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1. ZAGREB BASED GOVERNMENT OWNED RESPECTED DAILY
"VJESNIK" (JAN 20) RUNS A COMMENTARY ON THE
RESTRUCTURING OF THE NIS INTO A NEW RUSSIAN STRATEGIC
INTEREST ZONE. UNDER HEADLINE "KOZIREV ANNOUNCES NEW

USSR" STJEPO MARTINOVIC, FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMENTATOR, COMMENTS ON THE FUTURE OF THE NIS IN THE CONTEXT OF RECENT KOZIREV STATEMENT TO RUSSIAN DIPLOMATS. ACCORDING TO MARTINOVIC, KOZIREV STRESSED THAT "ALL REPUBLICS OF THE FORMER USSR ARE OF VITAL INTEREST TO RUSSIA"; THAT "THESE REPUBLICS THREATEN RUSSIA'S CRUCIAL STRATEGIC INTERESTS"; AND FINALLY THAT "PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF RUSSIANS LIVING IN THE FORMER USSR REPUBLICS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT POLICY OBJECTIVES." DRAWING HEAVILY ON KOZIREV'S STATEMENTS, MARTINOVIC STRESSES THAT RUSSIAN SOLDIERS WILL NOT LEAVE THOSE REPUBLICS, AND THAT THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES IS POISED TO BECOME A GLOBAL SUPER-POWER. MARTINOVIC COMMENTS:

2. "THREE FACTORS ARE ESSENTIAL IN ASSESING RUSSIAN NEO-SOVIETISM: THE TIMING, IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLINTON'S VISIT TO MOSCOW; DECIPHERING OF THE 'ZIRINOVSKI PHENOMENA'; AND FINALLY UNDERSTANDING THE ESSENCE OF CLINTON'S 'PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE'....EXPERIENCED RUSSIAN DIPLOMATS KNOW THAT THEY CAN USE THE 'AMERICAN CARD' FOR INTERNAL POLITICAL PURPOSES AND THUS HAVE DECIDED THAT NOW IS THE TIME TO REVIVE THE GEO-POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION."

3. "CLINTON'S 'PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE' INITIATIVE, AND ITS NON-BINDING NATURE, ENABLE RUSIIA TO PLAY FOR HIGH STAKES: A TRIUMPH OVER MISGUIDED HOPE THAT NATO COULD BE A GUARANTEE FOR THE SECURITY OF THE NEW STATES WHICH HAVE EMERGED FROM COMMUNISM -- FROM THE BALTIC TO THE BALKANS. CLINTON'S INITIATIVE ALSO CREATES OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PERMANENT BLACKMAILING OF GOVERNMENTS -- FROM TALLINN TO TIRANA -- THAT MIGHT BE EXCESSIVELY ENTHUSIASTIC IN CONSUMING THEIR LIMITED SOVEREIGNTY ALLOWED IN THE INTERIM OF THE TWO COLD WARS ON EUROPEAN SOIL."

4. SPLIT BASED SEMI-INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE DAILY "SLOBODNA DALMACIJA" (JAN 20) RUNS A WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT ON RECENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE U.S. CAPITAL. BERISLAV CUVALO REPORTS ON NATO PREPARATIONS FOR AIR-STRIKES, AMERICAN ECHOS FROM CLINTON'S EUROPEAN TOUR AND A SERBIAN-ARAB-BOSNIAN LINK FOR SELLING ARMS TO THE BOSNIAN MOSLEMS. UNDER HEADLINE "SERBS SELL ARMS TO MUSLIMS FOR PETRO-DOLLARS" CUVALO OPINES ON STROBE TALBOTT'S INFLUENCE ON CLINTON:

5. "BY IGNORING THE WAR IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA AND BY DENYING FULL NATO MEMBERSHIP TO FORMER EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, CLINTON IS FOLLOWING A STRATEGY DESIGNED BY HIS OLD MATE STROBE TALBOTT. TALBOTT WILL SOON BECOME CHRISTOPHER'S DEPUTY AND HIS PHILOSOPHY IS THAT THE BEST COURSE IS TO FOCUS ON THE FUTURE AND TO AVOID -- AT ALL COSTS -- FUELING THE RUSSIAN PARANOIA, EVEN IF IT MEANS DOING NOTHING ELSE."

6. ZAGREB-BASED PRO-GOVERNMENT HIGH-CIRCULATION DAILY "VEČERNJI LIST" (JAN 20) CARRIES A PIECE BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT VLADIMIR GOSS ON THE MELISSA UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 ZAGREB 000298 FOR USIA FOR EU, P/PFE, B/TV, D, C

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WELLS/BRIQUEMONT/BIR RESIGNATIONS FROM THE UN AND THE
GHALI-COT RIFT. UNDER HEADLINE "BOUTROS-GHALI ASSISTANTS
SCATTER" GOSS QUOTES WELLS' LETTER TO THE "WASHINGTON
POST" AND STRESSES:

7. "MELISSA WELLS' RESIGNATION DEEPENS THE DISPUTE
BETWEEN THE UN AND ITS PRIMARY SOURCE OF FUNDING -- THE
U.S. WELLS' DEPARTURE FROM THE UN MAY SERIOUSLY DAMAGE
THE U.S-UN RELATIONSHIP, AND COULD HAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR
POSSIBLE U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE UN PEACE MISSION IN
THE BALKANS."

8. IN A SEPARATE PIECE GOSS REACTS TO BOBBY INMAN'S
DECISION NOT TO ACCEPT THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
POSITION. QUOTING HEAVILY FROM INMAN'S RESIGNATION
LETTER TO THE WHITE HOUSE, GOSS OBSERVES:

9. "SCANDAL LOVERS IN THE AMERICAN CAPITAL CAN'T GET
ENOUGH. AS SOON AS ONE SCANDAL DIES (IRAN-CONTRA)
ANOTHER SPROUTS UP...JUST AN HOUR AFTER THE U.S. SPECIAL
INVESTIGATOR OF THE 'IRAN-CONTRA' SCANDAL LAWRENCE WALSH
ANNOUNCED HIS FINDINGS, BOBBY INMAN SENT A RESIGNATION
LETTER TO THE WHITE HOUSE, ACCUSING SENATOR BOB DOLE AND
'NEW YORK TIMES' COMMENTATOR WILLIAM SAFIRE FOR
CONSPIRACY AGAINST HIM, AND FINGERING THEM OUT AS THE
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SOURCE: Prague HOSPODARSKE NOVINY in Czech 20 Jan 94 p 21

TEXT:

//((Interview with Foreign Minister Josef Zieleniec by Jan Zizka;
place and date not given: "In Our Space, It Is Impossible To Become
Another Switzerland"))

((Text)) The results of the meeting between U.S. President Clinton and the Visegrad Four countries are the main subject of our interview with Foreign Minister Josef Zieleniec.

((Zizka)) The Partnership for Peace plan is being reproached for not providing real guarantees to the Central European countries. In a meeting with the U.S. President, the Czech Republic did not join the criticizing voices that were raised by Poland, for instance. Why?

((Zieleniec)) The Czech Republic, as well as other countries in this region, is not under an immediate threat. Of course, there is a possibility of negative developments in Eastern Europe, particularly in Russia. Of course, we would be happy if we were admitted into NATO right now, or if the Partnership for Peace plan provided a clear deadline for our admission. Nevertheless, we have accepted the plan with pleasure. The entire plan was drafted gradually. It looked quite different when we learned about it for the first time. It seemed that it was only a proposal for joint exercises and intensifying professional contacts between the armies. The intensive dialogue that we held with the NATO countries, particularly with the United States, had an impact on the final shape of the Partnership for Peace plan. The partnership is built on the civilization's common values and on a responsibility toward these values. We feel that we view the life and the importance of the freedom of individuals in the same way as the West Europeans do, and we are happy that the Alliance understands this attitude of ours. I am convinced that a quick opening of the Alliance eastward without setting clear criteria would not be in our best interests. I believe that we should be able to understand the feelings of members of the Alliance, since we ourselves will certainly become a member within several years. If we want this organization to be efficient and able to secure its goals -- that is, the protection of our lifestyle -- then this organization cannot admit a country that is not stable politically or whose appreciation of the said values is not so patently obvious.

((Zizka)) In the past, the Alliance admitted countries such as Greece and Turkey, which did not meet the criteria for admission at that time.

((Zieleniec)) In the past, the Alliance was an anti-communist pact. The problem of common values was not so important. The main task was to stop communism. Now, the Alliance wants to assume a new face. It seeks to find a new *raison d'etre* for its existence. Admitting a country that does not fully accept the said values and that is not prepared to defend them without hesitation could create an opportunity for establishing a fifth column within the Alliance, which would then become more vulnerable in view of outside pressures.

((Zizka)) Are you then rejecting the opinion that injustice has been done to us? Some people in the Czech Republic believe that this a new Munich or Yalta.

((Zieleniec)) The politicians who used these words before the summit have stopped using them now. The fact that they agree with us also demonstrates the stability and unequivocality of Czech foreign policy. Since the elections in 1992, our efforts to become a NATO member and assume responsibility for the Western values have become the key pillar of our policy. Many people in neighboring countries who vehemently speak about joining NATO did not even think about joining it several months ago.

((Zizka)) Did you ever see any danger in the fact that admitting

the Central European countries into NATO could -- sooner or later -- lead to a new division of Europe and that Russia and other countries could find themselves on the other side?

((Zieleniec)) Europe's security system has always been based on a certain structure and division. Two blocks do not have to stand against one another and pose a threat to one another. On the other hand, I repeat, the Alliance is a defense alliance that secures freedom and democracy. Let us be sincere. All countries do not have the same lifestyle, and not everywhere is the state based on the same values. Democracy is not in all countries.

((Zizka)) Should we take into account the fact that NATO's eastward expansion could strengthen the position of Russian nationalists?

((Zieleniec)) I believe that the West's reaction in the form of the Partnership for Peace plan is quite adequate. It allows to flexibly react to possible developments in Europe -- and in Russia, in particular -- and gives us the opportunity to either become a member of democratic European countries that accept the values on which the Western civilization has been built or to go in the opposite direction.

((Zizka)) This is the viewpoint of the West. What is the viewpoint of the Central European countries? Should we also try to prevent Russian nationalists from gaining more power?

((Zieleniec)) This is not only our problem or the West's. Russia is a nuclear power. It is a pan-European, and even worldwide, problem. However, we should not forget that the Czech Republic's membership in the Western key structures is not a question of our immediate profit in the economic or security spheres. To us, it is a question of demonstrating our historical identity and our place within the civilization. All our history is the history of a Western civilization. The fact that 45 years ago, the iron curtain was established on our borders and we were separated from the countries that belong to our family as regards civilization, culture, and history does not mean that we should forget the thousand years of our history.

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((Text)) ((Zizka)) Is our NATO membership a necessary
condition? Switzerland is not a member of the Alliance;
nevertheless, no one doubts that Switzerland belongs to the Western

civilization.

((Zieleniec)) I could cite more examples -- Sweden, for instance. Switzerland is in a different place than the Czech Republic. It is impossible to become another Switzerland. We must take a firm position in this space, otherwise we could end up somewhere we do not belong or want to belong to. The geographic position -- or better, the geopolitical situation -- plays a key role here. Our situation adds shape to our history. Switzerland is Switzerland because of where it is.

((Zizka)) Were you not afraid that Clinton's visit could be adversely affected by reports that the Federal Security and Information Service and some politicians had tried to support former President Bush in the election campaign?

((Zieleniec)) No. I believe that the United States is a serious partner who would not want to put unverified reports on the agenda of such an important meeting. We have to wait for the results. I know that the appropriate authorities are conducting an investigation. I must say that I would be very sorry if the reports proved to be true.

((Zizka)) The Czech Republic was against coordinating the Visegrad countries' stance before the meeting. Does that mean that Prague wants to spread propaganda about its exclusiveness?

((Zieleniec)) No. We did not want to coordinate our course of action. Finally, however, everyone took the same stance. The whole Partnership for Peace plan is conceived as bilateral relations between NATO and other countries. I do not believe that it would be proper to cooperate in our region in any other way than by holding consultations. A more binding cooperation would be a direct road toward establishing alternative security structures. This contradicts our objectives -- that is, our early admission to NATO. I believe that this is also clear to our partners. There is another problem: Our views are very different. We have not adopted the all-or-nothing strategy with respect to NATO. It is not because we are too cautious or that we would be satisfied with the little we could get, but there are reasons that I have already explained. I am afraid that because of this, it was not possible to formulate our common stance.

((Zizka)) If, in the future, there are similar differences in our views and we are not able to coordinate our joint course of action when holding talks with Western institutions, then the Visegrad Four's role of conducting political dialogue will dwindle. A solitary Czech voice will become hardly audible then, will it not?

((Zieleniec)) I do not believe so. The Partnership for Peace plan testifies to the fact that they have listened to us. It is important to create a good atmosphere in regional cooperation. We should cooperate in the economy, as well as in the spheres that are closely related to the problem of the regions -- environment, infrastructure, transportation network, and energy supply. Of course, it is also important to be able to solve political problems in our region. When we have this, plus bilateral relations, the feeling of togetherness should prevail in the region. Yet, I would like to stress again that I do not understand the all-or-nothing attitude, which we heard about in connection with the Visegrad cooperation. Those who have adopted this attitude are damaging a vast sphere in which cooperation is possible and in which something has already been done. Everyone knows about a situation in his own life where more people had to jointly fight to push for a certain thing. In such a situation, a man who wants to force his all-or-

nothing attitude upon others becomes a destructive element. One of the basic features of the Western civilization is its ability to fruitfully cooperate and do constructive work. I spoke about it with my partners and I believe that when they were leaving Prague, they changed their opinion, which is also due to the influence of our American friends. I hope that the summit will become -- despite what we heard during its preparation -- a very positive influence that will help intensify and accelerate cooperation within the Visegrad group.

((Zizka)) You stressed the fact that the economic sphere and specific projects are the most important things in regional cooperation. It also depends on the political contacts, whether trust or mistrust will be established between countries. Certain actions of the Czech diplomacy -- be it the absence of the defense minister at the consultative meeting or your statement at the time of the preparation of the summit when you said that the summit would have mostly a bilateral character -- met with a negative reaction.

