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B. U.S.-RUSSIA: CLINTON IN MOSCOW

1. TUESDAY'S CENTRIST SUEDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH CARRIES AN EDITORIAL BY WOLFGANG KOYDL UNDER THE HEADLINE: UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 14 BONN GE 01192

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"'AS FAR AWAY AS ONE OF JUPITER'S MOONS.'"

"RUSSIAN ROULETTE IS A RISKY GAME - NOT ONLY IN ITS CLASSIC FORM WHEN PLAYED WITH PISTOLS, BUT ALSO IN THE NEW LAS VEGAS VARIATION, WHICH BILL CLINTON PLAYED DURING HIS VISIT TO MOSCOW. THE PRESIDENT PUT ALL HIS CHIPS ON ONE NUMBER, CARRYING THE NAME OF BORIS YELTSIN. IT IS TRUE: IF THIS NUMBER COMES UP, CLINTON STANDS TO GAIN A LOT. BUT IF HE LOSES - WHICH IS STATISTICALLY MUCH MORE LIKELY - ALL THE CHIPS WILL BE GONE.

"U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE WARREN CHRISTOPHER SEEMS TO HAVE REALIZED THE RISKS OF THIS DARING VENTURE. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE SUMMIT, HE QUICKLY TRIED TO TAKE AT LEAST SOME CHIPS OFF THE TABLE BEFORE THE 'RIEN NE VA PLUS.' IF MOSCOW STRAYED FROM THE PATH OF DEMOCRATIC VIRTUE, CHRISTOPHER SAID, THE WEST WOULD HAVE TO PUT UP A SECURITY WALL AROUND RUSSIA.

"CHRISTOPHER'S CAUTION IS JUSTIFIED, BECAUSE CLINTON'S COMMITMENT TO THE CURRENT RUSSIAN PRESIDENT BEARS SUBSTANTIAL RISKS. AMERICA'S POLICY TOWARD RUSSIA SHEDS LIGHT ON ONE OF THE SYMPTOMS THAT HAVE ALWAYS PLAGUED THE WESTERN IMAGE OF RUSSIA: BECAUSE ONE HAS PROBLEMS PUTTING THIS OBSCURE COUNTRY IN ITS PROPER PLACE, ONE IS FIXATED ON INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE USED - PARS PRO TOTO - TO DETERMINE ONE'S OWN FOREIGN POLICY AND PREJUDICES. THERE ARE AMPLE EXAMPLES OF THIS, RANGING FROM GORBACHEV TO YELTSIN - AND THEY ARE NOT LIMITED TO WHOEVER RULES IN THE KREMLIN AT THE TIME....

CITING GAIDAR AND ZHIRINOVSKY AS PROMINENT FIGURES AT BOTH ENDS OF THE SPECTRUM, KOYDL CONCLUDES: "BUT LIKE

OTHER COUNTRIES, RUSSIA DESERVES TO BE SEEN IN A MORE DIFFERENTIATED WAY RATHER THAN ONLY THROUGH THE PRISM OF INDIVIDUAL POLITICIANS. WHY IS IT THAT OUR EASTERN NEIGHBORS IN PARTICULAR ARE CONSTANTLY LABELED WITH CLICHES? IT IS UNDOUBTEDLY TRUE THAT MOSCOW HAS OFTEN ENOUGH GIVEN REASON IN ITS CZARIST AND SOVIET PAST TO INDULGE IN THESE OLD IMAGES AGAIN. THE EXPANSIONIST POLICY OF THE PETERSBURG DICTATORS AND THE MOSCOW SECRETARY GENERALS IS A CASE IN POINT.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, THE WEST HAS LITTLE EFFORT TO UNDERSTAND THIS NATION. FOR EUROPE, RUSSIA IS 'AS FAR AWAY AS ONE OF JUPITER'S MOONS,' RUSSIAN INTELLECTUALS COMPLAINED ALREADY IN THE PAST CENTURY. AND NOWADAYS WESTERN EXPERTS ON THE EAST CAN CLAIM THAT EUROPE REACHES TO THE RIVER BUG WHERE IT TRANSFORMS 'INTO A DIFFERENT STATE.' DOES RUSSIA BELONG TO EUROPE? THIS QUESTION HAS DIVIDED GENERATIONS OF RUSSIAN INTELLECTUALS INTO UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 14 BONN GE 01192

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SLAVOPHILES AND PRO-WESTERNERS. TO THIS VERY DAY, RUSSIA HAS NOT FOUND THE FINAL ANSWER TO THIS.

"THESE DAYS, THE WEST, TOO, MUST ASK ITSELF THIS QUESTION. AS LONG AS THE SOVIET UNION AND THE WARSAW PACT EXISTED, THE ANSWER WAS EASY: EUROPE REACHED TO THE RIVER ELBE AND WAS ESSENTIALLY IDENTICAL WITH THE EUROPEAN PROSPERITY AND DEMOCRACY COMMUNITY. IN MOSCOW AND IN THE EAST OF THE CONTINENT RULED AN IDEOLOGY THAT RAN COUNTER TO ALL EUROPEAN VALUES. RUSSIA THUS DID NOT BELONG TO EUROPE.

"AND NOW? THE OFTEN CONTRADICTORY DISCUSSION ABOUT AN ENLARGEMENT OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY HAS SHOWN THAT THIS QUESTION IS THE PIVOTAL POINT OF A NEW EUROPEAN ORDER. IS RUSSIA ONCE AGAIN TO BE SHUT OUT OR SHOULD IT BE INCLUDED IN THE EUROPEAN STRUCTURES? WILL RUSSIA CONTINUE TO GO DOWN A SPECIAL ROAD OR WILL IT JOIN THE WEST?

"IT IS DECISIVE FOR PEACE AND STABILITY ON THE OLD CONTINENT THAT EUROPE AND RUSSIA DISCOVER COMMON GROUND. IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, IT IS NECESSARY THAT BOTH SIDES MOVE TOWARD ONE ANOTHER. IN RUSSIA, THIS PROCESS HAS ALREADY STARTED - CLUMSILY, DESULTORY AND IT IS POSSIBLY STILL REVERSIBLE. ONE THING, HOWEVER, IS CERTAIN. THE RUSSIANS WANT TO BELONG TO EUROPE, THEY WANT TO SHAKE OFF THE CHAINS OF CENTURIES OF ISOLATION.

"IF WE WANT TO HELP THEM - AND US - TO EMBARK ON THIS PAINSTAKING PATH, WE, TOO, MUST SHOW THEM THAT THEY

BELONG TO EUROPE: WITH OPEN BORDERS AND OPEN MARKETS BUT MOST OF ALL WITHOUT PREJUDICES AND CLICHES."

2. MONDAY'S CENTRIST KOELNER STADT-ANZEIGER CARRIES AN EDITORIAL BY UWE ENGELBRECHT UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"REALISM ON THE TEST STAND."

"PRESIDENT CLINTON WAS STILL STAYING IN THE RELATIVELY UNPROBLEMATIC AND PEACEFUL BELARUSSIAN CITY OF MINSK WHEN POLITICAL MINES STARTED EXPLODING BEHIND HIM. IN UKRAINE, WHERE THE NUMBER OF NATIONALIST CHAUVINISTS AND IRRATIONAL CURRENTS IN PUBLIC LIFE IS APPARENTLY EVEN GREATER THAN IN RUSSIA, THE 'NATIONAL DEMOCRATS' AND A PART OF THE FORMER COMUNIST PARTY SOUNDED AN ATTACK AGAINST THE 'TREASON' COMMITTED BY PRESIDENT KRAVCHUK. THIS DOES NOT PROMISE THE AMERICAN-RUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN DEAL ABOUT DENUCLEARIZATION OF THE 'THIRD LARGEST NUCLEAR POWER OF THE WORLD' AN EASY FATE.

"THE MOST IMPORTANT OUTCOME OF THE MOSCOW SUMMIT THUS UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 14 BONN GE 01192

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ALREADY SEEMS TO BE IN JEOPARDY. IN ADDITION, THE SENSATIONAL RESIGNATION OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER GAIDAR AND HIS REFUSAL TO RUN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE AGAIN CONTRADICT VEHEMENT ASSURANCES BY BORIS YELTSIN THAT THE REFORM POLICY WOULD NOT BE MODERATED, WHICH, IN AMERICA'S VIEW, WAS SYMBOLIZED PARTICULARLY BY GAIDAR.

"CLINTON WILL THUS HAVE A HARD TIME GIVING A POSITIVE INTERPRETATION OF THE ALL IN ALL NOT EARTH-SHATTERING MEETINGS TO THE WESTERN CAMP AND AT HOME. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO DEFEND THE REALISM HE DEMONSTRATED IN MOSCOW...."

POINTING OUT THAT CLINTON WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO PORTRAY THE TWO POWERS AS EQUAL PARTNERS AND CLEARLY GAVE MOSCOW TOP PRIORITY IN THE REGION, ENGELBRECHT CONCLUDES: "BUT IT IS ALREADY FORESEEABLE THAT CLINTON WILL SOON FIND HIMSELF ON THE DEFENSIVE AGAIN WITH HIS POLITICAL COURSE. THE REASON FOR THIS WILL NOT ONLY BE THE STRONG LOBBY WITH WHICH RUSSIA'S NEIGHBORS WILL TRY TO COMPENSATE PRIMARILY IN THE U.S. THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT ABOUT THE UNFULFILLED INTEGRATION IN THE WEST WITH SUBSTITUTE SECURITY POLICY ACTS...BUT ALSO THAT THE TOUR DE FORCE OF AMERICAN BENEVOLENCE FOR THE MOSCOW LEADERSHIP CONTINUES TO RELY HEAVILY ON SYMBOLS - BE IT YELTSIN, GAIDAR OR THE MAGIC WORD 'PRIVATIZATION.' THE DEVELOPMENTS SINCE LAST OCTOBER ARE EVIDENCE THAT THESE SYMBOLS ARE NO LONGER VERY RELIABLE OR EVEN THREATENED. IT WILL TAKE NEW INTELLECTUAL EFFORTS NOT TO LOSE SIGHT

OF CLINTON'S PERCEIVED ALTERNATIVES: EITHER NO PRESSURE ON AND UNCONDITIONAL PARTNERSHIP WITH RUSSIA OR - IF IT DOES NOT LIVE UP TO ALL IDEALS, ITS BANISHMENT FROM THE EUROPEAN-ATLANTIC REGION. THE LATTER OPTION, HOWEVER, WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO A SURE VICTORY BY ZHIRINOVSKY."

3. MONDAY'S LEFT-OF-CENTER WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE DER SPIEGEL OF HAMBURG CARRIES A REPORT BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT CARLOS WIDMANN UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"A SMALL YALTA."

"A FORMER SUPERPOWER LIKE RUSSIA SHOULD NOT BE HUMILIATED, CHANCELLOR KOHL HAD REMARKED PHILOSOPHICALLY IN BRUSSELS. THIS HAS IN FACT NOT BEEN THE CASE. AN EXPANSION OF THE ALLIANCE TO THE EAST, TO THE UKRAINE OR EVEN RUSSIA HAS BEEN PREVENTED FOR THE TIME BEING. BORIS YELTSIN WAS ONCE AGAIN ASSURED THAT BILLIONS OF DOLLARS WOULD START FLOWING AS SOON AS THE NECESSARY REFORMS FOR A FREE MARKET ECONOMY WERE MOVED AHEAD.

"AND 'BORIS' GOT TO HEAR A LOT MORE FLATTERY FROM HIS GUEST 'BILL' THAN HE HIMSELF - AS THE HOST - HAD TO UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 14 BONN GE 01192

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EXPRESS. THE FACT THAT THE RUSSIAN ICBMS WILL NO LONGER BE TARGETED AT AMERICA IS A STRICTLY SYMBOLIC GESTURE THAT CAN BE EASILY CORRECTED IF REQUIRED. AND, IN THE FALL PRESIDENT YELTSIN IS EXPECTED FOR A STATE VISIT IN WASHINGTON.... CLINTON NOTICEABLY WINCED WHEN YELTSIN ATTACKED THE RUSSIAN PARLIAMENT DURING THE JOINT NEWS CONFERENCE, CALLING THE OPPOSITION TO THE REFORMERS AN 'INSULT TO THE ENTIRE NATION.' ZHIRINOVSKY'S ELECTION SUCCESS MAY JUST HAVE BEEN A BLESSING FOR YELTSIN: CZAR BORIS LOOKS LIKE A MODERATE NEXT TO THE RADICAL BLATHERER....

"FOR ONE YEAR, THE PRESIDENT PRACTISED FOREIGN POLICY ABSTINENCE: BECAUSE AMERICA ITSELF IS IN NEED OF REFORMS, BECAUSE IT DOES NOT HAVE ANY MONEY AND BECAUSE EVEN THE FAVORABLE SUPERPOWER SUCCESSES OF HIS PREDECESSOR GEORGE BUSH COULD NOT SAVE HIM FROM HIS DOWNFALL. NOW IT WAS CLINTON WHO RUSHED OUT INTO THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA IN ORDER TO SHAKE OFF THE SPECTERS OF THE PAST. BUT THEY FOLLOWED HIM ALL THE WAY TO KIEV. EVEN AT THE SIDE OF UKRAINIAN LEADER KRAVCHUK THE SCANDALS FROM ARKANSAS CAUGHT UP WITH HIM: A TEN-YEAR-OLD REAL ESTATE AFFAIR, THE SUICIDE OF A STAFF MEMBER, AND ONCE AGAIN HIS INEXHAUSTIBLE LIBIDO....

"THE STOPOVER IN THE UKRAINIAN CAPITAL HAD ORIGINALLY NOT BEEN ON THE AGENDA. BUT IT HAD BECOME URGENTLY

NECESSARY AFTER THE PRESIDENT HAD PROCLAIMED 'TWO GIGANTIC STEPS' FOR EUROPEAN AND U.S. SECURITY AT THE NATO SUMMIT: IN ADDITION TO THE 'PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE,' THE DECISION OF THE NUCLEAR HEIR UKRAINE TO GIVE UP ITS MISSILES AND NUCLEAR WARHEADS.

"NOT CLINTON, BUT BORIS YELTSIN HAD BEEN THE ONE TO INVITE KRAVCHUK TO THE SUMMIT IN MOSCOW - IN ORDER TO DISARM THE UKRAINE WITH AMERICAN HELP LONG BEFORE RUSSIA HAS SCRAPPED THE MAJORITY OF ITS NUCLEAR ARSENAL.... BILL CLINTON WILL BE LUCKY, IF CLEVER UKRAINIAN LEADER KRAVCHUK SUCCEEDS IN WRESTLING THE AGREEMENT ON THE SURRENDER (OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS) FROM HIS PARLIAMENT. IF NOT, HE - LIKE BORIS YELTSIN - WILL HAVE TO BE GLAD IF THE PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATION IS IGNORED BY THE PRESIDENT."

4. MONDAY'S CENTRIST WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE FOCUS OF MUNICH CARRIES A REPORT UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"CLINTON'S SUMMERTIME."

"FOR A FEW DAYS, BILL CLINTON, WHO WAS ALL SMILES AND ACTED IN A BOY-LIKE RELAXED MANNER, CONVEYED THE CAREFREE GLAMOR THE AMERICANS LIKE SO MUCH TO THE CRISIS-RIDDEN UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 14 BONN GE 01192

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EASTERN EUROPEAN CAPITALS.... HOWEVER, AMONG THE EASTERN EUROPEAN LEADERS WHO TRAVELLED LIKE SCHOOL KIDS TO INDIVIDUAL TALKS WITH THE U.S. PRESIDENT TO PRAGUE, A KIND OF HANGOVER DEVELOPED. THEIR WISH FOR A COLLECTIVE SOLUTION FOR THE VISEGRAD NATIONS FAILED.... ALL OF THEM SWALLOWED THE BITTER PILL NAMED 'PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE.' BILL CLINTON TRIED TO MAKE IT PALATABLE TO THEM, BUT THEY ACCEPTED NOT BECAUSE THEY WERE CONVINCED OF THIS CONCEPT BUT BECAUSE THERE WAS A LACK OF ALTERNATIVES....

