SUBJ: DAILY MEDIA REACTION REPORT
PARIS -- TUESDAY JANUARY 26, 1993
(A) SUMMARY OF TYPE OF COVERAGE:
EX-YUGOSLAVIA CONTINUES TO BE THE LEAD INTERNATIONAL STORY IN THE FRENCH PRESS, AS FIGHTING BETWEEN SERBS AND CROATS HAS BEEN GOING ON. TWO FRENCH UN-PEACEKEEPERS WERE KILLED AS A RESULT YESTERDAY. LIBERATION'S FOREIGN DESK CHIEF PATRICK SABATIER FOCUSES ON THE QUESTION OF THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE UN PEACEKEEPERS--"AN EASY TARGET FOR THE BELLIGERENTS." (SEE PART D OF REPORT).
THIS MORNING, ALL ELECTRONIC MEDIA REPORTED PRESIDENT
CLINTON'S DECISION TO NAME HIS WIFE, HILLARY, AT THE HEAD OF A NATIONAL HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE. ALL COMMENTATORS UNDERLINED THAT SINCE THE CAMPAIGN, IT WAS EXPECTED THAT MRS. CLINTON WOULDN'T STAY INACTIVE.

LIBERATION PUBLISHES AN OP-ED PIECE BY JEROME CHATEAU, FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, URGING FOR REFORM OF THE US HEALTH CARE SYSTEM: "A CLEAR POSITION FROM THE CLINTON TEAM IS NECESSARY. THE COMING WEEKS WILL BE CRUCIAL. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE IMPORTANT OBSTACLES, REFORM OF THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IS A MUST; AMERICA IS PERHAPS ON THE EVE OF A MAJOR IDEOLOGICAL TURN IN ITS HISTORY."

THE PRESS REPORTS ON A US-BELGIAN ATTACK AGAINST CLAN MILITIAS IN KISMAU, SOMALIA.

AFP, LE MONDE AND L'HUMANITE REPORT ON US REPRESENTATIVE IN ANGOLA EDMUND DEJARNETTE'S "VERY FIRM WARNING" TO UNITA LEADER SAVIMBI. "ON SUNDAY JANUARY 24, MR. DEJARNETTE WAS A DETERRENT WEAPON", GEORGES MARION REPORTS FROM CABINDA IN LE MONDE.

AFP'S MOSCOW BUREAU REPORTED THAT IN BORIS YELTSIN'S VIEW (EXPRESSED IN THE COURSE OF A PRESS CONFERENCE MONDAY), THE UNITED STATES "HAS RECENTLY SHOWN A TENDENCY TO DICTATE ITS TERMS ON THE QUESTIONS OF IRAQ AND YUGOSLAVIA".

INFLUENTIAL LE MONDE EDITOR DOMINIQUE DHOMBRES AUTHORS A REPORT ABOUT JUSTICE THURGOOD MARSHALL. "JUSTICE MARSHALL WAS A GREAT FIGURE," DHOMBRES WRITES.

(B) STORIES COVERED IN REPORT:
1. HILLARY CLINTON ( ELECTRONIC MEDIA ONLY)
2. EX-YUGOSLAVIA
3. IRAQ
4. ANGOLA

(C) HEADLINES:
EX-YUGOSLAVIA:
"CROATIA: UN BLUE HELMETS UNDER FIRE" (LIBERATION-FRONT PAGE)
"TWO FRENCH SOLDIERS KILLED IN CROATIA" (LE FIGARO-FRONT PAGE)
"SERBS AND CROATS CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE IN GENEVA" (LE MONDE-FRONT PAGE)

(D) SUPPORTING TEXT:
DECLASSIFIED SECTION 02 OF 03 PARIS 01923
USIA
USIA FOR P/RC; P/P; P/EW P/FN; VOA NEWS/CA; EU; AF; P/M; STATE FOR EUR/P/SP; EU/WE; AF; INR/P; PM; OSD ISA FOR ILM; FOR NEA; WHITE HOUSE FOR NSC/WEUROPE; DOC FOR ITA/EUR/FR; USCINCEUR FOR PAO; NATO FOR USIS; GENEVA FOR USIS; USDEL NST GENEVA; MOSCOW FOR P&C; ROME FOR USIS/AIO; BRUSSELS FOR USIS AND USEC (PAO); USVIENNA FOR USDEL CSCE.
E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: NONE
SUBJECT: DAILY MEDIA REACTION REPORT
1. HILLARY CLINTON:
PHILIPPE RELTIN ON RADIO FRANCE INTER: "...PREZIDENT CLINTON OFFICIALLY NOMINATED HIS WIFE AT THE HEAD OF A HEALTH CARE REFORM TASK FORCE. THE TASK FORCE WILL WORK TO COUNTER THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE RECESSION IN THE AREA
OF HEALTH CARE. FOR AMERICANS, THIS IS A TOP PRIORITY."
TV FRANCE 2 AT 8:00AM, WITH ANCHORMAN ETIENNE LEHNARDT:
"A CONSIDERABLE TASK; A DECISION WHICH PROVES THAT MRS.
CLINTON WILL NOT BE JUST A WALLFLOWER."
LUC BAZIZIN ON TV FRANCE 2: "...DURING THE CAMPAIGN,
HILLARY CLINTON HAD PROMISED THAT SHE WOULDN'T ONLY BAKE
COOKIES AT THE WHITE HOUSE--A PROMISE SHE KEPT. THE
UNITED STATES' FIRST LADY IS GOING TO GET DOWN TO
WORK.... SHE IS ALREADY CALLED THE PRESIDENT'S CLOSEST
ADVISOR."
2. EX-YUGOSLAVIA:
PATRICK SABATIER IN LIBERATION: "...AS THE NUMBER OF
VICTIMS (AMONG UN FORCES) WILL INCREASE, THE QUESTION TO
MAINTAIN OR WITHDRAW THE UN BLUE HELMET FORCES...WILL BE
POSED MORE ACUTELY.... THE PRINCIPAL--PERHAPS THE ONLY-
-MERIT OF THE BLUE HELMETS IS THEIR PRESENCE. INDEED,
FEW EXPERTS DOUBT THAT THEIR WITHDRAWAL WOULD LEAD TO A
NEW GENERAL CONFLAGRATION. THE CROATS HAVE NOT GIVEN UP
ON THE IDEA OF RECAPTURING THE SERB-OCUPIED PARTS OF
THEIR TERRITORY AND HAVE BEEN PREPARING FOR THIS OVER
THE LAST YEAR; AS FOR THE SERBS--THOSE OF KRAJINA LIKE
THOSE OF BOSNIA, STILL WANT TO ATTA CH THEIR SELF-
PROCLAIMED 'REPUBLICS' TO GREATER SERBIA. ALL KNOW THAT
THE LAW OF THE STRONGEST REMAINS THE BEST. AS LONG AS
PEACE IS NOT THE ACCEPTED ORDER, THE UN BLUE HELMET
SOLDIERS WILL UNFORTUNATELY BE NOTHING BUT ALIBIS,
HOSTAGES OR EVEN WORSE SACRIFICIAL LAMBS."
CONSERVATIVE LE FIGARO HEADLINES ON PAGE 3: "AFTER SERB
SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC, THE CROATIAN PRESIDENT HAS LEARNED
THE LESSONS OF WESTERN IMPotence."
JEAN LEVALLOIS IN REGIONAL LA PRESSE DE LA MANCHE:
"...WHAT IS AT STAKE IN THE BALKANS IS THE FUTURE OF THE
(WHOLE) WORLD, AT LEAST FOR THE NEAR TERM; BECAUSE IT IS
ALSO THE UNITED NATIONS WHOSE FORTUNES ARE AT STAKE
THERE."
GILLES DAUXERRE IN REGIONAL L'YONNE REPUBLICAINE:
"...THE IMMENSE HOPES FOR PEACE AND LIBERTY THAT EMERGED
AFTER THE COLLAPSE OF COMMUNISM AND THE FALL OF THE WALL
ARE DISAPPEARING IN THE YUGOSLAV CALDRON. WESTERN
DEMOCRACIES ARE DOING NOTHING, MAKING US BELIEVE THAT
THEY PREFER A POLITICAL SOLUTION RATHER THAN A MILITARY
'ADVENTURE'; BUT THEIR LACK OF WILL IS EVEN MORE OBVIOUS
THAN THEIR IMPotence."
3. IRAQ:
Pierre Beylau In Weekly Liberal Le Point: "Saddam
Hussein Has Perhaps Scored His First Victory Since
The Gulf War--Not in Military Terms Obviously.... But the
Unclassified Section 03 of 03 Paris 01923
USIA
USIA
USIA FOR P/RC; P/P; P/FW P/FN; VOA NEWS/CA; EU; AF; P/M;
STATE FOR EUR/P/SP; EU/WE; AF; INR/P; PM; OSD ISA FOR
ILN; FOR NEA; WHITE HOUSE FOR NSC/WEUROPE; DOC FOR
ITAEUR/FR; USCINCEUR FOR PAO; Nato For USIS; GENEVA For
USIS; USDEL NST GENEVA; MOSCOW For P&C; ROME For
USIS/AIO; BRUSSELS FOR USIS AND USEC (PAO); USVIENNA For
USDEL CSCE.
SUBJECT: DAILY MEDIA REACTION REPORT

RECENT STEEL THUNDER OVER IRAQI SKIES SEEMED TO SOUND THE DEATH KNOB OF THE COALITION WHICH HAD OVERCOME SADDAM'S LEGIONS IN FEBRUARY 1991. MOST OF THE ARAB OR MUSLIM NATIONS WHICH HAD TAKEN PART IN THE CRUSADE AGAINST THIS MODERN NABUCHODONOSOR HAVE BEEN VERY CAUTIOUS; EVEN EGYPT, TRADITIONALLY ALIGNED WITH WASHINGTON'S POSITION, HAS DISTANCED ITSELF FROM IT; TURKEY IS ANGRY; RUSSIA, FRUSTRATED BECAUSE MARGINALIZED, HAS EXPRESSED ITS DISPLEASURE. FRANCE, FOR ITS PART, HAS SHOWN A NICE DIPLOMATIC MESS..... IN HIS FINAL CONFRONTATION WITH SADDAM HUSSEIN, GEORGE BUSH MADE PERHAPS A MISTAKE ON TIMING: WEAKENED, IRAQ IS NO LONGER PERCEIVED AS THE MAIN THREAT TO SECURITY IN THE REGION--EXCEPT BY KUWAIT. IN THE FACE OF IRAN'S AMBITIONS, THE IRAQI ARMY MAY REDISCOVER ITS ROLE AS DEFENDER OF THE ARAB WORLD."