((Zieleniec)) I only described how much time will be devoted to what. I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the summit was as I said: The first day was devoted to Czech-U.S. bilateral relations, and the second day also had mostly a bilateral character, since the United States conducted talks with individual countries of the Visegrad Four. The dinner in honor of President Clinton was the first multilateral action. The increased nervousness, particularly in Poland, caused other people to think that we wanted to usurp the entire meeting. This was not the case. We did were not influenced by the nervousness that prevailed during the preparation of the meeting and we continued to push for our objectives. The Visegrad partners finally left Prague satisfied. Their words testify to it. Slovak Prime Minister Meciar rejected opinions that the Czech Republic is a partner that does not want to cooperate. President Walesa also eased up on his critical statements.

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INFO: *****

SUBJ: Take 3 of 3 -- Zieleniec Views Clinton Visit, Visegrad

TEXT:

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COUNTRY: Czech Republic
SUBJ: Take 3 of 3 -- Zieleniec Views Clinton Visit, Visegrad
REF: au2101184295 prague hospodarske noviny czech 20 jan///his
critical statements.

TEXT:

((Text)) ((Zizka)) You mentioned Meciar's statements. His words are a significant reversal, since shortly before that, Ivan

Mjartan, Slovak ambassador to Prague, said that the Czech Republic's attitude could destabilize the region. Does that mean that a new Czech-Slovak partnership is in the offing?

((Zieleniec)) Our bilateral relations with Slovakia are a very important matter. I believe that the reason for this shift, not only in Slovakia's opinion but also in Poland and Hungary's, has been caused by our diplomacy's decent and calm attitude toward the preparation of the summit. We explained to our partners now and again what the essence of our policy was. We explained our efforts to search for a more intensive cooperation without having to compromise on our stance. I believe that the American diplomacy also helped us achieve that goal. During a meeting with foreign ministers, Secretary of State Christopher stressed several times that bilateral relations were important for establishing the security system in our region.

((Zizka)) How do you view the Hungarian proposal to jointly sign a treaty applicable to the Partnership for Peace plan?

((Zieleniec)) Again, this is a search for symbols and a matter of stressing something that is not important at all.

((Zizka)) Some people are saying that the organization of Clinton's visit was in the hands of the Americans. Czech correspondents did not have easy access to individual events. The security measures taken by the Americans blocked the traffic in Prague. The Czechs should have been given more clout in that matter, should they not?

((Zieleniec)) President Clinton is a man who has enormous power due to the Constitution of the United States and the role that the United States plays in the world. This power often represents the existential issue for the entire humankind. After Kennedy's assassination in 1963, no wonder the United States has become very concerned with the security of its presidents. The visible part of the security measures was only a tiny part of the entire job the United States had to do on our territory. It is true that it complicated the life of many Prague citizens. I would like to thank them for having coped with the situation. On the other hand, I would also like to say that our laws and sovereignty have not been violated at all. Our correspondent had a difficult time getting to various events. This is the negative side of the fact that there were hundreds of foreign correspondents who referred about this event and transmitted the picture of Prague and its representatives into the world. Two billion people all over the world watched the visit. This is no small effect of the visit. It paid off to put up with discomfort -- if not for other reasons, then for this effect.

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SUBJ: Terrorist Carlos Reported in Prague During Clinton's Visit

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SERIAL: AU2101192094

PASS: COPY TO GIG TOT, GIG TDD

COUNTRY: Czech Republic

SUBJ: Terrorist Carlos Reported in Prague During Clinton's Visit

SOURCE: Prague CTK in English 1824 GMT 21 Jan 94

TEXT:

((Text)) Prague, Jan 21 (CTK) -- The police have no information about Peruvian Indian strolling musicians, currently performing in Prague, being connected with the Maoist terrorist organization Shining Path, spokesman for the Prague Police Pavel Valasek told CTK today.

Reports about the alleged cooperation of the Indians with terrorists were carried by the Czech press today. Valasek said the "Prague" Peruvians had never been prosecuted for crime and that "there had never been any problems with them in this respect."

Czech Information and Security Service (BIS) Director Stanislav Devaty has declined to comment on the issue, arguing that it was an internal matter of BIS.

The Peruvians perform in the center of Prague. A CTK correspondent said they were not seen at their usual place today as participants in the shrovetide carnival filled the space.

Similar Indian folk groups also perform in other European cities.

The Shining Path (Sendero Luminoso) was established in 1962 as a faction which separated from the Peruvian Communist Party. It is an illegal Maoist organization that considers the armed struggle the

only path towards revolution. It is connected with the international drugs network and is one of the biggest producers of cocaine in Latin America. In the period from 1980 to 1994 it has responsible for the deaths of some 27,000 people.

Devaty today neither confirmed nor denied another information by the press that wanted terrorist Ilyich Ramirez Sanchez known as Carlos (allegedly a former member of the Communist Party of Venezuela) had allegedly been seen at Prague Ruzyně Airport during U.S. President Bill Clinton's visit to Prague.

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SUBJ: Hungarian Ruling Party Delegation Visits East Slovakia

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COUNTRY: Slovakia

SUBJ: Hungarian Ruling Party Delegation Visits East Slovakia

SOURCE: Prague CTK in English 2021 GMT 21 Jan 94

TEXT:

((Text)) Kosice, east Slovakia, Jan 21 (CTK) -- A Hungarian Democratic Forum (MDF) delegation arrived here today for a three day visit to search for new possibilities to promote contacts and cooperation between the two countries in cultural and economic spheres.

The delegation is made up of Sandor Lezsak, executive chairman of the governing MDF and the party's deputy chairmen -- Peter Nahimi and Tamas Szabo, who is also Hungarian privatization minister.

In an interview with CTK Lezsak said that cooperation between Hungary and Slovakia could not be developed in a confrontational atmosphere. He said the current visit had been prepared for half a year and was taking place at the invitation of the chairman of the

Egyutteleles (Coexistence) Hungarian minority movement, Miklos Duray, who is also accompanying the delegation.

The delegation met with representatives of the Hungarian minority living in the Mezibodrozi region in the morning. Later in the day its members visited Kosice to hold talks with Kosice Mayor Rudolf Bauer who acquainted them with a proposal for the future administrative division of Slovakia drawn up by the Club of Mayors. The proposal envisages the establishment of 16 historical counties. The MDF delegation expressed "sympathy" with the proposal.

In the remaining days, the Hungarian guests will visit individual towns in southern Slovakia to meet with representatives of local administration and of political and civic organizations of the Hungarian minority. They are also expected to meet church representatives before travelling home on Sunday.

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2. THERE FOLLOWS EMBASSY RESPONSE TO REFTEL DRAFT AND
QUERIES, KEYED TO NUMBER AND PARAGRAPH.
3. BEGIN TEXT OF EMBASSY RESPONSE TO REFTEL DRAFT. PARAS
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DRAFT. ONE GENERAL COMMENT: EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT
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THE FINAL REPORT, EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE PROVIDED SOME
INFORMATION OF THIS NATURE FOR BACKGROUND PURPOSES IN
RESPONSE TO THE DEPARTMENT'S QUESTIONS. OFTEN SUCH
INFORMATION CANNOT BE CONFIRMED, AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE ITS
INCLUSION WOULD STRENGTHEN THE REPORT.
4. AT END OF LAST SENTENCE OF PARA, ADD "... UNTIL
NOVEMBER, WHEN THE COALITION WAS RENEWED."
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RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL SECURITY/INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES IN
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SLOVAKIA'S NATIONAL COUNCIL. THE SERVICE HAS
INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITY, BUT DOES NOT HAVE ARREST POWERS.
THE SLOVAK PRESIDENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR APPOINTING THE
SERVICE CHIEF, AND THE PRIME MINISTER HAS NO DIRECT
CONTROL OVER THE SERVICE'S OPERATION. THERE IS ALSO A

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7. INSTEAD OF REFTTEL TEXT, PLEASE SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING: "FREEDOM OF PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY, ASSOCIATION AND RELIGION ARE WIDELY RESPECTED. STILL, SOME HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS REMAIN. THOUGH THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF MEDIA CENSORSHIP, HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS AS WELL AS SOME JOURNALISTS EXPRESSED ANXIETY OVER THE GOVERNMENT'S APPARENT USE OF FINANCIAL AND BUREAUCRATIC ACTIONS TO ATTEMPT TO EXERCISE CONTROL OVER JOURNALISTS' ACTIVITIES. HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS AND SOME MINORITY REPRESENTATIVES COMPLAINED OF RESTRICTIONS ON SCHOOLING IN THE MOTHER TONGUE, POSTING OF BILINGUAL ROADSIGNS, AND THE REGISTRATION OF NAMES, THOUGH SOME STEPS WERE TAKEN IN 1993 TO ADDRESS THEIR CONCERNS. THE GOVERNMENT CONDEMNED THE FEW INSTANCES OF "SKINHEAD" ATTACKS AGAINST JEWS AND DESECRATION OF SYNAGOGUES AND CEMETERIES, ACTING PROMPTLY TO INVESTIGATE AND TO REDRESS WRONGDOING. LAWS AND REGULATIONS GUARANTEE EQUAL RIGHTS TO WOMEN AND MINORITIES BUT FULL EQUALITY DOES NOT YET EXIST. SOME GROUPS (NOTABLY ROMANIES) REMAINED DISADVANTAGED DUE TO A VARIETY OF SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL AND ECONOMIC CAUSES WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAD ONLY BEGUN TO ADDRESS." (EXPLANATION: THOUGH THERE ARE BUDGET-DRIVEN RESTRICTIONS ON SCHOOLING IN THE MOTHER TONGUE, THERE IS NO GOVERNMENT "POLICY" TO RESTRICT IT AS FAR AS WE HAVE OBSERVED; TO THE CONTRARY, THE POLICY IS TO PROVIDE IT INsofar AS BUDGET PERMITS. WE ADDED THE REFERENCE TO STEPS TAKEN FOR BALANCE'S SAKE. WE ALTERED "NOT ALWAYS RESPECTED IN PRACTICE" BECAUSE IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT CONSCIOUS OR DELIBERATE VIOLATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FAILURE TO ACHIEVE FULL EQUALITY. WE REMOVED THE REFERENCE TO THE DISCRIMINATORY TOWN ORDINANCE AS TOO DETAILED FOR THE SUMMARY AND COVERED ADEQUATELY SUMMARY AND COVERED ADEQUATELY BY THE FINAL SENTENCE; IT

IS INCLUDED IN THE BODY OF THE REPORT. END EXPLANATION.)

8. NOTE 2: THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF DEATHS IN OFFICIAL CUSTODY DUE TO LETHAL FORCE USED BY POLICE OR SECURITY SERVICE. NOTE 3: IGOR K., THE POLICEMAN ACCUSED OF KILLING TWO DETAINEES AT THE ROMANY SETTLEMENT AT KLENOVEC OCTOBER 26, IS IN CUSTODY PENDING AN EXPECTED FINAL DECISION AND SENTENCING ON FEBRUARY 27, 1994.

10. NOTE 4: WE HAVE NO REPORTS FROM ROMA COMMUNITIES OF THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE IN CONNECTION WITH ARRESTS. HOWEVER, SOME ROMA COMPLAINTS HAVE APPEARED IN THE MEDIA THAT INTERFERENCE WITH THEIR PRACTICE OF THE MIGRANT WAY OF LIFE AND PRACTICE OF TRADITIONAL CRAFTS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF THEIR RIGHTS. SLOVAK AUTHORITIES COMPLAIN, ON THE OTHER HAND, THAT ROMA ARE UNWILLING TO OBSERVE LAWS AND REGULATIONS, USING LOW LITERACY AS A JUSTIFICATION. REGARDING PRISON CONDITIONS: THUS FAR OUR CONSULAR SECTION HAS NOT HAD OCCASION TO VISIT PRISONS, BUT SECOND-HAND REPORTS INDICATE THAT PRISONERS ARE PROVIDED "STANDARD" LIVING CONDITIONS, MEALS AND MEDICAL CARE. A TDY U.S. UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 06 BRATISLAVA 000128

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11. NOTE 5: A DETAINEE CAN BE TAKEN INTO "INVESTIGATION
DETENTION" FOR A MAXIMUM OF 24 HOURS. DURING THE INITIAL
24 HOURS OF DETENTION THE DETAINEE MUST BE OFFERED ACCESS
TO AN ATTORNEY AND ACQUAINTED WITH HIS/HER RIGHTS. IN
SERIOUS CRIMINAL MATTERS, THE JUDGE OFFERS THE SERVICES OF
A COURT-PAID ATTORNEY; ALTERNATIVELY, THE DETAINEE MAY
CHOOSE HIS/HER OWN LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE. AFTER THE
INITIAL 24 HOURS THE JUDGE, IN COORDINATION WITH THE
POLICE INVESTIGATOR, DECIDES WHETHER THE DETAINEE SHOULD
BE RELEASED (WITH FINE, RELEASE FEE, OR SIMPLY TO AWAIT
TRIAL) OR TAKEN INTO DETENTION. THIS PHASE OF THE
DETENTION CAN LAST UP TO TWO MONTHS, DURING THE INITIAL
PERIOD OF INVESTIGATION AND GATHERING OF EVIDENCE. AT
THIS POINT A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE CASE IS RELEASED
TO THE DETAINEE. THE DETAINEE CAN STILL BE KEPT IN PRE-
TRIAL DETENTION WHILE TRIAL PREPARATIONS CONTINUE. THE
TOTAL OF THE THREE PHASES OF PRE-TRIAL DETENTION MAY NOT
EXCEED ONE YEAR, UNLESS EXTENDED IN EXCEPTIONAL
CIRCUMSTANCES BY THE SUPREME COURT IN CASES WHEN THE
DETAINEE'S PRE-TRIAL RELEASE COULD POSE A SERIOUS DANGER
TO SOCIETY.

14. EMBASSY COMMENT: THIS PARAGRAPH REPEATS AN
ACCUSATION THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WAS "... ATTEMPTING TO
PACK THE COURT ..." IN EXERCISING A PRIVILEGE THE UNITED
STATES ACCORDS TO EVERY PRESIDENT. IT SOUNDS ONE-SIDED TO
REPEAT AN ACCUSATION WITHOUT STATING OUR OWN VIEW OR
REFLECTING THE OTHER SIDE. WE RECOMMEND EITHER DELETING
THE REFERENCE OR EDITING IT TO SOUND MORE NEUTRAL.