"THE INTEREST IN THE PRESIDENTIAL SUMMIT IN MOSCOW WAS NOT VERY GREAT.... MOSCOW 'S POPULATION, WHICH HAD TO FACE ICY ROADS, WAS NOT AT ALL INTERESTED IN WHAT THE HIGH OFFICIALS HAD TO TALK ABOUT. THE TIMES ARE GONE WHEN A HIGH OFFICIAL FROM THE U.S. COULD HELP GIVE A RUSSIAN PRESIDENT GET NEW GLAMOUR.... DURING CLINTON'S 'SPONTANEOUS EXCURSIONS' IN MOSCOW'S STREETS AND SHOPS, HE HAD TO ACCEPT A SELECTED PUBLIC...."

5. JOSEF JOFFE COMMENTED IN AN EDITORIAL FOR SATURDAY'S CENTRIST SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"THE BILL AND BORIS SHOW."

"THIS WAS BILL CLINTON'S SUMMIT AND BORIS YELTSIN WAS NAMED AMERICA'S OFFICIAL JUNIOR PARTNER - NOT A BAD

TURNOUT FOR THE TWO MEN, BUT SCARCELY A PROMOTION FOR THE OLD EUROPE. IN RETURN FOR A SMALL PORCELAIN FIGURE DEPICTING CLINTON PLAYING THE SAXOPHONE, YELTSIN WAS GIVEN FOUR LARGE AND BELATED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. ONE WAS A PERSONAL GIFT FROM BILL TO BORIS: THE DEMONSTRATIVE EMBRACE OF THE RUSSIAN PRESIDENT BY HIS AMERICAN COUNTERPART. THIS WAS INTENDED TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE WORLD: YELTSIN IS OUR MAN....

"THE OTHER THREE PACKAGES WERE ADDRESSED TO THE COUNTRY RATHER THAN ITS LEADER. THE FIRST HAD BEEN SENT OFF LONG BEFORE MOSCOW AND RECEIVED THE BLESSING OF THE EUROPEANS AT THE NATO SUMMIT. IT IS CALLED 'PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE' AND CONCEALS - WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE ENTIRE WEST - A RUSSIAN RIGHT OF VETO ON THE MILITARY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NATO AND MOSCOW'S FORMER SATELLITES IN THE EAST. THE 'PARTNERSHIP' IS FULL OF SWEET WORDS, CONTAINS MANY AN ATTRACTIVE OFFER TO THE REFORM COUNTRIES - AND LOCKS THE DOOR TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE ALLIANCE....

"THE SECOND GIFT WERE UKRAINE'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS.... KRAVCHUK'S SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT IN MOSCOW ON FRIDAY TOOK PLACE UNDER THE COMBINED PRESSURE OF THE TWO SUPERPOWERS. CLINTON BRIBED UKRAINE, AND YELTSIN BLACKMAILED IT. THE COUNTRY WILL GET MONEY FROM AMERICA UNCLAS SECTION 08 OF 14 BONN GE 01192

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AND THE RESUMPTION OF RUSSIAN SUPPLIES OF OIL AND GAS, WHICH HAD BEEN SYSTEMATICALLY CUT OFF OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

"THE THIRD GIFT WAS OF A RATHER SYMBOLIC NATURE, BUT NOT TO BE SNEEZED AT. THE TWO PRESIDENTS ANNOUNCED THAT IN FUTURE, THEIR NUCLEAR MISSILES WOULD NOT BE TARGETED AT EACH OTHER.... THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE HYDRA HAS BEEN DECAPITATED. THE AMERICANS CAN REPROGRAM THEIR TARGET DATA IN MINUTES - OR EVEN AFTER THE MISSILE HAS BEEN LAUNCHED. BUT SYMBOLISM IS POLITICS.... SO THE COLD WAR HAS BEEN CALLED OFF ONCE AND FOR ALL - WHAT NOW? IN THEIR RELIEF AT AMERICA'S RETURN TO THE OLD CONTINENT, THE EUROPEANS HAVE RATHER OVERLOOKED THIS. BUT IN A NICE WAY, CLINTON HAS SHOWN THEM WHO IS IN CONTROL OF WORLD POLITICS. THE 'PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE' WAS DRAWN UP IN WASHINGTON, AND THE UKRAINIAN NUCLEAR POTENTIAL WAS SENT TO SCRAP HEAP NOT BY KOHL AND MITTERRAND BUT CLINTON AND YELTSIN.... CAN WE BLAME CLINTON FOR THIS? IT COULD BE THAT HE WAS TOO MUCH UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ADVISORS LIKE STROBE TALBOTT...A GREAT ADMIRER OF RUSSIA. BUT WHO ELSE COULD HE HAVE CHOSEN AS

HIS 'EXECUTOR ON THE CONTINENT?' FRANCE? WHETHER UNDER A SOCIALIST OR A CONSERVATIVE FLAG, DE GAULLE STILL RULES THERE. THE FRENCH MADE CLINTON'S LIFE HELL DURING THE GATT NEGOTIATIONS. THEIR DREAM SEEMS TO BE A NEO-NAPOLEONIC 'CONTINENTAL SYSTEM' INTENDED NOT TO REPEL ENGLAND BUT AMERICA.

"GERMANY? FROM WASHINGTON'S POINT OF VIEW, IT IS TOO UNPREDICTABLE TO PLAY THE FIRST FIDDLE. IT IS FOR FREE TRADE AND FOR FRANCE. IT IS FOR EUROPE (KOHL) AND AGAINST EUROPE (STOIBER). IT IS FOR EXPANDING NATO (RUEHE?) AND AGAINST IT (KINKEL?). IT IS IN FAVOR OF OUT-OF-AREA OPERATIONS (CDU) AND AGAINST THEM (SPD AND - DEPENDING ON THE DAY'S POLITICS - FDP). IN SHORT, IT HAS TOO MANY INTERESTS TO SET THE TONE IN THE 'EUROPEAN CONCERT.' PERHAPS IT DOES NOT WANT TO - SOMETHING WHICH IN VIEW OF ITS NERVOUS NEIGHBORS DOES NOT NEED TO BE A SIGN OF FALSE MODESTY. SO TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, THE AMERICAN-RUSSIAN JUNIOR PARTNERSHIP HAS COME ABOUT FOR LACK OF ANYTHING BETTER. BUT AS LONG AS IT IS SUBJECTED TO THE RIGHT RULES, IT WILL BE IN THE EUROPEANS' INTEREST....

"IT WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT TO SORT OUT THE ENTIRE LEGACY OF SOVIET COMMUNISM THAN IT WAS TO CONTAIN IT. BUT WHO SAID FOREIGN POLICY WAS EASY? FOR THE TIME BEING, BILL CLINTON HAS MADE A GOOD START, AND THE EUROPEANS HAVE NO NEED TO RESENT HIS STAR PERFORMANCE. LEFT TO THEMSELVES, THEY WOULD HAVE DONE ABOUT AS WELL AS THEY HAVE IN BOSNIA."

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6. SATURDAY'S SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG ALSO FEATURED A LENGTHY ARTICLE BY KURT KISTER ON CLINTON'S EUROPEAN TOUR IN WHICH THE AUTHOR COMMENTED ON THE PRESIDENT'S TALENT FOR PRESENTING HIMSELF IN PUBLIC. THE PIECE CARRIED THE TITLE:

"GOSPODIN CLINTON IN THE WARMTH OF SUCCESS."

"AT THE END OF THIS WEEK, CLINTON CAN BASK IN THE WARMTH OF TWO SUCCESSES. HE, YELTSIN AND THE UKRAINIAN KRAVCHUK HAVE JUST SIGNED A DOCUMENT OBLIGING UKRAINE TO SCRAP ALL THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS IT INHERITED FROM THE SOVIET UNION.... CLINTON'S SECOND SUCCESS IS THE 'PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE.' THE FOUR VISEGRAD STATES SAID IN PRAGUE THAT THEY WOULD JOIN THE PROGRAM, EVEN THOUGH THEY WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO BECOME FULL MEMBERS RIGHT AWAY.... IN THE PERSON OF CLINTON, THE RUSSIAN PRESIDENT WAS (SO TO SPEAK) PRESENT AT THE TABLE IN BRUSSELS. THE

GOVERNMENTS IN PRAGUE AND WARSAW ARE WELL AWARE OF THIS AND IT IS A REASON WHY MANY PEOPLE IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE BELIEVE THAT THE PARTNERSHIP HAS A TOUCH OF YALTA ABOUT IT....

"DURING SUCH A SUMMIT, THE IMPRESSIONS AND PICTURES WHICH THE PRESIDENT LEAVES BEHIND AND CREATES FOR CONSUMPTION BACK HOME IN AMERICA ARE AT LEAST AS IMPORTANT AS THE CONCRETE RESULTS AND THE TALKS BETWEEN THE BOSSES. THIS IS FORTUNATE FOR BILL CLINTON, BECAUSE HE IS A MASTER OF THE DISCIPLINE 'POLITICAL WALKABOUTS.' SUCH OCCURRENCES ARE...CALLED UNSCHEDULED EVENTS. THEY ARE INTENDED TO GIVE THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESIDENT THE IMPRESSION THAT HE CAN FREELY AND SPONTANEOUSLY DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH SOME OF HIS TIME. THE FACT THAT THE EVENTS ARE NOT ON THE SCHEDULE CERTAINLY DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEY ARE NOT PLANNED. ON THE CONTRARY: CLINTON'S MOTORIZED CAVALCADE WITH ITS HALF A COMPANY OF SECRET SERVICE AGENTS ONLY GOES TO PLACES WHICH HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY VETTED BEFOREHAND....

"CLINTON FINDS FREE TIME UNPLEASANT. HE CANNOT BEAR IT ANY MORE THAN HE (AND THE MAJORITY OF HIS TEAM) CAN BE PUNCTUAL (IN WASHINGTON, HIS CONSTANT UNPUNCTUALITY IS REFERRED TO AS CST, WHICH STANDS FOR CLINTON STANDARD TIME. THIS IS THE SAME IN EVERY TIME ZONE IN THE WORLD: TOO LATE)."

KISTER GOES ON TO DESCRIBE CLINTON'S DECISION TO MIX WITH MUSCOVITE SHOPPERS IN A FISH SHOP AND COMMENTS:

"A MAN SAID: 'YOU LOOK LIKE JOHN F. KENNEDY.' THIS WILL CERTAINLY HAVE PLEASED CLINTON, SINCE HE HAS BEEN UNCLAS SECTION 10 OF 14 BONN GE 01192

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WORKING VERY HARD AT THIS FOR A YEAR.... ALL THIS MAY SOUND TERRIBLY BANAL BUT ITS EFFECT SHOULD NOT BE UNDERESTIMATED. IT IS PRECISELY THESE PICTURES WHICH CNN AND ITS ILK SEND AROUND THE WHOLE WORLD AND FORM CLINTON'S IMAGE. UNLIKE HIS PREDECESSOR BUSH...ONE BELIEVES THAT DESPITE HIS POSITION, THERE IS NOT MUCH DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CLINTON AND A MOSCOVITE SHOPPING FOR BREAD. AND HE HAS A WELL DEVELOPED INSTINCT FOR PRESENTING THIS AND HIMSELF."

7. RUEDIGER MONIAC COMMENTED IN SATURDAY'S RIGHT-OF-CENTER DIE WELT OF BERLIN UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"NUKES IN RETURN FOR AFFLUENCE."

"IN TERMS OF SECURITY POLICY, THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S., RUSSIA AND UKRAINE...CANNOT BE OVERESTIMATED.... A GLOBAL

TROUBLESPOT OF THE HIGHEST ORDER IS BEING NEUTRALIZED AND AT THE SAME TIME, THE EUROPEAN FRONT YARD, WHICH IS TO BE GRADUALLY FILLED WITH POLITICAL STABILITY AND SOCIAL SECURITY FROM WESTERN EUROPE, WILL BE MADE MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THIS 'PEACEFUL INVASION.' THE EUROPEANS SHOULD BE THANKFUL TO CLINTON FOR WHAT HE HAS ACHIEVED. AS EVER SINCE THE DAWN OF THE NUCLEAR AGE, THE PARTICULAR INTEREST OF THE U.S. IN HAVING AS FEW PLAYERS AS POSSIBLE ON THE NUCLEAR CHESSBOARD HAS PROVED DECISIVE FOR SUCCESS....

"THE MOSCOW AGREEMENT ALSO GRANTS GREATER INSIGHT INTO THE DOMESTIC SITUATION IN UKRAINE. PRESIDENT KRAVCHUK AND HIS GOVERNMENT WERE ENTICED TO PURSUE THIS SENSIBLE COURSE BY AMERICAN PROMISES OF MASSIVE ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AID. THEY ARE GIVING UP NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND GETTING IN RETURN THE PROSPECT OF A MODEST AMOUNT OF DOMESTIC AFFLUENCE. THIS COULD SECURE KRAVCHUK'S POLITICAL FUTURE. ON THE OTHER HAND, YELTSIN - WHO PLAYED CLINTON'S ADVOCATE - HAS FOR THE FIRST TIME RISEN TO THE STATUS OF AMERICA'S STRATEGIC PARTNER."

8. UWE KNUEPFER COMMENTED IN SATURDAY'S CENTRIST GENERAL-ANZEIGER OF BONN UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"CLINTON'S WORTHWHILE TRIP."

"EVEN IF CLINTON'S ONE-WEEK EUROPEAN TOUR HAD NOT HAD ANY OTHER PURPOSE - IT WAS CERTAINLY WORTHWHILE FOR THE PRESIDENT. HE WAS ABLE TO PROVE TO HIS AUDIENCE AT HOME ONCE AGAIN THAT IT NEED NOT BE ASHAMED OF HIM. AND HE SHOWED THE EUROPEANS THAT HE IS MORE THAN JUST A JOGGING SAXOPHONE PLAYER WITH A CLEVER WIFE. ONE OF THE MAIN PURPOSES OF THIS TRIP WAS TO GIVE THE EUROPEAN PUBLIC A UNCLAS SECTION 11 OF 14 BONN GE 01192

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BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF CLINTON AND HIS VIEW OF THE WORLD. THE AIM WAS TO SHOW THE EUROPEANS THAT IN A CHANGED WORLD, AMERICA'S ROLE IN EUROPE HAS CHANGED AS WELL. HE IS NOT MERELY TOLERATING GREATER EUROPEAN SELF-CONFIDENCE - HE IS DEMANDING IT. AND EUROPE MUST REALIZE THAT THIS MEANS ASSUMING MORE RESPONSIBILITY....

"BUT NATO IS NOT WHAT IT WAS. ITS RAISON D'ETRE - DETERRING THE SOVIET UNION FROM ATTACKING WESTERN EUROPE - HAS GONE. BUT EVEN THOUGH 100,000 U.S. SOLDIERS ARE TO REMAIN IN EUROPE, ANYONE WHO BELIEVES THAT THE U.S. WOULD BE PREPARED TO SHED AMERICAN BLOOD FOR SLOVAKS, SOMALIS OR GERMANS NOW THAT THERE IS NO DANGER OF A WAR OVER WORLD DOMINATION IS FOOLING HIMSELF. THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH CLINTON'S STRENGTH OR WEAKNESS OF LEADERSHIP. NO

U.S. PRESIDENT CAN WAGE WAR WITHOUT CONVINCING HIS VOTERS THAT IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY - I.E. IN AMERICA'S VITAL INTEREST. THE U.S. IS A MODEL FOR EUROPE IN MANY WAYS. IT REMAINS A PARTNER AND ALLY. IT IS, HOWEVER, ALSO A RIVAL. A COUPLE OF SWIRLS OF THE PEN IN MOSCOW ENDED THE ERA OF OBSESSION WITH MISSILES. NOW THE FIGHT FOR MARKETS IS ON."

