FOR THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, HE HAS BARELY BEGUN TO REPAIR THE DEEP

DAMAGE IT HAS SUSTAINED OVER THE BALKANS. FOR NATO TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF WHAT ONE OF HIS SENIOR OFFICIALS CALLS 'THE UNFREEZING OF HISTORY' IN EUROPE, MR CLINTON WILL NEED TO REINFORCE HIS PROCLAIMED ATLANTICISM ONCE HE IS BACK IN WASHINGTON."

THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT STEPHEN ROBINSON, TRAVELLING WITH THE PRESIDENT, COMMENTED:

"THERE WAS A TOUCH OF EUPHORIA AROUND THE TRAVELLING WHITE HOUSE ENTOURAGE YESTERDAY AS PRESIDENT CLINTON PREPARED TO WIND UP HIS NINE-DAY EUROPEAN TOUR WITH A MEETING IN GENEVA WITH PRESIDENT ASSAD OF SYRIA. ... THE TEAM WHICH HAD BEEN RELENTLESSLY HOUNDED FOR ITS FOREIGN POLICY BLUNDERS EVER SINCE TAKING OFFICE A YEAR AGO WAS PREPARING TO CELEBRATE. THERE WAS A CLINTON FOREIGN POLICY, AFTER ALL.

"THEN RUSSIA'S DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, MR YEGOR GAIDAR, A LEADING REFORMER AND HERO TO THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT, ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION, IMMEDIATELY PUTTING A DAMPER ON THE MOOD IN AIR FORCE ONE AS IT HEADED HOME. ON SATURDAY, MR CLINTON HAD PROFESSED HIMSELF SATISFIED WITH THE PACE OF REFORM AND MR YELTSIN'S COMMITMENT TO IT. THE VERY NEXT DAY MR GAIDAR

PUBLICLY SIGNALLLED HIS DISAGREEMENT WITH THAT VIEW. ...

"THE TOUR COULD HARDLY BE CLASSED A FAILURE, BUT MR CLINTON DID NOT SUCCEED IN ESTABLISHING AN OVERALL THEME. HE OBSCURED HIS MESSAGE, PROPOSING A WELFARE 'SAFETY NET' UNCLAS SECTION 16 OF 24 LONDON 00861

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FOR RUSSIA, BY BACK-PEDALLING ON THE NEED FOR DEMOCRACY IN BELARUS. SOME WELL-EXECUTED TELEVISED IMAGES STICK IN THE MIND, BUT MR CLINTON OTHERWISE LEFT LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE BEHIND WHEN HE FLEW HOME LAST NIGHT."

ON TUESDAY (1/18), THE CONSERVATIVE TABLOID DAILY EXPRESS EDITORIALIZED:

"RUSSIA'S WESTERN WELL-WISHERS -- AND WE ALL HAVE A STAKE IN SEEING THAT COUNTRY SET FIRMLY ON THE ROAD TO ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STABILITY -- CANNOT HELP BUT BE ALARMED AT THE TURMOIL IN PRESIDENT YELTSIN'S GOVERNMENT. ...

"ONLY TWO DAYS AGO YELTSIN PROMISED PRESIDENT CLINTON

THAT THE REFORM PROGRAM WOULD CONTINUE. BUT IT WILL NOT DO SO OF ITS OWN ACCORD. IT REQUIRES FLESH AND BLOOD POLITICIANS TO PUT PROGRAMS IN PLACE AND KEEP THEM ON TRACK. ...

"YELTSIN'S BRAVE DEFIANCE OF THE ATTEMPTED COUP IN 1991 WAS A DEFINING POINT IN RECENT RUSSIAN HISTORY: IT STOPPED THE RETURN TO HARDLINE COMMUNISM. THIS IS ANOTHER SUCH MOMENT, AND AGAIN ALMOST EVERYTHING IS DOWN TO HIM.

"IF, MINDFUL OF VLADIMIR ZHIRINOVSKY'S FASCIST CHALLENGE, HE BACKS AWAY FROM THE REFORM PROCESS, THAT PROCESS COULD SLIP INTO REVERSE. UNLESS HE GIVES REFORMIST POLITICIANS HIS FULL BACKING AND THE AUTHORITY TO GET ON WITH THE TASK, THEY WILL EITHER REFUSE TO UNDERTAKE IT, LIKE GAIDAR, OR WILL FAIL IN THE ATTEMPT.