STEPHANE MARCHAND REPORTS IN FIGARO FROM WASHINGTON: "...SINCE HE CAME TO POWER, PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS CONTINUED...TO LAUNCH AIR RAIDS (AGAINST IRAQ) IN ORDER TO PROVE, AT THE LOWEST COST POSSIBLE, THE CONTINUITY OF US POLICY. HIS DETERMINATION IS STRENGTHENED BY US OPINION (LOS ANGELES TIMES POLL). THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT WILL PERSIST IN THIS LINE OF ACTION UNTIL THE MOMENT WHEN HE THINKS HE CAN NO LONGER BE ACCUSED OF WEAKNESS VIS-A-VIS SADDAM, A VIEW ALREADY HELD BY MANY AMERICANS (39, SAME POLL). BUT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION HAS SOME DOUBTS. IT IS TEMPTED TO SEE THE IRAQI LEADER'S APPARENT GOOD WILL AS AN ENCOURAGING SIGN."

4. ANGOLA:

ECONOMIC LES ECHOS BACK-PAGE UNATTRIBUTED EDITORIAL: "...THIS WAS THE MOST SEVERE WARNING EVER ADDRESSED TO JONAS SAVIMBI BY (THE UNITED STATES), A COUNTRY WHICH DOESN'T USUALLY JOKE WHEN ITS CITIZENS AND ITS ECONOMIC INTERESTS ARE AT STAKE. CEASE-FIRE NEGOTIATIONS ARE TO TAKE PLACE LATER THIS WEEK IN ADDIS ABABA. IF THEY END IN FAILURE, THE UNITED NATIONS HAS THREATENED IT MAY WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS FROM ANGOLA. THIS WOULD BE A RADICAL OUTCOME, UNACCEPTABLE TO WASHINGTON, WHICH MAY THEN HAVE TO GET INVOLVED ALL OVER AGAIN IN THIS AFRICAN CONFLICT." KORENGOLD

BT

#1923

NNNN

SECT: SECTION: 01 OF 03

SSID: 1923

TOR: 930126055230 M0187774

DIST: SIT: VAX
**SUBJ:** GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT

FOLLOWING IS A REVIEW OF GERMAN MEDIA OF JANUARY 27, 1993

**TEXT:**

*************** INCOMPLETE MESSAGE ***************
SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT

FOLLOWING IS A REVIEW OF GERMAN MEDIA OF JANUARY 27, 1993

D. U.S.: HILLARY CLINTON TO REFORM HEALTH CARE

1. CENTRIST STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG AND CENTRIST MITTELEUROPA ZEITUNG OF HALLE CARRIES AN EDITORIAL BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT JUERGEN KOAR UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"JOB FOR THE FIRST LADY."

"SOME HAD FEARED IT, OTHERS HAD HOPED FOR IT, BUT NOBODY HAD DOUBTED THAT HILLARY CLINTON WOULD TAKE OVER TASKS IN HER HUSBAND'S ADMINISTRATION. SOONER THAN EXPECTED, THE PRESIDENT HAS NOW CREATED FACTS WHICH ARE GIVING NEW MEANING TO THE TITLE OF 'FIRST LADY'. HE HAS COMMISSIONED HIS WIFE TO COME UP WITH A HEALTH CARE REFORM WITHIN THE NEXT HUNDRED DAYS. THIS IS A PATHBREAKING DECISION FOR TWO REASONS: NEVER BEFORE HAS THE WIFE OF A PRESIDENT AS OPENLY PARTICIPATED IN THE POLITICAL DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, AND NEVER BEFORE HAS THIS ISSUE BEEN ASSIGNED SUCH A HIGH PRIORITY IN THE WHITE HOUSE. IT IS A HERCULEAN TASK, A JOB CUT OUT FOR SUPERMAN, AND IF HILLARY CLINTON SUCCEEDS, SHE WILL HAVE QUALIFIED HERSELF AS SUPERWOMAN......

"THE COST EXPLOSION IN THE HEALTH CARE SECTOR IS UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 07 BONN GM 02096

USIA

BRUSSELS ALSO FOR USIS AND USEC

USNATO ALSO FOR USDELMC

STATE FOR WUR/PA:MPEARSON

PASS FSI/CSFA

USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR //ECPAO/POLAD

USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR //ECJ5-E

USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR //CJ1-HN

CINCUSAFE RAMSTEIN AB GE ALSO FOR //PA/POLAD

USSUPPORT ELEMENT HQ BALTAP ALSO FOR //PIO/NATO

HQUSAF WASHDC ALSO FOR //XOXX/

"PERISHABLE INFORMATION -- DO NOT SERVICE"

USIA EU, P/M, P/RM, P/FW, P/FN, P/R, P/RWE, P/GR,

VOA/BRE, P/P, MBFR - STATE

EUR/CE;EUR:P/M.PEARSON;PM;INR/RWE;S/CSCE/J.KORNBLUM

VAIHINGEN FOR ECPA-O:CDR MCCURDY

LONDON FOR POL

PART TWO OF TWO

E.O. 12356: N/A

SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT

Burdening to an alarming extent the private and public budgets, approximately 35 million Americans do not carry health insurance. In order to finally create a watertight system and keep the costs within a reasonable framework, lawmakers, public agencies, insurance companies and the pharmaceutical industry must be brought under one roof. This - and the lack of political will - have so far condemned all efforts to failure. HILLARY
CLINTON OVERCAME SIMILAR RESISTANCE IN ARKANSAS AND INITIATED A REFORM OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM. NOW SHE WILL WORK WITH HER HUSBAND AGAIN AT NO COST AND, IN THE END, SHARE THE PRAISE AND CRITICISM WITH HIM. IT TAKES COURAGE TO BREAK WITH TRADITIONS AND DARE AN EXPERIMENT WHOSE OUTCOME HAS A LOT OF IMPLICATIONS - NOT LEAST FOR ONE'S OWN REPUTATION.

2. LEFT-OF-CENTER (FORMER PDS YOUTH PAPER) JUNGE WELT OF BERLIN CARRIES AN EDITORIAL BY ALMUTH NEHRING UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"SHOCK FOR PURITANS."

"BILL CLINTON IS GIVING HIS PURITAN CITIZENS A SHOCK THERAPY. FIRST HE LOOSENS THE RESTRICTIONS ON ABORTIONS AND NOW IT IS TO BE MADE POSSIBLE FOR HOMOSEXUAL MEN AND WOMEN TO JOIN THE ARMY. STUPIDITY AND PRUDISHNESS ARE COMING TO THE FORE WHEN MILITARY AND CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES FEAR THAT MORALE AND ORDER COULD BE DISTURBED AT MISSILE BASES, ON TANKS, AIRCRAFT CARRIERS AND IN THE CORRIDORS OF THE PENTAGON. IN THE PAST TEN YEARS, 14,000 OF 1.8 MILLION SOLDIERS HAD TO RESIGN FROM THE MILITARY BECAUSE THEY WERE HOMOSEXUAL. ONLY DURING THE GULF WAR NONE OF THESE SOLDIERS WERE DISMISSED. APPARENTLY HOMOSEXUALS DID NOT POSE A RISK FOR AMERICA AT THE FRONT...."  

"CLINTON WILL HAVE TO THINK ABOUT HOW HE WANTS TO FULFILL HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN PROMISE. OPEN CONFRONTATION APPARENTLY DOES NOT WORK. NEW PENTAGON CHIEF ASPIN HAS SUGGESTED HOLDING OFF THE DECISION ANOTHER SIX MONTHS AND TO TAKE A MORE DIPLOMATIC APPROACH. HOWEVER, THE NEW CREW IN THE WHITE HOUSE WILL HAVE A HARD TIME STANDING UP AGAINST THE THOUSANDS OF HOMOSEXUALS WHO SUPPORTED CLINTON IN THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN. AFTER ALL, EVERY SEVENTH VOTE FOR THE PRESIDENT CAME FROM A HOMOSEXUAL. CLINTON WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TO MAKE THE DE-CRIMINALIZATION OF HOMOSEXUALS AN ELECTION CAMPAIGN ISSUE."

E. ECONOMIC: GATT, U.S. ECONOMY

1. LEFT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU CARRIES A UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 07 BONN GM 02096 USIA BRUESSELS ALSO FOR USIS AND USEC USNATO ALSO FOR USDELMC STATE FOR WUR/PA:MP earson PASS FSI/CSFA USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR//ECPAO/POLAD USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR//ECJ5-E USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR//CJ1-HN CINCUSAFE RAMSTEIN AB GE ALSO FOR //PA/POLAD US SUPPORT ELEMENT HQ BALTAP ALSO FOR //PIO/NATO HQUSAF WASHDC ALSO FOR //XOXX// "PERISHABLE INFORMATION -- DO NOT SERVICE" USIA EU, P/M, P/ RM, P/FW, P/FN, P/R, P/RWE, P/GR, VOA/BRE, P/P, MBFR - STATE EUR/CE;EUR:P/M.PEARSON;PM;INR/RWE;S/CSCE/J.KORNBLUM VAIHINGEN FOR ECPA-O:CDR Mccurdy LONDON FOR POL PART TWO OF TWO E.O. 12356: N/A
SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT

REPORT UNDER THE HEADLINE:
"KINKEL CALLS UPON PARIS TO SHOW WILLINGNESS FOR COMPROMISE."