9. SATURDAY'S LEFT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU CARRIED THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"ADVERTISING DEMOCRACY."

"IT WAS THE RIGHT TIME FOR THE U.S. PRESIDENT TO VISIT MOSCOW. FOLLOWING THE SHOCK AT ZHIRINOVSKY'S ELECTION VICTORY, IT WAS IMPORTANT TO DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT FOR RUSSIA'S POLICY OF REFORM.... IT WAS THUS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT THAT CLINTON ALSO CONCERNED HIMSELF WITH BREAD. IN THE FEW DAYS OF HIS STAY, HE SOUGHT TO TALK TO YOUNG AND OLD RUSSIANS MORE OFTEN THAN THE RUSSIAN PRESIDENT DOES IN AN ENTIRE YEAR. HE DEMONSTRATED HOW ONE CAN APPROACH PEOPLE WITH CHARM AND OPENNESS AND CANVAS SUPPORT FOR REFORMS AND DEMOCRACY. THIS SUMMIT WILL DO LITTLE TO SOLVE RUSSIA'S PROBLEMS, BUT CLINTON HAS DEMONSTRATED (TO YELTSIN AND THE REFORMERS TOO) THAT DEMOCRACY WITHOUT CLOSE LINKS WITH THE PEOPLE IS A HOLLOW AFFAIR."

C. U.S.-EUROPE: CLINTON VISIT

1. JOACHIM BOELKE NOTES IN MONDAY'S RIGHT-OF-CENTER DIE WELT OF BERLIN UNDER THE HEADLINE;

"EUROPE'S INTERESTS."

"THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT A NEW ORDER WANTS TO ESTABLISH ITSELF EVEN THOUGH WITH THE WELL KNOWN

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CHARACTERISTICS. THE IMPETUS FOR THIS IS NOT EMANATING FROM THE EUROPEANS BUT FROM THE U.S. ITS STRIVING FOR A RESTORATION OF THE BIPOLAR WORLD ON A CHANGED LEVEL IS STILL SOMEWHAT INDISTINCT. THE U.S., WHICH IS THE ONLY POWER OF ORDER THAT IS LEFT, IS IN REALITY REDUCING ITS OWN CONTRIBUTIONS THUS CORRESPONDING TO THE DIMINISHED POWER OF RUSSIA. BUT, ON THE OTHER HAND, THE U.S. TREATS...RUSSIA WITH RESPECT AND WANTS TO INTRODUCE RUSSIA AGAIN AS A CO-DETERMINING POWER IN THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS....

"PRESIDENT CLINTON'S TRIP TO EUROPE AND RUSSIA IS A CLEAR EXAMPLE OF THIS. IN BRUSSELS, HE PRESENTED A PROGRAM THAT OFFERED...MILITARY AND POLITICAL COOPERATION, BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, HE MADE CLEAR THAT HE

DID NOT WISH AN ACCESSION OF THE EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AS IF THESE NATIONS WERE STILL PART OF A RUSSIAN SPHERE OF INTERESTS THAT WAS AGREED UPON IN YALTA AND POTSDAM.

"IN MOSCOW, HE OFFERED RUSSIA THE SAME PARTNERSHIP WITH NATO...AND FINALLY HE STRESSED THE JOINT RUSSIAN-U.S. RESPONSIBILITY FOR A NEW EUROPEAN SECURITY STRUCTURE WHICH CLOSELY CORRESPONDS TO THE RUSSIAN VIEWS.... WE COULD SAY THAT THESE ARE THE POLITICAL OPENING MOVES WHICH SHOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR RUSSIA TO PLAY AGAIN A PART IN THE POLITICAL GAME...BUT THESE STEPS WERE VERY GREAT, AND THEY WERE BASED ON THE ILLUSORY VIEW THAT GOOD WILL FROM THE U.S. WOULD PUT RUSSIA'S DOMESTIC POLICY ON THE RIGHT TRACK. BUT IN ANY CASE, SUCH A U.S.-RUSSIAN DIALOGUE WOULD BE THE RIGHT TIME TO INTRODUCE EUROPEAN VIEWS ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE.

"BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, THIS CANNOT BE EXPECTED. THE PROGRAM CLINTON OFFERED WAS THE MAXIMUM THE EUROPEANS WERE WILLING TO ACCEPT.... TO PUT IT DIFFERENTLY, EUROPE IS NOT WILLING TO RUN RISKS. THIS IS WHY EUROPE IS HARDLY ABLE TO CORRECT, LET ALONE CRITICIZE U.S. VIEWS."

BOELKE THEN REFERS TO HENRY KISSINGER WHO SAID IN 1973 THAT THE EUROPEANS WERE ALSO UNABLE TO AGREE AT THAT TIME ON THE FUTURE SHAPE OF EUROPE AND CONCLUDES: "THE SAME SITUATION COULD REPEAT ITSELF IN 1994. HISTORY NEVER COMPLETELY REPEATS ITSELF, BUT SOME PERIODS FATALLY RESEMBLE EACH OTHER."

2. MONDAY'S MASS-CIRCULATION RIGHT-OF-CENTER BILD ZEITUNG CARRIED AN EDITORIAL BY PETER BOENISCH UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"A JOGGER GAINS STATURE."

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"THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT DID NOT ONLY SHAKE HANDS OR PLAY SAXOPHONE. HE WON SYMPATHIES AND STRENGTHENED TRUST FROM PRAGUE TO MOSCOW AND MINSK. THIS IS QUITE A BIT. WHAT COUNTS EVEN MORE IS THAT NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT WAS MOVED FORWARD.

"JOGGER BILL HAS GAINED STATURE, SOMETHING THAT THE U.S. CAN VERY WELL USE AT THIS TIME. THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC ARE NOT PARTICULARLY IN TOP FORM. AND IN MOSCOW, TOO, U.S. REPORTERS WERE MAINLY INTERESTED IN CLINTON'S FORMER REAL ESTATE DEALS IN LITTLE ROCK. THE QUESTION IS WHO IS 'LITTLE ROCK'-MINDED HERE. AS IF THOSE THINGS THAT ARE WAY IN THE PAST COULD NOT HAVE WAITED UNTIL HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON. AND THE (AMERICAN) PEOPLE - WORSE

THAN THE REPORTERS - LET CLINTON BE CLINTON AND BOMBS BE BOMBS AND INSTEAD HUNGERED FOR EVERY DETAIL ABOUT THE TRIAL ON THE SEVERED PENIS. THAT HURTS..."

3. SUNDAY'S RIGHT-OF-CENTER WEEKLY WELT AM SONNTAG OF HAMBURG CARRIED A REPORT BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT FRITZ WIRTH UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"BOBBITT TRIAL MORE INTERESTING THAN CLINTON TRIP."

"CLINTON IS A LONELY AND RARE WANDERER BETWEEN TWO WORLDS. IN THE LAST ELECTION CAMPAIGN, HE HAD MADE FOREIGN POLICY A DIRTY WORD. THE MOST RECENT EUROPEAN TOUR TO BRUSSELS, PRAGUE, KIEV, MOSCOW, MINSK AND GENEVA WAS HIS SECOND TRIP ABROAD DURING HIS PRESIDENCY. GEORGE BUSH VISITED FIVE TIMES AS MANY COUNTRIES AS CLINTON IN HIS FIRST YEAR.

"AND BECAUSE HIS MISSIONS ARE SO RARE, THEY TAKE ON A SPECIAL MEANING FOR CLINTON. THIS IS THE REASON WHY HE HAS THE TENDENCY TO GLORIFY THEM AS HISTORIC EVENTS IN EVERY SECOND SENTENCE OF HIS NUMEROUS SPEECHES. HE CONSTANTLY SIGNS DOCUMENTS, EMBRACES EVERY HOST LIKE A BROTHER, VISITS CHURCHES, FAIRS AND BUTCHER'S SHOPS AND MORE THAN ANY OTHER GLOBAL POLITICIAN SEEKS CONTACT WITH THE MAN IN THE STREET. NO AMERICAN PRESIDENT HAS EVER TRAVELED WITH A LARGER ENTOURAGE THAN CLINTON ON THIS TRIP. HIS 'AIR FORCE ONE' WAS TOO SMALL. HE HAD TO CHARTER AN ADDITIONAL PLANE.

"THERE IS NO DOUBT: HIS EFFORTS WERE WORTHWHILE. THE POLITICAL SUCCESSES MAY HAVE BEEN LIMITED. APART FROM THE DISARMAMENT AGREEMENT WITH UKRAINE, THEY WERE PRIMARILY OF RHETORICAL, SYMBOLIC VALUE. NEVERTHELESS, BILL CLINTON HAS GAINED PRESTIGE IN EUROPE. THE YOUNG, ETERNALLY SMILING, RELAXED AND ELOQUENT POLITICIAN MADE A GOOD IMPRESSION.

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"BUT NEVERTHELESS, IT WAS A PAINFUL TRIP, THE REASON FOR THIS BEING THAT IT DID NOT GET MUCH OF A RESPONSE AT HOME. HE HAD TROUBLE MAKING THE HEADLINES WITH HIS VISIT AND HIS SPEECHES. IN KIEV, CNN STILL RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO BROADCAST CLINTON'S NEWS CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT KRAVCHUK. CNN HASTENED TO ASSURE THE VIEWERS THAT HAD BEEN WATCHING THE BOBBITT TRIAL: 'DON'T WORRY. WE'LL BE TAPING EVERYTHING. YOU WON'T MISS A MINUTE OF THE TRIAL.'

"ON FRIDAY, HOWEVER, SUCH CONCESSIONS COULD NOT LONGER BE HAD. AMERICA DID NOT WANT TO MISS A SINGLE WORD OR GESTURE FROM THE TRIAL ABOUT THE SEXUAL

ABERRATION OF A CONFUSED COUPLE. CLINTON'S TOUR HAD
BECOME A FOOTNOTE IN THE CATALOG OF AMERICAN INTERESTS.
NEVERTHELESS, BILL CLINTON DEVELOPED A TASTE FOR
TRAVELLING. 'I AM SATISFIED AND THRILLED,' WAS HIS FIRST
COMMENT ON THE TRIP YESTERDAY. FOUR NEW SPECTACULAR
VISITS ABROAD ARE PLANNED IN THE NEXT 10 MONTHS. BECAUSE
THE OVERBURDENED CHEF FACING THE HEAT IN THE DOMESTIC
KITCHEN FOUND OUT IN THE PAST EIGHT DAYS BETWEEN
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1. NSC STAFFERS JANE HOLL AND CHARLES KUPCHAN, JOINED BY USNATO POL OFFICER PATRICK MOON, MET WITH KEY OFFICIALS, DEALING WITH U.S. AFFAIRS, PFP ISSUES AND BOSNIA DURING THEIR VISIT TO THE SWEDISH MFA ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON. SEE REFTTEL (A) FOR THE SUBJECTS COVERED AND THE TONE OF THE DISCUSSIONS.
2. FOLLOWING THE MFA BRIEFING, THE PARTY PROCEEDED TO THE EMBASSY WHERE THEY BRIEFED AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS FROM A GROUP OF SOME 35 GUESTS REPRESENTING

A WIDE SPECTRUM OF SWEDISH MEDIA AND THINK TANKS. THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE QUESTIONS CENTERED ON THE PFP AND THE PARTICIPATION OF THE EASTERN EUROPEAN, BALTICS AND CIS COUNTRIES. THE GROUP VERY EFFECTIVELY BRIEFED THE MISSION'S GUESTS AND PROVIDED A THOROUGH BACKGROUND FOR THE INTERESTED JOURNALISTS. THE FORMAL BRIEFING WAS FOLLOWED BY AN INFORMAL RECEPTION AT THE EMBASSY WHERE GUESTS HAD FURTHER OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH THE BRIEFERS.

3 . ADDITIONALLY, AND AS AGREED TO BY THE WHITE HOUSE, NSC STAFFER KUPCHAN GAVE A BRIEF, LIVE INTERVIEW TO SWEDISH RADIO FOR THEIR AFTERNOON PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM "STUDIO 1." THE PROGRAM HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY PLANNED TO COVER THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP AND PFP, AND MR. KUPCHAN'S ANSWER TO THE QUESTION ABOUT THE ROLE THE U.S. SEES FOR SWEDEN IF IT SHOULD JOIN THE PFP PROVED TO BE MOST TIMELY.

4. THE POST CONGRATULATES THE AGENCY FOR THIS VERY TIMELY AND HIGHLY EFFECTIVE PROGRAM. THE NSC BRIEFING TEAM ARRIVED IN SWEDEN AT JUST THE RIGHT MOMENT, I.E., WHEN THE QUESTION OF MEMBERSHIP IN PFP WAS UNDER DISCUSSION WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT, AND THEIR PRESENCE AND ABILITY TO ANSWER THE MANY QUESTIONS RAISED WAS IMPORTANT TO OUR PUBLIC DIPLOMACY EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF PFP AND THE PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVES IN EUROPE. THE ENTIRE MISSION AND ITS AUDIENCES WERE VERY IMPRESSED BY THE THOROUGHNESS AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE GROUP'S BRIEFINGS. THIS VISIT AND THE TALBOTT WORLDNET HAVE BEGUN THE NEW YEAR IN A VERY AUSPICIOUS MANNER, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SIMILAR INITIATIVES IN THE NEAR FUTURE. BESOM

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((Text)) Prague, Jan 18 (CTK) -- During its visit to Iran last November, the delegation from the Plzen, west Bohemia-based Skoda heavy engineering company negotiated with the Iranian Defense Ministry and Army representatives on possibly supplying Iran with weapons and military systems, writes the latest issue of the Czech political weekly RESPEKT.

The delegation was headed by Skoda Director General Lubomir Soudek.

The daily says it has managed to acquire the minutes of the talks, worked out by Skoda representatives for Iranian partners. It quotes the documents as saying that Iran showed interest in Czech supplies of ground-to-air missiles, modernized T-72 tanks and the Tamara detection system which can track even aircraft equipped with special anti-radar devices.

Although denying similar speculations, Skoda representatives also led the negotiations also on behalf of shareholders of the RDP Group -- an association of arms producers -- and urged RDP Group director Jan Vlcek to send necessary information documents to Iran and invite Iranian experts to a presentation on the T-72, RESPEKT reports. It quotes Vlcek as insisting that he knows nothing about this.

The weekly also quotes Czech Industry and Trade Minister Vladimir Dlouhy as saying that he usually "received only general information on the goals of Mr. Soudek's foreign trips. I was not informed in advance of any specific intentions to be pursued in Iran. I learnt about the discussion agenda only after the trip was over," says Dlouhy, whose ministry RESPEKT says is the one authorized, after consulting with the Foreign Ministry, grant licenses for arms export.

In this connection, the weekly points to talks on the possible export of a nuclear reactor to Iran, as presented in Skoda's official communique. Although Skoda had stressed that its offers concerned only "peace time technology," the project raised mostly negative public opinion abroad.

RESPECT quotes Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhaq Rabin as insisting that the Czech Republic not participate in supplying Iran with parts even for nuclear energy projects generally viewed as serving peaceful purposes.

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CLINTON IS BUYING TIME AND, ABOVE ALL, FORMING AN ALIBI
FOR FURTHER US PASSIVITY IN ELIMINATING URGENT PROBLEMS
SUCH AS THE WAR IN BOSNIA. ... IT IS CYNICAL TO ONLY
THREATEN WITH BOMBING. CLINTON'S OR TALBOTT'S THEORY IS
THE FOLLOWING: BOSNIA IS A BAD THING BUT IT WOULD BE
MUCH WORSE IF BOSNIA ERUPTED IN RUSSIA. THEREFORE ALL
FORCES MUST BE EMPLOYED FOR PREVENTION OF THE
(HYPOTHETICAL) BIGGER EVIL, AND NOT FOR THE ELIMINATION
OF THE EXISTING LESSER EVIL... PERHAPS, CLINTON IS
RIGHT IN (PLAYING) HIS RUSSIAN ROULETTE. ... HE MIGHT
EVEN JOIN THE BIG STATESMEN. BUT IN CONNECTION WITH
HIM, BOSNIA WILL ALWAYS BE MENTIONED - AND NOT IN A
GLORIOUS SENSE."