18. NOTE 6: IN JANUARY 1994 THE GOVERNMENT VOTED TO SEEK
A JUDGMENT FROM THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT AS TO WHETHER THE
LUSTRATION LAW WAS CONSTITUTIONAL AND CONSISTENT WITH
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS TREATIES. CAN A 1994
DEVELOPMENT BE INCLUDED IN THE 1993 REPORT? THERE IS NO
1993 UPDATE WE CAN CITE SPECIFICALLY.

20. NOTE 7: THE CRIMINAL CODE REQUIRES POLICE TO OBTAIN
A SEARCH WARRANT IN ORDER TO ENTER A HOME. SEARCH
WARRANTS MAY BE ISSUED BY A CHIEF JUDGE (PRESIDENT OF
SENATE) OR, DURING INVESTIGATION, BY A JUDGE UPON THE
RECOMMENDATION OF THE PROSECUTOR. HOUSE SEARCH IS
PERMITTED ONLY IF THERE IS A WELL-FOUNDED SUSPICION THAT
IMPORTANT EVIDENCE OR PERSONS ACCUSED OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY
ARE PRESENT INSIDE, OR IF THERE IS SOME OTHER IMPORTANT
REASON. A SEARCH WARRANT MUST BE PRESENTED BEFORE THE
HOUSE SEARCH IS CONDUCTED OR, IF SOME SERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE
PREVENTED THIS, WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER THE SEARCH.

21. PLEASE ALTER TEXT TO READ: THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF
GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT IN THE OPENING OF MAIL. THERE WERE
NO REPORTS OF SURVEILLANCE OF PERSONS OR COMMUNICATIONS."
(NOTE: DURING 1993 THE POST OFFICE INITIATED AN
INVESTIGATION INTO THE OPENING OF LETTERS AND OTHER MAIL,
ASSERTING THAT THIS WAS PRIVATE ACTIVITY ON THE PART OF
INDIVIDUAL POST OFFICE EMPLOYEES SEARCHING FOR MONEY OR

VALUABLES. THE POST OFFICE APPEALED PUBLICLY TO CITIZENS TO REPORT DIRECTLY TO HEADQUARTERS REGARDING ANY SUCH CASES. IN LIGHT OF THIS, WE BELIEVE THE FEW CASES WE HEARD ABOUT CANNOT CLEARLY BE ASCRIBED TO POLITICALLY MOTIVATED TAMPERING WITH THE MAIL.)

22. PLEASE ADD A SENTENCE AT END OF PARAGRAPH: "THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF CENSORSHIP."

26. NOTE 9: "SME" IS STILL PUBLISHING, STILL VERY CRITICAL OF THE GOVERNMENT. ADDITIONAL NOTE: ON DECEMBER 23, 1993, A SLOVAK COMPANY SUBORDINATE TO THE TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY ABRUPTLY CANCELED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 31, 1994, ITS FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH RADIO FREE EUROPE, ALLOWING MEDIUM-WAVE REUROPE, ALLOWING MEDIUM-WAVE RFE BROADCASTS FROM THREE

SITES IN SLOVAKIA. THOUGH THE TRANSPORT MINISTER ASSERTED THE DECISION WAS MERELY TECHNICAL, THE MOVE FOLLOWED MONTHS OF CRITICISM OF RFE IN GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED MEDIA FOR ALLEGED LACK OF OBJECTIVITY AND AN ANTI-GOVERNMENT SLANT. (NOTE FOR DEPARTMENT: EMBASSY SPOT-CHECKS OF RFE TRANSCRIPTS REVEALED SOME HEAVY ATTACKS ON THE PRIME MINISTER, AS WELL AS A TENDENCY TOWARDS EDITORIALIZING BETWEEN THE LINES IN AN ANTI-GOVERNMENT VEIN.) AT YEAR'S END IT WAS UNCLEAR WHETHER THE SLOVAK GOVERNMENT WOULD NULLIFY THE CANCELLATION. HOWEVER, EMBASSY WAS GIVEN HIGH-LEVEL ASSURANCES EARLY IN 1994 THAT THE CANCELLATION HAD BEEN A MISTAKE, UNAUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT, AND WOULD BE REVERSED. AT THIS WRITING, THE ISSUE IS PENDING. A WORKING LEVEL MEETING BETWEEN RFE AND MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 26.

27. PLEASE SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING TEXT: "SLOVAKIA HAS ONE TELEVISION STATION BROADCASTING ON TWO CHANNELS. DURING 1993 THIS STATION WAS GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED, THOUGH STEPS WERE UNDERWAY FOR PARTIAL PRIVATIZATION. ALTHOUGH UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 06 BRATISLAVA 000128
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ONE OF SLOVAKIA'S SEVENTEEN RADIO STATIONS IS GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED, THE REMAINDER ARE PRIVATELY OWNED AND CONTROLLED.

28. AFTER THE SENTENCE THAT ENDS "... FIVE FROM THE HZDS AND TWO FROM THE SNS." PLEASE SUBSTITUTE: "IMMEDIATELY ANOTHER BOARD MEMBER RESIGNED, OBJECTING TO THE POLITICAL IMBALANCE THIS CREATED. IN NOVEMBER THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF SLOVAK TELEVISION RESIGNED, CITING EXHAUSTION. AT THAT TIME A COMPETITIVE PROCESS WAS ALREADY IN PROGRESS FOR SELECTION BY A BOARD OF A PERMANENT DIRECTOR, WHO WOULD THEN REQUIRE PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL." RESUME REFTTEL TEXT WITH "SOME JOURNALISTS ..." (AFTER NOTE 11).

ALTERNATIVELY, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO SHORTEN THE REFERENCE. NOTE 10: THE INITIAL FIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO RESIGNED DID SO INDIVIDUALLY OVER TIME FOR REASONS THAT ARE NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THEY WERE UNPAID AND FRUSTRATED BY THEIR INABILITY TO WIELD SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE OVER THE FORCEFUL ACTING DIRECTOR. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE RESIGNATIONS HAVE HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS, THOUGH WE CANNOT RULE IT OUT ENTIRELY. NO

REASONS WERE GIVEN PUBLICLY FOR THE TWO OCTOBER DISMISSALS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS BY PARLIAMENT, AND WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN DETAILS. AT THE TIME, IT WAS PROPOSED THAT FOUR BE DISMISSED, BUT PARLIAMENT VOTED FOR ONLY TWO OF THE PROPOSED DISMISSALS.

29. PLEASE SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING TEXT: "DURING EARLY 1993 A REGULAR FEATURE OF SLOVAK TELEVISION WAS THE SUNDAY NIGHT PROGRAM "TEN MINUTES WITH THE PRIME MINISTER," ORIGINALLY ENVISIONED AS AN INTERVIEW, BUT CRITICIZED BY JOURNALISTS FOR ITS MONOLOGUE FORMAT. IN OCTOBER AN OPOSITION POLITICAL LEADER DEMANDED EQUAL AIR TIME TO ENSURE A BALANCED PICTURE FOR THE VIEWING PUBLIC. IN THE FALL "TEN MINUTES" WAS REPLACED BY "PRESS CLUB," A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION/INTERVIEW SHOW THAT INCLUDES GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION POLITICAL FIGURES, AS WELL AS JOURNALISTS FROM A BROAD SPECTRUM OF MEDIA." NOTE 12: THE "JOURNALIST SENATES" WERE NEVER ESTABLISHED AND WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING ON THIS SUBJECT FOR THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS.

30. NOTE 13: SEE SEPTTEL FOR REPLY.

31. NOTE 14: EMBASSY HAS HEARD NOTHING FURTHER ON THE MEDIA TAX PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD HAVE DIFFERENTIATED BETWEEN "OBJECTIVE NEWSPAPERS" AND TABLOIDS. AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT, IT HAS DROPPED FROM SIGHT.

33. NOTE 15: HAJDUK WAS CONFIRMED BY PRESIDENT KOVAC. OPPONENTS COMPLAIN PRIVATELY THAT FORMER CZECHOSLOVAK PRESIDENT HAVEL'S INITIAL APPOINTMENT OF HAJDUK WAS ILLEGAL BECAUSE HAJDUK LACKED THE REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS AT THE TIME (HE HAS SINCE MET THE QUALIFICATIONS), AND THAT KOVAC'S SUBSEQUENT ACT OF APPOINTMENT IS A TACIT ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT THE INITIAL APPOINTMENT WAS FLAWED. NEVERTHELESS, AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE NO OFFICIAL ACTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN AGAINST HAJDUK.

37. AFTER THE SENTENCE THAT ENDS "... ONLY TO REGISTERED CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS." PLEASE ADD A SENTENCE: "SLOVAK OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED THEY ARE AWARE OF DEFICIENCIES IN EXISTING REGULATIONS, AND THAT A PROCESS OF REVIEW IS UNDERWAY." NOTE 16: ACCORDING TO THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, FIFTEEN CHURCHES ARE REGISTERED UNDER LAW NO. 308. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS IS NOT KNOWN. THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE REGISTERS CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, BUT MANY OF THE CIVIC SOCIETIES OR ASSOCIATIONS REGISTERED WITH THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ALSO PERFORM SOME RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS TEACHING ENGLISH THROUGH RELIGION OR CHARITABLE WORKS. THE MINISTRY TOLD US THAT SINCE THERE IS FREEDOM OF RELIGION, IT DOES NOT CHECK OFFICIALLY WHO IS DOING WHAT. NOTE 17: THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE ASSERTS THAT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST HAS THAT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST HAS BEEN ABLE TO PRACTICE FREELY USING THE FACILITIES OF OTHER, REGISTERED CHURCHES WHILE STILL NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO REGISTER ITSELF. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY COMPLAINTS FROM THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN SLOVAKIA, THOUGH CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES IN THE U.S. APPARENTLY WROTE TO VICE PRESIDENT GORE TO SEEK EASING OF EXISTING RESTRICTIONS.

41. NOTE 18: AFTER THE SPLIT, ONE OF THE FIRST LAWS PASSED BY THE SLOVAK PARLIAMENT WAS THE NEW CITIZENSHIP

LAW, PASSED JANUARY 19, 1993. IT SET THE CONDITIONS FOR DETERMINING, ACQUIRING AND LOSING CITIZENSHIP IN THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC. ANY PERSON WHO HAD BEEN A CITIZEN OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC UNDER THE CZECHOSLOVAK FEDERATION (BY BIRTH OR NATURALIZATION) AUTOMATICALLY BECAME A CITIZEN OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC AFTER THE SPLIT. PERSONS PERMANENTLY RESIDING IN SLOVAKIA WHOSE PLACE OF BIRTH WAS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC, BUT WHO WISHED TO CHOOSE SLOVAK CITIZENSHIP, HAD UNTIL THE END OF 1993 TO EXECUTE A WRITTEN DECLARATION TO THAT EFFECT AT ANY LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE. (THE FULL ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TEXT OF THE CITIZENSHIP LAW WAS FORWARDED UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 06 BRATISLAVA 000128

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TO THE DEPARTMENT AS 93 BRATISLAVA 310, DATED MAY 28, 1993.) WE ARE AWARE OF NO COMPLAINTS OF DISENFRANCHISEMENT, BY ROMA OR ANYONE ELSE.

43. PLEASE DELETE THE FINAL SENTENCE, BEGINNING "FOR INSTANCE, ..." (EXPLANATION: IN FACT THERE WERE NO VICTORIOUS ROMANY CANDIDATES IN THE 1992 ELECTIONS WHO WERE KEPT OUT OF PARLIAMENT ONLY BECAUSE THEIR PARTY FAILED TO PASS THE 5 PERCENT THRESHOLD. INCLUSION OF A HYPOTHETICAL EXAMPLE IMPLYING ROMANY EXCLUSION WHEN IT DID NOT IN FACT OCCUR CREATES A MISLEADING IMPRESSION THAT ROMANIES ARE A VICTIM OF THIS PROVISION.)

44. PLEASE SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING: "AS OF DECEMBER, ALL MINISTERS OF THE GOVERNMENT WERE EITHER MEMBERS OF THE MOVEMENT FOR A DEMOCRATIC SLOVAKIA (HZDS), THE LARGEST POLITICAL ENTITY, OR THE SLOVAK NATIONAL PARTY (SNS). THE HZDS RULED IN COALITION WITH THE SNS UNTIL THE LATTER LEFT THE COALITION IN MARCH, THEN GOVERNED WITHOUT COMMANDING A MAJORITY IN PARLIAMENT UNTIL THE COALITION RESUMED IN NOVEMBER. NEW ELECTIONS ARE SCHEDULED FOR 1996." IF DESIRED, THE FOLLOWING CAN ALSO BE ADDED: "DURING THE LATTER HALF OF 1993 SEVERAL PARTIES URGED EARLY ELECTIONS TO RESOLVE THE PARLIAMENTARY STALEMATE CAUSED BY THE HZDS'S LACK OF A WORKING MAJORITY (STILL SHAKY EVEN AFTER THE COALITION RESUMED)."

45. NOTE 19: THERE ARE 26 WOMEN IN THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC, WHICH IS 17 PERCENT OF DEPUTIES OVERALL. HZDS HAS 15 (22.7 PERCENT), SDL FIVE (17.9 PERCENT), KDH NONE, SNS TWO (14.3 PERCENT), COEXISTENCE ONE (11.1 PERCENT), ALLIANCE OF DEMOCRATS THREE (30 PERCENT), AND MKDH NONE. WOMEN FALL FAR SHORT OF 50 PERCENT IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN ALL AREAS OF PUBLIC LIFE. THERE ARE NO EXPLICIT PRACTICAL BARRIERS THAT WE KNOW OF; THEIR LACK OF FULL PARTICIPATION IS PROBABLY DUE TO THE SAME COMBINATION OF CULTURAL FACTORS THAT EXIST IN OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND THE UNITED STATES.