"RUSSIA IS LONG OVERDUE ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION OF HIS DARING AND COURAGE."

THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN EDITORIALIZED:

"THE RESIGNATION OF YEGOR GAIDAR IS A NASTY SHOCK WITHOUT ANY THERAPEUTIC VALUE. ... MR GAIDAR IS NOT IN FACT THE ONLY 'ARCHITECT' OF RUSSIA'S REFORM., NOR ARE HIS IDEAS THE ONLY POSSIBLE PERSPECTIVE. ... THE OUTSIDE WORLD MAY UNCLAS SECTION 17 OF 24 LONDON 00861

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HAVE ALREADY MADE TOO MUCH OF THE RISE OF VLADIMIR ZHIRINOVSKY. IT CAN HELP NOW BY NOT TURNING MR GAIDAR'S PERSONAL DRAMA INTO RUSSIA'S CRISIS."

THE CENTRIST INDEPENDENT EDITORIALIZED:

"IF THE RESIGNATION OF YEGOR GAIDAR, CHIEF ARCHITECT OF RUSSIA'S ECONOMIC REFORM, MEANT THAT SOMEONE ELSE WOULD NOW INTRODUCE AN ALTERNATIVE POLICY, THERE WOULD BE NO GREAT NEED FOR DESPONDENCY. ... BUT MR GAIDAR IS NOT GIVING WAY TO AN ALTERNATIVE POLICY. THE SIGNS ARE THAT HE WILL BE REPLACED BY A MUDDLED MIXTURE OF COMPROMISES AMONG WARRING FACTIONS. ...

"BUT, QUITE APART FROM MR GAIDAR'S RESIGNATION, THERE ARE ALSO MANY NEGATIVE SIGNS. ... THE FAULT LIES NOT PRIMARILY IN ECONOMICS BUT IN POLITICS. THE REFORMISTS HAVE BICKERED SO LONG AMONG THEMSELVES, AND FAILED SO CONSPICUOUSLY TO CARRY THEIR MESSAGE TO THE NATION, THAT

ELECTIONS INTENDED TO STRENGTHEN THEM HAVE ONLY WEAKENED THEM. NOR HAS THERE BEEN ANY SIGN OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS THAT THEY HAVE LEARNED FROM THEIR MISTAKES.

"MR YELTSIN HIMSELF IS TOO WEAK AND TOO IGNORANT OF ECONOMICS TO GIVE A LEAD. WESTERN GOVERNMENTS HAVE SET UP MR GAIDAR AS THE GUARANTOR OF ECONOMIC REFORM AND MR YELTSIN AS THAT OF DEMOCRACY. WITH ONE GONE AND THE OTHER WOBBLY IT IS TIME TO TAKE A LESS PERSONALIZED VIEW OF RUSSIAN AFFAIRS. THE BEST CONTRIBUTION THE WEST CAN MAKE WITH THE MODEST LEVERAGE AT ITS DISPOSAL IS TO CONFRONT THE MUDDLE IN MOSCOW WITH AS MUCH CLARITY AS POSSIBLE.

"INSTEAD OF SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS, IT SHOULD DEFINE ITS AIMS AND INTERESTS AND LAY OUT WITH PRECISION THE POLICIES THAT IT WILL AND WILL NOT SUPPORT. THAT WAY RUSSIAN POLITICIANS, ALTHOUGH DISORIENTED AT HOME, WILL AT LEAST KNOW WHERE THEY STAND IN RELATION TO THE WEST. THIS MIGHT EVEN HELP THEM WORK OUT THEIR OWN PRIORITIES."