LEFT OF CENTER INDEPENDENT DAILY "REPUBLIKA" OF JAN.
18, 1994 FEATURES A PAGE 3 COMMENTARY TITLED "MAPS" BY
JELKO KACIN. (NOTE: JELKO KACIN IS THE FORMER MINISTER
OF INFORMATION)

THE COMMENTATOR IRONICALLY DISCUSSES THE GEOGRAPHICAL
BORDER BETWEEN THE BALKANS AND CENTRAL EUROPE AND THE
LOCATION OF SLOVENIA STRESSING THAT ALTHOUGH SLOVENIA
MIGHT NOT BE A BALKAN STATE GEOGRAPHICALLY, ITS
DOMESTIC AFFAIRS AND DISPUTES INDICATE THAT IT IS STILL
FAR FROM EUROPE.

DURING THE MOST RECENT FOREIGN VISIT, AMBASSADOR
(ALBRIGHT) PRAISED OUR MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHO,
AS A QUALIFIED GEOGRAPHER, EVIDENTLY EXPLAINED TO HER
THE DIMENSIONS AND DEPTHS OF OUR PERCEPTION OF HER TRIP
AND, ABOVE ALL, THE NATURE OF HER VISIT. ... I THINK
THAT MANY SLOVENIANS, WE BE ASTONISHED AND SHOCKED
THEY REALIZED THAT WE ARE STILL LISTED - BY MISTAKE OR
ON PURPOSE - TO WHERE WE ONCE WERE: TO THE BIGGEST

(DEAD) STATE OF THE BALKANS. HER VISIT IS ADDITIONAL
EVIDENCE THAT, IN THE WORLD..., WE ARE NOT ENOUGH
PRESENT, NOT ENOUGH AGGRESSIVE, NOT ENOUGH
UNDERSTANDABLE, AND NOT ENOUGH DETERMINED IN OUR
ENDEAVOR TO REALIZE OUR WISHES AND TENDENCIES ..."

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LJUBLJANA TITLED "THE BALKAN CONNECTIONS" BY VESO
STOJANOV.

"TEN DAYS AGO, WHEN NEWS CAME FROM WASHINGTON THAT
PRESIDENT CLINTON'S SPECIAL ENVOY ... WILL VISIT "FOUR
BALKAN DEMOCRACIES" - ROMANIA, BULGARIA, ALBANIA, AND
SLOVENIA - DISAPPOINTMENT COULD HAVE BEEN NOTED IN

SLOVENIAN POLITICAL CIRCLES. WHY DO AMERICANS STILL PUT US TO THE BALKANS, OR PUSH US THERE, RESPECTIVELY? AND THIS (HAPPENED) AT A TIME WHEN WE HAVE MANAGED ... (TO HAVE EUROPE) TREAT US DIFFERENTLY FROM THE OTHER PARTS OF OUR FORMER MUTUAL STATE. NEVERTHELESS, THE VISIT BY AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT, WHO CAME TO LJUBLJANA IN A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT ROLE (AS PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ENVOY) THAN LAST WEEK IN ZAGREB (A UN ENVOY), INDICATES THAT WASHINGTON HAS BEGUN TO OBSERVE THIS PART OF EUROPE WITH DIFFERENT EYES. FROM THE SLOVENIAN POINT OF VIEW, ONLY THE FACT THAT (THE USA) ASSESSED WRONGLY OUR GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION AND OUR CULTURAL ROLE IN THE OLD CONTINENT, IS DISTURBING. IT IS TRUE THAT AMERICANS DO NOT HAVE A REPUTATION OF (BEING) EXPERTS IN GEOGRAPHY, BUT HOW COULD THEY DIFFERENTLY VIEW A STATE IN WHICH SUBJECTS WHICH SHOULD BE A STATE SECRET, ARE EXTENSIVELY DISCUSSED IN PUBLIC (ARMS TRAFFICKING), AND WHERE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL INTERFERES WITH POLITICS, AND THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE (INTERFERES) WITH JURISPRUDENCE. ALTHOUGH WE KNOW WELL THAT WE DO NOT BELONG TO THE BALKANS, THE EVENTS IN THE FIELD OF INTERNAL POLICY - WHETHER WE WANT IT OR NOT - PUT US BACK THERE. AMERICANS MAY NOT BE PROFICIENT IN GEOGRAPHY (BUT) THEY CERTAINLY ARE IN POLITICS." THE FRONT PAGE OF "DELO" FEATURES A CARTOON PRESENTING MILAN KUCAN AND AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT SITTING ON A BENCH WITH MRS. ALBRIGHT SAYING: "MILAN, DO NOT BE SO SAD! SLOVENIA, ALBANIA, BULGARIA, AND ROMANIA WILL SOON BE JOINED BY CROATIA AND MACEDOINIA..." RIGHT OF CENTER DAILY "SLOVENEK" OF JAN. 17, 1994 FEATURES A PAGE 5 COMMENTARY TITLED "A CONCERT IN THE BAY" BY MATJAZ JARC.

THE AUTHOR COMMENTS THAT BECAUSE OF THE RESOUNDING CLINTON EUROPEAN TRIP, MANY EXPRESSIONS OF DISSAPPOINTMENT WITH THE RESULTS OF THE NATO SUMMIT HAVE BEEN HARDY HEARD. "SLOVENIANPOLITICS RESTRAINED ITS TEARS WITH DIGNITY. THE SADNESS OF SOME SLOVENIANS BECAUSE THEIR PRESIDENT WAS NOT ... IN PRAGUE WILL SOON BE OVER. IN LJUBLJANA, THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL ENVOY ASSURED (THE SLOVENIANS) THAT, IN THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE, EACH STATE WILL PROCEED AT ITS OWN PACE. IF SLOVENIANS CONTINUE TO BE SO WISE, THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT CLINTON WILL ONCE VISIT LJUBLJANA AND PLAY IN ONE OF THE SLOVENIAN JAZZ CLUBS ... FOR THE GENERALS ACCOMPANYING CLINTON, PARTICULARLY INTERESTING MIGHT BE A CONCERT ON SLOVENIAN COAST WHICH CROATS SO GENEROUSLY OFFER TO THE AMERICAN NAVY IN THEIR "CROATIAN ARMY DEVELOPMENT PLAN". (NOTE: THE ARTICLE IS COMMENTING ON THE DISPUTE BETWEEN CROATIA AND SLOVENIA OVER THE RIGHTS TO THE GULF OF PIRAN.) ... THE ONLY QUESTION WHICH REMAINS UNRESOLVED IS ... WHETHER THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL WILL HELP LIFT THE ARMS EMBARGO FOR SLOVENIA ... THE TIME IS SUCH THAT UNARMED STATES CANNOT PA

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BILL CLINTON'S EUROPEAN TRIP SHOULD PROVE TO HIS VOTERS THAT THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT WHO, IN THE PAST, DEVOTED HIMSELF TO DOMESTIC POLICY PROBLEMS, IS ABLE TO JUMP INTO THE NO LESS STIRRED UP WATERS OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY. THIS FIRST LONG DIPLOMATIC TRIP WAS EVIDENTLY SUCCESSFUL, FOR CLINTON MANAGED TO SET IN MOTION THE WHEELS OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE PLAN ... FROM MOSCOW, WHERE HE DID NOT ... ARRIVE WITH EMPTY HANDS, ALTHOUGH HE BROUGHT MORE PROMISES THAN MONEY, ... HE WENT TO SWITZERLAND ... TO MEET WITH HAFEZ AL-ASSAD. FAVORABLE REACTIONS TO HIS FIRST EUROPEAN TRIP COME AT THE RIGHT MOMENT FOR CLINTON. AT HOME, A NEW AFFAIR AWAITS HIM ... THE WHITEWATER AFFAIR ... THE YOUNG DEMOCRAT WILL NOT BE THE ONLY AMERICAN PRESIDENT TO DECIDE, BECAUSE OF A DOMESTIC AFFAIR, FOR THE INTERNATIONAL THERAPY - WHEN THE WATERGATE (AFFAIR) ERUPTED, RICHARD NIXON PLAYED THE SAME CARDS."

LEFT OF CENTER INDEPENDENT DAILY "DNEVNIK" OF JAN. 17, 1994 FEATURES A PAGE 6 COMMENTARY ON PRESIDENT CLINTON'S TRIP TO RUSSIA TITLED "IMPOVERISHED RUSSIA DOES NOT BELIEVE CLINTON" BY MAROJE MIHOVILOVIC.

CONCERNING DISARMAMENT, CLINTON'S TRIP TO MOSCOW AND MINSK WAS SUCCESSFUL. THE SECOND, PROPAGANDA-POLITICAL VIEW WILL BE REVEALED LATER. IN MOSCOW, CLINTON SHOWED HIMSELF AS A VERY GIFTED DISCUSSANT WHO REACHED HIS BEST MOMENTS WHEN HE MET WITH COMMON RUSSIAN PEOPLE AND TALKED TO THEM. ... THE MOST IMPORTANT MOMENT WAS WHEN HE MET WITH YOUNG RUSSIANS IN A TV STUDIO, ... SIMILAR TO PRE-ELECTION MEETINGS WITH COMMON AMERICANS. AT THAT TIME, CLINTON HAD GAINED THE SYMPATHIES OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC. HE TRIED TO DO THE SAME THING IN MOSCOW, BUT THIS WAS NOT THE MEETING WITH "COMMON RUSSIANS" BECAUSE IN THE STUDIO, THE PEOPLE "FROM HIGH MOSCOW SOCIETY" WERE PRESENT, WHO COULD SPEAK ENGLISH AND WERE INTERESTED IN THE SAME SUBJECTS AS CLINTON ... THE PUBLIC OPINION POLLS TAKEN BY AMERICAN TV STATIONS AMONG RUSSIANS SHOWED THAT MOST PEOPLE FOUND HIS SHOW BENEFICIAL, BUT THERE WERE ALSO REPROACHES THAT HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE ESSENCE OF RUSSIAN PROBLEMS. ... THE FUTURE WILL SHOW IF CLINTON DISCOVERED THE GIST

IT IS EVIDENT THAT HE TRIED TO AVOID MEETING WITH ANY OTHER RUSSIA APPEARING ON THE POLITICAL FIELD. CLINTON IGNORED ZHIRINOVSKY ... NO ONE EXPECTED CLINTON TO DEDICATE ANY ATTENTION TO HIM, BUT THE APPEARANCE OF ZHIRINOVSKY INDICATES THAT CLINTON'S RUSSIAN POLICY IS INCOMPLETE, THAT IT IS BASED ON A BASIS AS NARROW AS BUSH'S POLICY TOWARDS GORBACHEV. NEVERTHELESS, THIS NARROW BASIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT CLINTON'S POLICY WILL

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1. THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE, PREPARED ON 1/18/94, WAS USED BY SPOKESMAN MICHAEL MCCURRY AT THAT DAY'S PRESS BRIEFING.

2. JAPAN -- CONSTRUCTION REFORMS

Q: DOES THE U.S. HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S ACTION PLAN TO REFORM CONSTRUCTION PROCUREMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY IN TOKYO? DOES THIS MEAN THE U.S. WILL TERMINATE ITS TITLE VII CASE AGAINST JAPAN AND DROP THE THREAT OF SANCTIONS?

A: WE ARE STUDYING THE JAPANESE ACTION PLAN INTENSIVELY TO SEE IF IT MEETS OUR CONCERNS ABOUT FOREIGN MARKET ACCESS TO JAPAN'S PUBLIC SECTOR CONSTRUCTION MARKET.

IN OCTOBER, WE DEFERRED A DECISION ON TITLE VII SANCTIONS UNTIL JANUARY 20. I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL HAVE A DECISION BY THAT DATE.

3. THE FIRST ANSWER FROM THE ATTACHED GUIDANCE, PREPARED ON 1/18/94, WAS USED AT THAT DAY'S PRESS BRIEFING BY SPOKESMAN MICHAEL MCCURRY. POSTS MAY DRAW FROM THE REMAINDER ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

4. NORTH KOREA -- STATUS OF TALKS WITH IAEA

Q: WHAT'S THE STATUS OF TALKS BETWEEN NORTH KOREA AND THE IAEA?

A: DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN NORTH KOREA AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (IAEA) CONTINUE.

WE URGE NORTH KOREA TO ALLOW PROMPTLY THE INSPECTIONS THE IAEA DEEMS NECESSARY TO ENSURE CONTINUITY OF SAFEGUARDS AT NORTH KOREA'S DECLARED NUCLEAR SITES.

I WOULD REFER YOU TO THE IAEA FOR FURTHER COMMENT ON THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH NORTH KOREA.

Q: HAS NORTH KOREA COMMITTED ITSELF TO STAND STILL ON ANY NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT WHILE THESE TALKS ARE GOING ON?

A: NORTH KOREA HAS PLEDGED THAT, WHILE ENGAGED IN TALKS WITH THE U.S., IT WILL REFRAIN FROM ADDITIONAL NUCLEAR REPROCESSING, AND ACCEPT INSPECTIONS NECESSARY FOR CONTINUITY OF SAFEGUARDS.

ALSO, THE NORTH-SOUTH JOINT DECLARATION ON THE DENUCLEARIZATION OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA, WHICH THE NORTH SIGNED IN JANUARY 1992, PROHIBITS THE POSSESSION OF NUCLEAR REPROCESSING AND URANIUM ENRICHMENT FACILITIES.

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6. CHINA/FRANCE -- JANUARY 24-25 TALKS

Q: WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH AT THE JAN. 24/25 PARIS MEETING?

A: SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER WILL MEET WITH CHINESE VICE PREMIER AND FOREIGN MINISTER QIAN 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 INCLUDE HUMAN RIGHTS, NON-PROLIFERATION, 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.

7. CHINA -- HUMAN RIGHTS

Q: WHAT ARE THE CHINESE DOING TO MEET OUR HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS? ANY REACTION TO BUSH'S COMMENTS? GEPHARDT'S COMMENTS?

A: THERE HAVE BEEN SOME POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS. THESE INCLUDE:

AN ACTIVE BILATERAL DIALOGUE ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES;

THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER'S ANNOUNCEMENT IN NOVEMBER THAT CHINA WOULD GIVE POSITIVE CONSIDERATION TO A REQUEST BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS TO VISIT CHINA;

AND, MOST RECENTLY, THE RELEASE OF TWO TIBETANS.

AS WE HAVE NOTED PREVIOUSLY, HOWEVER, MUCH MORE REMAINS TO BE DONE.

WE NOTE THE REPORTED REMARK BY CHINESE PRESIDENT JIANG ZEMIN TO HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER GEPHARDT THAT CHINA WAS GOING TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO MEET OUR CONCERNS ON HUMAN RIGHTS. WE WOULD CLEARLY WELCOME ANY INDICATION THAT CHINA WAS PREPARED TO TAKE POSITIVE STEPS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREAS. BUT WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN A REPORT FROM OUR EMBASSY ON PRESIDENT JIANG'S MEETING WITH MR. GEPHARDT.

WE HAVE ALSO SEEN PRESS REPORTS THAT FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH, NOW IN BEIJING, UNDERScored THE NEED FOR HUMAN

RIGHTS PROGRESS IN ORDER FOR THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION TO RENEW CHINA'S MOST FAVORED NATION STATUS. WE BELIEVE SUCH COMMENTS ARE HELPFUL IN CONVINCING THE CHINESE OF THE NEED FOR FURTHER ACTION IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREAS.