46. EITHER DELETE THE SENTENCE BEGINNING "ETHNIC HUNGARIANS EXPRESSED CONCERN, ..." OR ADD THE WORD "RUMORED" BEFORE "GOVERNMENT PLANS." (EXPLANATION: THE GOVERNMENT NEVER WENT FORWARD OFFICIALLY WITH THE PLAN THE HUNGARIANS MOST FEARED -- A VERTICAL TERRITORIAL DIVISION THAT WOULD HAVE LEFT HUNGARIANS A SMALL MINORITY AT THE SOUTHERN END OF EACH ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT -- PROBABLY

IN PART BECAUSE OF PUBLIC PRESSURES, INCLUDING THE JANUARY 8 KOMARNO MEETING OF ETHNIC HUNGARIANS. THE GOVERNMENT REDISTRICTING PLAN ACTUALLY SUBMITTED TO PARLIAMENT IN JANUARY 1994, THOUGH WE ARE STILL STUDYING IT, DOES NOT APPEAR TO GERRYMANDER HUNGARIANS OUT OF THEIR RIGHTS. ON JANUARY 18 VISITING COUNCIL OF EUROPE REPRESENTATIVES PRONOUNCED THEMSELVES SATISFIED THAT THE PLAN ACTUALLY SUBMITTED DID NOT VIOLATE EUROPEAN NORMS.

48. DELETE FINAL SENTENCE. AN AUGUST EVENT COULD NOT BE IN RESPONSE TO A SEPTEMBER REPORT.

51. NOTE 20: THE LARGEST WOMENS' ORGANIZATION IN SLOVAKIA IS ACTUALLY THE DEMOCRATIC UNION OF WOMEN OF SLOVAKIA, A SELF-DESCRIBED NON-POLITICAL ORGANIZATION BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF HUMANISM AND DEMOCRACY. IT MONITORS THE OBSERVANCE OF THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES IN LIGHT OF INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED DOCUMENTS, THE BILL OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE SLOVAK CONSTITUTION, ESPECIALLY AS THEY AFFECT THE SOCIAL AND FAMILY SPHERES. IT OPPOSES ANY FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL LIFE, AND SUPPORTS THE "OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN'S PERSONALITY." OTHER WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS, ALSO NON-POLITICAL AND ENGAGED IN SIMILAR WORK, INCLUDE THE COUNCIL OF WOMEN, THE SLOVAK WOMEN'S CENTER, AND THE FEDERATION OF WOMEN FOR WORLD PEACE. NOTE 21: WE KNOW OF NO INSTANCES I21: WE KNOW OF NO INSTANCES IN WHICH WOMEN SOUGHT REDRESS

FOR ALLEGED SEXUAL DISCRIMINATION. NOTE 22: SPOUSE ABUSE, CHILD ABUSE AND OTHER VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ARE REPORTED ALONG WITH OTHER CRIMINAL OFFENSES; WE DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO ASSESS THEIR EXTENT PRECISELY. THERE IS A PERCEPTION THAT OFTEN SUCH CASES GO UNREPORTED OR ARE REPORTED TOO LATE FOR EFFECTIVE FOLLOW-UP. ONCE REPORTED THEY ARE SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES UNDER THE CRIMINAL CODE.

53. NOTE 23: CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND WELFARE ARE ADDRESSED IN PART BY THE LABOR CODE, AND IN PART BY THE SYSTEM OF CHILD WELFARE PAYMENTS TO FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN. THE WORKING AGE IS 18, EXCEPT FOR APPRENTICESHIPS WHICH MAY BEGIN AT AGE 14. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF A PATTERN OF ABUSE OR DENIAL OF RIGHTS TO CHILDREN, BUT AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE NEITHER IS THERE A COMPREHENSIVE BODY OF LAW SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSING THEIR RIGHTS.

55. CHANGE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN PRESIDENT'S ROUNDTABLE TO INCLUDE JEWS; DELETE PARENTHETICAL REFERENCE REGARDING THEIR NON-INCLUSION. (EXPLANATION: THOUGH EMBASSY HAD BEEN TOLD BY THE ROUNDTABLE'S IMPLEMENTING OFFICIAL THAT UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 06 BRATISLAVA 000128

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JEWS WERE NOT OFFICIALLY INCLUDED FOR THE REASON STATED IN THE PARENTHESIS, SUBSEQUENTLY EMBASSY RECEIVED THE MINUTES OF A ROUNDTABLE MEETING THAT INCLUDED JEWISH CONTRIBUTIONS.) NOTE 24: ISSUES RAISED AT ONE SESSION OF THE PRESIDENT'S MINORITIES ROUNDTABLE INCLUDED LEGALIZATION OF DUAL CITIZENSHIP, USE OF THE CZECH LANGUAGE, SUPPORT FOR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES (CZECHS);

FOSTERING ETHNIC IDENTITY (CROATS); CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND REGIONAL SELF-GOVERNMENT, CANCELLATION OF THE BENES DECREES, RETURN OF LANDS, REGISTRATION OF NAMES, BILINGUAL PLACE NAMES, TERRITORIAL DIVISION ACCORDING TO ETHNICITY, CANCELLATION OF THE OFFER OF ALTERNATIVE (COMBINED SLOVAK/HUNGARIAN) SCHOOLING, FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, ADOPTION OF THE HUNGARIAN DRAFT LAW ON NATIONALITIES, CREATION OF A HUNGARIAN CHURCH DIOCESE, A HUNGARIAN UNIVERSITY IN KOMARNO (HUNGARIANS); CANCELLATION OF BENES DECREES, ESTABLISHMENT OF GERMAN SCHOOLS, GUARANTEED REPRESENTATION IN PARLIAMENT OF NATIONALITIES REGARDLESS OF NUMBER OF VOTES, NOT CHARACTERIZING GERMANS AS FASCISTS IN THE MEDIA, MORE UNDERSTANDING OF GERMANS IN TV AND RADIO (GERMANS); DUAL CITIZENSHIP (POLES); HIGHER CULTURAL AND SPORTS SUBSIDIES, RESOLUTION OF HOUSING AND UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS, OVERALL SOLUTION TO ROMANY PROBLEMS, COMPENSATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST FASCISM, CREATION OF A FACULTY OF ROMANY CULTURE AT THE NITRA PEDAGOGICAL FACULTY, MEASURES AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AND TEACHER TRAINING (ROMANIES); A RUTHENIAN RADIO STATION, ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEPARTMENT OF RUTHENIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE AT PRESOV UNIVERSITY, REFERENCE TO RUTHENIANS AS A SEPARATE NATIONALITY AND NOT AS UKRAINIANS IN THE MASS MEDIA (RUTHENIANS); CULTURAL SELF-GOVERNMENT, ELIMINATE THE RUTHENIAN REVIVAL AND KEEP UKRAINIAN CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS ONLY FOR UKRAINIANS, IMPROVE CONDITIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF UKRAINIAN CULTURE AND EDUCATION (UKRAINIANS); SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL TRADITIONS, FIGHT ANTISEMITISM (ESPECIALLY IN CERTAIN NEWSPAPERS), EDUCATE CITIZENS TO GREATER TOLERANCE (JEWS). THE ROUNDTABLE CHAIRMAN CIRCULATES REQUESTS TO THE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES, WHO REPLY OFFICIALLY IN WRITING. REPLIES INCLUDE COMPLETE STATEMENTS OF GOVERNMENT BUDGET ALLOCATIONS IN SUPPORT OF MINORITY CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, EXPLANATIONS OF THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE LANGUAGE OF SCHOOL INSTRUCTION IS DETERMINED IN ETHNICALLY MIXED AREAS, ANALYSES OF PROBLEMS AFFECTING MINORITIES, DEBATES AND AT TIMES REBUTTALS OF SOME ARGUMENTS PRESENTED BY MINORITY REPRESENTATIVES. IN ADDITION, MANY GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS ARE ALREADY ENGAGED IN PROGRAMS THAT RESPOND TO THE CONCERNS VOICED BY MINORITIES.

56. AT THE END OF THE PARAGRAPH, ADD THE SENTENCE: "IN ADDITION, SOME HUNGARIAN ACTIVISTS HAVE ADVOCATED LOWERING THE THRESHOLD TO TEN PERCENT." (DEPARTMENT SEE ALSO PARAGRAPH 46 EXPLANATION.) NOTE 25: YES, GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY DOES INCLUDE COURT PROCEEDINGS.

57. AT END OF PARAGRAPH, ADD: "STATISTICS ON ETHNIC HUNGARIAN ENROLLMENT AND COURSE ATTENDANCE PROVIDED BY THE NITRA HIGHER PEDAGOGICAL SCHOOL, WHICH TRAINS FUTURE TEACHERS, DEMONSTRATED THAT THIS WAS NOT THE CASE."

58. AFTER "... REQUIREMENT THAT FEMININE NAMES CONFORM TO SLOVAK GRAMMATICAL FORMS" END THE SENTENCE AND ADD: "SOME HUNGARIAN REPRESENTATIVES OBJECTED TO THIS PROVISION. THE GOVERNMENT HAS SINCE STATED ITS INTENTION TO ENFORCE THE RULE IN PUBLIC (I.E., MEDIA) SLOVAK-LANGUAGE DISCOURSE,

BUT TO ALLOW THE USE OF HUNGARIAN GRAMMATICAL FORMS IN REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS." CONTINUE REFTEL TEXT FROM "THE GOVERNMENT ALSO MADE ..."GOVERNMENT ALSO MADE ..."

60. NOTE 27: IT IS FINE TO USE "CHARTER 77" IN THE ENGLISH TEXT. IT MAY NOT HAVE OCCURRED TO GOVERNMENT JOB AGENCIES THAT AN ETHNIC DESIGNATION CATEGORY ON JOB APPLICATIONS WOULD FOSTER DISCRIMINATION. WHEN THIS WAS POINTED OUT, THEY VOLUNTARILY REMOVED THE QUESTION. ACTIVISTS COULD HAVE SUED, BUT WHY SHOULD THEY SUE IF PERSUASION WORKED?

61. NOTE 28: A ROMANY REPRESENTATIVE TELLS US NUMEROUS CASES OF ROMANIES BEING BARRED FROM RESTAURANTS WERE REPORTED IN 1993, SOME IN THE NEWSPAPERS. EMBASSY PERSONNEL WITNESSED ONE ACT OF REFUSAL TO SERVE A RESPECTABLE-LOOKING ROMANY FAMILY IN 1993. NOTE 29: EMBASSY HAS NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE LOMNICKA INCIDENT MENTIONED LAST YEAR.

62. PLEASE SEE LOU SEPTTEL FOR IMPORTANT EDITORIAL SUGGESTIONS AND EXPLANATION. NOTE 30: AS OF THIS WRITING EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF THE GOVERNMENT POLICY PAPER ON ROMANIES. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO THE REPORT, OR ELSE ADD A PHRASE AT THE END "... ON ROMANIES, BUT BY YEAR'S END THE REPORT'S STATUS WAS UNCLEAR." NOTE 31: UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 06 BRATISLAVA 000128

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66. PLEASE ALTER TEXT TO READ: "A TWELVE-HECTARE FREE TRADE ZONE EXISTS IN KOSICE. IT IS REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE SLOVAK LABOR CODE, BUT TO DATE THERE HAS BEEN NO SPECIAL INVOLVEMENT OF THE TRADE UNIONS. A SECOND FREE TRADE ZONE IS PLANNED FOR BRATISLAVA."

67. PLEASE ALTER TEXT TO READ: "FORCED OR COMPULSORY LABOR IS PROHIBITED BOTH BY THE SLOVAK CONSTITUTION AND BY THE SLOVAK PARLIAMENT'S ACT ON EMPLOYMENT. DURING 1993 THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF SUCH PRACTICES." NOTE 32: RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENFORCEMENT IS ASSIGNED TO THE LABOR SECTION OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOR, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND FAMILY, AS WELL AS DISTRICT AND LOCAL LABOR OFFICES.

69. OMIT PARENTHESES IN FIRST SENTENCE. AT END OF PARAGRAPH, ADD A SENTENCE: "LATE IN 1993 THE GOVERNMENT RAISED THE MINIMUM WAGE TO DOLLARS 74 PER MONTH." NOTE 33: THE CURRENT MINIMUM WAGE IS DOLLARS 74 PER MONTH (SK 2,450), MANDATED BY GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION.

70. PLEASE ALTER TEXT TO READ: "THE STANDARD WORKWEEK MANDATED BY THE LABOR CODE IS 42.5 HOURS, THOUGH COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS HAVE ACHIEVED REDUCTIONS IN SOME CASES. THE LAW REQUIRES ANNUAL LEAVE OF THREE WEEKS." NOTE 34: THE LABOR CODE DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY MANDATE A 24-HOUR REST PERIOD. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF THIS HAVING BEEN AN ISSUE IN SLOVAKIA.

71. NOTE 35: HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS ARE GOVERNED BY THE LABOR CODE. THEY ARE EFFECTIVELY ENFORCED BY THE SLOVAK OFFICE OF LABOR SAFETY. WORKERS UNDERGO MEDICAL SCREENING FOR HAZARDOUS EMPLOYMENT UNDER THE SUPERVISION

OF A PHYSICIAN. THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO PERFORM
WORK IN SITUATIONS WHERE THEIR HEALTH AND SAFETY ARE
ENDANGERED, AND MAY FILE COMPLAINTS AGAINST EMPLOYERS IN
SUCH SITUATIONS. WE KNOW OF NO INSTANCES WHERE THIS
CAUSED JEOPARDY TO A WORKER'S EMPLOYMENT. RUSSELL

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((Text)) It was apparent from the U.S. President's "soothing" visit to Prague and from his momentous visit to the Kremlin that the United States and Russia will in the future "cooperate in the interest of Europe's security." In practice, this means that stability on the continent -- and, more broadly speaking, its fate -- will be the upshot of cooperation between two powers ensconced outside Europe itself. It was confirmed that our continent has ceased to be the arena of a possible clash between them, but that -- as far as their interests are concerned -- it remains divided

between them in accordance with the outcome of World War II. Compared with past decades, the only difference now is that the two super-victors are moving away from confrontation, with its risk of mutual destruction, toward cooperation. Central Europe should now also infiltrate into this concept for cooperation made possible by the collapse of the Soviet regime.