"FOREIGN MINISTER KLAUS KINKEL DIRECTED AN URGENT APPEAL TO THE PARIS GOVERNMENT NOT TO FOIL THE GATT NEGOTIATIONS. DURING A SPEECH AT FREIBURG UNIVERSITY, KINKEL SAID THAT A SUCCESS OF THE GATT TALKS IS A 'MUST.' BONN 'SHOWED ITS SOLIDARITY' (WITH FRANCE) 'WITH A WILLINGNESS BORDERING ON SELF-DENIAL.' KINKEL DEMANDED THAT 'FRANCE MUST NOW ALSO SHOW SOLIDARITY.' HE ADDED THAT THE INTEREST OF NO PARTNER COUNTRY IN THE EC SHOULD RESULT IN A TRADE WAR WITH THE OTHER BIG INDUSTRIALIZED POWERS OF THE WORLD.


2. IN AN EDITORIAL ON THIS SPEECH, LEFT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU OPINES UNDER THE HEADLINE:
"EDUCATION TO WEARINESS."

"WELL ROARED, LION KINKEL. OF COURSE, FRANCE SHOULD NOT FOIL THE GATT TALKS. IT IS SELF-EVIDENT THAT A SUCCESS OF THE GATT TALKS IS A 'MUST.' NATURALLY, A TRADE WAR WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO ALL PARTIES INVOLVED. THESE ARE TRUISMS...BUT TO BE HONEST, THEY ARE GETTING ON OUR NERVES. POLITICS WOULD BE MORE CREDIBLE IF IT DEMONSTRATED ITS ABILITY TO TAKE ACTION INSTEAD OF RELYING ON GREAT WORDS.

"IN AN EXEMPLARY MANNER, THE GATT TALKS SHOW ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL HOW THE PUBLIC CAN BE EDUCATED TO ADOPT A NOTORIOUS WEARINESS OF POLITICS, SINCE THE POLITICIANS HAVE NOW BEEN PALAVERING FOR MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS ABOUT A REDUCTION OF TARIFF BARRIERS.... AND THEY ALWAYS MADE PROMISES THAT, IN HINDSIGHT, DID NOT COME TRUE...."

"THIS IS 1993 AND A CONCLUSION OF THE GATT TALKS IS NOT IN SIGHT. INSTEAD, THE 'TRADE PARTNERS' ARE FIGHTING EACH OTHER WITH OLD AND PARTLY MORE WEAPONS.... THEY ALL VIOLATE THE SPIRIT OF FREE TRADE, SOME WITH REGARD TO CARS, SOME WITH REGARD TO RICE, AND STILL OTHERS WITH UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 07 BONN GM 02096 USIA BRUESSELS ALSO FOR USIS AND USEC USNATO ALSO FOR USDELMC STATE FOR WUR/PA;MPPEARSON PASS FSI/CSFA USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR//ECPAO/POLAD USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR//ECJ5-E USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR//CJ1-HN CINCUSAFE RAMSTEIN AB GE ALSO FOR //PA/POLAD USSUPPORT ELEMENT HQ BALTAP ALSO FOR //PIO/NATO HQUSAF WASHDC ALSO FOR //XOXX// "PERISHABLE INFORMATION -- DO NOT SERVICE"
USIA EU, P/M, P/RM, P/FW, P/FN, P/R, P/RWE, P/GR, VOA/BRE, P/P, MBFR - STATE
EUK/CE; EUR: P/M, PEARSON; FM; INR/RWE; S/CSCE/J. KORNBLUM
VAIHINGEN FOR ECPA-O: CDR MCCURDY
LONDON FOR POL
PART TWO OF TWO
E.O. 12356: N/A
SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT
DRAFT JUSTICE. AND THE SITUATION WILL PROBABLY BECOME EVEN MORE PROBLEMATIC IN CASE OF MILITARILY DANGEROUS MISSIONS OUTSIDE OF NATO OR A LARGE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES.
"FOR ALL THESE REASONS, DEFENSE MINISTER RUEHE'S DECISIONS WILL ULTIMATELY TURN OUT TO BE DECISIONS POINTING IN THE DIRECTION OF A PROFESSIONAL ARMY. THE PARTIES CURRENTLY STILL HOLDING ON TO THE DRAFT COULD QUICKLY ADJUST TO THE ALTERED SITUATION AND, IN THIS PROCESS, EVEN REFER TO A CONCLUSIVE POLITICAL ARGUMENT. THE DRAFT IS A CHILD OF A SOVEREIGN NATIONAL STATE. ONLY THIS STATE CREATED THE DEGREE OF COLLECTIVE IDENTITY THAT IS THE PREREQUISITE FOR DEMANDING THAT SOMEONE RISK HIS LIFE AS HIS DUTY AS A CITIZEN. IF THE TASK OF DEFESE IS PASSED ON FROM THE NATIONAL STATE TO A SUPRANATIONAL ORGANIZATION, WHICH BONN IS TRYING TO ACHIEVE IN THE COURSE OF EUROPEAN UNIFICATION, THE QUESTION ARISES ANEW OF WHO SHOULD FULFILL THIS TASK AND HOW. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, A PROFESSIONAL ARMY COULD BY ALL MEANS LOOK TO THE POLITICIANS AND THE PUBLIC LIKE THE MOST SUITABLE INSTRUMENT TO ENSURE SECURITY IN EUROPE."
MILLER
BT
#2096
NNNN