8. CHINA -- BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT

Q: WITH THE TRADE SETTLEMENT ON TEXTILES, WHAT IS LEFT ON THE TRADE AGENDA WITH CHINA?

A: THE TEXTILES AGREEMENT WAS AN IMPORTANT BREAKTHROUGH. HIGHLY CONTENTIOUS PROBLEMS INVOLVING TRANSSHIPMENT WERE RESOLVED IN REACHING THE NEW ACCORD. UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 04 STATE 015367
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OUR TRADE AGENDA WITH CHINA REMAINS VERY ACTIVE. WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH CHINA ON ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROVISIONS OF OUR MARKET ACCESS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR) AGREEMENTS. IN ADDITION, WE WILL SOON OPEN SERVICES TALKS WITH CHINA. THESE THREE AREAS ARE OUR TOP MARKET-OPENING PRIORITIES.

9. VIETNAM -- U.S. POWS LEFT BEHIND

Q: CAN YOU COMMENT ON THE AMERICAN LEGION'S ASSERTION THAT U.S. POWS WERE LEFT BEHIND IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AFTER OPERATION HOMECOMING IN MARCH 1973?

A: WE HAVE AND WILL CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE ANY REPORT OF AMERICAN SERVICEMEN BEING HELD IN CAPTIVITY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

THIS ISSUE HAS RECEIVED EXTENSIVE REVIEW IN BOTH THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCHES.

FOLLOWING ITS YEAR-LONG INVESTIGATION INTO THE POW/MIA ISSUE, THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON POW/MIA AFFAIRS NOTED IN ITS FINAL REPORT "AMERICAN OFFICIALS DID NOT HAVE CERTAIN KNOWLEDGE THAT ANY SPECIFIC PRISONER OR PRISONERS WERE BEING LEFT BEHIND."

THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ALSO NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO COMPELLING EVIDENCE TO INDICATE THAT LIVE AMERICANS WERE BEING HELD IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, IT COULD NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY.

BOTH EXECUTIVE BRANCH REPRESENTATIVES AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE HAVE FOLLOWED UP EXPEDITIOUSLY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA ON REPORTS AND PHOTOS SUGGESTING THAT AMERICAN SERVICEMEN MIGHT BE ALIVE. NONE OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS, HOWEVER, HAS REVEALED THE EXISTENCE OF A LIVE AMERICAN POW.

10. VIETNAM -- ADMIRAL LARSON VISIT

Q: CAN YOU COMMENT ON ADMIRAL LARSON'S VISIT TO VIETNAM?

A: FOR DETAILS ON ADMIRAL LARSON'S VISIT TO VIETNAM I WILL HAVE TO REFER YOU TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

11. INDONESIA -- SECRETARY BENTSEN'S VISIT

Q: WHAT IS SECRETARY BENTSEN TELLING THE INDONESIANS ON HUMAN RIGHTS? WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM HIS VISIT?

A: HUMAN AND WORKER RIGHTS CONCERNS ARE KEY PRIORITIES FOR THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION. IN MEETINGS WITH SENIOR INDONESIAN OFFICIALS WE REGULARLY INCLUDE IN OUR DIALOGUE THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED IMPROVEMENTS IN INDONESIA'S HUMAN AND WORKER RIGHTS PRACTICES. WE DO SO IN THE CONTEXT OF AN OVERALL FRIENDLY AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP.

DURING HIS VISIT TO INDONESIA SECRETARY BENTSEN HAS HIGHLIGHTED THE ECONOMIC TIES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND INDONESIA. HE HAS CONSULTED WITH INDONESIAN ECONOMIC LEADERS ABOUT THEIR ECONOMIC CONCERNS AND HAS DISCUSSED WITH THEM POSSIBLE THEMES FOR THE ASIA PACIFIC ECONOMIC UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 04 STATE 015367

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HE HAS ALSO URGED GREATER OPENNESS TO FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN INDONESIA'S TRADE AND INVESTMENT REGIME AND HAS MET WITH U.S. BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES TO HEAR THEIR VIEWS ABOUT THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT.

12. PHILIPPINES -- RELEASE OF ASSASSINS OF COL. ROWE

Q: ANY COMMENT ON THE GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO RELEASE THE ASSASSINS OF COL. ROWE?

A: WE HAVE SERIOUS CONCERNS OVER THE POSSIBLE AMNESTY AND RELEASE OF THE KILLERS OF COLONEL ROWE. SINCE HE HAD DIPLOMATIC STATUS, COLONEL ROWE WAS COVERED BY THE 1973 U.N. CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT OF CRIMES AGAINST INTERNATIONALLY PROTECTED PERSONS, TO WHICH BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND THE PHILIPPINES ARE PARTIES.

WE HAVE FREQUENTLY MADE OUR CONCERNS KNOWN TO APPROPRIATE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, MOST RECENTLY TO PRESIDENT RAMOS DURING HIS VISIT TO THE U.S.

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((Interview with Defense Minister Antonin Baudys by Jan Stetka; place and date not given: "Perhaps We Will Welcome NATO Troops to the Czech Republic"))

((Text)) We asked Defense Minister Antonin Baudys some questions in connection with the discussion on the Czech Republic's attitude toward the Visegrad Group countries.

((Stetka)) Following President Clinton's visit to Prague, how do you view the possibilities for military cooperation among the Visegrad countries?

((Baudys)) The Visegrad grouping is -- from our point of view -- obsolete. Bulgaria, Romania, and the Baltic states are applying for membership of NATO; perhaps even Slovenia will join them. These countries are asking justifiably, why Visegrad and not us? Close military cooperation among the Visegrad countries narrows down the issue unacceptably. Partnership for Peace is an individual plan, and, therefore, an absolutely correct one. On the other hand, the Czech Republic is the most active propagator of economic cooperation in Central Europe. In my opinion, associating entry into NATO with military cooperation among the Visegrad countries is nonsense.

((Stetka)) What do you think of Poland's reservations about alleged Czech individualism?

((Baudys)) I understand President Walesa, because his country borders directly on Belarus and the Kaliningrad Oblast, where there is a large concentration of Russian troops. The question is, of course, whether all the members of the Polish cabinet share Walesa's views.

((Stetka)) Do you know anything specific yet about Czech participation in Partnership for Peace?

((Baudys)) Naturally, we have an idea, because we were consulted on the project in advance. We are planning a six-month course for the military experts who will represent us in NATO headquarters. Last year, we planned joint exercises involving Czech units and a French company and now, within the framework of the Partnership, we are also planning exercises with the Dutch. They will be held this year. It is possible that they will be held in our country.

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1. BY TUESDAY, JAN. 18 WHEN MOST NEWSPAPERS APPEARED
AGAIN AFTER THE WEEKEND, THE LEAD STORY HAD MOVED ON TO
THE RESIGNATION OF YEGOR GAIDAR FROM THE YELTSIN
GOVERNMENT. THERE WERE, HOWEVER, A FEW ARTICLES WHICH
TRIED TO PUT THE CLINTON VISIT INTO PERSPECTIVE NOW
THAT IT WAS COMPLETED. AND TELEVISION COVERAGE
SUMMARIZING THE VISIT APPEARED JAN. 15TH AND 16TH ON
"NOVOSTI", "VESTI", "INTERNATIONAL PANORAMA", AND
"ITOGI" INCLUDING "COMMENTARY" BY VLADIMIR
ZHIRINOVSKIY.

2. IN A PAGE 1 ARTICLE ENTITLED "THE EXPRESSION OF
SUPPORT AND GRATITUDE. IN ADDITION TO THIS, THE
YELTSIN-CLINTON MEETING ALSO HAS SOME OTHER RESULTS" IN
THE JAN. 15 EDITION OF "NEZAVISIMAYA GAZETA", DMITIRY
GORNOSTAYEV COMMENTS RATHER SOBERLY ON THE RESULTS OF
THE SUMMIT: "THE JUST CONCLUDED MEETING BETWEEN THE
RUSSIAN AND U.S. PRESIDENTS HAS NOT BROUGHT ANYTHING
NEW IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THESE TWO COUNTRIES. BILL
CLINTON'S EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FOR BORIS YELTSIN AND
HIS COURSE TOWARD ECONOMIC REFORMS HAVE BEEN HEARD FROM

ACROSS THE OCEAN EVER SINCE THE MOMENT WHEN YELTSIN HIMSELF STARTED TALKING ABOUT THEM. THE PRESIDENTS DID NOT REPORT ANYTHING SENSATIONAL AT THEIR FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE, LIKE WHAT THEY AGREED ON IN VANCOUVER OR AT THE TOKYO G-7 MEETING. THE MOSCOW SUMMIT WITH RESPECT TO RUSSIAN-U.S. RELATIONS CAN BE DESCRIBED AS WORKING, REGULAR, AND TRANSIENT RATHER THAN HISTORIC. WERE IT NOT FOR THE ISSUE OF THE RUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN-US AGREEMENT ON THEIR ABOLITION, CLINTON'S VISIT TO MOSCOW WOULD NOT HAVE JUSTIFIED THE USUAL EXPECTATIONS OF A MEETING THE PRESIDENTS OF GREAT POWERS".

3. "...YET THE LATEST MEETING OF THE PRESIDENTS HAS ITS OWN RESULTS WHICH ARE PERHAPS WORTH ELABORATION. THE MOST OUTSTANDING AMONG THEM MAY BE THE ACCORD ON LIFTING MOST OF THE DISCRIMINATORY ECONOMIC RESTRICTIONS ON RUSSIAN GOODS ENTERING THE U.S. MARKET. THIS IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT FOR THE PRESTIGE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION THAN THE RECEPTION OF ECONOMIC AID PACKAGES...RUSSIAN FEDERATION PRESIDENT BORIS YELTSIN AT THE FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE WITH HIS U.S. COUNTERPART BILL CLINTON STRESSED THAT RUSSIA NEEDS FULL-FLEDGED COLLABORATION WITH THE WEST, NOT 'HUMANITARIAN AID". THEREFORE, BY RENOUNCING THE STATUS OF A STATE BEING DRAGGED OUT OF THE MIRE OF ECONOMIC CRISIS, RUSSIA IS PUTTING ITSELF IN THE SAME RANK WITH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES."

4. TRYING TO LOOK BEYOND THE VISIT FROM CLINTON'S PERSPECTIVE IN A JAN. 18 ARTICLE IN "IZVESTIYA" ENTITLED "CLINTON WAS FINE IN RUSSIA. HE IS WORSE AT HOME.", THE AUTHOR CONTEMPLATES CLINTON HAVING TO FACE THE WHITEWATER STORY BACK HOME AFTER HIS SUCCESSES ABROAD.

5. IN A MORE ENTHUSIASTIC ARTICLE ENTITLED "HELP YOURSELF" IN THE JAN. 18 EDITION OF "PRAVDA", THE AUTHOR SAID THAT THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE REALLY ENJOYED CLINTON'S VISIT: "HE SEEMED TO BE A REAL DEMOCRAT AND - WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT - HE DEMONSTRATED RESPECT TOWARDS RUSSIA. AFTER SO MUCH SELF-HUMILIATION AND SWEARING AT OUR GOVERNMENT AND INTELLIGENTSIA, IT IS SO NICE TO HEAR AGAIN THAT WE HAVE A GOOD EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, GREAT MORAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND FINANCIAL POTENTIAL."

6. "...IN HIS SPEECH AT OSTANKINO (WHICH WAS DELIVERED VERY PROFESSIONALLY) CLINTON PROMISED NOTHING THOUGH HE MADE US HOPE THAT WE COULD COUNT ON THE USA. FROM NOT ONLY THE AMERICAN POINT OF VIEW, CLINTON HAS DONE A GOOD JOB."...."RESCUE OF DROWNING PEOPLE IS THEIR OWN BUSINESS, AS THE RUSSIAN SAYING GOES. WHAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT IS NOT TO RELY ON A STRAW. AND FOR THAT WE HAVE TO BE GRATEFUL TO THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT."

7. AND TO ROUND OUT THE PICTURE OF MEDIA REACTION, ON JAN.16 THE TV PROGRAM "ITOGI" FROM ST. PETERSBURG UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 MOSCOW 001310

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FEATURED SEVERAL SEGMENTS: A LEAD STORY ON THE
RESIGNATION OF YEGOR GAIDAR (TAKING UP 3/4 OF THE
PROGRAM), A SUMMARY OF CLINTON'S VISIT WITH VIDEO
FOOTAGE, AND THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS MADE EARLIER IN THE
WEEK (BEFORE CLINTON'S VISIT) BY VLADIMIR ZHRINOVSKY:

"ALL THE EXPERIEMENTS WE WILL SEND YOU BACK, YOU WILL
GET THEM BACK LIKE BOOMERANGS. IS KARL MARX YOURS? SO
TAKE ALL THE BOLSHIEVKS, ALL THE COMMUNISTS. CREATE
CAPATALISM AT YOUR PLACE. DO NOT BOTHER US! WE ARE FED
UP WITH YOUR ADVICE, WITH YOUR CONSULTATIONS! IT IS
YOU WHO NEEDS US! IT WAS RUSSIA THAT SAVED THE WORLD.
FROM BUONAPARTE, FROM FASCISTS, FROM TURKS AND MONGOLS.
YOU MUST PAY US THE REST OF OUR LIVES, PAY FOR YOUR
FREEDOM. WE CAN DO NOTHING AT ALL, JUST REST BY THE
FIRE, AND YOU MUST PAY US ANYWAYS...."

8. "...WE HAVE A STRONG ENOUGH STATE AND THE TIME WILL
COME WHEN AMERICA ASKS US FOR HELP. CLINTON IS AFRAID
THAT IF HE MEETS WITH ME, HE WILL UNDERMINE YELTSIN'S
PRESTIGE. WELL, HE FORGETS THAT YELTSIN IS A FRIEND OF
MINE. ONCE A MONTH WE PLAY CHECKERS WITH HIM (I VISIT
HIM AT ZAVIDOVO) AND ATTEND BANYA AFTERWARDS."

9. "...THE USA? IT IS AN EMPIRE OF EVIL. WHAT THE
HELL ADVANTAGES HAS IT GOT?! THEY BEHAVE LIKE BANDITS
AND RAID EVERYWHERE, AND AFTER THAT THEY WANT TO TEACH
US?! ALL THEIR FOLLOWERS WILL BE PUT TO LEFORTOVO
PRISON SOON! HE WOULD TEACH US? SNOTTY BOY!"

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1. RUSSIAN REFORM
-THE INDEPENDENT ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER SOUTH CHINA
MORNING POST'S (READERSHIP: 238,000) JANUARY 18
EDITORIAL "RUSSIAN REFORM THREAT" SAID: "IN A SENSE, IT
IS A MORAL VICTORY FOR DEMOCRACY THAT RUSSIAN PRESIDENT
BORIS YELTSIN'S ANTI-REFORM OPPONENTS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
ACHIEVE THROUGH THE BALLOT BOX WHAT THEY FAILED TO
ACHIEVE BY COUP. BUT THE SHIFT AWAY FROM MONETARIST
RECTITUDE SIGNALLED BY THE RESIGNATION OF DEPUTY PRIME
MINISTER YEGAR GAIDAR AND OTHER FORMER PRESIDENTIAL
ALLIES, SUGGESTS MR YELTSIN'S NEED TO REACH AN
ACCOMMODATION WITH COMMUNISTS AND NEO-FACISTS IN HIS NEW
PARLIAMENT WILL NOW TEND TO DICTATE HIS ECONOMIC
POLICIES.
"THAT IS A PESSIMIST'S INTERPRETATION, DERIVED NOT LEAST
FROM MR GAIDAR'S OWN ANGRY ACCUSATIONS OF INAPPROPRIATE
SPENDING AND WARNING OF RUNAWAY INFLATION. THE CONTRARY
US VIEW DESERVES A MENTION, ALTHOUGH IT SEEMS LARGELY
AIMED AT DAMAGE LIMITATION FOLLOWING PRESIDENT BILL

CLINTON'S VISIT TO MOSCOW LAST WEEK. THE US ARGUMENT - THAT AS LEADER OF THE PARTY WHICH LOST THE ELECTION, MR GAIDAR WAS DISPENSABLE AND COULD BE REPLACED BY ANOTHER REFORMER - SUGGESTS THERE IS STILL ROOM FOR OPTIMISM. "ACCORDING TO THIS VIEW, MR GAIDAR WAS ALWAYS HATED BY THE OPPOSITION, WHICH LAST YEAR FORCED MR YELTSIN TO REPLACE HIM AS PRIME MINISTER. A LESS CONFRONTATIONAL REFORMIST MIGHT BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO CARRY ON, ESPECIALLY AS PRIVATIZATION MINISTER ANATOLY CHUBAIS IS TIPPED TO REMAIN.