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2. CLINTON / ASSAD SUMMIT

ON SATURDAY (1/15), THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES

COMMENTED:

"THE TRUE SIGNIFICANCE OF TOMORROW'S MEETING, FOR SYRIA, LIES SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE MEDIA HYPE AND THE CAUTION OF THE SOUQ. FOR MR ASSAD, A CAUTIOUS AND WILY STRATEGIST WHOSE MAIN PREOCCUPATION HAS LONG BEEN MAINTAINING HIS IRON GRIP ON SYRIA, IT LIES IN THE SYMBOLISM OF THE EVENT ITSELF -- AND THAT IS THE MAIN REASON FOR THE MEDIA FANFARE. A SUMMIT WITH THE LEADER OF THE WORLD'S SOLE SUPERPOWER CONFIRMS FOR MR ASSAD HIS CENTRALITY TO THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS AND HIS REGIONAL LEADERSHIP. AS ONE STATE NEWSPAPER SAID: 'A GIANT WILL MEET WITH A GIANT'."

THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN'S DIPLOMATIC EDITOR IAN BLACK

COMMENTED:

"ASSAD'S STYLE OF LONG-WINDED, PO-FACED NEGOTIATING IS AS LEGENDARY AS THE MAN HIMSELF: TAKE YOUR PICK FROM A MENAGERIE OF METAPHORS, BUT THE LION, SPHINX OR FOX OF DAMASCUS IS STILL A RUTHLESS AND CALCULATING RULER.

"AS THE REGION TEETERS ON THE BRINK OF CHANGE, POST-COLD WAR CONDITIONS RIPER THAN EVER FOR ENDING THE BITTER CONFLICT WITH ISRAEL, SYRIA IS STRATEGICALLY PLACED TO MAKE THE DIFFERENCE. BILL CLINTON MAY BE ABOUT TO FIND OUT WHETHER IT REALLY WILL. ...

"TOMORROW'S EXTRAVAGANZA IS WASHINGTON'S ADMISSION THAT THE VISION OF YASSER ARAFAT AND RABIN SHAKING HANDS HAS NOT OBLITERATED THE WIDER STRATEGIC PICTURE. SYRIA MATTERS GREATLY WHEN SADDAM HUSSEIN IS STILL IN POWER, IRAN AS ROGUISH AS EVER, FUNDAMENTALISTS ARE ON THE MOVE EVERYWHERE AND TURKEY NEEDS REASSURANCE THAT KURDISH SUBVERSION WILL BE CHECKED. ...

"BILL CLINTON'S MIDDLE EASTERN EXPERIENCE HAS SO FAR BEEN LIMITED TO ONE VERY BIG PHOTO-OPPORTUNITY -- MAKING SURE UNCLAS SECTION 19 OF 24 LONDON 00861

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THAT THE FAMOUS HANDSHAKE WORKED ON THE DAY. TOMORROW'S MEETING WILL CERTAIN BROADEN HIS HORIZONS."

THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTED:

"ISRAEL HAS OFFERED TO WITHDRAW FROM PART OF THE GOLAN HEIGHTS, CAPTURED IN 1967, BUT IT WANTS SYRIA TO EXPLAIN THE KIND OF PEACE IT ENVISAGES BEFORE DISCLOSING THE SCALE OF ANY RETREAT.

"THE SYRIANS INSIST THAT ISRAEL MUST PROMISE TO WITHDRAW FROM ALL OF THE GOLAN BEFORE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS CAN BE DISCUSSED. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER MR CLINTON WILL BE ABLE TO CUT THROUGH THE DIPLOMATIC KNOT." IN MONDAY'S CONSERVATIVE TIMES (1/17), STRATEGIC EXPERT LAWRENCE FREEDMAN COMMENTED:

"TALKS WILL SOON RESUME IN WASHINGTON AND MR CLINTON MUST NOW USE HIS SUCCESS IN EXTRACTING THE RIGHT DIPLOMATIC NOISES FROM MR ASSAD TO HELP IN FORGING A DURABLE SETTLEMENT. HOPEFULLY HE HAS LEARNED THIS WEEK THAT ACTIVE PRESIDENTIAL INVOLVEMENT IS ESSENTIAL FOR FOREIGN POLICY BREAKTHROUGHS. HE MUST NOW RECOGNIZE THAT THESE BREAKTHROUGHS CAN BE VERY FRAGILE UNLESS FOLLOWED UP WITH PERSISTENCE AND COMMITMENT."