SECT: SECTION: 01 OF 07
<<SECT>SECTION: 02 OF 07
<<SECT>SECTION: 03 OF 07
<<SECT>SECTION: 07 OF 07

SSN: 2096
<<SSN>2096
<<SSN>2096
<<SSN>2096

TOR: 930127080234 M0190409
<<TOR>930127092531 M0190546
<<TOR>930127092634 M0190549
<<TOR>930127080339 M0190413

DIST: SIT: VAX
Cable

PREC: IMMEDIATE
CLASS: UNCLASSIFIED
OSRI: RUFHOL
LINE1: OATUZYUW RUFHOL 2095 0271251-UUUU--RUEADWW.
LINE2: ZNR UUUXX
LINE3: O 271250Z JAN 93 ZNZ1
LINE4: FM USIS BONN
DTG: 271250Z JAN 93
ORIG: USIS BONN
TO: RUEHIA/USIA WASHDC IMMEDIATE
INFO: RUEADWW/WHITE HOUSE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASH DC
RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC
RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHDC//USDP//ISA/DSAA
RUEKJCS/DIA WASHDC//DC-4A
RUEAI/A/ST WASHDC
RUEATRS/SECDEF WASHDC
RUEUSA/DEPT/LABOR WASHDC//MCCAFFREY
RUCNFRG/FRG COLLECTIVE
RUEKGV/USMISSION GENEVA//NST/ACDA
RUEHBS/AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS//WESSEE
RUFHLD/AMEMBASSY LONDON
RUFHFR/AMEMBASSY PARIS
RUEHRO/AMEMBASSY ROME
RUDOGHA/USNMR SHAPE BE//PAA
RUFHMB/USMISSION USVIENNA//CSBM/PAA
RUFHNA/USMISSION USNATO
RHFQAAA/AFOSI DET 501 RAMSTEIN AB GE//EAC/
RUISNIDA/USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GM//ECPA/PolAD/ECJ5//CJ1-HN
RUDFAA/USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GM
RUFHA/USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GM
RXFM//US SUPPORT ELEMENT HQ BALTAP//PIO/NA
RHFQSAF/AFOSI DET 501 RAMSTEIN AB GE//EAC/
SUBJ: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT
FOLLWING IS A REVIEW OF GERMAN MEDIA OF JANUARY 27, 1993
TEXT: UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 08 BONN GM 02095
USIA
BRUESSELS ALSO FOR USIS AND USEC
USNATO ALSO FOR USDELMC
STATE FOR EUR/PA: MPearson
PASS FSI/CSFA
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR//ECPAO/PolAD
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR//ECJ5-E
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR//CJ1-HN
CINCUSAFE RAMSTEIN AB GE ALSO FOR//PA/PolAD
US SUPPORT ELEMENT HQ BALTAP ALSO FOR//PIO/NA
HQSADF WASHDC ALSO FOR//XOXX/
"PERISHABLE INFORMATION -- DO NOT SERVICE"
USIA EU, P/M, P/RM, P/FW, P/FN, P/R, P/RWE, P/GR,
VOA/BRE, P/P, MBFR - STATE
EUR/CE; EUR: P/M PEARSO; PM; INR/RAE; S/CSCE/J. KORNBLUM
VAIHINGEN FOR ECPA-O: CDR MCCURDY
LONDON FOR POL
PART ONE OF TWO
E.O. 12356: N/A
SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT
FOLLOWING IS A REVIEW OF GERMAN MEDIA OF JANUARY 27, 1993
CONTENTS:
A. LEAD STORIES SUMMARY
B. CROATIA: FRANCE TO REINFORCE TROOPS
C. MIDDLE EAST: U.N. PRESSURE ON ISRAEL
D. U.S.: HILLARY CLINTON TO REFORM HEALTH CARE
E. ECONOMIC: GATT, U.S. ECONOMY
F. GERMANY: FUTURE ROLE, PROFESSIONAL ARMY
A. LEAD STORIES SUMMARY
THE MAIN LEAD STORY IS THE DECISION OF THE PARIS GOVERNMENT TO SEND THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER 'CLEMENCEAU' TO THE ADRIATIC SEA. TWO PAPERS DEAL WITH THE CONTROVERSY ABOUT THE GERMAN CREW MEMBERS ON AWACS AIRCRAFT, WHILE GENERAL-ANZEIGER FOCUSES ON THE TALKS ON THE SOLIDARITY PACT; STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG CENTERS ON THE CROATIAN OFFENSIVE IN THE KRAJINA, SUEDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG CONCENTRATES ON NEW REVELATIONS IN THE LAPAS AFFAIR AND WESTFAELISCHE RUNDSCHAU PUBLISHES EXCERPTS OF AN INTERVIEW DDP CONDUCTED WITH FDP CHIEF OTTO GRAF LAMBSDORFF. EDITORIALS CENTER ON THE SITUATION IN EX YUGOSLAVIA AND U.N. PRESSURE ON ISRAEL.
B. CROATIA: FRANCE TO REINFORCE TROOPS
UNCLASSIFIED SECTION 02 OF 08 BONN GM 02095
USIA
BRUSSELS ALSO FOR USIS AND USEC
USNATO ALSO FOR USDELMC
STATE FOR EUR/PA: MEPearson
PASS FSI/CSFA
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR // ECPAO/POLAD
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR // ECJ5-E
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR // CJ1-HN
CINCUSAFE RAMSTEIN AB GE ALSO FOR // PA/POLAD
US SUPPORT ELEMENT HQ BALTAP ALSO FOR // PIO/NATO
HQUSAF WASHDC ALSO FOR // HXX
"PERISHABLE INFORMATION -- DO NOT SERVICE"
USIA EU, P/M, P/RM, P/FW, P/FN, P/R, P/RWE, P/GR, VOA/BRE, P/P, MBFR - STATE
EUR/CE; EUR/P/M.PEARSON; PM; INR/RWE; S/CSCE/J.KORNBLUM
VAIHINGEN FOR ECPA-O: CDR MCCURDY
LONDON FOR POL
PART ONE OF TWO
E.O. 12356: N/A
SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT
1. RIGHT-OF-CENTER DIE WELT OF BONN CARRIES A FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL BY JOCHEN THIES UNDER THE HEADLINE: "GROWING PRESSURE."
"THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS IS APPROACHING THE POINT WHERE IT MUST MAKE A DECISION BECAUSE THE DEATH RATE OF BLUEHELMETS IS ON THE RISE. 26 OF THEM HAVE ALREADY LOST THEIR LIVES.... THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE GULF WAR COALITION WANTS TO PUT AN END TO THIS ENDLESS DRAMA. LONDON AND PARIS HAVE ORDERED AIRCRAFT CARRIERS TO THE ADRIATIC. FIGHTER PLANES ARE BEING CONVERTED AND
PREPARED FOR A MILITARY STRIKE. IF NATO WERE TO GET SERIOUS, THE CRISIS REGION IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA WOULD BASICALLY BE SURROUNDED BY AIR BASES FROM WHICH TO FLY MISSIONS. SINCE THE GENEVA TALKS SEEM TO HAVE FAILED, IT IS NOW UP TO CLINTON TO DETERMINE WHEN TO SEPARATE THE...OPPONENTS.

"IT ALMOST LOOKS AS IF THE GERMAN DEBATE, TOO, IS BEING INCREASINGLY SHAPED BY THE INEVITABILITY OF MILITARY ACTION. IN OTHER WORDS, WILL THE FDP CAVE IN, IF GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE AND THE U.S. SOUND THE ALARM FOR INTERVENTION?"

2. MASS-CIRCULATION RIGHT-OF-CENTER BILD ZEITUNG CARRIES AN EDITORIAL BY KLAUS MERTES UNDER THE HEADLINE: "THE BEAR IS GROWLING."

"THE WESTERN NATIONS COULD ONLY REMAIN INACTIVE WITHOUT PUNISHMENT WHEN IT CAME TO THE BLOODY WAR IN CENTRAL EUROPE AS LONG AS THE CHAOTIC RUSSIA DID NOT EXERCISE ITS TRADITIONAL POWER INTEREST IN THE BALKANS.

"NOW, THE MOST POWERFUL COUNTRY IN EUROPE HAS REPORTED BACK TO THE STAGE WITH ITS CRITICISM OF THE CROATIAN MILITARY ACTION. THE BEAR IS GROWLING. AND GERMANY IN PARTICULAR MUST WATCH OUT, BECAUSE FROM THE VERY BEGINNING THE ISSUE IN THIS WAR WAS ALSO TO CONTAIN THE FEARED PREDOMINANCE OF THE UNIFIED GERMANY IN SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE. THIS, TOO, WAS A REASON WHY THE SERBS WERE ALLOWED TO GATHER STRENGTH AND DO AS THEY PLEASED. INITIALLY, THE RUSSIANS'S BACKING FOR THE SERBS WAS MORE OR LESS TACIT, NOW THEY ARE OPENLY TAKING SIDES.

"WE DO NOT YET HAVE A SITUATION LIKE IN 1914 AGAIN, UNLIKE THEN GERMANY IS NOT ISOLATED. BUT ONLY THE COMMON PORT OF EUROPE OFFERS PERMANENT SECURITY. GERMANY MUST GET IN THERE - AS FAST AS POSSIBLE."

3. CENTRIST SUEDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH CARRIES UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 08 BONN GM 02095

USIA
BRUSSSELS ALSO FOR USIS AND USEC
USNATO ALSO FOR USDELMC
STATE FOR EUR/PA:MPEARSON
PASS FSI/CSFA
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR//ECPAO/POLAD
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR//ECJ5-E
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR//CJ1-HN
CINCUSAFAE RAMSTEIN AB GE ALSO FOR //PA/POLAD
US SUPPORT ELEMENT HQ BALTAP ALSO FOR //PIO/NATO
HQ USAF WASHDC ALSO FOR //XOXX/
"PERISHABLE INFORMATION -- DO NOT SERVICE"
USTA EU, P/M, P/RM, P/FW, P/FN, P/R, P/RWE, P/GR,
VOA/BRE, P/P, MBFR - STATE
EUR/CE;EUR:P/M;PEARSON;PM;INR/RWE;S/CSCE/J.KORNBLUM
VAIHINGEN FOR ECPAO-O:CDR MCCURDY
LONDON FOR POL
PART ONE OF TWO
E.O. 12356: N/A
SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT
AN EDITORIAL BY JOSEF JOFFE UNDER THE HEADLINE:
"SHOOT AT WHOM, WHERE, WHEN AND WHY?"

REFERRING TO THE FRENCH DECISION TO SEND A CARRIER FORCE TO THE ADRIATIC, JOFFE WRITES: "THE QUESTION,
HOWEVER, IS WHOM THE PILOTS SHOULD SHOOT AT - IF THEY EVER GET OFF THE GROUND. THE BASIC DIFFERENTIATION - BAD SERBS, GOOD CROATS - HAS ALWAYS BEEN SOMETHING TOO SIMPLE....

"THE CROATIAN ATTACKS DRAMATIZE SOMETHING THAT ONE WOULD PREFER TO IGNORE IN LIGHT OF THE SERBS' UNDOUBTED CRUELTIES: IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA, A WAR HAS BASICALLY BROKEN OUT IN WHICH EVERYBODY FIGHTS EVERYBODY. THE ACTUAL TARGET IS THE SAINT GERMAN PEACE TREATY OF 1919 WHICH CREATED AN IMPOSSIBLE STATE CALLED YUGOSLAVIA FROM THE BALKAN MULTIETHNIC MIX. NOW, VIOLENCE AND CUNNING ARE BEING USED TO 'RE-SORT' AND 'RE-DISTRIBUTE' (THE REGION) DEPENDING ON WHO HAS THE MILITARY UPPER HAND....

"HOW DOES A FRENCH SOLDIER DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN SERBS, CROATS AND MUSLIMS, ALL OF WHOM LOOK ALIKE AND SPEAK THE SAME LANGUAGE? UNFORTUNATELY, THESE GENTLEMEN DO NOT HAVE SIGNS HANGING AROUND THEIR NECKS.

"A PEACE FORCE WORKS ONLY IF ALL (PARTIES) VALUE THE ABSENCE OF WAR HIGHER THAN BATTLE. IF THE PEACE FORCE IS ATTACKED, IT HAS ALREADY LOST THE GAME SINCE ITS PRESENCE - ITS AUTHORITY- OBVIOUSLY DOES NOT COUNT MUCH. IT IS POSSIBLE BUT NOT VERY LIKELY THAT RESPECT IS RESTORED WITH AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER. THE SERBS AND CROATS HAVQ CAREFULLY REGISTERED THE FACT THAT THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL DOES NOT WANT TO PASS A MANDATE FOR COMBAT, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE RUSSIANS ARE EVER MORE CLEARLY JAMMING ON THE BRAKES. THEY, TOO, ARE AWARE OF THE TACTICAL DILEMMA OF THE WOULD-BE BOMBERS: THEY DON'T KNOW WHEN, WHERE AND AT WHOM TO SHOOT.