"HOWEVER, THE US ARGUMENT SOUNDS TOO MUCH LIKE WISHFUL THINKING. THE MAN THE AMERICANS TOUT AS A LIKELY SUCCESSOR, GRIGORY YAVLINSKY, DOUBTS HE COULD WORK WITH MR YELTSIN. THAT FITS IN WITH THE RASH OF RESIGNATIONS AND BE-SPEAKS A DEEPER MALAISE. MR YELTSIN'S AUTOCRATIC STYLE AND BY-PASSING OF HIS ADVISERS MAY BE AS MUCH PART OF HIS PROBLEM AS HIS POLICY SHIFTS. BUT IT IS THE AUGURIES FOR ECONOMIC REFORM WHICH COUNT. AND THEY LOOK WORSE THAN THEY HAVE FOR SOME TIME."

2. US-CHINA TRADE RELATIONS

-THE PRO-PRC HONG KONG COMMERCIAL DAILY NEWS' JANUARY 18 EDITORIAL "ECONOMICS AND TRADE ARE SUBORDINATE STRATEGIES, NEGOTIATION TURNS DANGER INTO SAFETY" SAID: "...DESPITE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE US PRESIDENT'S RECENT TRIP TO EUROPE, THE RUSSIAN AND EASTERN EUROPEAN SITUATIONS ARE STILL HIS WORRY AND THE TENSION ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA IS STILL THERE. IN VIEW OF US STRATEGIC INTERESTS, CLINTON DARE NOT RUIN US-CHINA RELATIONS. ECONOMICS AND TRADE SHOULD NOT BE MIXED WITH POLITICS, BUT UNDER STRATEGIC INTERESTS BOTH CAN BE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT COMING INTO CONFLICT. THE RESOLVED TEXTILE DISPUTE IS UNDOUBTEDLY AN EXAMPLE FOR THE SOLUTION TO THE MFN ISSUE THIS YEAR BY THE US AND CHINA. ALTHOUGH THE LATTER PROBLEM INVOLVES MORE THAN THE FORMER ONE, THE WAY TO SOLVE IT IS JUST THE SAME."

-THE INDEPENDENT SING TAO DAILY NEWS' (READERSHIP: 756,000) JANUARY 18 EDITORIAL "HONG KONG PEOPLE CAN HAVE A BREATHING SPELL AFTER US AND CHINA HAS REACHED AN AGREEMENT" SAID: "...THE US GOVERNMENT REVIEWS CHINA'S HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION AND BILATERAL TRADE EVERY YEAR TO DECIDE WHETHER IT WILL EXTEND CHINA'S MFN TRADE STATUS, AND THIS IS AN ANNOYANCE TO CHINA AND HONG KONG. THAT CHINA IMPROVE ITS POLITICAL SITUATION AND RELEASE POLITICAL DISSIDENTS ARE WHAT THE HONG KONG PEOPLE WISH. IF THE US CRUELLY WITHDRAWS MFN STATUS, THE RESULT WILL BE JUST THE OPPOSITE. FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH OPPOSES IMPOSING ECONOMIC SANCTIONS ON CHINA FOR THE SAME REASON."

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-THE TIN TIN DAILY NEWS' (READERSHIP: 666,000) JANUARY
18 EDITORIAL "DELIGHTED TO SEE US-CHINA TRADE DISPUTE

SETTLED SATISFACTORILY" SAID: "...THE OVERALL ECONOMY OF HONG KONG STILL GROWS AT FIVE PERCENT IN THE MIDST OF THE GLOBAL RECESSION WITH THE GROWTH OF TRADE BETWEEN ITS TRADING PARTNERS SUCH AS CHINA AND THE US. IF THERE IS A TRADE WAR BETWEEN THE US AND CHINA, HONG KONG WHICH IS IN THE MIDDLE WILL HAVE ITS PROFITS HEAVILY CUT. THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WILL DEFINITELY GO UP. THE ECONOMIC GROWTH (OF HONG KONG) WILL DEFINITELY BE HINDERED. IT IS FEARED THAT THE NEW FINANCIAL BUDGET OF (FINANCIAL SECRETARY SIR HAMISH) MACLEOD WILL HAVE TO BE RE-WRITTEN."

-THE CENTER-RIGHT SING TAO DAILY NEWS' (READERSHIP: 180,000) JANUARY 18 EDITORIAL "MFN STATUS STILL CONTROVERSIAL" SAID: "THE US SECRETARY OF STATE WARREN CHRISTOPHER HAS CLEARLY INDICATED THAT THE SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC PROGRESS IN CHINA DOES NOT MEAN THE HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD HAS IMPROVED. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT WHEN PRESIDENT CLINTON DECIDES THIS JUNE ON THE RENEWAL OF CQNA'S MFN TRADE STATUS, HE WILL MAKE USE OF THIS TRADE BENEFIT TO URGE BEIJING TO FURTHER IMPROVE ITS HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION. THE CONDITIONS LISTED BY THE US FOR RENEWAL OF MFN ALSO INCLUDE TRADE AND ARMS SALES. FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, THESE WILL NOT BECOME THE OBSTACLES TO THE EXTENSION (OF MFN). THE ONLY EXCEPTION IS THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION. THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT CLINTON CAN DECIDE ON HIS OWN. THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY AIMS AT PROTECTING DEMOCRACY AND CLINTON IS A DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT; HE SHOULD ATTACH GREATER IMPORTANCE TO HUMAN RIGHTS THAN THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT BUSH. HE IS CERTAINLY UNWILLING TO SEE THE CONGRESS OVERRULE A DECISION TO RENEW CHINA'S MFN STATUS BECAUSE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION, AS THEY DID WITH BUSH, DURING HIS TERM OF SERVICE. THEREFORE, BOTH THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY LLOYD BENTSEN WHO WILL VISIT BEIJING TOMORROW AND WARREN CHRISTOPHER WHO WILL MEET QIAN QIZHEN NEXT MONDAY, AND OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS OF THE US WILL SEND OUT THE SAME MESSAGE - TO URGE BEIJING TO IMPROVE ITS HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION.

"HOWEVER, THE US GOVERNMENT IS SURE THAT CHINA HAS MADE CERTAIN PROGRESS IN ITS HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. THE BEIJING AUTHORITIES WILL ADOPT CONCRETE STEPS IN THE COMING MONTHS TO ENCOURAGE THE US TO RENEW ITS MFN STATUS UNDER THE TREND OF THE ECONOMIC PROGRESS IN ORDER TO AVOID A REVERSAL IN THE ECONOMY."

-THE INDEPENDENT WAH KIU YAT PO'S JANUARY 16 EDITORIAL "WARM-UP BATTLE IN US-CHINA TRADE" SAID: "...THE US-CHINA TEXTILE ISSUE DISPUTE WAS BROUGHT UP BY THE US. IT IS ONLY A WARM-UP BATTLE BEFORE THE MFN BATTLE. IN THIS CONFRONTATION, THE US HAS MANY CHIPS AND IS IN AN ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION. CHINA WILL DEAL WITH IT CAREFULLY. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT (CHINA) WILL EVENTUALLY MAKE SOME PROMISES WHICH ARE COURTEOUS BUT INSINCERE SO THAT AN AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED. THEN, BOTH COUNTRIES WILL ENTER THE NEXT ROUND - THE MFN ISSUE".

-THE PRO-PRC HONG KONG COMMERCIAL DAILY NEWS' JANUARY 16 EDITORIAL "SHOULDN'T WORRY THAT THERE'S NO PURCHASER TO BUY THE PRODUCTS" SAID: "...IT SEEMS THAT IT IS NOT EASY FOR THE PEOPLE IN POWER IN THE US TO WAKE UP AND

FACE REALITY. CHINESE PEOPLE SHOULD BE CONFIDENT OF THEMSELVES...IF CHINESE PRODUCTS DO HAVE COMPETITIVENESS, THERE SHOULD BE PURCHASERS TO BUY THEM. THE US CAN IMPOSE SANCTIONS ON CHINA BUT THE COUNTRY WHICH FINALLY SUFFERS WILL BE THE US ITSELF. IF THE US PEOPLE CANNOT BUY THE BARGAIN PRICED CHINESE GOODS, THE PEOPLE IN POWER WILL BE FORCED TO CHANGE THEIR POLICY. FROM A MACRO POINT OF VIEW, THE ASIAN PACIFIC REGION IS THE LEADER IN GLOBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IF THE US IS UNWILLING TO CO-OPERATE WITH CHINA, CHINA CAN CO-OPERATE WITH THE ASIAN PACIFIC REGION TO MAKE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL DEALS.

"IT IS TRUE THAT MAINLAND CHINA AND HONG KONG WILL SUFFER IF THE US CUTS CHINA'S TEXTILE QUOTAS AND MAKES THINGS DIFFICULT FOR CHINA, BUT THE FACT IS, HAS CHINA EVER RELIED ON THE US?"

-THE CENTER-RIGHT SING TAO DAILY NEWS' (READERSHIP: UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 05 HONG KONG 000591

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SUBJECT: HONG KONG MEDIA REPORT, JANUARY 14-18, 1994 180,000) JANUARY 15 EDITORIAL "TEXTILE TALKS SHOULD GAIN MUTUAL BENEFITS" SAID: "...AS WE HAVE SAID BEFORE, IF BASIC US-CHINA RELATIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED, BECAUSE OF THE STRATEGIC SITUATION AND THE INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES, THEY SHOULD AVOID GREAT CONFLICT. ALTHOUGH THE US AND CHINA MAY NOT AGREE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, LIMITS ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND OTHER ISSUES, THEY DO NOT HAVE GREAT DIFFERENCES ON THE FAIR AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL PRINCIPLE OF ECONOMICS AND TRADE."

-THE INDEPENDENT HONG KONG DAILY NEWS' (READERSHIP: 234,000) JANUARY 17 EDITORIAL "MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF CHINA AND THE US SIGNIFICANT" SAID:

"...CERTAINLY, THERE ARE A LOT OF DIFFICULTIES TO BE OVERCOME IN THE BI-LATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND CHINA. TRADE AND HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES STILL EXIST. AS THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION CONTINUES TO PUT NEW PROBLEMS TO CHINA, WE CAN SEE THAT THE US DOES NOT WANT TO WITHDRAW CHINA'S MFN TRADE STATUS AS THIS IS THE ONLY WAY THAT IT CAN ACCOUNT TO THE CONGRESS AND THE PEOPLE AND MAKE CHINA ADJUST ITS OWN POLICY TO AVOID A SHOWDOWN. IF THE MEETING CAN DECIDE ON THE SCHEDULE OF CLINTON'S VISIT TO CHINA, THAT MEANS US-CHINA RELATIONS HAVE NORMALIZED ABSOLUTELY AND THE CLOUDY ATMOSPHERE OF THE JUNE 4TH INCIDENT HAS PASSED."

-THE LEADING PRO-PRC TA KUNG PAO'S JANUARY 18 EDITORIAL "FAIR NEGOTIATION, CONFLICT CAN BE RESOLVED EVENTUALLY" SAID: "...CHINA AND THE US HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT THIS TIME. FOR THE CHINA SIDE, THERE IS AN IMPORTANT LESSON. IT SHOULD FULLY IMPLEMENT THE PROHIBITION AGAINST A SMALL NUMBER OF PEOPLE ENGAGING IN ILLEGAL TEXTILE TRANSSHIPMENT AND EXCEEDING THE QUOTA OF EXPORTS. SUCH BEHAVIOR WILL GIVE EXCUSES TO OTHERS. THE US CHARGES THAT SOME CHINESE TEXTILE PRODUCTS HAVE

BEEN FALSELY LABELLED AS COMING FROM SOME OTHER 25 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING HONDURAS AND PANAMA. CHINA SHOULD LOOK INTO THIS MATTER SERIOUSLY AND TRY ITS BEST TO STOP THAT.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, CHINA SHOULD EVALUATE THE FOREIGN TRADE SITUATION IN WHICH ITS EXPORTS ARE RELYING TOO MUCH ON THE US. IT SHOULD PREPARE FOR CHANGES. OTHERWISE, THE CONFLICT MAY COME AGAIN.

"WE ALSO HOPE THAT THE RESOLUTION OF THIS DIFFICULT NEGOTIATION WILL FACILITATE THE SMOOTH SOLUTION OF THE US-CHINA MFN ISSUE IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR..."

-THE PRC-OWNED WEN WEI PO'S JANUARY 18 EDITORIAL "TEXTILE AGREEMENT HINTS BETTER COOPERATION BETWEEN CHINA AND US" SAID: "...CHINA AND THE US EXTENDED THE TEXTILE AGREEMENT FOR THE FOURTH TIME. THIS REFLECTS THAT THE ATMOSPHERE FOR SINO-US COOPERATION HAS GREATLY IMPROVED. THE US HAS ADOPTED AN ACTIVE ATTITUDE IN DEVELOPING THE CHINA MARKET. CHINA ALSO PUTS A HEAVY EMPHASIS ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH THE US. THEREFORE, THE NEGOTIATION WENT SMOOTHLY. THE SMOOTH NEGOTIATION SYMBOLIZES THAT CHINA AND THE US WILL HAVE GREATER ECONOMIC AND TRADE COOPERATION IN FUTURE."

-THE INDEPENDENT ENGLISH-LANGUAGE HONGKONG STANDARD'S JANUARY 18 EDITORIAL "GOOD SENSE HAS PREVAILED IN AGREEMENT" SAID: "...THE NEWS THAT WASHINGTON AND BEIJING HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT IN THEIR TEXTILE TALKS COMES AS A BREATH OF FRESH AIR AMID THE GENERAL GLOOM THAT SURROUNDS THE GROWING TREND TOWARDS PROTECTIONISM..."

"WASHINGTON WAS UNDERSTANDABLY UNHAPPY ABOUT REPORTS THAT CHINA WAS SNEAKING GARMENTS INTO WESTERN MARKETS THROUGH THIRD-COUNTRY LABELLING.

"BUT THE REAL BLAME MUST AGAIN BE PLACED SQUARELY WITH IMPORTING GOVERNMENTS.

"THEY ALL TOO FREQUENTLY BOW TO THE DEMANDS OF UNIONS WHO CLAIM LOWER-PRICED IMPORTS ARE CREATING UNEMPLOYMENT. THEN, BY RESTRICTING IMPORTS THEY REMOVE ANY INCENTIVE FOR DOMESTIC INDUSTRY TO IMPROVE AND WATCH IT SINK DEEPER INTO A MORASS..."

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MEANS EXPORTING ONE'S OWN UNEMPLOYMENT
AND IS THE NEGATION OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY.

"IN THE LONG RUN IT IS COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE, LEADING TO
LOSS OF MARKETS, LOWER GROWTH AND HIGHER UNEMPLOYMENT..."