THE CENTRIST INDEPENDENT REPORTED ON ITS FRONT PAGE:

"THERE WAS LITTLE TANGIBLY NEW IN THE MEN'S REMARKS.

OTHER THAN VAGUE BUT FIRM COMMITMENTS TO BROAD

PRINCIPLES, THEY GAVE NO INDICATION OF THE BASIS FOR THEIR HIGH HOPES. THE ONLY SPECIFIC ANNOUNCEMENT WAS CONFIRMATION THAT THE HEADS OF THE SYRIAN AND ISRAELI DELEGATIONS TO PEACE TALKS WOULD MEET IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK AFTER A FOUR MONTH BREAK. BUT THE TONE OF THEIR REMARKS, AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THEY WERE DELIVERED, SERVED TO UNDERSCORE THAT SYRIA WAS PREPARED TO MAKE PEACE."

THE SAME PAPER REPORTED ON AN INSIDE PAGE:

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"WHAT PRESIDENT ASSAD IMPRESSED ON THE AMERICANS WAS HIS COMMITMENT TO THE STRATEGIC GOAL OF PEACE. THE TERMS AND THE TIMING WERE SECONDARY. ... THIS WAS MR ASSAD'S AIM. HE MAY TRAVEL LITTLE OUTSIDE THE REGION, BUT NO ONE HAS GREATER POLITICAL SKILLS OR EXPERIENCE. HE DEMONSTRATED THIS BY SETTING THE TERMS OF THE DISCUSSION. MR ASSAD EXCEEDED THE TIME ALLOTTED FOR THE MEETING WITH THE MOST POWERFUL LEADER IN THE WORLD BY ALMOST TWO HOURS. AND MR ASSAD CLEARLY WOODED THE U.S. LEADER. ... HE SET OUT TO IMPRESS HIS INTERLOCUTOR WITH HIS SINCERITY."

THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTED:

"THE MOOD WAS CORDIAL WHEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS EMERGED FROM THEIR LENGTHY AND EXHAUSTING ENCOUNTER, WHICH HAD CULMINATED WITH A 50-MINUTE ONE ON ONE SESSION IN WHICH THE TWO MEN WERE ACCOMPANIED ONLY BY THEIR INTERPRETERS. MR ASSAD SAID: 'IF THE LEADERS OF ISRAEL HAVE SUFFICIENT COURAGE TO RESPOND TO THIS KIND OF PEACE, THE NEW ERA OF SECURITY AND STABILITY IN WHICH NORMAL PEACEFUL RELATIONS AMONG ALL SHALL DAWN ANEW (SIC)'. THOSE WERE THE WORDS THE AMERICANS WANTED TO HEAR, AND WHICH ISRAEL HAD DEMANDED FROM DAMASCUS BEFORE SERIOUS PEACE NEGOTIATIONS COULD BEGIN TO END THEIR STATE OF WAR."

THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN EDITORIALIZED:

"BOTH PRESIDENTS LOOKED RELAXED AFTER FIVE AND A HALF HOURS TOGETHER. BUT MR CLINTON WORE THE SMILE OF SOMEONE ASSURING HIS QUESTIONERS THAT EVERYTHING IS JUST FINE. MR ASSAD'S WAS THE SMILE OF SOMEONE WHO NEVER ANSWERS QUESTIONS. ... AT LEAST THE SYRIANS LOOKED OPTIMISTIC TOO. BUT WHEN THE SUMMIT WAS SET UP LAST MONTH,

WASHINGTON WAS INSISTING THAT SYRIA WOULD HAVE TO 'SPELL OUT' ITS INTENTIONS OF MAKING PEACE WITH ISRAEL. MR ASSAD HAS NEVER SPELT OUT ANYTHING IN OVER 20 YEARS.

"THIS WAS ONE OF THOSE SUMMITS WHICH HAD TO SUCCEED. MR ASSAD'S PRESS HAD ALREADY HAILED IT AS THE MOST IMPORTANT UNCLAS SECTION 21 OF 24 LONDON 00861

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FOR DECADES. THOUGH MR CLINTON'S ADVISERS PLAYED DOWN EXPECTATIONS, HIS PROBLEM WAS HOW TO JUSTIFY THE MEETING AT ALL. U.S. PRESIDENTS DO NOT LIGHTLY GO AROUND SHAKING HANDS WITH REGIMES ON THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S LIST OF COUNTRIES ABETTING TERROR. WASHINGTON MAY HAVE LONG EXPERIENCE OF SWALLOWING SUCH SCRUPLES, MOST RECENTLY WHEN THE U.S. NEEDED TO SIGN UP SYRIA FOR THE GULF WAR.