4. CENTRIST KOELNER STADT-ANZEIGER CARRIES AN EDITORIAL BY THOMAS MEYER UNDER THE HEADLINE: "REINFORCEMENT."

"THE FACT THAT THE FRENCH UN TROOPS ARE EQUIPPED LIKE UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 08 BONN GM 02095 USIA BRUSSELS ALSO FOR USIS AND USEC USNATO ALSO FOR USDELMC STATE FOR EUR/PA:MPPEARSON PASS FSI/CSFA USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR//ECPAO/POLAD USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR//ECJ5-E USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR//CJ1-MN CINCUSAFE RAMSTEIN AB GE ALSO FOR //PA/POLAD USSUPPORT ELEMENT HQ BALTAP ALSO FOR //PIO/NATO HQUSAF WASHDC ALSO FOR //XOXX// "PERISHABLE INFORMATION -- DO NOT SERVICE" USIA EU, P/M, P/RM, P/FW, P/FN, P/R, P/RWE, P/GR, VOA/BRE, P/P, MBFR - STATE EUR/CE;EUR:P/M.PEARSON;PM;INR/RWE;S/CSCE/J.KORNBLUM VAIHINGEN FOR ECPA-O:CDR MCCURDY LONDON FOR POL PART ONE OF TWO
E.O. 12356: N/A

SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT
AN INVASION ARMY TO 'ENSURE HUMANITARIAN TASKS' DEFIES ALL CLASSICAL DEFINITIONS (OF UN BLUEHELMETS). BUT THE PEACEFUL BLUEHELMET TROOPER WHOSE MERE PRESENCE GUARANTEES THE CEASEFIRE IS NOWADAYS MOSTLY FICTION ANYWAY - ANOTHER REASON FOR BONN TO CREATE CLARITY IN THE BASIC LAW.

"BUT BACK TO BOSNIA: ARE THE SERBS CURRENTLY PEACEFUL LIKE LAMBS? BY NO MEANS, THEY ARE ALREADY TANGLING WITH THE UN TROOPS TO GET THEIR HEAVY ARTILLERY BACK. THE MONITORING OF THE FLIGHT BAN AND THUS AN ARMED INTERVENTION AGAINST SERBIAN TROOPS IS PART OF THE WAR SCENARIO IN THE BALKANS. THAT IS UNLESS THE RUSSIANS PUT IN THEIR VETO AT THE UN. COULD BONN THEN REJOICE BECAUSE IT WOULD BE SPARED A DECISION ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE GERMAN AIR FORCE FROM AWACS PLANES? CERTAINLY NOT: THERE WOULD BE A HIGH PRICE FOR THIS. A CONFLICT BETWEEN CLINTON'S U.S. AND YELTSIN'S RUSSIA. THIS WOULD BE A STEP BACK TO THE COLD WAR AND, ABOVE ALL, EXPOSE THE INNOCENT VICTIMS TO EVEN GREATER ATROCITIES BY THE WARLORDS."

5. CENTRIST WESTDEUTSCHE ALLGEMEINE OF ESSEN CARRIES AN EDITORIAL BY PARIS CORRESPONDENT EMIL BOELTE UNDER THE HEADLINE:
"FLEET PROTECTION."
"FRANCE IS TOO WEAK AND ITS MILITARY NOT PROPERLY EQUIPPED TO TAKE ANY ACTION WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE UN. DESPITE NUMEROUS DEMANDS (FOR MILITARY INTERVENTION) THERE IS ALSO A LACK OF NATIONAL CONSENSUS FOR ANY UNILATERAL MOVES.... MITTERRAND'S MORTARS WILL HELP THE BLUEHELMETS TO AT LEAST DEFEND THEMSELVES IN A MORE EFFECTIVE MANNER. BUT THAT IS ALL. IF ONE WANTS MORE, THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF WHICH FRANCE IS A PERMANENT AND INFLUENTIAL MEMBER WILL HAVE TO ORDER IT."

6. CENTRIST STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG CARRIES AN EDITORIAL UNDER THE HEADLINE:
"CONDEMNATION OF CROATIA."
"THE DIPLOMATIC PROTESTS DID NOT ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING IN BELGRADE. IT BECAME EVIDENT THESE PAST DAYS AGAIN THAT OIL AND OTHER WAR EQUIPMENT OF IMPORTANCE TO THE SERBS ARE STILL MAKING THEIR WAY TO THEIR DESTINATIONS DESPITE ALL UN RESOLUTIONS. SO WHAT DO THE CROATS HAVE TO FEAR, PARTICULARLY SINCE THEY CAN EVEN CLAIM TO HAVE IMPLEMENTED THE UN PEACE PLAN, THOUGH WITH MILITARY FORCE? THE CROATIAN OFFENSIVE IN THE DALMATIAN HINTERLANDS HAS REVEALED FOR THE UMpteenth TIME THE UN
HQUSAF WASHDC ALSO FOR //XOXX//
"PERISHABLE INFORMATION -- DO NOT SERVICE"
USIA EU, P/M, P/RM, P/FW, P/FN, P/R, P/RWE, P/GR,
VOA/BRE, P/E, MBFR - STATE
EUR/CE;EUR/P.M.PEARSON;PN;INR/RWE;S/CSCE/J.KORNBLUM
VAIHINGEN FOR ECPA-O:CDR MCCURDY
LONDON FOR POL
PART ONE OF TWO
E.O. 12356: N/A
SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT
AND THE EC'S HELPLESSNESS."
C. MIDDLE EAST: UN PRESSURE ON ISRAEL
1. CENTRIST SUEDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH CARRIES
AN EDITORIAL UNDER THE HEADLINE:
"HAMAS, ISRAEL AND DOUBLE STANDARDS."
"IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, THE IMPRESSION HAS
BEEN CREATED THAT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ARE BEING
ENFORCED WITH DIFFERING DEGREES OF URGENCY. THIS IS THE
JUSTIFICATION UN SECRETARY GENERAL GHALI GAVE FOR CALLING
ON ISRAEL TO COMPLY WITH RESOLUTION 799 AND TAKE BACK THE
400 HAMAS ACTIVISTS IMMEDIATELY. JERUSALEM REACTED TO
THE REFERENCE TO ARAB DISPLEASURE ABOUT AMERICAN STRIKES
ON IRAQ WITH BITTERNESS.80"
.DV ISRAEL'S DETRIMENT RATHER
THAN ITS BENEFIT.
"THE ISRAELIS REGARD THE FACT THAT THE WORLD IS
IGNORING THE TRAGIC EVENTS WHICH LED TO THE DEPORTATION
(A WAVE OF FUNDAMENTALIST KILLINGS OF SOLDIERS AND
CIVILIANS WHICH ARE ALSO SPREADING CHAOS AND FEAR IN
OTHER ARAB STATES) AS ONE-SIDED. IT IS TRUE THAT THE UN
HAS OFFERED NO PRESCRIPTION FOR DEALING WITH GROUPS LIKE
HAMAS AND THE ISLAMIC JIHAD, WHICH ARE NOT ONLY
COMMITTED TO TERRORISM BUT HAVE ALSO DECLARED THEIR INTENTION
TO FIGHT AGAINST THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS. THIS IS ONE
SIDE OF THE COIN. THE OTHER IS THAT A CONSTITUTIONAL
STATE LIKE ISRAEL SHOULD NOT PASS HASTY JUDGMENTS (OR, TO
BE MORE EXACT, SHOULD NOT PASS ANY JUDGMENT AT ALL) EVEN
IN TIMES OF CRISIS. IF THE AUTHORITIES HAD ARRESTED THE
400 AND THEN LEFT IT TO THE JUDICIARY TO DECIDE ON THEIR
GUILT AND PUNISHMENT, RABIN'S GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT BE IN
A SITUATION WHERE IT IS BEING CONDEMNED BY BOTH THE
SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE SUPREME COURT.
"THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO AWAIT
THE FINDINGS OF THE SUPREME COURT. THE RABIN GOVERNMENT
WILL FIND IT EASIER TO BOW TO THE JUDGMENT OF THE COURT.
THREATS OF SANCTIONS FROM NEW YORK, ON THE OTHER HAND,
COULD HINDER ISRAEL FROM CHANGING ITS STANCE. THIS WOULD
HELP THE DEPORTED."
2. LOTTHAR RUEHL WRITES IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER DIE WELT
OF BONN UNDER THE HEADLINE:
"UN NOT MUCH HELP."
"BOUTROS GHALI'S CALL FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO
FORCE ISRAEL TO UNCONDITIONALLY TAKE BACK THE HAMAS
UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 08 BONN GM 02095
USIA
BRUSSSELS ALSO FOR USIS AND USEC
USNATO ALSO FOR USDELMC
STATE FOR EUR/PA:MPEARSON
3. NINA CORSTEN WRITES IN FAR-LEFT DIE TAGESZEITUNG OF BERLIN UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"WAITING FOR THE JUDGMENT."

"THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT HAS NOT ONLY BEEN PLAYING FOR TIME OVER THE PAST WEEK. IT HAS TRIED TO SHIFT THE DEBATE ONTO TERRAIN WHERE IT BELIEVES 'COMPROMISES' ARE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE NEED TO ABANDON PRINCIPLES. IT IS TREATING THE SITUATION OF THE DEPORTEES AS A 'HUMANITARIAN ISSUE' - THE UNANSWERED QUESTION UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW IS TO BE TRANSFORMED INTO A JUDICIAL PROBLEM WHICH CAN ONLY BE RESOLVED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ISRAELI LEGAL SYSTEM....