"IT IS ANYTHING BUT EASY TO PINPOINT TRENDS AND LEANINGS
IN A FORUM AS WIDE-RANGING AS THE DEBATE IN THE US OVER
RENEWAL OF CHINA'S MOST-FAVORED NATION (MFN) TRADING
STATUS. ONE OF THE MOST ENCOURAGING ASPECTS OF
YESTERDAY'S AGREEMENT IS THE PROSPECT THAT IT MAY LEAD
TO MFN RENEWAL."

3. BUSH'S VISIT TO CHINA

-THE INDEPENDENT HONG KONG ECONOMIC TIMES' JANUARY 17 EDITORIAL "BUSH, CLINTON AND MFN", SAID: "...DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES HAVE PAID MUCH ATTENTION TO BUSH'S TRIP TO BEIJING AS THEY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF BUSH WILL PLAY THE ROLE OF A SECRET ENVOY OF THE US PRESIDENT TO SEEK A PERMANENT SOLUTION OF THE MFN ISSUE.

"JUDGING FROM THE OVERALL SITUATION, CLINTON HAS ADJUSTED HIS CHINA POLICY. WHEN HE BECAME PRESIDENT LAST YEAR HE WANTED TO PUT MORE EMPHASIS ON FOREIGN RELATIONS WITH THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION. THEN HE MET PRESIDENT JIANG ZEMIN IN NOVEMBER. THE US SHOULD HAVE FOUND THE CORRECT DIRECTION THROUGH THE ATTITUDE OF CHINA. THE US-CHINA ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONS WILL NORMALIZE SPEEDILY THIS YEAR. THEREFORE, THE MFN ISSUE SHOULD BE SOLVED PERMANENTLY AND QUICKLY. ONE SHOULD TRY TO SEE IF THERE IS ANY LEGISLATIVE MEANS IN THE US CONGRESS TO AVOID THE ANNUAL POLITICAL WRESTLE ON THE MFN ISSUE. THE TIBET ISSUE MAY STILL BE A US BARGAINING CHIP TO EXERT PRESSURE ON CHINA, EVEN IF THE MFN ISSUE CANNOT BE SOLVED PERMANENTLY, THERE SHOULD NOT BE MUCH FLUCTUATION THIS YEAR."

-THE TIN TIN DAILY NEWS' (READERSHIP: 666,000) JANUARY 17 ARTICLE "EXPLORATION OF CURRENT AFFAIRS", HEADLINED "BUSH VISITS CHINA, A FRIEND FROM AFAR", SAID: "...BUSH'S VISIT FALLS AT THE SAME TIME AS A US DELEGATION'S VISIT TO CHINA AND THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY'S TRIP TO BEIJING. THIS MAY BE CONSIDERED A COINCIDENCE. LI PENG AND BUSH MAY TALK ABOUT US-CHINA RELATIONS AND ALSO TOUCH ON MFN. WHEN BUSH MET PRESIDENT JIANG ZEMIN, JIANG STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF US-CHINA RELATIONS IN MAINTAINING GLOBAL PEACE, STABILITY AND MUTUAL DEVELOPMENT. ALTHOUGH BUSH IS NO LONGER THE PRESIDENT, WE CANNOT SAY THAT HE IS NOT INFLUENTIAL. BUSH CLAIMED THAT HE VISITED BEIJING AGAIN AFTER FIVE YEARS AS AN ORDINARY MAN, YET HIS SAYING THAT HE SEES DRASTIC CHANGE IN CHINA IS MORE CONVINCING AND INFLUENTIAL THAN OTHER ORDINARILY AMERICANS SAYING THE SAME THING. BUSH'S VISIT IS A FAVORABLE COINCIDENCE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF US-CHINA RELATIONS...."

4. CLINTON'S TRIP TO EUROPE

-THE INDEPENDENT MING PAO DAILY NEWS' (READERSHIP: 466,000) JANUARY 17 EDITORIAL "A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS" SAID: "HAVING WRAPPED UP HIS MOSCOW VISIT, US PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON IS BRINGING AN END TO HIS EUROPEAN TRIP, DURING WHICH HE HAS, ONE MAY SAY, ACHIEVED QUITE A LOT. "FIRST, BY BRINGING HIS LEADERSHIP INTO PLAY AT NATO'S SUMMIT IN BRUSSELS, HE BROUGHT AMERICA'S 15 ALLIES TO SOME AGREEMENT ON THE MILITARY ORGANIZATION'S FUTURE AND PREVAILED ON THEM TO ACCEPT HIS PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE PLAN. HE THEN MET THE LEADERS OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC, POLAND, HUNGARY AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN PRAGUE, WHERE HE WITH HIS ELOQUENCE MANAGED TO PACIFY THE EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND TALKED THEM INTO JOINING THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE PLAN RATHER THAN PUSHING FOR NATO MEMBERSHIP. AND THEN, WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT, HE FORGED A US-RUSSIAN-UKRAINE AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH KIEV WILL HAND OVER THE LARGE QUANTITIES OF

NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEPLOYED IN THE UKRAINE TO RUSSIA FOR DESTRUCTION.

"...OBVIOUSLY, MUCH DEPENDS ON WHETHER WESTERN ECONOMIES WILL RECOVER SOON ENOUGH, BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT, IN ANY UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 05 HONG KONG 000591

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EVENT, CLINTON'S EUROPEAN TRIP HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS
SUCCESS."

-THE TAIWAN-OWNED UNITED DAILY NEWS' JANUARY 15
EDITORIAL "NEW STARTING POINT FOR US RELATIONSHIP WITH
'NEW EUROPE'" SAID: "...WE THINK THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR
RUSSIA ARE FU

LL OF CHANGE. THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
CLINTON AND YELTSIN WILL NOT FULLY GUARANTEE THE LONG
TERM US-RUSSIA COOPERATION RELATIONSHIP. THE US
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE 'NEW' EUROPE IS ONLY AT A NEW
STARTING POINT. AT PRESENT, WE SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THE
EFFORT AND RESULTS OF CLINTON'S TRIP TO EUROPE. THIS
TRIP HAS AGAIN PROVEN THAT THE US IS PLAYING A MAJOR
ROLE ON THE WORLD'S POLITICAL STAGE."

5. BIRTHDAY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING

-THE INDEPENDENT ENGLISH-LANGUAGE HONGKONG STANDARD'S
JANUARY 17 EDITORIAL "LAND OF OPPORTUNITY FESTERS IN
INEQUALITY" SAID: "...THE SLUMS IN AMERICA'S GREATEST
CITIES ARE SHAMEFUL. THEY ARE A DAMNING INDICTMENT OF
THE RICHEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD. THE PROBLEMS THAT
FESTER IN THEM ARE NOT PERIPHERAL; THEY CONSTITUTE
AMERICA'S MAIN DOMESTIC CHALLENGE TODAY.

"HONORING THE MEMORY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING WILL REQUIRE
RENEWED EFFORTS TO MAKE INDIVIDUALS EQUAL BEFORE THE
LAW, TO INTRODUCE THE POLITICS OF FREEDOM AND TOLERATION
AND TO RENDER EVERY AMERICAN INSTITUTION OPEN TO TALENT:
IN SHORT TO REMOVE EVERY OBSTACLE TO INDIVIDUAL
SUCCESS."CORCORAN

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1. THE GOLAN AFTER CLINTON-ASSAD SUMMIT
2. PRESIDENT CLINTON'S EUROPEAN TOUR

KEY STORIES IN THE MEDIA:

POLITICAL ANALYSTS OFFER A DOZEN DIFFERENT THEORIES TO EXPLAIN WHY PRIME MINISTER RABIN DECIDED TO PUT UP A PEACE AND WITHDRAWAL AGREEMENT WITH SYRIA, IF AND WHEN IT IS WRAPPED UP, FOR A NATIONAL REFERENDUM. ONE POPULAR SPECULATION IS THAT RABIN HOPES TO DRIVE A WEDGE BETWEEN THE VARIOUS RIGHTIST OPPOSITION PARTIES AND SILENCE THE HIGHLY VOCAL CRITICISM FROM THE GOLAN SETTLERS. OTHERS SAY IT WAS MERELY ONE OF RABIN'S SHOTS FROM THE HIP. IN ANY CASE, THE INITIAL REACTION TO THE PROPOSAL WAS RATHER CRITICAL, BOTH FROM THE OPPOSITION, FROM THE SYRIANS AND ESPECIALLY FROM RABIN'S OWN COALITION MEMBERS.

YEDIOT: THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION WAS "STUNNED AND ANGERED" BY RABIN'S REFERENDUM PROPOSAL. THE AMERICANS SUSPECT THAT RABIN IS PLAYING FOR TIME. STRAW POLLS SHOW NO MAJORITY IN THE CABINET AND THE KNESSET FOR THE REFERENDUM IDEA.

A CHANNEL-2 TV POLL AMONG 500 ADULT JEWS: OVER 60 PERCENT OPPOSE AND SOME 30 PERCENT SUPPORT FULL PEACE FOR FULL WITHDRAWAL WITH THE SYRIANS.

THE SIGNING CEREMONY YESTERDAY IN JERUSALEM OF THE U.S.-ISRAEL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL AGREEMENT. IN SEVERAL APPEARANCES ON NATIONAL TV NETWORKS, SECRETARY RON BROWN EXPLAINED THE BENEFITS OF THE AGREEMENT TO BILATERAL RELATIONS. ISRAEL TV SAID THAT SECRETARY BROWN WAS "SECOND TO NONE IN HIS UNCOMPROMISING STRUGGLE AGAINST THE ARAB BOYCOTT." GREAT SATISFACTION IN ISRAEL OVER PRESIDENT CLINTON'S DECISION, CONVEYED IN A LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER RABIN, TO ALLOW ISRAEL TO TAKE PART IN U.S. SPACE PROJECTS. ISRAELI OFFICIALS SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT'S MOVE IS LIKELY TO BEAR HIGHLY POSITIVE DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES. YEDIOT'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT SHIMON SHIFFER ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE TIMING OF CLINTON'S "GIFT" -- RIGHT AFTER THE GENEVA SUMMIT -- WAS MEANT TO INDICATE TO ISRAEL THAT IT WOULD BE HANDSOMELY COMPENSATED FOR A GOLAN WITHDRAWAL.

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 NO PROGRESS WAS REPORTED AT THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN
 TALKS TUESDAY IN TABA.

 1. THE GOLAN AFTER CLINTON-ASSAD SUMMIT:

SUMMARY:

YEDIOT: "THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION IS ASTONISHED AND
 ANGRY OVER PRIME MINISTER RABIN'S DECISION TO HOLD A
 REFERENDUM BEFORE THE RATIFICATION OF A PEACE
 AGREEMENT WITH SYRIA."
 YEDIOT EDITORIALIZED, "THE SYRI
 ANS -- AND PERHAPS
 ALSO THE AMERICANS -- ARE WRONG TO CONSIDER RABIN'S
 DECISION TO HOLD A REFERENDUM AS A WILY PLOY WHOSE
 PURPOSE IS TO PLAY FOR TIME."
 YEDIOT'S BARNEA COMMENTED, "RABIN'S REFERENDUM
 DECISION IS ALSO A MESSAGE TO THE AMERICANS IF
 U.S. ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS CAN APPEAL DIRECTLY TO
 THE ISRAELI NATION, RABIN CAN DO THE SAME."
 HA'ARETZ EDITORIALIZED, "IT IS DIFFICULT TO
 UNDERSTAND WHY RABIN HAS DECIDED TO FORGO HIS FULL
 PREROGATIVE TO SIGN PEACE AGREEMENTS. THE
 CONSTRAINTS HE HAS IMPOSED UPON HIMSELF DETRACT FROM
 THE GOI'S CREDIBILITY AS A NEGOTIATING PARTNER."
 HA'ARETZ'S ELDAR COMMENTED, "IF CLINTON WANTS TO DO
 MORE THAN JUST PRIDE HIMSELF OVER THE GENUINE
 ACHIEVEMENTS OF OTHERS -- AND THE ISRAEL-PLO
 AGREEMENT IS A CASE IN POINT -- HE WILL HAVE TO DO
 MORE THAN JUST SPEND A FEW HOURS WITH ASSAD."

HEADLINES:

"KNESSET, CABINET OPPOSE REFERENDUM IDEA" (HATZOFI)
 "RABIN CRITICIZED FOR SPRINGING REFERENDUM PROPOSAL
 ON COLLEAGUES BY SURPRISE" (AL HAMISHMAR)
 "DAMASCUS CONDEMNS REFERENDUM IDEA" (DAVAR)
 "ISRAEL TO SYRIA: GOLAN SECURITY DISCUSSIONS MUST
 PRECEDE WITHDRAWAL TALKS" (MAARIV)
 "JERUSALEM: ASSAD UNLIKELY TO AGREE TO TALK PEACE
 BEFORE ASSURING ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM GOLAN"
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REFERENDUM" (YEDIOT)
"IT'S UP TO THE NATION TO DECIDE" (YEDIOT EDITORIAL)
"RABIN'S BRILLIANT PLOY" (YEDIOT COMMENTARY)
"RABIN TIES HIS OWN HANDS" (HA'ARETZ EDITORIAL)
"IT TAKES MORE THAN A CLINTON-ASSAD SUMMIT TO MAKE
PEACE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA" (HA'ARETZ
COMMENTARY)

BLOCK QUOTES:

I. WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT HAIM SHIBI AND
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT SHIMON SCHIFFER REPORTED IN
THE LEAD STORY OF YEDIOT (PLURALIST, INDEPENDENT):
"THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION IS ASTONISHED AND ANGRY
OVER PRIME MINISTER RABIN'S DECISION TO HOLD A
REFERENDUM BEFORE THE RATIFICATION OF A PEACE
AGREEMENT WITH SYRIA, SHOULD SUCH AN AGREEMENT
ENTAIL SIGNIFICANT WITHDRAWAL ON THE GOLAN. THE
U.S. ADMINISTRATION BELIEVES THAT IN PUBLICIZING HIS
DECISION TO HOLD A REFERENDUM, RABIN IS 'PLAYING FOR
TIME' IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SYRIA. ONE AMERICAN
SOURCE WONDERED YESTERDAY: 'WHY HASN'T RABIN
DECIDED TO HOLD A REFERENDUM ON THE AGREEMENT WITH
THE PLO?' NONE OF THE CABINET MINISTERS,
INCLUDING FOREIGN MINISTER PERES, KNEW ABOUT RABIN'S
IDEA BEFORE IT WAS MADE PUBLIC. RABIN SUMMONED HIS
DEPUTY GUR SHORTLY BEFORE THE KNESSET DEBATE, AND
INSTRUCTED HIM TO DROP THE 'REFERENDUM BOMBSHELL.'
THE U.S. PEACE TEAM, WHICH VISITED JERUSALEM EARLIER
THIS WEEK, ALSO DID NOT HAVE ANY ADVANCE INFORMATION
ABOUT THE ANNOUNCEMENT, AND LEARNED ABOUT THE
REFERENDUM DECISION FROM THE RADIO. RABIN'S
INTENTION TO HOLD A REFERENDUM PROVOKED ANGER ALSO
IN SYRIA. SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FAROUQ A-SHAR'A
SAID YESTERDAY THAT ISRAEL'S INTENTION TO HOLD A
REFERENDUM PRIOR TO SIGNING A WITHDRAWAL AGREEMENT
RUNS COUNTER TO INTERNATIONAL LAW."

II. YEDIOT EDITORIALIZED, "THE ISRAELI-PLO
AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE WON OVERWHELMING PUBLIC
APPROVAL HAD IT BEEN PUT UP FOR A REFERENDUM. THE
SAME GOES FOR THE ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN PEACE TREATY. DE
KLERK'S AGREEMENT WITH MANDELA WAS SUPPORTED BY A
VAST MAJORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA'S WHITES. THE SYRIANS
-- AND PERHAPS ALSO THE AMERICANS -- ARE WRONG TO
CONSIDER RABIN'S DECISION TO HOLD A REFERENDUM AS A
WILY PLOY WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO PLAY FOR TIME."