... BUT AWKWARD QUESTIONS LINGER, NOT LEAST ABOUT LOCKERBIE WHERE THE SYRIAN SMOKING GUN WAS CONVENIENTLY TRANSFERRED TO LIBYA. ...

"MR ASSAD LEFT GENEVA WITH MR CLINTON'S PUBLIC ASSURANCE THAT SYRIA SHOULD PLAY A 'LEADERSHIP ROLE'. MR CLINTON HAS PRESUMABLY OBTAINED SOME PRIVATE SYRIAN ASSURANCE, HOWEVER, AMBIGUOUS, TO CONVEY TO ISRAEL. BUT -- WITH DISCORDANT NOISES FROM GOLAN SETTLERS -- IT IS STILL A VERY HARD PATH AHEAD."

ON TUESDAY (1/18), THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES EDITORIALIZED:

"WHEN PRESIDENT ASSAD SAYS IN PUBLIC, AND IN THE PRESENCE OF U.S. PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON, THAT SYRIA HAS MADE A STRATEGIC CHOICE FOR PEACE AND IS PREPARED TO ESTABLISH NORMAL RELATIONS WITH ALL ITS NEIGHBORS, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND ISRAEL SHOULD PAY ATTENTION.

...

"MR ASSAD HAS NOT SURVIVED IN THE MIDDLE EAST FOR SO LONG WITHOUT MEASURING HIS ACTIONS AND WORDS WITH CONSUMMATE CARE. BUT HE HAS NOW SAID IN PUBLIC WHAT HAD BEEN DEMANDED FROM HIM BY BOTH ISRAEL AND THE U.S., AND HAS THUS GONE SOME WAY TOWARDS ANSWERING THE ACCUSATION THAT HE WAS DOING NOTHING TO PREPARE THE SYRIAN PEOPLE FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF PEACE. ...

"THERE IS BUT ONE WAY FOR ISRAEL TO TEST MR ASSAD'S STATEMENTS AND THE DEPTH OF HIS COMMITMENT TO HIS ARAB

NEGOTIATING PARTNERS. AND THAT IS BY ANNOUNCING A
WILLINGNESS TO ACKNOWLEDGE SYRIAN SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE
GOLAN HEIGHTS, IN RETURN FOR A FAR MORE SPECIFIC
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COMMITMENT FROM MR ASSAD ON THE NORMALIZATION OF
RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. SUCH A MOVE WOULD REQUIRE A
POLITICALLY COURAGEOUS STEP FROM MR YITZHAK RABIN,
ISRAEL'S PRIME MINISTER. BUT UNTIL HE TAKES IT, ISRAEL'S
LEADERS CANNOT BE SURE WHETHER ANOTHER, AND PERHAPS THE
BEST, OPPORTUNITY FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE IS BEING ALLOWED
TO GO BEGGING."

3. U.S. POLITICS

THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH EDITORIALIZED (1/17):

"THE ODOR OF SCANDAL AND IMPROPRIETY CONTINUES TO PLAGUE
PRESIDENT CLINTON, NOTWITHSTANDING THE PAGEANT AND
NOVELTY OF HIS EUROPEAN PROGRESS. THE MORE LURID
ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT HAVE, FOR THE MOMENT,
RECEDED FROM THE HEADLINES, BUT THE SUGGESTION OF
FINANCIAL SHARP PRACTICE LOOMS EVER LARGER. ... MR
CLINTON WILL ... BE DAMAGED. WHITEWATER REINFORCES THE
SUSPICIONS WHICH PLAGUED MR CLINTON THROUGHOUT THE 1992
PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, THAT HE HAS BEEN LESS THAN CANDID
ABOUT HIS PAST. ...