"IN THIS HIGHLY POLITICAL TRIAL, THE SUPREME COURT HAS A CHOICE: IT CAN SUPPORT THE HARDLY REFUTABLE OBJECTIONS TO THE DEPORTATION UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW. OR IT CAN BECOME A PASSIVE INSTRUMENT OF ISRAELI
GOVERNMENT POLICY. OVER THE COMING DAYS AND WEEKS, THE
JUDGES WILL NOT ONLY BE DECIDING ON THE FATE OF THE
DEPORTEES. THEY ALSO HAVE THE CHANCE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT
ISRAEL STILL HAS AN INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY. SHOULD THEY
DECIDE AGAINST THE POLICY OF DEPORTATION, THEY WOULD
UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 08 BONN GM 02095
USIA
BRUESSELS ALSO FOR USIS AND USEC
USNATO ALSO FOR USDEL/MC
STATE FOR EUR/PA:MPEARSON
PASS FSI/CSFA
USCINC/EUR/VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR//ECFA/USNATO
USCINC/EUR/VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR//ECJ5-E
USCINC/EUR/VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR//CJ1-HN
CINCUSA/EUR/USA/EUR/RM/VAIHINGEN AB GE ALSO FOR //PA/POLAD
US/SUPPORT ELEMENT HQ BALA/ALSO FOR //PIO/NATO
HQUSAF WASHDC ALSO FOR //XOXX/
"PERISHABLE INFORMATION -- DO NOT SERVICE"
USIA EU, P/M, P/RM, P/FW, P/FN, P/R, P/RWE, P/GR,
VOA/BRE, P/P, MBFR - STATE
EUR/CE; EUR/P/M. PEARSON; PM; INR/RWE; CSCE/J. KORNBLUM
VAIHINGEN FOR ECFA-0: CDR MCCURDY
LONDON FOR POL
PART ONE OF TWO
E.O. 12356: N/A
SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT
BRING ABOUT THE FIRST MAJOR DEFEAT FOR THE RABIN
GOVERNMENT, BUT MIGHT SPARE IT A SERIOUS CONFRONTATION
WITH THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL."

4. CENTRIST KOELNER STADT-ANZEIGER CARRIES AN
EDITORIAL BY FRANK ROSSOW UNDER THE HEADLINE:
"RABIN'S UNTENABLE POSITION."
"THE EMOTIONALLY UNDERSTANDABLE BUT INHUMAN,
POLITICALLY FOOLISH AND ILLEGAL DEMONSTRATION OF ISRAELI
TOUGHNESS HAS DONE SERIOUS HARM TO ISRAEL'S REPUTATION.
PRIME MINISTER RABIN, THE MAJORITY OF WHOSE CABINET ARE
AGAINST HIM, SHOULD THUS REALIZE THAT THE ONLY SOLUTION
IS TO RETURN THE DEPORTEES AND - IF THE EVIDENCE IS
SUFFICIENT - BRING THEM BEFORE A REGULAR COURT.
"SADDAM HUSSEIN'S LATEST ATTEMPT TO LINK HIS LUNATIC
LUST FOR EXPANSION WITH THE FATE OF THE PALESTINIANS
SEEMS MORE CREDIBLE THIS TIME - NOT ONLY TO THE MASSES.
OTHER ARAB GOVERNMENTS ARE ALSO COMPLAINING THAT THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS OBVIOUSLY APPLYING DIFFERENT
STANDARDS IN THE CASES OF ISRAEL AND IRAQ. RABIN'S TRULY
IRRESPONSIBLE STATEMENT THAT THE UN CAN DECIDE WHATEVER
IT WANTS HAS ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATED TO THE ARABS THAT
THEY ARE POWERLESS IN A WESTERN-DOMINATED WORLD WHICH IS
MORE INTERESTED IN THE FLOW OF CHEAP CRUDE OIL THAN IN
ENFORCING HUMAN RIGHTS."

5. RIGHT-OF-CENTER RHEINISCHE POST OF DUESSELDORF
FEATURES A PIECE BY GODEHARD UHLEMANN UNDER THE HEADLINE:
"SOLUTION SOUGHT."
"ANYONE WHO BELIEVES THAT WASHINGTON WOULD VETO ANY
STEPS CONSIDERED AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO FORCE ISRAEL
TO ABANDON ITS TOUGH POSITION IS MISUNDERSTANDING THE
SITUATION. THE U.S. COULD ALSO LOSE FACE. THIS IS THE
DANGER FOR THE PALESTINIANS. SO FAR, THEY HAVE SCORED A
POLITICAL VICTORY BECAUSE ISRAEL IS WRITHING IN THE PILLORY OF WORLD OPINION. BUT THIS WILL TURN INTO A PHYRRIC VICTORY IF THE PALESTINIANS ABANDON HIGHER AIDS FOR THE SAKE OF QUICK SUCCESSES."

6. LEFT-OF-CENTER BERLINER ZEITUNG CARRIES AN EDITORIAL BY FRITZ HANSEN UNDER THE HEADLINE: "A QUESTION OF AUTHORITY."
"RABIN'S GOVERNMENT HAS QUITE UNNECESSARILY CHALLENGED THE SECURITY COUNCIL. IT HAS PUT PRESIDENT CLINTON IN THE UNPLEASANT POSITION OF HAVING TO DECIDE UNCLAS SECTION 08 OF 08 BONN GM 02095 USIA BRESSES ALSO FOR USIS AND USEC USNATO ALSO FOR USDELMC STATE FOR EUR/PA:MEARSON PASS FS1/CSFA USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR /ECPAO/POLAD USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR /ECJ5-E USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR /CJ1-HN CINCUSAFE RAMSTEIN AB GE ALSO FOR //PA/POLAD US SUPPORT ELEMENT HQ BALTAP ALSO FOR //PIO/NATO HQUSAF WASHDC ALSO FOR /X0XX/
"PERISHABLE INFORMATION -- DO NOT SERVICE" USIA EU, P/M, P/RM P/FW, P/FN, P/R, P/RWE, P/GR, VOA/BRE, P/P, MBFR - STATE EUR/CE;EUR:P/M.PEASON;PM;INR/RWE;S/CSCE/J.KORNBLUM VAIHINGEN FOR ECPA-O:CDR MCCURDY LONDON FOR POL PART ONE OF TWO E.O. 12356: ·N/A SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT BETWEEN A POSSIBLE VETO AND A BREAK WITH ISRAEL WHICH WOULD CAUSE CONSIDERABLE DOMESTIC PROBLEMS."

7. LEFT-OF-CENTER NUERNBERGER NACHRICHTEN makes the following comment: "THE QUESTION NOW IS WHETHER BILL CLINTON, LIKE GEORGE BUSH, WILL PROVE TO BE A FRIEND OF ISRAEL OR WHETHER HE WILL ADOPT A TOUGHER LINE. WILL HE USE HIS VETO AS SOON AS JERUSALEM'S INTERESTS ARE IN JEOPARDY? OR WILL HE - AS STATEMENTS MADE BY AMERICA'S AMBASSADOR TO TEL AVIV SUGGEST - INSIST THAT ISRAEL ADORES TO UN RESOLUTIONS JUST AS STRICTLY AS SADDAM HUSSEIN? ONLY WHEN THIS HAS BEEN DETERMINED WILL A NEW CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF THE MIDDLE EAST BE OPENED."
(END PART ONE OF TWO)
MILLER BT #2095 NNNN

SECT: SECTION: 01 OF 08 <SECT>SECTION: 02 OF 08 <SECT>SECTION: 03 OF 08 <SECT>SECTION: 04 OF 08 <SECT>SECTION: 05 OF 08 <SECT>SECTION: 06 OF 08 <SECT>SECTION: 07 OF 08 <SECT>SECTION: 08 OF 08
SSN: 2095
TOR: 930127075102 M0190383
TOR>930127075519 M0190395
TOR>930127075620 M0190396
TOR>930127075722 M0190398
TOR>930127075928 M0190404
TOR>930127075825 M0190401
TOR>930127075927 M0190403
TOR>930127075515 M0190393

DIST:

SIT: VAX
□
FOLLOWING IS A REVIEW OF GERMAN MEDIA OF FEBRUARY 08, 1993

USIA
BRUESSELS ALSO FOR USIS AND USEC
USNATO ALSO FOR USDELMC
STATE FOR WUR/PA:MPEARSON
PASS FSIS/CSFA
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR//ECPAO/POJAD/CJ1-HN/ECJ5-E
CINCUSEAF RAMSTEIN AB GE ALSO FOR //PA/POJAD
USSUPPORT ELEMENT HQ BALTAP ALSO FOR //PIO/NATO
HQUSAF WASHDC ALSO FOR //XOXX//
"PERISHABLE INFORMATION -- DO NOT SERVICE"
USIA EU, P/M, P/PM, P/PM, P/FW, P/FN, P/R, P/RWE, P/GR, VOA/BRE, P/P, MBFR - STATE
EUR/CE;EUR:P/M.PEARSON;PM;INR/RWE;S/CSCE/J.KORNBLUM
VAIHINGEN FOR ECPA-O:CDR MCCURDY
LONDON FOR POL
PART TWO OF TWO
E.O. 12356: N/A

SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT
FOLLOWING IS A REVIEW OF GERMAN MEDIA OF FEBRUARY 08, 1993

D. CLINTON ADMINISTRATION: EARLY DAYS

1. MONDAY'S RIGHT-OF-CENTER DIE WELT OF BONN CARRIES
   A FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT FRITZ
   WIRTH UNDER THE HEADLINE:
   "BLUNDERS ON THE POMOAC."
   "WANTED: ATTORNEY GENERAL, IF POSSIBLE FEMALE.
   PREREQUISITES: GOOD UPBRINGING, PREFERABLY SINGLE WOMAN
   WITHOUT PLAYBOY CONTACTS. BILL CLINTON'S SEARCH FOR AN
   ADMINISTRATOR OF LAW IS GRADUALLY DEVELOPING INTO AN
   EMBARRASSING FARCE....
   "CLINTON IS STILL AN APPRENTICE AFTER JUST 18 DAYS IN
   OFFICE. HOWEVER, THE MAIN CHARACTERISTIC OF A SUCCESSFUL
   APPRENTICESHIP IS TO LEARN FROM ONE'S MISTAKES. HAD THIS
   BEEN THE CASE, THIS LAST BLUNDER WOULD NOT HAVE
   HAPPENED. AS A RESULT, THE FALSE START IS TURNING INTO A
   CRISIS WHICH TOGETHER WITH THE UNFORTUNATE DEBATE ABOUT
   HOMOSEXUALS WITH THE PENTAGON GENERALS LEAVES ONLY ONE
   CONCLUSION: THE ROAD FROM PROVINCIAL LITTLE ROCK TO
   WASHINGTON IS LONGER THAN CLINTON HAD IMAGINED. THE
   ADMINISTRATION LED BY CLINTON MAY BE SHORT OF CASH, BUT
   IT IS SURELY PAYING ITS DUES."

2. WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT GUENTER DE THIER
   UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 05 BONN GM 03208
   USIA
   BRUSSELS ALSO FOR USIS AND USEC
   USNATO ALSO FOR USDELMC
   STATE FOR WUR/PA: MPEARSON
   PASS FSI/CSFA
   USCINCEUR VAHingen GE ALSO FOR://ECPAO/POLAD/CJ1-HN/ECJ5-E
   CINCUSAFE RAMSTEN AB GE ALSO FOR //PA/POLAD
   USSUPPORT ELEMENT HQ BALTap ALSO FOR //PIO/NATO
   HQUSAF WASHDC ALSO FOR //XOXX/
   "PERISHABLE INFORMATION -- DO NOT SERVICE"
   USIA EU, P/M, P/RM, P/FW, P/FN, P/R, P/RWE, P/GR,
   VOA/BRE, P/P, MBFR - STATE
   EUR/CE;EUR-P: P/M. PEARSON;PM; INR/RWE; S/CSCE/J. KORNBLOBL
   VAHingen FOR ECPA-O: CDR McCURDY
   LONDON FOR POL
   PART TWO OF TWO
   E.O. 12356: N/A

SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT
COMMENTS IN MONDAY'S RIGHT-OF-CENTER RHEINISCHE POST OF
DUESSELDORF UNDER THE HEADLINE:
"NEW VICTIM."
"THE MORALIZING KNOW-IT-ALLS ARE NOT STOPPING TO
SCRUTINIZE APPICANTS FOR PUBLIC OFFICE UNDER A
MICROSCOPE AND THUS PREVENTING THE NOMINATION OF
QUALIFIED CANDIDATES."

3. MONDAY'S CENTRIST STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG AND
   CENTRIST KOELNER STADT-ANZEIGER CARRY AN EDITORIAL BY
   WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT JUERGEN KOAR UNDER THE HEADLINE:
   "BLUNDER NUMBER TWO."
   "BILL AND HILLARY CLINTON WANTED TO SEND A SIGNAL AND
   GIVE THIS IMPORTANT POST TO A WOMAN. THIS NARROWS DOWN
THE CHOICE. A LOT FEWER WOMEN THAN MEN CAN DECIDE TO PURSUE A CAREER THAT WOULD QUALIFY THEM FOR SUCH A POST. IT IS OFTEN DIFFICULT TO COMBINE A CAREER AND CHILDREN. CLINTON'S DIFFICULTIES ARE PUTTING THE SPOTLIGHT ON A PROBLEM OF SOCIETY. A SYMBOLIC DECISION WAS INTENDED TO PROVE THAT WOMEN CAN BY ALL MEANS MAKE IT TO THE TOP WITHOUT HAVING TO GIVE UP CHILDREN. THIS GOOD INTENTION HAS NOW LED TO THE SECOND BLUNDER.... CLINTON IS DOING CAREER WOMEN A DISSERVICE."

4. MONDAY'S RIGHT-OF-CENTER MUSENCHEMER MERKUR COMMENTS: "(CLINTON) SHOULD NOT FORGET THAT A SPOILED REPUTATION IS, IF AT ALL, DIFFICULT TO RESTORE. THE FIRST BLEMISHES ARE ALREADY TARNISHING Clinton'S IMAGE OF SUCCESS."

5. MONDAY'S CENTRIST GENERAL-ANZEIGER OF BONN CARRIES AN EDITORIAL BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT UWE KNUEPFER COMMENTING ON THE ZOE BAIRD/KIMBA WOOD AFFAIR: "IT WAS, FOR ONE, CLINTON'S FIRST DEFEAT, BUT SECONDLY IT ENTAILS AN AMAZING LESSON: UNTIL JUST A SHORT TIME AGO, IT WAS FATAL FOR A CAREER IN U.S. POLITICS TO HAVE AN EXTRAMARITAL AFFAIR. NOW, IT IS DANGEROUS TO VIOLATE THE LAW AND NOT PAY ONE'S TAXES ON TIME...."

KNUEPFER, HOWEVER, POINTS OUT CLINTON'S ACHIEVEMENTS, SAYING: "CLINTON SEEMS TO BE SERIOUS ABOUT REDUCING THE GIGANTIC BUDGET DEFICIT...AND INTRODUCING AN ENERGY TAX. THIS WOULD MEAN NOTHING LESS THAN AN ACCELERATED FAREWELL TO THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE. CHEAP GAS, CHEAP OIL, CHEAP ELECTRICITY ARE THE ElixirS OF LIFE OF THE DISPOSAL AND AUTOMOBILE SOCIETY.... CLINTON HAS COMMISSIONED HIS WIFE TO FORMULATE A HEALTH CARE REFORM WITHIN 100 DAYS, AND THIS REFORM WILL BE RATHER RADICAL.... THE 'FAMILY UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 05 BONN GM 03208 USIA BRUESSELS ALSO FOR USIS AND USEC USNATO ALSO FOR USDELMC STATE FOR WUR/PA:MPEARSON PASS FS1/CSFA USCINCUSAF RAMSTEIN AB GE ALSO FOR //PA/POLAD USSUPPORT ELEMENT HQ BALTAZ ALSO FOR //PIO/NATO HQUSAF WASHDC ALSO FOR //XOXX// "PERISHABLE INFORMATION -- DO NOT SERVICE" USIA EU, P/M, P/RM, P/FW, P/FN, P/R, P/RWE, P/GR, VOA/BRE, P/P, MBFR - STATE EUR/CE;EUR:P/M;PEARSON;PM;INR/RWE;S/CSCE/J.KORNBLUM VAIHINGEN FOR ECPA-O:CDR MCCURDY LONDON FOR POL PART TWO OF TWO E.O. 12356: N/A SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT LEAVE' BILL WILL ALLOW U.S. EMPLOYEES FOR THE FIRST TIME TO TAKE LEAVE TO CARE FOR A SICK CHILD, A FURTHER STEP IN THE DIRECTION OF A SOCIAL STATE. BILL CLINTON WANTS TO INTRODUCE HIS ECONOMIC PROGRAM IN TEN DAYS. IT WILL INCLUDE MASSIVE INVESTMENTS IN INFRASTRUCTURE, SCHOOLS, AND THE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK.... ALL IN ALL, THIS IS NOTHING TO LAUGH AT FOR THE FIRST WEEKS OF A NEW PRESIDENT."
6. MONDAY'S CENTRIST MUNCHENER ABENDZEITUNG CARRIES A COMMENTARY BY HELMUT LINDEMANN UNDER THE HEADLINE: "AMATEUR CLINTON."

"THE NEW U.S. PRESIDENT IS RUNNING THE RISK OF BEING LABELED AN AMATEUR. THIS WAS ALREADY HIS SECOND ATTEMPT TO WIN A WOMAN AS ATTORNEY GENERAL WHICH FAILED BECAUSE HIS CANDIDATE WITHDREW.... THE SUPERFICIAL IMPRESSION OF HAVING VOTED AN AMATEUR INTO THE WHITE HOUSE IS STRENGTHENED BY CLINTON'S HESITANCY IN MATTERS OF FOREIGN POLICY. CLINTON MAY HAVE GOOD REASONS NOT TO WANT TO TREAT THE YUGOSLAVIA CRISIS WITH THE VANCE/OWEN PRESCRIPTION. HOWEVER, SINCE THE ISSUE HAS BEEN ON THE AGENDA FOR MORE THAN A YEAR, ONE COULD EXPECT THE PRESIDENT OR HIS SECRETARY OF STATE TO OFFER AN ALTERNATIVE SOON. INSTEAD THEY ASK FOR MORE TIME TO PONDER THE ISSUE. IT COULD PROVE FATAL FOR CLINTON THAT HE IS ALREADY BEING COMPARED TO JIMMY CARTER. - A PRESIDENT WITH HIGH MORALS, BUT LITTLE ASSERTIVENESS: AN AMATEUR. IN ANY CASE, A LUCKLESS AMATEUR."

E. U.S.-RUSSIA: RELATIONS SATURDAY'S RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE CARRIED AN EDITORIAL UNDER THE HEADLINE: "CLINTON AND YELTSIN."