Of course, as is becoming ever more obvious, the interests of the Central European countries -- until recently, part of the so-called Soviet bloc -- are not completely safeguarded by this global plan for U.S.-Russian cooperation. This disharmony is due to the fact that their post-war "discomfort" was caused not only by Soviet-U.S. nuclear rivalry, which is now being eradicated but also by these Central European countries being forced to subordinate themselves to unorganized development as a result of Europe's partition after 1945, development that ran counter to their historical, cultural, and economic existence. This pitched them into backwardness from which they now want to extricate themselves by a return to the community that corresponds to their interests. The possibility of such a return is also a crucial condition for their favorable future, for their newly open historical perspective. An inconsistency between the most intrinsic interests of former Soviet Central Europe and the Partnership for Peace plan, which -- a little in the style of consultations with Central American republics -- President Clinton came to Prague to explain, is foreshadowed here. Partnership for Peace gives the Central European countries the theoretical possibility of being selectively admitted into NATO, an organization guaranteeing their security, only this same possibility is also being offered -- without limits -- to the whole of the Euro-Asian region, right up to Vladivostok. This is the intention of Partnership, because it eradicates the mutual Russian-U.S. challenge and creates a basis for strategic cooperation.

However, as far as the Central European countries are concerned, it is obvious that such a broadly proposed plan may problematize, if not stymie, their development prospects, because it preserves the former Soviet empire in a region stretching from Prague to Vladivostok. These countries' life-saving trek toward their original European ties, so different from their Euro-Asian ones, makes them uncertain. This is also at the heart of their anxiety about "the fate of the small in the game of the large," which President Lech Walesa -- a politician of refined instinct -- expressed so emphatically prior to the Prague meeting. Czech policy's solo journey -- in this context -- seems more like shortsightedness than foresight. If it reckons that the Czech Republic will escape from the cage of global power interests thanks to its declared advantages, then this is reminiscent of the tragic ingenuity of Edvard Benes. Many things imply that the new era of cooperation between America and Russia is not evolving merely to allow these two powers to rid themselves of the phantom of mutual destruction, but also because the two -- not Europe -- have analogous, if not identical, interests in relation to the rest of the world, first and foremost, Asia, against which they will have to measure themselves more and more explicitly.

In view of all these circumstances, Central Europe's strategic interest is defined differently. It cannot have only a U.S. or a Euro-Asian dimension -- except in a tactical context -- but just, and only just, a pan-European dimension. Only the reassurance of being in its original European environment and a thorough reintegration into it can offer the Central European countries --

including the Czech Republic -- a suitable development perspective. Of course, this presumes that their inhabitants will be clear about this aim, that they will take it into consideration, and that they will not overshadow it with obsolete historical reminiscences.

Central Europe, and the Czech Republic in it, cannot now, or in the future, function like an uncertain weld in U.S.-Russian special-interest cooperation but must concentrate on returning to the locus of its historical definition: to the center of the European continent. Only in this regenerated unit will it feel safe and only here will it be able -- within the framework of the European defense, economic, and cultural institutions -- to fulfill its own destiny.

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Parliament Chairman Ivan Gasparovic received Miguel Angel Martinez,
president of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; in
the early evening yesterday. Their talks concerned primarily
aspects of human and civic rights of individuals and national
communities, the ratification of the Slovak Republic's agreement on
association with the European Union ((EU)) by the parliaments of EU
member states, and the Partnership for Peace project. ((passage
omitted))
At a briefing held after the meeting, Miguel Angel Martinez

reiterated his conviction that Slovakia is a country respecting the freedom of citizens and their right of assembly. The Komarno rally ((of representatives of the Hungarian minority on 8 January 1994)) is a proof of this. Ivan Gasparovic stressed the fact that M.A. Martinez had declared his visit as a working trip to one of the member countries of the Council of Europe and not as an inspection.

The highest representative of the National Council of the Slovak Republic briefed his guest about the territorial and administrative division of Slovakia currently under preparation and about Slovakia's rejection of the ((Hungarian minority representatives')) project of the country's division on the basis of the ethnic principle. He also spoke with him about planned legislation addressing the issue of designating the names of communities in the language of ethnic minorities and the writing of their names and surnames. The president of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe showed understanding for this approach. ((passage omitted))

Later in the evening, at the end of the first day of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly delegation's stay in Slovakia, Miguel Angel Martinez was received by Slovak Prime Minister Vladimir Meciar.

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EDITORIALS FOCUS ON THE SHOOTING OF A SOMALI, THE AFFAIR IN HESSE ON EXCESSIVE PAYMENTS TO A LOTTERY DIRECTOR, AND ON THE ALLEGED SPY ACTIVITIES OF FORMER SPD BUNDESTAG GROUP LEADER HERBERT WEHNER. ZDF TV (NATIONAL CHANNEL TWO), IN ITS EARLY EVENING NEWSCAST HEUTE, OPENED WITH THE SHOOTING OF THE SOMALI, THE WASHING ASHORE OF HIGHLY TOXIC FUNGICIDES AT THE DUTCH COAST, AND THE DECISION TO STAGE THE SOCCER GAME BETWEEN GERMANY AND ENGLAND IN MUNICH INSTEAD OF HAMBURG.

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"'STATT PARTY' TO ORGANIZE ON NATIONAL LEVEL - 'UNION OF FREE CITIZENS' FOUNDED IN WIESBADEN" (FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE)
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EDITORIALS FOCUS ON THE FOUNDING OF TWO NEW PARTIES THAT WANT TO TAKE PART IN THE 1994 BUNDESTAG ELECTIONS, THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN ALGERIA, AND THE KILLING OF SIX CHILDREN IN SARAJEVO. ZDF TV (NATIONAL CHANNEL TWO), IN ITS EARLY EVENING NEWSCAST HEUTE, OPENED WITH A BUS ACCIDENT IN BAVARIA WHERE FIVE PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND THE LATEST ATTEMPTS TO OVERCOME THE STALEMATE REGARDING THE OLD-AGE NURSING INSURANCE.

B. RUSSIA: NEW GOVERNMENT

1. GUENTHER GILLESSEN COMMENTED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF SATURDAY'S RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"PRESSURE AND COUNTERPRESSURE."

"NO WESTERN STATESMAN IS LIKELY TO BE FOOLISH ENOUGH
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TO STAKE HIS ENTIRE RUSSIAN POLICY ON YELTSIN ALONE AND CLAIM THAT HE MUST BE SUPPORTED THROUGH THICK AND THIN. BUT FOR THE TIME BEING, THE REFORMS CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM THE PERSON OF THE PRESIDENT. EVERYONE IN THE WEST WOULD PREFER TO SEE THE REFORMS IN RUSSIA SUPPORTED BY TWO PILLARS: A MAJORITY IN PARLIAMENT AS WELL AS THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT. FOR THE MOMENT, WE ONLY HAVE THE LATTER, AND THIS IS BENDING UNDER PRESSURE FROM OPPONENTS. THE RESIGNATIONS OF GAIDAR AND FJODOROV ARE SERIOUS SETBACKS FOR YELTSIN IN THE GRAPPLING WITH PRIME MINISTER CHERNOMYRDIN AND THE LOBBY OF STATE-OWNED INDUSTRY. CHERNOMYRDIN SAYS THAT THE TIME FOR 'MARKET ECONOMY ROMANTICISM' IS OVER AND THAT IN FUTURE, THE STABILIZATION OF THE RUBEL WILL BE GIVEN 'LOWER PRIORITY.' LOWER? HIS REFUSAL TO FIRE THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK MEANS THAT THE PRINTING PRESSES WILL BE ABLE TO PRODUCE EVEN MORE MONEY IN FUTURE.

"ADD TO THIS THE OMINOUS...STATEMENT MADE BY THE AGILE FOREIGN MINISTER KOZYREV ABOUT THE BALTIC STATES BELONGING TO THE RUSSIAN SPHERE OF INTEREST AND THERE IS REALLY NO CAUSE WHATSOEVER TO BELIEVE IN SOOTHING WORDS LIKE CLINTON'S CLAIM THAT DEMOCRATIC REFORM IN RUSSIA IS GOING WELL, EVEN IF ECONOMIC REFORM LEAVES A GREAT DEAL TO BE DESIRED. THE TWO THINGS ARE CONNECTED. IN BOTH CASES, THE ISSUE IS THE ORDERING FUNCTION OF FREEDOM. IF ECONOMIC REFORMS IN RUSSIA ARE DELAYED OR EVEN PREVENTED, POLITICAL DEMOCRACY WILL ALSO GO UNDER IN THE ENSUING

ECONOMIC CHAOS. YELTSIN IS UNDER ENORMOUS PRESSURE. IT IS TIME HE FELT SOME COUNTERPRESSURE. WE CAN NO LONGER HOPE THAT WE CAN SAVE THE CAUSE BY MAKING CONCESSIONS TO HIM PERSONALLY. ON THE CONTRARY: RESOLUTELY DEMANDING THAT HE CONTINUE ON THE PATH OF REFORM INSTEAD OF DISPLAYING 'UNDERSTANDING' IS MORE LIKELY TO HELP HIM - AGAINST HIS OPPONENTS."

2. SATURDAY'S LEFT-OF-CENTER BERLINER ZEITUNG CARRIED AN EDITORIAL BY ROLAND HEINE UNDER THE HEADLINE: "END OF THE REFORMS?"

"THE CLAIM THAT THIS REPRESENTS A VICTORY FOR THE OPPONENTS OF REFORM IS UTTERLY UNREALISTIC. THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE OUTDATED COMMAND ECONOMY IN RUSSIA TO AN EFFICIENT ECONOMY IS UNPRECEDENTED - SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THE SIZE OF THE COUNTRY AND THE DIMENSIONS OF THE ARMS INDUSTRY. FOR PRECISELY THIS REASON, IT IS ARROGANT TO PRESENT THE MONETARIST REFORM POLICIES OF THE IMF PUPIL GAIDAR AS THE ONLY CORRECT METHOD. AND IT IS STUPID AND DANGEROUS TO DENOUNCE PEOPLE AS 'CONSERVATIVE' SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY CALL FOR MORE SOCIALLY ORIENTED REFORMS IN VIEW OF FALLING LIVING STANDARDS.

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"PRECISELY THIS CHANGE OF DIRECTION IS THE AVOWED AIM OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS IN AGREEMENT WITH BILL CLINTON. RUDELY AWOKEN BY ZHIRINOVSKY'S ELECTION SUCCESS, THE U.S. PRESIDENT SPOKE IN MOSCOW OF THE NECESSITY FOR 'SOCIAL BUFFERS' TO MAKE RUSSIAN REFORMS MORE BEARABLE. IT WILL BECOME DANGEROUS IF GAIDAR AND HIS SUPPORTERS GO OFF INTO A CORNER TO SULK AND REFUSE THE CABINET ANY SUPPORT - IN THE FEDERAL DUMA FOR INSTANCE. THEN IT WILL ONLY BE A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE REAL ENEMIES OF REFORM ACTUALLY MANAGE TO HALT DEVELOPMENTS."

3. UWE ENGELBRECHT, MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT OF CENTRIST GENERAL-ANZEIGER OF BONN, KOELNER STADT-ANZEIGER, TAGESSPIEGEL OF BERLIN AND MITTELDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF HALLE, CONTRIBUTES THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL TO MONDAY'S EDITION OF THESE NEWSPAPERS:

"NO TURNAROUND IN MOSCOW."

"IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THE OLD-NEW CABINET TACKLES THE ENORMOUS NUMBER OF PROBLEMS IN A MORE ENLIGHTENED WAY THAN ITS PREDECESSORS. IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT THE MAJORITY OF EXPERIENCED REPRESENTATIVES OF WESTERN FIRMS IN MOSCOW HAVE NOT GOT INVOLVED IN THE PANIC CAMPAIGN WHICH BEGAN AFTER ZHIRINOVSKY'S ELECTION

SUCCESS AND IS LIKELY TO GET MORE INTENSE FOLLOWING THE FORMATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT. THEY HAD LONG REGARDED THE CONDITIONS AND CRITICISMS OF THE WORLD BANK AND IMF AS EXAGGERATED OR SIMPLY IRRELEVANT. THEIR DEMANDS OF THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT ARE MORE MODEST BUT ALSO MORE JUSTIFIED: FOREIGN INVESTORS WHO DO NOT SIMPLY ENGAGE IN PARASITIC PROFIT-MAKING BUT ARE SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN INVOLVING THEMSELVES IN THE REVITALIZATION OF PRODUCTIVE INDUSTRIES THREATENED WITH COLLAPSE SHOULD NOT BE DETERRED BY NONSENSICAL TAX LAWS OR ARBITRARY CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

"THE 'GOVERNMENT OF REFORM' DID A LOT OF STUPID THINGS IN THIS FIELD, NOT WITHOUT THE INVOLVEMENT OF GAIDAR AND FJODOROV. AND THIS IN PARTICULAR IS THE SECTOR IN WHICH CHERNOMYRDIN, WHO IS VERY KEEN TO ATTRACT FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN PRODUCTIVE INDUSTRIES, WILL HAVE TO PROVE HIMSELF."

C. U.S.: CLINTON ONE YEAR IN OFFICE

1. SATURDAY'S CENTRIST SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH CARRIED AN EDITORIAL BY JOSEF JOFFE UNDER THE HEADLINE:

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"AT THE BEGINNING OF BILL CLINTON'S TERM IN OFFICE, IT LOOKED LIKE THE PROBATIONER WOULD GET A D AVERAGE ON HIS YEAR-END REPORT CARD. IN DOMESTIC POLICY, BLUNDERS WERE FOLLOWING IN QUICK SUCCESSION, PARTICULARLY IN PERSONNEL POLICY. MANY OF HIS CANDIDATES CONTINUE TO BE IN LIMBO BETWEEN SENATE CONFIRMATION AND THEIR DEPARTURE INTO ANONYMITY. FOREIGN POLICY WAS NON-EXISTENT - AND WHEN IT TOOK PLACE IT HAD TO BE EVALUATED AS A 'GOOD IDEA, BADLY EXECUTED.'

"AFTER ONE YEAR IN OFFICE, CLINTON WELL DESERVES A B. IN DOMESTIC POLICY HE CAN PRESENT FAVORABLE FIRST ACHIEVEMENTS, THE DEFICIT HAS BEGUN TO DECLINE, HEALTH CARE FOR EVERYBODY AND CONTROL OF HANDGUNS HAVE BEEN INITIATED. IN FOREIGN POLICY, SOMALIA (C-) AND HAITI (F) WERE FOLLOWED BY THREE GOOD GRADES FOR THE CONCLUSION OF GATT, THE RATIFICATION OF NAFTA AND HIS STAR PERFORMANCE AT THE NATO SUMMIT.

"UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, THE ARCTIC COLD AT HOME IS NOT THE ONLY THING THAT IS CREATING PROBLEMS FOR HIM ON HIS FIRST ANNIVERSARY IN OFFICE. RIGHT ON TIME FOR THE ANNIVERSARY, A SPECIAL COUNSEL WAS COMMISSIONED TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE WRONGDOING OF THE CLINTONS AT THE

WHITEWATER COMPANY. THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED TO NIXON AND THIS IS WHY WASHINGTON HAS A WATERGATE NOW. AND WHAT IF THE AFFAIR GOES UP IN SMOKE? THEN, CLINTON HAS THE BEST CHANCES OF BEING RE-ELECTED IN 1996. BECAUSE THE ECONOMY HAS FINALLY PICKED UP AGAIN AND, AS EVERYBODY KNOWS, THE VOTERS ARE PRIMARILY LOOKING AT THEIR POCKETBOOKS."

2. FRIDAY'S LEFT-OF-CENTER HAMBURGER MORGENPOST AND MONDAY'S CENTRIST ABENDZEITUNG OF MUNICH CARRIED COMMENTARY BY WOLF HECKMANN UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"BILL CLINTON'S FIRST YEAR."

"WHAT DO BILL CLINTON AND VLADIMIR ZHIRINOVSKY HAVE IN COMMON? MANY READERS OF THE GERMAN PRESS GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT THE MOST INTERESTING THING ABOUT BOTH MEN WERE THEIR SEXUAL HABITS...."

"NEVERTHELESS, THE U.S. PRESIDENT, WHO HAS JUST COMPLETED HIS FIRST YEAR IN OFFICE, CONTINUES TO BE A BEARER OF HOPE LIKE JOHN F. KENNEDY. LIKE JFK, THE COMPARABLY YOUNG CLINTON, WHO MANAGED TO AVOID THE VIETNAM SLAUGHTER AND KICKED WORLD WAR II PILOT GEORGE BUSH OUT OF THE WHITE HOUSE, REPRESENTS A CHANGE OF GENERATION, AND LIKE KENNEDY HE HAS TACKLED TABOO ISSUES: GAYS IN THE MILITARY, HANDGUN CONTROL, THE UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 08 BONN GE 01672

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CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO ABORTION, ETHNIC DIVERSITY IN THE FILLING OF GOVERNMENT POSITIONS.

"JUST PEANUTS? CERTAINLY, BUT THERE IS MORE: NAFTA, THE HEALTH CARE REFORM IS ON ITS WAY TO ELIMINATING AN AMERICAN DISGRACE, THE ECONOMY IS MAKING A SLOW BUT SOUND RECOVERY, AND IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS THE PRESIDENT MADE FOREIGN POLICY DURING HIS EUROPEAN TOUR AND CREATED TRUST LIKE HARDLY ANY PRESIDENT BEFORE HIM.

"HISTORY WILL NOT CARE WHETHER HIS FORMER BODYGUARDS FROM ARKANSAS ARE LYING ABOUT HIS SEX CAPADES. IN THE HISTORY BOOKS, HIS NEXT FEW YEARS IN OFFICE WILL COUNT, HIS PERFORMANCE BEFORE AN INSECURE NATION AND A WORLD THAT WAS IRONICALLY DESTABILIZED BY THE POSITIVE DEEDS OF THE INCREDIBLE MIKHAIL GORBACHEV. SINCE WE (IN GERMANY) DO NOT YET HAVE A GOVERNMENT LEADER WHO PROMISES TO LEAVE THE BEATEN TRACK, CLINTON COULD GIVE US SOME CONSOLATION."

3. MONDAY'S RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE CARRIES AN EDITORIAL BY KLAUS-DIETER FRANKENBERGER UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"WHERE AMERICA IS LOOKING OUT FOR A WIFE - IN ASIA OR LATIN AMERICA - OR WILL IT REMAIN FAITHFUL TO EUROPE?"

"PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS HIS FIRST YEAR IN OFFICE

BEHIND HIM. THE REVIEW OF WHAT HE HAS ACCOMPLISHED SO FAR VARIES DEPENDING ON ONE'S GEOPOLITICAL LOCATION AND IS NOT LIKELY TO SATISFY COMPLETELY THE 'RENEWED' OF THE AMERICAN SOUL EITHER. WHAT THE CHRONICLERS OF THE WASHINGTON ADMINISTRATION WILL NOTE AS REMARKABLE IN THEIR ANNALS, HOWEVER, ARE CLINTON'S CLEVER DEALINGS WITH THE SELF-CONFIDENT DEMOCRAT-CONTROLLED CONGRESS, HIS DOING WITHOUT THE PRESIDENTIAL ETO AND HIS REMARKABLE SUCCESSES IN BUDGET AND TRADE POLICY.

"ON THIS SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC, THE EUROPEANS HAVE, FOR THE TIME BEING, BEEN RELIEVED OF THEIR WORRIES THAT TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS WOULD LOOSEN UNDER CLINTON. DURING HIS RECENT VISIT, HE REPEATEDLY ASSURED THE EUROPEANS OF AMERICA'S LOYALTY AND ITS CONTINUED COMMITMENT.... THE EUROPEANS BETWEEN BRUSSELS AND PRAGUE WERE GLAD TO HEAR THE MESSAGE OF THE U.S. PRESIDENT NOT LEAST BECAUSE CLINTON HAD SET DIFFERENT PRIORITIES IN THE PAST YEAR...."

REFERRING TO NAFTA, AMERICA'S RESTRAINT IN VIEW OF BOSNIA AND NEW PRIORITIES IN FOREIGN AND TRADE POLICY, FRANKENBERGER GOES ON TO SAY: "BUT QUITE A FEW THINGS HAVE CHANGED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION'S SECOND YEAR IN OFFICE, OR AT LEAST IT UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 08 BONN GE 01672

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LOOKS THAT WAY. CLINTON HAS...(RE)DISCOVERED EUROPE AND TAKEN THE HEARTS OF THE EUROPEANS BY STORM. HE FLATTERED THEM WHEN HE SAID THAT EUROPEAN UNIFICATION WAS THE MOST NATURAL THING IN THE WORLD, SERVING PEACE, SECURITY, AND STABILITY AND THAT IT WAS IN AMERICA'S OWN BEST INTEREST. AND: AMERICA WOULD NOT BE LOOKING OUT FOR A WIFE IN ASIA. THIS OATH OF LOYALTY - THOUGH POSSIBLY NOT SWORN FOR ALL ETERNITY - IS TO BE REFLECTED IN THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF 100,000 U.S. TROOPS IN EUROPE. WHETHER THERE IS MORE SYMBOLISM THAN SUBSTANCE INVOLVED AND WHETHER CONGRESS WILL ACCEPT THIS TROOP LEVEL IS A DIFFERENT STORY. THE UNFORTUNATE CONTROVERSY OVER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EUROCORPS, TOO, AND THE POSSIBLY UNWELCOME EXPANSION OF A EUROPEAN DEFENSE IDENTITY ARE NO LONGER AN ISSUE....

"BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT EVERYTHING WILL BE PEACHES AND CREAM IN ALL AREAS OF TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS. THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION'S MOTTO 'COMPETE, DON'T RETREAT' IS MEANT TO APPEASE THE PARTNERS AND, AT THE SAME TIME, SIGNALS A MORE AGGRESSIVE TRADE POLICY. JUST HOW SERIOUS WASHINGTON IS ABOUT THIS, THE EUROPEAN

NEGOTIATORS FOUND OUT DURING THE FINAL PHASE OF THE GATT NEGOTIATIONS. CLINTON PERCEIVES FOREIGN TRADE PRIMARILY FROM THE ASPECT OF WHAT IT CAN CONTRIBUTE TO AMERICA'S DOMESTIC ECONOMIC RENEWAL.

"IT IS THUS NOT SURPRISING THAT IN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT U.S. INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC INTERESTS HAVE REPLACED THE NARROWLY DEFINED 'CLASSICAL FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES.' THE HALFHEARTEDNESS FROM SOMALIA TO HAITI REVEALED, ASIDE FROM WELL-MEANT HUMANITARIAN INTENTIONS, PRIMARILY A LACK OF STRATEGIC THINKING. THE ADMINISTRATION HAS REALIZED, SAID JEFFREY GARTEN, UNDERSECRETARY IN THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT, THAT THERE IS RELENTLESS COMPETITION ON THE GLOBAL MARKET AND NEITHER THE U.S. POLITICAL INFLUENCE NOR ITS MILITARY POWER CAN 'BUY' ECONOMIC CONCESSIONS FROM ITS TRADING PARTNERS - AS IT WAS THE CASE IN THE PAST WHEN THE SOVIET THREAT ENSURED SOME DISCIPLINE IN THE WESTERN CAMP AND THE EUROPEANS, PROTECTED BY AMERICA'S SECURITY UMBRELLA, COULD BE DEFIANT ONLY TO A CERTAIN POINT. THIS MEANS THAT IN THE ERA OF 'GEO-ECONOMY' AMERICA'S INFLUENCE AND POSITION WILL DEPEND ON A SUCCESSFUL, GLOBAL ECONOMIC COMMITMENT....

"WHAT WASHINGTON'S 'NATIONAL EXPORT STRATEGY IS REALLY ALL ABOUT, ITS COMPETITORS COULD SOON FIND OUT ON FUTURE GROWTH MARKETS SUCH AS CHINA, INDONESIA, INDIA, MEXICO AND BRAZIL. IF IT IS TRUE THAT EXPORTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE AN IMPORTANT, POSSIBLY THE MOST IMPORTANT SOURCE OF U.S. ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS, UNCLAS SECTION 08 OF 08 BONN GE 01672

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U.S. COMPANIES TOGETHER WITH A FAVORABLE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION WILL PULL NO PUNCHES WHEREVER THEY BELIEVE THEY SEE GOOD CHANCES FOR THEMSELVES (AND THEIR PRODUCTS)."

4. SATURDAY'S RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE CARRIED AN EDITORIAL BY GUENTER NONNENMACHER UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"PEDDLING THE JOB OF PENTAGON CHIEF."

"THE PENTAGON IS A WORLD IN ITSELF. A FORMER GENERAL WROTE A KIND OF 'TRAVEL GUIDE' A FEW YEARS AGO IN WHICH POLITICIANS AND JOURNALISTS, LOBBYISTS COULD READ UP ON WHO SHOULD BE APPROACHED ON WHICH SUBJECT IN WHICH DEPARTMENT TO GET SOME INFORMATION. SAM NUNN DOES NOT NEEDS SUCH A BOOK. THE SENATOR WHO SPECIALIZES IN DEFENSE ISSUES KNOWS THE PENTAGON LIKE THE BACK OF HIS HAND AND HE KNOWS THAT IT IS NOT THE PLACE TO WIN ANY

LAURELS AT THIS TIME. HE DID NOT EVEN SERIOUSLY CONSIDER CLINTON'S OFFER TO SUCCEED LUCKLESS LES ASPIN. HE CAN INFLUENCE U.S. DEFENSE POLICY TO A MUCH GREATER EXTENT FROM THE CAPITOL, WHILE, AS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, HE WOULD HAVE TO CONFORM WITH THE ADMINISTRATION'S PRINCIPLES. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE CONSERVATIVE DEMOCRAT FROM THE SOUTH ALSO WANTS TO REMAIN INDEPENDENT IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN HIS OPTION OF RUNNING FOR THE HIGHEST PUBLIC OFFICE. NOW THAT DESIGNATE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE INMAN HAS BAILED OUT AND THE MOST PROMISING CANDIDATE HAS DECLINED, CLINTON IS IN THE EMBARRASSING SITUATION OF HAVING TO PEDDLE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT POSITIONS IN WASHINGTON."

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SUMMARY

1. THE JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 1 ECSS WILL BE THE FIRST MEETING OF OECD COUNTRIES FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE URUGUAY ROUND, THE DECEMBER 12 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN RUSSIA, AND THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO BRUSSELS, PRAGUE AND MOSCOW. THIS MEETING PRESENTS THE U.S. WITH AN OCCASION TO ADVANCE SEVERAL IMPORTANT ISSUES ON OUR FOREIGN POLICY, ECONOMIC AND TRADE AGENDA. IN PARTICULAR, WE THINK THE U.S. SHOULD USE THE UPCOMING ECSS TO:

-- EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR OECD COUNTRIES TO
FORGE THE RIGHT MIX OF ECONOMIC POLICIES TO
BOLSTER ECONOMIC GROWTH, ENHANCE EMPLOYMENT,

- AND MAINTAIN AN OPEN MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM, FOR ENDORSEMENT AT THE MINISTERIAL; PUSH FORWARD OUR OBJECTIVES FOR THE GATT WORKPROGRAM NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN NOW AND MARRAKESH AND FOR THE ADDITIONAL NEGOTIATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN FORESEEN (EG., SERVICES); AND SHAPE THE DIRECTION OF OECD WORK ON THE TRADE ISSUES OF THE 90'S, E.G., DEFINE THE OECD ROLE IN THE PRESIDENT'S CALL FOR WORK ON TRADE AND LABOR STANDARDS;
- ENGAGE OUR OECD PARTNERS ON POLICY TOWARD RUSSIA AND THE NIS FOLLOWING THE DECEMBER 12 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS AND PARTICULARLY THE PRESIDENT'S RECENT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT YELTSIN;
- SHAPE THE SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA FOR THE FUTURE DIALOGUE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OECD COUNTRIES AND THE DYNAMIC NON-MEMBER ECONOMIES;
- UNDERLINE THAT IT IS THE DECLARED POLICY OF THE USG TO SUPPORT MEMBERSHIP IN THE OECD -- AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE -- FOR THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES.
- ENGAGE OUR ASIA-PACIFIC AND CERTAIN EUROPEAN PARTNERS ON THE FUTURE LEADERSHIP OF THE OECD; AND

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- ADVANCE U.S. GOALS AT OECD FOR A STRONG COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS.
END SUMMARY

THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION AND EMPLOYMENT

2. THE NARRATIVE AND THE QUESTION ON THIS AGENDA ITEM BESPEAK CONSIDERABLE CONCERN ON THE PART OF THE SECRETARIAT OVER THE GRIM PROSPECTS FOR GROWTH IN ITS MAJOR REGIONS. THE EMPHASIS IT PUTS ON REKINDLING DEMAND WITH OUT RISKS OF INFLATION UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES IS SOMEWHAT AT ODDS WITH A MEMBERSHIP LARGELY WEDDED TO A HANDS-OFF MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY. WE SHOULD CAPITALIZE ON THIS OPENING TO ADD OUR OWN PITCH FOR MORE GROWTH-ORIENTED POLICIES -- USING MONETARY POLICY AND SOME EFFECTIVE BUDGET EXPENDITURES WITHIN EXISTING CONSTRAINTS.