"ABOVE ALL, THE WHITEWATER SCANDAL SERVES AS A REMINDER
OF THE FRAGILITY OF THE DEMOCRATIC COALITION THAT SO
FITFULLY SUSTAINS MR CLINTON'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. ...
CONSIDERING THAT MR CLINTON -- LIKE RICHARD NIXON -- WAS
ELECTED ONLY WITH A 43 PER CENT PLURALITY, NONE OF THIS
IS VERY SURPRISING. UNLIKE NIXON, HOWEVER, HE HAS PROVED
SINGULARLY INEPT AT EXPANDING THIS SLENDER BASE DURING
HIS FIRST YEAR IN OFFICE, ESPECIALLY IN THE SOUTH (THE
ONLY REGION THAT GEORGE BUSH CARRIED IN 1992). WHATEVER
THE OUTCOME OF THE INQUIRY, WHITEWATER HAS MADE THIS TASK
NO EASIER."

ON TUESDAY (1/18), THE CENTRIST INDEPENDENT COMMENTED:

"THE CLINTONS ARE IN A DELICATE POSITION BECAUSE THE
POLITICAL CULTURES OF ARKANSAS AND WASHINGTON ARE VERY
DIFFERENT. IN A SMALL CITY LIKE LITTLE ROCK, WHOSE
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POPULATION IS UNDER 200,000, EVERYBODY IN POLITICS AND
BUSINESS KNOWS EVERYBODY ELSE. COZY DEALS ARE THE NORM
AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST ARE IGNORED. EXPLAINING THE
HIGH DEGREE OF INTIMACY, A LAWYER SAID THAT IN WASHINGTON
TEXANS FORM CLUBS, BUT ARKANSANS DO NOT NEED TO BECAUSE
THEY KNOW EACH OTHER ANYWAY.

"ARKANSAS, UNLIKE RHODE ISLAND OR LOUISIANA, IS NOT VERY
CORRUPT. BUSINESSMEN SAY PAY-OFFS TO POLITICIANS ARE NOT
COMMON, BUT MUTUAL BACK-SCRATCHING IS. ... POLITICS IN
ARKANSAS IS INTENSELY PERSONAL AND SUCCESS DOES NOT
DEPEND ON POLITICAL MACHINES. ... THE PECULIARITIES OF
ARKANSAS HELPED TO MAKE MR CLINTON PRESIDENT. WHEN HE WAS
GROWING UP IT WAS STILL A STATE WHERE SOMEBODY WHO WAS
POOR BUT ABLE COULD GET AHEAD FAST IN BUSINESS OR
POLITICS. IT NEVER HAD A POWER ELITE OF PLANTATION
OWNERS OR INDUSTRIAL ROBBER BARONS. THE TONE WAS
DEMOCRATIC. SAM WALTON, WHOSE GIANT DISCOUNT STORES MADE
HIM THE RICHEST MAN IN AMERICA, STILL DROVE AROUND IN AN
ELDERLY PICK-UP TRUCK WITH CAGES FOR HIS BIRD DOGS IN THE
BACK. BILL CLINTON JOGGED TO GET HIS CUP OF COFFEE AND
LIVER BISCUIT EVERY MORNING. TRADITIONS WERE WEAKER AND
STANDARDS LOOSER THAN IN OTHER STATES -- AND FOR THIS MR
CLINTON IS NOW PAYING."

THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN REPORTED:

"PRESIDENT CLINTON RETURNED FROM HIS EUROPEAN TRIP TO
POLITICAL TROUBLES IN HIS OWN PARTY YESTERDAY -- THE
INQUIRY INTO THE WHITEWATER AFFAIR AND A NEW CHALLENGE TO
HIS HEALTH REFORMS, PLANNED AS THE CENTERPIECE OF THE
CONGRESSIONAL SEASON. ...

"AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, MR (DANIEL)
MOYNIHAN HAS SOMETHING CLOSE TO A PROCEDURAL STRANGLEHOLD
OVER THE LEGISLATION. THE WHITE HOUSE WILL NEED AT LEAST
60 SENATE VOTES TO PASS ITS BILL, WHICH MEANS CARRYING
ALL 56 DEMOCRATIC SENATORS AND WINNING MODERATE
REPUBLICANS.

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