III. COLUMNIST NAHUM BARNEA WROTE IN A FRONT-PAGE
COMMENTARY IN YEDIOT: "RABIN'S 'BRILLIANT' PLOY HAS
SOME OBVIOUS ADVANTAGES: IT TAKES THE WIND OUT OF
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THE SAILS OF HIS DOMESTIC CRITICS. WHAT'S THE POINT
 OF DEMONSTRATING AGAINST WITHDRAWAL FROM THE GOLAN
 WHEN RABIN HAS PLEDGED TO LET THE PUBLIC DECIDE?

.... MORE IMPORTANTLY, IN DECIDING TO HOLD A
 REFERENDUM RABIN IS TELLING ASSAD: IF YOU DON'T
 CONVINCE MOST ISRAELIS THAT YOU WANT FULL AND
 GENUINE PEACE,

YOU'VE NO CHANCE OF GETTING BACK THE
 GOLAN; CONVINCING CLINTON OF YOUR INTENTIONS ISN'T
 ENOUGH. RABIN'S REFERENDUM DECISION IS ALSO A
 MESSAGE TO THE AMERICANS THAT HE WON'T LET THEM
 FREELY PRESENT ASSAD'S MESSAGES IN A FAVORABLE LIGHT
 TO THE ISRAELI AND AMERICAN PUBLICS. IF U.S.
 ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS CAN APPEAL DIRECTLY TO THE
 ISRAELIS, RABIN CAN DO THE SAME. ONE ISRAELI
 OFFICIAL YESTERDAY MADE A RATHER BLATANT REMARK TO
 AN AMERICAN COLLEAGUE: ISRAEL HAS NO INTENTION OF
 SACRIFICING THE GOLAN ONLY TO GET CLINTON'S SEX
 SCANDALS OFF THE U.S. AGENDA. THE TROUBLE IS THAT
 EVERY BRILLIANT PLOY HAS ITS DRAWBACKS IN
 VOLUNTEERING TO HOLD A REFERENDUM, RABIN IN FACT
 CONFIRMED THE POLITICAL OPPOSITION'S CONTENTION THAT
 HE HAS NO MANDATE TO MAKE SUBSTANTIVE CONCESSIONS.
 ANYONE WHO FORGOES HIS AUTHORITY IN ONE DOMAIN
 INVITES A CHALLENGE TO HIS AUTHORITY IN OTHER
 DOMAINS. RABIN HAS NOW LOST SOME OF HIS FREEDOM OF
 MANEUVER NOT ONLY IN THE GOLAN BUT ALSO IN THE WEST
 BANK AND GAZA STRIP."

IV. HA'ARETZ (LIBERAL, INDEPENDENT) EDITORIALIZED,
 "IT IS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND WHY RABIN HAS DECIDED
 TO FORGO HIS FULL PREROGATIVE TO SIGN PEACE
 AGREEMENTS. THE CONSTRAINTS HE HAS IMPOSED UPON
 HIMSELF DETRACT FROM THE GOI'S CREDIBILITY AS A
 NEGOTIATING PARTNER. RABIN'S DECISION TO HOLD A
 REFERENDUM MAY TEMPORARILY LESSEN THE POLITICAL
 OPPOSITION'S PROTEST, BUT THIS IS NO COMPENSATION
 FOR THE DAMAGE HIS MOVE WILL CAUSE THE NEGOTIATIONS.
 MANY OF RABIN'S SUPPORTERS CONSIDERED HIM A
 DETERMINED LEADER WHO IS PREPARED TO SHOULDER THE
 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INEVITABLE RISKS INVOLVED IN
 THE PEACE PROCESS. THE REFERENDUM DECISION HAS CAST
 DOUBT OVER RABIN'S DETERMINATION TO EXERCISE THE
 AUTHORITY GRANTED HIM BY THE VOTERS."

V. WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT AKIVA ELDAR COMMENTED
 IN HA'ARETZ: "IF CLINTON WANTS TO DO MORE THAN JUST

TAKE CREDIT FOR THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OTHERS -- AND
THE ISRAEL-PLO AGREEMENT IS A CASE IN POINT -- HE
WILL HAVE TO DO MORE THAN JUST SPEND A FEW HOURS
WITH ASSAD. AN ISRAELI-SYRIAN PEACE IS INDEED MORE
REACHABLE THAN REFORM IN RUSSIA, CEASEFIRE IN
BOSNIA, AND EVEN UKRAINIAN DISARMAMENT. BUT IT'S
NOT SO FEASIBLE AS TO BE FINALIZED IN A FEW HOURS'
CHAT BETWEEN CLINTON AND ASSAD. LEFT TO ITSELF, THE
MOST CLINTON-ASSAD SUMMIT CAN ACHIEVE IS A COUPLE OF
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HEADLINES ON CNN."

2. PRESIDENT CLINTON'S EUROPEAN TOUR:

SUMMARY:

YEDIOT'S PEDATZUR COMMENTED, "AFTER A YEAR OF
PREOCCUPATION WITH U.S. DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, PRESIDENT
CLINTON STORMED THE GLOBAL STAGE AND ORCHESTRATED A
REQUIEM FOR THE DECEASED COLD WAR."

AL HAMISHMAR'S GUTMAN COMMENTED, "WITH THE EXCEPTION
OF THE BOSNIAN ISSUE, CLINTON'S EUROPEAN TOUR IS
UNDOUBTEDLY A BIG SUCCESS."

HEADLINES:

"REQUIEM FOR THE COLD WAR" (YEDIOT COMMENTARY)

"A FOLKSY DIPLOMAT" (AL HAMISHMAR COMMENTARY)

BLOCK QUOTES:

I. CORRESPONDENT REUVEN PEDATZUR COMMENTED IN
YEDIOT (PLURALIST, INDEPENDENT): "THE SOVIET
EMPIRE'S COLLAPSE WAS COMPLETED LAST WEEK IN
BRUSSELS, WHEN NATO MEMBERS ADOPTED THE U.S.
INITIATIVE AND OPENED THE ORGANIZATION'S DOORS TO
THEIR FORMER ENEMIES. FIVE DECADES OF EAST-WEST
DIVISION HAVE COME TO AN END. WHAT STARTED IN YALTA
ENDED IN BRUSSELS. AFTER A YEAR OF PREOCCUPATION
WITH U.S. DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, PRESIDENT CLINTON
STORMED THE GLOBAL STAGE AND ORCHESTRATED A REQUIEM
FOR THE DECEASED COLD WAR WITHOUT ADVANCE
PREMONITION, THE RE-DRAWING OF THE EUROPEAN MAP HAS
STARTED. IN INITIATING HIS 'PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE,'
CLINTON SEIZED WHAT NATO'S SECRETARY GENERAL CALLED
'A HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY TO LINK EASTERN AND WESTERN

EUROPE.'"

II. CORRESPONDENT NATHAN GUTMAN COMMENTED IN AL
HAMISHMAR (LIBERAL, PRO-GOVERNMENT): "BOSNIA IS THE
BIGGEST FAILURE OF PR
ESIDENT CLINTON'S OTHERWISE

HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL EUROPEAN TOUR THE U.S., WHICH
ASPIRES TO THE TITLE OF WORLD LEADER AND SEEKS TO
ESTABLISH UNIVERSAL PEACE AND DEMOCRACY, LOOKS THE
OTHER WAY WHEN IT COMES TO THE BALKANS. THE SAME
U.S. ADMINISTRATION WHICH SENT ITS TROOPS TO PROMOTE
DEMOCRACY OF UNCERTAIN NATURE IN SOMALIA, AND WHICH
IS LEAVING NO STONE UNTURNED IN ORDER TO REINSTATE
ARISTIDE IN HAWAII, IS NOT LIFTING A FINGER TO
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RESOLVE THE BOSNIAN PROBLEM. AMERICAN INACTION IN
BOSNIA DOES NOT STEM FROM UNDERESTIMATION OF THE
GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION, BUT FROM RELUCTANCE TO
BOGGED DOWN IN THAT QUAGMIRE A U.S.
ADMINISTRATION THAT FAILS TO CAPTURE A SNEAKY SOMALI
GENERAL AND TO RESTORE ORDER IN HAITI HAD BETTER NOT
TRY TO TACKLE REAL TROUBLE. CLINTON MAY HAVE
SUCCEEDED IN SHUNNING AN INVOLVEMENT THAT WOULD HAVE
DEVELOPED INTO A FOREIGN POLICY FIASCO. HOWEVER, IN
THE PROCESS HE DID LITTLE TO BOLSTER THE U.S.
POSITION AS WORLD LEADER WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
THE BOSNIAN ISSUE, CLINTON'S EUROPEAN TOUR IS
UNDOUBTEDLY A BIG SUCCESS. CLINTON MANAGED TO SELL
THE EUROPEANS HIS 'PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE' FORMULA
.... THIS IS A TYPICAL AMERICAN SOLUTION: HOW TO DO
SOMETHING AND NOT DO IT AT THE SAME TIME
CLINTON HAS AGAIN PROVED THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO
MANEUVER AROUND COMPLICATED INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS
BY USING A CATCHY SLOGAN, SUCH AS 'PARTNERSHIP FOR
PEACE.' CLINTON'S SECOND BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT
WAS UKRAINE'S AGREEMENT TO GIVE UP ITS NUCLEAR ARMS
.... DURING THE NINE DAYS OF HIS VISIT, CLINTON
SUCCEEDED IN WINNING OVER THE EUROPEANS' HEARTS.
ALONGSIDE HIS BRILLIANT APPEARANCE AT THE NATO
SUMMIT, HIS STROLLS IN THE STREETS OF BRUSSELS, HIS
VISITS TO COFFEE SHOPS, AND HIS SAXOPHONE PLAYING IN
A PRAGUE BAR, HAVE SHOWN WHAT CLINTON IS LIKE AS AN
INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMAT."

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1. SPLIT BASED SEMI-INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE DAILY
"SLOBODNA DALMACIJA" (JAN 18) RUNS A LENGTHY COMMENTARY
CRITICAL OF CLINTON'S EUROPE (BALKAN) POLICY.
COMMENTATOR SRECKO JURDANA REVIEWS CLINTON'S EUROPEAN
VISIT AND QUESTIONS U.S. POLICY IN THE BALKANS. UNDER
HEADLINE "RUSSIAN 'BLUE HELMETS' ON SERBIAN RAMPART"

JURDANA WORRIES ABOUT THE RUSSIAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE BALKANS (THROUGH UNPROFOR) AND WHAT THIS COULD PORTEND FOR CROATIA. JURDANA ARGUES THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON NEEDS TO CLARIFY HIS NEW EUROPEAN POLICY. JURDANA COMMENTS:

2. "ACCORDING TO SOME WESTERN ANALYSTS CLINTON'S EUROPEAN TOUR WAS A COMPLETE FAILURE IF EVALUATED ONLY BY ITS VISIBLE EFFECTS. A SIMPLE OVERVIEW OF THE 'PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE' INITIATIVE SHOWS THAT NOBODY REALLY KNOWS WHAT THE PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS ARE OF THAT IDEA FOR THE CRISIS AREAS. IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT INTERNATIONAL NATO POLICY HAS COLLAPSED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SERBIAN AGGRESSION AGAINST CROATIA AND BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA, A COLLAPSE THAT WAS JUST CONFIRMED BY THE EMPTY RHETORIC LATELY ON AIR-STRIKES AGAINST THE SERBS. IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON, IN A TV DEBATE HE HAD IN MOSCOW, DID NOT REASSURE THE RUSSIANS THAT UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR YELTSIN IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. FINALLY THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES THAT THE AGREEMENT WITH UKRAINE ON DISMANTLING OF THE NUCLEAR WAR-HEADS AND MISSILES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED, I.E. THERE ARE NO INTERNAL (UKRAINE) GUARANTEES THAT THE AGREEMENT COULD BE IMPLEMENTED."

3. "PRESIDENT CLINTON CRITICALLY DAMAGED THE CREDIBILITY OF THE DEFENSE ALLIANCE BY REFUSING TO EXPAND IT WITH FORMER EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES THAT SERIOUSLY FEEL THREATENED BY POTENTIAL RUSSIAN NEO-IMPERIALISM. IT APPEARS THAT THIS CREDIBILITY COULD HAVE ITS FIRST SERIOUS TEST IN CROATIA. OBVIOUSLY RUSSIA IS STRENGTHENING ITS RELATIONS WITH SERBIA....IN PARTICULAR BY STRENGTHENING THE RUSSIAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN EASTERN SLAVONIA (CROATIA). RUSSIA IS MASSING ITS TROOPS IN THE REGION OF VUKOVAR, THUS POSITIONING THEM DIRECTLY ON THE BORDERS OF CROATIA AND SERBIA, THROUGH THE PRETEXT OF UNPROFOR, BUT ACTUALLY CREATING A SITUATION IN WHICH A POSSIBLE CROATIAN OFFENSIVE TO REGAIN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES (CARVED OUT OF CROATIA) COULD PROVOKE A DIRECT CONFRONTATION OF THE TWO SUPER-POWERS."

4. "...RUSSIA TODAY HAS MORE THAN A THOUSAND WELL ARMED TROOPS IN SECTOR EAST, THAT TOGETHER WITH THE SERBS, MONITOR EASTERN SLAVONIA (CROATIA), AND THE AMERICAN ANSWER TO THAT CONCRETE MILITARY PRESENCE IS MERE DIPLOMATIC RHETORIC. THIS CONCRETELY MEANS THAT RUSSIA IS BRINGING INTO THAT REGION HUNDREDS OF FRESH NEW TROOPS ARMED TO THEIR TEETH, WHILE AMBASSADOR GALBRAITH MAKES ANOTHER VISIT TO VUKOVAR UNDERSCORING THAT IT IS PART OF CROATIA."

5. "THE RHETORICAL NATURE OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY MUST BE OBSERVED AND ANALYZED THROUGHOUGH THE PROSPECTIVE OF THE OVERALL CLINTON POLITICAL POSITION. WITHIN HIS ADMINISTRATION THERE IS A HUGE UNDERGROUND BATTLE. ON ONE SIDE ARE, TO PUT IT SIMPLY, BUSH'S MEN, THAT LEAD THE U.S. AS 'THE MUSCLE OF LONDON'; THEY WOULD LIKE TO UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 ZAGREB 000236 FOR USIA FOR EU, P/PFE, B/TV, D, C STATE FOR MR, PA, IO, EUR, P

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DEFINE CLINTON'S MANDATE AS AN 'AUTOMATIC PILOT' OF THE BUSH POLICY. UNDER SUCH PRESSURE CLINTON HAD TO ADOPT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE LONDON TERMINOLOGY FOR THE BALKAN CONFLICT -- ACCORDING TO WHICH THE BALKAN CONFLICT IS NOT AN AGGRESSION AND IS NOT DRIVEN BY TERRITORIAL PRETENSIONS, BUT A 'CONFLICT OF ANCIENT ETHNIC RIVALRIES'. THE OTHER GROUP ARE PEOPLE WHO SEE THE U.S. AS AN INDEPENDENT SUPER-POWER THAT HAS A MORAL OBLIGATION TO INTERVENE AGAINST THE AGGRESSOR, AND CLEAN UP THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION'S GARBAGE."

6. "THEREFORE CLINTON'S RECENT TRIP, REGARDLESS OF THE FORMAL FAILURE, IS A POSITIVE ATTEMPT BY THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT TO CREATE A NEW AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY, FREE FROM GEORGE BUSH'S LONG SHADOW. THE NUMEROUS 'SCANDALS' THAT HIS OPPONENTS ARE TRYING TO LAUNCH TO UNDERMINE HIS POSITION PROVES THAT THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE A EASY TASK." HOVANEC

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