3. THE RECOVERY UNDERWAY IN THE U.S. HAS RAISED CONCERNS HERE OVER THE SEVERITY OF INFLATIONARY PRESSURE. OUR INTERVENTION COULD USEFULLY HIGHLIGHT THE MODERATION OF

PRICE ADVANCES AND PROGRESS TOWARD PRICE STABILITY WE HAVE MADE. THE SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT IS HELPFUL IN POINTING OUT THAT THE LARGE AMOUNT OF SLACK WORLDWIDE MAKES A DISINFLATIONARY CONTRIBUTION.

4. THE SECOND QUESTION ON "BEGGAR-THY-NEIGHBOR" POLICIES REFERS TO THE INTEREST RATE CONUNDRUM ON THE CONTINENT. EXCHANGE RATE COMMITMENTS (BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE ERM) HAVE LED TO INAPPROPRIATE MONETARY POLICIES OUTSIDE GERMANY, AND THE MAIN ISSUES PAPER RAISES THE SPECTER OF BREAKING RANKS LEADING TO A SPIRAL OF COMPETITIVE DEVALUATIONS. THE ANSWER IT HINTS AT IS A COORDINATED REDUCTION OF INTEREST RATES. SOME DELEGATIONS HAVE REFUSED THIS PATH, ARGUING THAT LOWERING SHORT TERM INTEREST RATES WILL HAVE LITTLE EFFECT ON THEIR REAL ECONOMIES. WHILE WE ARE COGNIZANT OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN COUNTRIES ON THIS SCORE, SHARING THE U.S. EXPERIENCE ON THE EFFECT LOWERING INTEREST RATES HAS HAD AS A SPUR TO RECOVERY (AS FED VICE CHAIR MULLINS DID AT THE FALL EPC) COULD BE A WELCOME CONTRIBUTION HERE.

5. THE THIRD QUESTION CALLS FOR A U.S. RESPONSE: WILL RECOVERY BE STRONG ENOUGH TO MUTE PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES FROM DOMESTIC VESTED INTERESTS? WE SHOULD BE FIRM THAT THE ANSWER TO SLOW GROWTH AND HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT IS NOT PROTECTION AND INSIST THAT WE WILL "COMPETE, NOT RETREAT."

6. THE FOURTH QUESTION EVINCES A RATHER INSULAR CONCEPTION OF OECD-NON-OECD TRADE. OUR VIEW ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECLINING RELATIVE DEPENDENCE OF PACIFIC MEMBERS ON OECD TRADE WOULD PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE COUNTER. WHILE THIS TRADE IS STILL OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE, THE U.S. IS UNIQUELY POSITIONED TO POINT TO THE ADVANTAGES OF DIVERSIFIED TRADING PARTNERS AND THE NEED TO ENHANCE RELATIONSHIPS WITH NON-OECD COUNTRIES.

7. THE ECSS MAIN ISSUES PAPER ONLY REFERS TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S STUDY ON EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT AND CONFINES ITSELF TO ITS TREATMENT OF THE STRUCTURAL ASPECTS REDUCING UNEMPLOYMENT. WE SHOULD USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE UNEMPLOYMENT'S CYCLICAL

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COMPONENT AND THE URGENCY OF RECOVERY TO MAKE APPRECIABLE INROADS ON JOBLESSNESS. THE CONTRIBUTION THAT GROWTH CAN MAKE TO EMPLOYMENT CREATION AND IN MAKING STRUCTURAL REFORMS MORE EFFECTIVE HAS BEEN SADLY MISSING IN THE OECD DEBATE. OUR PROPOSED AARON-PAYE LETTER (REF D) PROVIDES THE ESSENTIALS OF THIS ARGUMENT. WE MIGHT ALSO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE

OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WITH THE MEMBERSHIP OUR THINKING ON THE G-7 JOBS CONFERENCE AND THE OECD'S RELATION TO THAT EFFORT.

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TRADING SYSTEM

8. THE ECSS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO PASS LIGHTLY OVER SELF-CONGRATULATION ON THE COMPLETION OF THE URUGUAY ROUND AND TURN TO ASSURING THAT FOLLOW-UP NEGOTIATIONS PROGRESS. THE MEETING COULD ALSO BE USED TO PUSH U.S. OBJECTIVES FOR THE GATT WORKPROGRAM NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN NOW AND MARRAKESH.

9. ALSO IMPORTANT WILL BE INFLUENCING THE POST-URUGUAY ROUND TRADE AGENDA. THE 1994 OECD MINISTERIAL WILL BE AN IMPORTANT LAUNCHING POINT FOR THIS. THIS ECSS AND THE TRADE COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 16-17 SHOULD BE USED TO SIGNAL NOT ONLY THE DIRECTION THE COMMUNIQUE SHOULD TAKE IN DEFINING THE POST-UR TRADE AGENDA BUT ALSO HOW TO BEGIN TACKLING THE ISSUES. ALSO, THE PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE IN ADDING TRADE AND LABOR STANDARDS TO THE "NEW GENERATION" OF TRADE ISSUES SHOULD BE FOLLOWED UP TO ASSURE THAT THE CONCEPT BECOMES PART OF THE OECD PROGRAM. TRADE AND LABOR STANDARDS IS MENTIONED IN THE ANNOTATED AGENDA AS AN ISSUE THAT SEEMS "LIKELY TO BE IMPORTANT IN THE FUTURE" BUT HAS "SO FAR RECIEVED LITTLE ATTENTION INTERNATIONALLY." AT THE ECSS, THE ISSUE CAN BEGIN TO RECEIVE GREATER INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION.

RUSSIA AND THE NIS

10. OECD MEMBERS ARE PERTURBED AND PERPLEXED BY DEVELOPMENTS IN RUSSIA SINCE THE DECEMBER ELECTIONS, AND IN PARTICULAR BY THE SEESAW STRUGGLE IN XOSCOW TO FORM A GOVERNMENT WITH COHERENT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICIES. THE U.S. SHOULD BE READY TO GIVE OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE MEANING OF THE ELECTIONS, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, WHERE WE THINK THE YELTSIN GOVERNMENT IS HEADING. WE SHOULD BE PREPARED AS WELL TO OUTLINE ANY CHANGES IN OUR PRIORITIES VIS-A-VIS RUSSIA AS A RESULT OF THE ELECTIONS AND THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT, AND TO SOUND OUT OTHER AID PROVIDERS -- IN PARTICULAR, THE EU AND JAPAN -- ON WHETHER THEY PLAN TO CHANGE THEIR AID STRATEGIES AS A CONSEQUENCE OF RECENT EVENTS.

11. WE SHOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO THE SECRETARIAT'S POINT THAT RUSSIA'S NEED FOR FINANCIAL RESOURCES MAY LEAD IT TO CHARGE FULL MARKET PRICES FOR ITS ENERGY EXPORTS TO THE NIS -- A MOVE THE SECRETARIAT ESTIMATES COULD COST NIS IMPORTERS USD 10 BILLION. THIS MAKES ECONOMIC SENSE FOR ALL CONCERNED, BUT WILL BE VERY PAINFUL IN THE SHORT-TERM FOR IMPORTERS.

HIGH-LEVEL INFORMAL MEETING WITH THE DYNAMIC NON-MEMBER
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12. OECD MEETINGS WITH THE DYNAMIC NON-MEMBER ECONOMIES (DNMES) ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO OUR ASIA-PACIFIC MEMBERS. WE SHOULD USE THESE MEETINGS, AS THEY HAVE ADDED IMPORTANCE IN VIEW OF OUR OTHER OBJECTIVES AT OECD. THE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING NOW UNDER DISCUSSION STEMS FROM THE JUNE 1993 MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE, WHICH NOTED THAT THE DIALOGUE WITH DNMES "HAS PROVED SUBSTANTIAL AND USEFUL," AND ASKED THAT THE DIALOGUE BE "DEEPEDED." ACCORDINGLY, OECD HEADS OF DELEGATION AGREED JULY 8 TO HOLD A ONE-DAY HIGH-LEVEL INFORMAL MEETING WITH THE TEN DNMES IN THE FALL OF 1994, BACK-TO-BACK WITH THE ECSS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THAT TIMEFRAME.

13. THERE ARE IMPORTANT POLITICAL REASONS FOR US TO SUPPORT THIS MEETING. MOREOVER, THEY CAN SERVE TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH SPECIFIC ISSUES CAN BE ADDRESSED IN WORKSHOPS, COLLOQUIA OR SIMPLY BY DIRECT CONTACT. THE U.S. SHOULD STRIVE TO GUIDE THE DIALOGUE IN THE DIRECTION OF IDENTIFYING SPECIFIC ISSUES THAT CAN BE USEFULLY ADDRESSED AT WORKING-LEVEL MEETINGS.

OECD MEMBERSHIP FOR PIT COUNTRIES

14. ALTHOUGH NOT ON THE ECSS AGENDA, DISCUSSION OF THE DESIRES OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC, HUNGARY AND POLAND TO JOIN THE OECD IS HIGHLY LIKELY. ALL THREE HAVE TOLD THE OECD SECRETARIAT IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS THAT THEY WANT TO ACCELERATE THE PROCESS OF ADMISSION.

15. IN A LETTER TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL IN LATE DECEMBER, THE HUNGARIAN PM SUGGESTED THE 1994 MINISTERIAL AS A "GOOD OCCASION" FOR THE OECD TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF HUNGARIAN ACCESSION. THE POLES SENT THE SAME MESSAGE BY ANNOUNCING, IN THE CONCLUSIONS TO THEIR RECENT PIT LIAISON MEETING, THEIR INTENTION TO SUBMIT AN OFFICIAL APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN 1994. NOT TO BE OUTDONE, THE CZECH REPUBLIC DELIVERED A NOTE TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL STATING THAT "THE CZECH GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO SUBMIT ITS APPLICATION FOR A FULLY-FLEDGED MEMBERSHIP IN THE OECD. THE OFFICIAL LETTER SHALL BE SENT IN THE NEAREST FUTURE." ONLY SLOVAKIA, THE FOURTH VISEGRAD COUNTRY, HAS YET TO BE HEARD FROM.

16. THE WHITE HOUSE IS ON RECORD IN SUPPORT OF ACCELERATING THE ENTRY OF THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES. THE WHITE HOUSE STATED JANUARY 12 THAT "THE UNITED STATES WOULD SUPPORT EFFORTS BY THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES TO ACHIEVE EARLY MEMBERSHIP IN THE OECD." PERMREPS AND THE SECRETARIAT ANTICIPATE BEGINNING DISCUSSIONS OF EARLY MEMBERSHIP FOR THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES IN LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH, ONCE THE BELLINGLISE CONSULTATIONS -- WHICH DEAL CENTRALLY WITH MEMBERSHIP ISSUES -- ARE

COMPLETED IN EARLY FEBRUARY.

17. WE SHOULD UNDERSCORE THAT THE U.S. RECOGNIZES THAT THE FOUR VISEGRAD ECONOMIES ARE ENTERING A PERIOD WHERE THEIR TIES WITH THE WESTERN DEMOCRATIC MARKET SYSTEMS CAN BE FIRMLY ANCHORED AND CONSOLIDATED. MEMBERSHIP IN THE OECD -- AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE -- FOR THOSE ACTIVELY SEEKING IT IS THE DECLARED POLICY OF THE USG. JOINING THE OECD WILL REQUIRE IMPORTANT DECISIONS BY THE UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 05 PARIS 02089

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VISEGRAD GOVERNMENTS. IF THESE DECISIONS ARE TAKEN, IT WILL BE UP TO THE COUNCIL TO DECIDE THE TIMING OF THEIR ENTRY, AND WE WILL HAVE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE MEMBERSHIP, ESPECIALLY THE ASIA-PACIFIC GROUP TO REALIZE OUR OBJECTIVES.

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18. THE U.S. HAS INDICATED THAT IT WILL RAISE ILLICIT PAYMENTS ISSUE UNDER "OTHER BUSINESS". THIS WILL BE THE FIRST HIGH-LEVEL INTERVENTION SINCE THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP WHERE THE US WAS SUCCESSFUL IN MAKING THE DRAFT SOMEWHAT MORE RIGOROUS AND WHERE DIFFERENCES IN POSITIONS ARE CLEARLY REFLECTED IN BRACKETED TEXT. WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE THE HIGH GROUND, CALLING UPON THE OECD TO DEMONSTRATE LEADERSHIP. WE SHOULD ALSO UNDERSCORE THE SERIOUSNESS AT WHICH THE US VIEWS THE ISSUE BY OUTLINING OTHER STEPS, IN ADDITION TO THE OECD RECOMMENDATION, THAT WE ARE EXPLORING TO CURB ILLICIT PAYMENTS. WE COULD ALSO CALL UPON OTHERS TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE ISSUE, POINTING TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A US WORLDNET ON THE ISSUE. WE SHOULD REMIND MEMBERS THAT WE ALL WANT THE BEST POSSIBLE OUTCOME AND, IF THAT IS THE CASE, DOES THE PRESENT OECD DRAFT RECOMMENDATION REPRESENT THE BEST WE CAN DO?

19. SINCE JANUARY 1, THE U.S. HAS BEEN MAKING A CONCERTED EFFORT TO ELEVATE TO "POLICY LEVELS" OUR DESIRE FOR A STRONG OECD RECOMMENDATION. A/S TARULLO INVIGORATED THIS THEME IN HIS BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS (IN LONDON AND BONN), AND WE UNDERSTAND WASHINGTON WILL SOON INSTRUCT AMBASSADORS IN OECD CAPITALS TO PRESS HOST GOVERNMENTS FOR HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATION AT THE FEBRUARY 14-15 MEETING. U/S SPERO COULD ALSO URGE HER COUNTERPARTS TO SEE THAT THEIR CAPITALS ARE REPRESENTED AT POLICY LEVELS WITH LIBERAL ENOUGH INSTRUCTIONS TO ENABLE THEM TO COMPLETE THE DRAFT RECOMMENDATION BY THE CONCLUSION OF THE FEBRUARY 14-15 SESSION. SHE MIGHT

ALSO APPEAL TO MEMBERS NOT REPRESENTED AT EARLIER AD HOC GROUP SESSIONS TO MAKE SPECIAL EFFORTS TO ENGAGE THEMSELVES ACTIVELY AND POSITIVELY FEBRUARY 14-15.

20. ON A SUBSTANTIVE NOTE, WE BELIEVE A/S TARULLO'S DISCUSSIONS IN LONDON ARE AN INDICATION OF THE STILL-LINGERING FEARS IN EVEN OUR MOST SOPHISTICATED INTERLOCUTORS OF THE U.S. EXTRATERRITORIAL ARM. NO MATTER HOW MUCH WE WANT THIS ISSUE TO GO AWAY, IT HAS NOT. SINCE IT SEEMS TO BE ONE MORE EASILY ARTICULATED THAN MANY OF THE DEVILISH LEGAL AND POLICY DETAILS IN THE ISSUE, WE RECOMMEND THE U/S TAKE THE OFFENSIVE ON THE QUESTION OF EXTRATERRITORIALITY AND BE PREPARED FOR CONTINUED RESISTANCE FROM COUNTERPARTS. THE U/S'S REMARKS ON EXTRATERRITORIALITY COULD THEN BE FOLLOWED UP BY A/S TARULLO AT THE AD HOC MEETING ITSELF.

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SOURCE: Budapest MTI in English 0733 GMT 25 Jan 94

TEXT:

((Text)) Budapest, 25 Jan (MTI) -- Prime Minister Peter Boross outlined to journalists experience in his first month in office at the Hungarian Democratic Forum's Budapest centre on Monday evening.

He mentioned the Prague summit as the most important foreign political event. He had a promising telephone conversation with NATO's secretary-general, and on March 1, he will go to Bonn for one day to confer with Chancellor Helmut Kohl. (Hungarian Ambassador to France Janos Szavai also announced on Monday that Boross would pay a one-day visit to Paris on February 23.)

Boross hoped for a visit to Budapest by the Russian prime minister. On links with Serbia, he called it a reality that Hungary has to talk with its neighbour.

As for home politics, the prime minister recalled his meetings with parliamentary faction heads and party leaders, as well as National Democratic Federation President Imre Pozsgay. He told all his partners he strived to create a natural system of relations with them. He also had talks with some church leaders, and intends to continue discussions with representatives of other churches as well. His plans include talks with bank and large company managers, and a visit to the national bank of Hungary.

In economic policy, Boross reported on his Monday talks with the representative to Hungary of the International Monetary Fund. They agreed the budget deficit must not exceed \$1.5 billion. The prime minister said a further 8 billion forints will be spent on technical development, export promotion and agricultural projects.

The government will submit a media bill to Parliament, but Boross - as he indicated to opposition parties during recent discussions - will not initiate personnel changes at the head of radio and television.

Answering questions, Boross thought Parliament would continue legislative work by the middle of April.

He confirmed he would not undertake the post of party chairman. It is a moral question that the HDF be headed by one of its founders, he said, adding that he was invariably ready to run for prime minister.

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SOURCE: Prague DENNI TELEGRAF in Czech 21 Jan 94 pp 1,5

TEXT:

//((Interview with Foreign Minister Josef Zieleniec by Martin Danes; place and date not given: "We Will Be a Member of NATO in a Few Years"))

((Text)) In the wake of President Clinton's visit to Prague, we interviewed Foreign Minister Zieleniec on the Partnership for Peace and the Czech Republic's future security situation.

((Danes)) What is your assessment, a week later, of the visit to Prague by the U.S. President and of the Partnership for Peace plan?

((Zieleniec)) I think that President Clinton's visit was not only important for us and for designing the new security architecture in Europe, but that -- from a certain point of view -- it was also important for the United States. The very fact that the visit took place and that President Clinton chose Prague as one of the places to hold talks during his first visit to Europe was also

significant for us. This is recognition of what we are doing, recognition of the success of our reforms, and is a manifestation of the friendly relations between the United States and our country.

In my opinion, this visit was also important for the United States. U.S. foreign policy has been seeking a specific form ever since President Clinton came into office. It has often had to endure harsh accusations from European politicians and media that the country is again seeking isolation, that it is becoming wrapped up in itself, or that it is reorienting itself toward Asia. At the same time, it is obvious that -- from the security point of view -- Europe was, is, and will be for a long time a key continent. Clinton's European visit, the way it was planned, and its results prove that Europe remains a central feature of the United States' security policy.

The visit was also important for us, because it acted as a major stimulus in the debate on expanding the Western security system. It demonstrated that the anxiety about the West's reluctance and inability to gradually fill the security vacuum in Central Europe was unfounded. The Partnership for Peace plan originally offered -- in principle -- only joint exercises and the possibility of other military activities with NATO. What the NATO summit in Brussels finally approved and President Clinton outlined in Prague is much more. The plan now contains a serious offer of political cooperation.

((Danes)) What does this offer of political cooperation consist of?

((Zieleniec)) The approved document contains a relatively detailed definition of the political values on which Partnership for Peace is based. This is important, because the North Atlantic Alliance defends the Western European, if you like, Western Christian, system of values -- freedom, democracy.... So as not to use any high-flown words: It defends our way of life. This specification is also the basis for future differentiation between the individual partner states. If the Partnership for Peace is established explicitly on this value basis, a basis that also serves as a criterion for the success of the bilateral agreements, then I have no doubt that it will lead to our country's membership in the Alliance. Since the beginning, Czech diplomacy has been striving actively to ensure that -- for these practical reasons -- the plan attained a substantial political dimension. The fact that this has happened, is -- undoubtedly -- a result of this endeavor.

Moreover, during his visit to Prague, President Clinton put forward other specific projects in support of the new European democracies, projects that should intensify the ties between our republic, the other Central European countries, and NATO countries. It is apparent from all of this that the Partnership offer is not a decoy or a blind alley, but is a real step forward. A step that, at the same time, also relates to Russia and presents alternatives in the event of unfavorable security developments in our region.

((Danes)) Did you get, for instance, an indirect promise from the U.S. President of involvement in our security and were specific dates mentioned in this regard?

((Zieleniec)) No promise of specific involvement was made and no dates were mentioned, but I do not think that this is what is important here. The visit by the U.S. President and the talks as a whole mean that they are taking us into consideration. Moreover, President Clinton said very decidedly that the security of the Czech Republic is important for the security of the United States.

I would also like to refer to the reverse aspect of this issue, an aspect that is often overlooked. If we feel like a future NATO member -- and I believe justifiably so -- then, we should think about it within the scope of its future efficiency. That is, one day the Alliance will also guarantee our state's security. I admit, therefore, that in reply to a question on whether NATO should be opened up immediately to all the countries of Eastern Europe, I personally do not come up with the answer as easily as some Czech journalists. Perhaps, it would be worth thinking about this, about whether it would be better to wait a while -- as far as our entry into NATO is concerned, of course -- with the aim of maintaining the Western alliance's efficiency. The immediate incorporation of inconstant Eastern states, many of which do not yet have a deep-rooted system of Western values and are economically and politically unstable, into the Alliance could seriously impair its defensive strength. No such considerations are ever published in the Czech press.

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baudys meet, view nato, pfp plan
SOURCE: Prague CTK in English 1319 GMT 25 Jan 94
TEXT:

((Text)) Prague, Jan 25 (CTK) -- The process of transformation
which the Polish Army is currently undergoing is very similar to
that of the Czech Army, Czech President Vaclav Havel said at a
meeting with Polish Defense Minister Piotr Kolodziejczyk today.

The meeting was also attended by Czech Defense Minister Antonin
Baudys, President's Office Head Lubos Dobrovsky told journalists.

Havel and Kolodziejczyk agreed that the approach of the Czech Republic and Poland towards the U.S. Partnership for Peace plan was very close and in many points fully identical, he said.

Havel spoke in favor of continuing consultations and cooperation in those fields where they could speed up the modernization of armaments systems in the cheapest way.

Baudys described Kolodziejczyk's visit as the beginning of a broad cooperation between the two countries' armies and defense ministries and as the starting point of realizing the necessity of a dynamic approach towards the Partnership for Peace project.

Kolodziejczyk said NATO standards should be introduced in both armies as soon as possible and that they should jointly proceed towards a secure Europe. He invited Baudys to visit Poland.

Kolodziejczyk, who is leaving for home today, was in the Czech Republic at Baudys's invitation.

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1. SUMMARY: MEDIA COVERAGE IN SLOVAKIA OF PRESIDENT'S
VISIT WAS POSITIVE AND ALL MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES
ENDORSED SLOVAK MEMBERSHIP IN PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE
INITIATIVE. END SUMMARY.

2. SLOVAK PM VLADIMIR MECIAR HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE UPON
HIS RETURN FROM PRAGUE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CLINTON.
ALL LEADING DAILIES QUOTED THE PM SAYING "THE QUESTION
TODAY IS NOT WHETHER SLOVAKIA WILL JOIN NATO BUT HOW AND
WHEN... SLOVAKIA DOES NOT WISH TO QUIBBLE ABOUT WHO WILL
JOIN NATO EARLY ON, BUT OUR COUNTRY WISHES TO BE AMONG THE
FIRST WHO JOIN." MECIAR FURTHER NOTED THAT THE PARTNERSHIP
FOR PEACE (PFP) WAS CONSIDERED A FIRST STEP TOWARD NATO
MEMBERSHIP. (PRAVDA, INDEPENDENT LEFTIST DAILY, CIRC
225,000, P.1 JANUARY 14)

3. THE PM WAS QUOTED WIDELY SAYING PFP DOES NOT GUARANTEE
FUTURE MEMBERSHIP IN NATO, NOR IS IT AN AUTOMATIC SECURITY
GUARANTEE. THE PM PRAISED THE BRUSSELS DECLARATION AS A
POSITIVE SIGN THAT NATO WAS RECEPTIVE TOWARD FUTURE
MEMBERSHIP OF EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, BUT
HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT COUNTRIES APPLYING FOR PFP WOULD
HAVE TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADHERING TO DEMOCRATIC
PRINCIPLES AS WELL AS THE PROTECTION OF MINORITY RIGHTS.

4. REPUBLIKA (DAILY PUBLISHED BY SLOVAK PRESS AGENCY) CARRIED P. 3 ARTICLE CONSISTING OF COMMENTS MADE BY OPPOSITION LEADERS. M. KNAZKO, PRESIDENT OF THE ALLIANCE OF DEMOCRATS STATED THAT PFP, WHILE NOT AN ULTIMATE GUARANTEE FOR SLOVAK SECURITY, REPRESENTS A CHANCE FOR THE FUTURE. IT IS NOT BY CHANCE, HE STATED, THAT SLOVAKIA IS REPEATEDLY FORGOTTEN BY THE WEST, FOR THE WEST CONSIDERS SLOVAKIA THE WEAKEST V4 MEMBER.
5. EMIL KOMARIK, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF KDH (CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT), DECLARED HIS PARTY'S SUPPORT FOR PFP, ALTHOUGH HE QUALIFIED THE SUPPORT NOTING HE FELT PFP DID NOT FULLY MEET SLOVAKIA'S SECURITY NEEDS. PETER WEISS, CHAIRMAN OF THE PARTY OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEFT (SDL), ALSO DECLARED HIS PARTY'S SUPPORT OF PFP.
6. NARODNA OBRODA (PROMINENT INDEPENDENT DAILY, CIRC 80,000) CARRIED PAGE 12 COMMENTARY ON JANUARY 12 ON THE "FORGETFULNESS" OF JOHN MAJOR AND HELMUT KOHL, WHO OMITTED SLOVAKIA WHEN NAMING V4 COUNTRIES IN LINE FOR NATO MEMBERSHIP. THEY EXPLAINED THAT THEY REFERRED ONLY TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAD ACHIEVED SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN ECONOMICS AND POLITICS. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDED THAT SLOVAKIA WILL GAIN RECOGNITION ONLY IF IT DEVELOPS A STRONG ECONOMY AND POLITICAL STABILITY, ELEMENTS WHICH ARE CURRENTLY LACKING.
7. ON JANUARY 12 SLOVAK RADIO CARRIED MECIAR COMMENTS THAT SLOVAKIA WOULD WORK TOWARD COOPERATION WITH OTHER V4 COUNTRIES TOWARD NATO MEMBERSHIP. DEFENSE MINISTER ANDREJCAK AND FOREIGN MINISTER MORAVCIK FORMALLY STATED THAT SLOVAKIA WAS PREPARED TO SIGN PFP AGREEMENT.
8. HOWEVER, PRAVDA, JANUARY 13, POINTED OUT IN PAGE 12 ARTICLE, THAT DETAILS FOR JOINING PFP WERE AS YET UNCLEAR, IE WHO WILL SIGN, WILL DECISION TO JOIN BE DEBATED IN PARLIAMENT, OR APPROVED BY THE CABINET ALONE. THE QUESTION OF FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ALSO REMAINS. THE CZECH REPUBLIC HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED AN EXPECTED DEFICIT TO PAY FOR MEMBERSHIP. NO SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE BY SLOVAKIA.
9. ALL MAJOR SLOVAK PAPERS CA9. ALL MAJOR SLOVAK PAPERS CARRIED EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF CLINTON ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW FOLLOWING NEGOTIATIONS IN KIEV WITH UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT LEONID KRAVCIK CONCERNING REDUCTION OF NUCLEAR ARMS ARSENAL. CLINTON WAS QUOTED, SAYING THE PFP WAS DESIGNED TO ENSURE SECURITY FOR EUROPE, AND THAT THE USA SOUGHT TO AVOID CREATING NEW STRUCTURES WHICH WOULD CAUSE DIVISIONS WITHIN EUROPE.
10. CLINTON'S EFFORTS TO PERSUADE CONGRESS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR RUSSIA RECEIVED BROAD COVERAGE, IN PARTICULAR THE 300 MIL USD DESIGNED TO SUPPORT SMALL ENTERPRISES. MCKEE

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