"FOREIGN POLICY IS TAKING UP A LOT MORE OF CLINTON'S ATTENTION THAN HE HAD THOUGHT WHEN ASSUMING OFFICE. THAT CLINTON'S WORK SCHEDULE IS DETERMINED MORE BY INTERNATIONAL RESTRAINTS THAN HE WOULD WISH IS DUE FIRST AND FOREMOST TO THE WAR IN THE BALKANS, THE STILL PRECARIOUS SITUATION IN THE GULF AND THE ONCE AGAIN STALLING ISRAELI-ARAB PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. BEFORE THIS BACKGROUND, THE MEETING BETWEEN THE U.S. AND RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS SCHEDULED FOR THIS MONTH IN GENEVA IS GAINING SIGNIFICANCE PARTICULARLY SINCE IT IS MEANT TO PREPARE A RAPID MEETING BETWEEN CLINTON AND YELTSIN. WHILE THERE SEEMED TO BE HARDLY ANY DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW WHEN IT CAME TO ASSESSING AND DEALING WITH SO-CALLED REGIONAL CONFLICTS UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 05 BONN GM 03208 USIA BRUSSELS ALSO FOR USIS AND USEC USNATO ALSO FOR USDELMC STATE FOR WUR/PA:MPEARSON PASS FSI/CSFA USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE ALSO FOR /ERPAO/POlad/CJ1-HN/ECJ5-E CINCUSAFE RAMSTEIN AB GE ALSO FOR /PA/POLAD USSUPPORT ELEMENT HQ BALTAP ALSO FOR /PIO/NATO HQUSAF WASHDC ALSO FOR /XOXX/

"PERISHABLE INFORMATION -- DO NOT SERVICE" USIA EU, P/M, P/PM, P/FW, P/FN, P/R, P/RWE, P/GR, VOA/BRE, P/P, MBFR - STATE EUR/CE;EUR:PM.PEARSON;PM;INR/RWE;S/CSCE/J.KORNBLUM VAIHINGEN FOR ECPA-O:CDR MCCURDY LONDON FOR POL PART TWO OF TWO E.O. 12356: N/A SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT UNTIL RECENTLY, RUSSIA IS MEANWHILE INCREASINGLY TAKING SIDES WITH SERBIA AND DISTANCING ITSELF FROM U.S. POLICY
IN THE GULF. FROM CLINTON'S VIEW, CLARIFYING TALKS HAVE
BECOME ALL THE MORE URGENT BECAUSE YELTSIN IS HAVING TO
DEAL INCREASINGLY WITH PAN-SLAVIC FORCES, WHICH HARBOR NO
SYMPATHIES FOR THE WEST."

F. ECONOMIC: NAFTA, EC-U.S. TRADE TENSIONS

1. MONDAY'S CENTRIST GENERAL-ANZEIGER OF BONN AND
CENTRIST SUEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH CARRY A REPORT BY
WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT PETER DE THIER UNDER THE
HEADLINE:

"U.S. IS PINNING ITS HOPES ON NAFTA RATHER THAN GATT
- DISAPPOINTMENT ABOUT FOREIGN MINISTER KINKEL'S VISITS -
'FRONTS MORE HARDENED THAN EVER.'"

"THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION WAS PARTICULARLY
DISAPPOINTED ABOUT THE FACT THAT GERMAN MINISTER (KINKEL)
DID NOT EVEN TAKE THE TROUBLE TO INFORM HIMSELF ABOUT THE
CURRENT PROBLEMS (IN U.S.-EC RELATIONS) IN THE RUN-UP TO
THE VISIT. EVEN BEFORE HIS MEETING WITH SECRETARY OF
STATE CHRISTOPHER AND PRESIDENT CLINTON, KINKEL ADMITTED
TO JOURNALISTS IN WASHINGTON TO NOT KNOWING ANYTHING
ABOUT THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DISPUTE BETWEEN THE EC AND
THE U.S."

"THE REACTIONS FROM LEADING ECONOMIC ADVISORS
UNDERLINE JUST HOW DISILLUSIONED THE AMERICANS ARE ABOUT
THE SLOW PROGRESS IN THE URUGUAY ROUND. 'THE SUBSEQUENT
MEETING WITH MULRONEY (ON THE DAY AFTER KINKEL'S
DEPARTURE) WAS A DIRECT SIGNAL TO THE GERMANS,' OPINED
NATIONAL ECONOMIST ROBERT HARRIS..... A SHIFT IN
PRIORITIES IS INDEED TAKING SHAPE IN WASHINGTON. SINCE
THE INTERNATIONALLY INEXPERIENCED PRESIDENT CANNOT AFFECT
RISKING ISOLATION AND MUST DEMONSTRATE GOOD WILL WHEN IT
COMES TO LIBERALIZING GLOBAL TRADE, THE WHITE HOUSE
CANNOT SIMPLY TURN ITS BACK ON THE URUGUAY ROUND. ON THE
OTHER HAND, THE ADMINISTRATION'S FOCUS IS ON AN EXPANSION
OF NAFTA MORE THAN ON GATT....

"THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION IS BY ALL MEANS AWARE OF
THE FACT THAT IT HAS TO SEIZE THE INITIATIVE TO GET THE
URUGUAY ROUND GOING AGAIN AND BRING ABOUT A SUCCESSFUL
CONCLUSION. BUT TRADE REPRESENTATIVE MICKEY KANTOR HAS
ALREADY POSTPONED ONCE THE PLANNED MEETING WITH EC
COMMISSIONER LEON BRITNAN BECAUSE HE, IN HIS OWN WORDS,
'DOES NOT WANT TO BE RAILROADED.' ON THE OTHER HAND, THE
WHITE HOUSE STILL HAS UNTIL MARCH 2 TO PRESENT A GATT
PACKAGE TO CONGRESS TO BE DECIDED UPON WITH THE SO-CALLED
'FAST TRACK' PROCEDURE. HOWEVER, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE
UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 05 BONN GM 03208

USIA
BRUESSELS ALSO FOR USIS AND USEC
USNATO ALSO FOR USDELMC
STATE FOR WUR/PA:MPERSON
PASS FS1/CSFA
USCINCEUR VAHINGEN GE ALSO FOR /ECPAO/POLAD/CJ1-HN/ECJ5-E
CINCUSAFE RAMSTEIN AB GE ALSO FOR //PA/POLAD
USSUPPORT ELEMENT HQ BALTP ALSO FOR //PIO/NATO
HQUSAF WASHDC ALSO FOR //XOXX//
"PERISHABLE INFORMATION -- DO NOT SERVICE"

USIA EU, P/M, P/RM, P/FW, P/FN, P/R, P/RWE, P/GR,
VOA/BRE, P/P, MBFR - STATE
EUR/CE;EUR:P/M.PEARSON;PM;INR/RWE;S/CSCE/J.KORNBLUM
VAIHGENEN FOR ECPA-O: CDR MCCURDY
LONDON FOR POL
PART TWO OF TWO
E.O. 12356: N/A
SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT
ADMINISTRATION WILL BE ABLE TO ADHERE TO THIS DATE.
OBSERVERS IN WASHINGTON RATHER BELIEVE THAT THE CLINTON
ADMINISTRATION WILL SHOW A TENDENCY TO APPLY ITS OWN
TRADE LAWS ALSO TO THE EUROPEANS IN THE FUTURE AND TO
INCREASINGLY MILK FOREIGN COMPANIES, ANOTHER ISSUE THAT
IS HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL WITHIN GATT."

2. MONDAY'S LEFT-OF-CENTER (FORMER SED PAPER) NEUES
DEUTSCHLAND OF BERLIN CARRIES AN EDITORIAL BY WERNER
GOLDSTEIN UNDER THE HEADLINE:
"AN EYE FOR AN EYE."
COMMENTING ON EC PROTESTS AGAINST THE U.S. THREAT TO
IMPOSE PUNITIVE TARIFFS ON STEEL AND OTHER DUMPING GOODS
AND OF EXCLUDING EC TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES FROM
BIDS FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GOLDSTEIN WRITES:
"BILLIONS ARE AT STAKE AND THE 'PROTEST' FROM BRUSSELS IS
THUS CORRESPONDINGLY LOUD. AFTER ALL, THIS IS PART OF
THE POKER GAME ON THE GLOBAL MARKET. THE COMPETITORS ARE
SPARRING ACCORDING TO THE MOTTO 'AN EYE FOR AN EYE.'
"BUT BRUSSELS' OUTRAGE IS HYPOCRITICAL. AFTER ALL,
IT HAS KNOWN FOR A LONG TIME ABOUT THE U.S. DUMPING
COMPLAINT IN THE STEEL SECTOR. AND BRUSSELS ITSELF JUST
RECENTLY ORDERED THAT EC BIDDERS BE GIVEN PREFERENCE IN
PUBLIC CONTRACTS, THEREFORE LEAVING THE AMERICANS OUT IN THE
COLD.
"THE ONLY THING NEW IS THAT A NEW BOSS IS OCCUPYING
THE WHITE HOUSE WHO HAS SENT HIS NEW TRADE
REPRESENTATIVE, A LEGAL SPOKESMAN OF POWERFUL U.S.
INDUSTRIAL FIRMS AND ARMS MANUFACTURERS, INTO THE RING.
AS YET, THIS IS AS IN MANY PREVIOUS INSTANCES MERELY
VERBAL SPARRING. AND - AS USUALLY - ONE WILL PROBABLY
REACH AN AGREEMENT THIS TIME AROUND TO KEEP THE COMPANY
COFFERS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC FULL. THE TRAGIC
PART IS THAT REAL VICTIMS COME OUT OF THIS
SHADOW-BOXING. THE 'TRADE WAR' IS AN EXCUSE TO CUT BACK
JOBS, BE IT AT BETHLEHEM STEEL OR THYSSEN, AT
WESTINGHOUSE OR SIEMENS."

MILLER
BT
#3208
NNNN

SECT: SECTION: 01 OF 05
<SECT>SECTION: 02 OF 05
<SECT>SECTION: 03 OF 05
<SECT>SECTION: 04 OF 05
<SECT>SECTION: 05 OF 05

SSN: 3208
<SN>3208
<SN>3208
<SN>3208
<SN>3208

TOR: 930208102826 M0213894
<TOR>930208103035 M0213899
<TOR>930208103137 M0213900
TOR>930208103240 M0213902
TOR>930208103241 M0213903

DIST:

SIT: VAX

□
SUBJ: USIA-MEDIA REACTION REPORT FEBRUARY 23, 1993

PROGRESS OF THE CLINTON PROGRAM

TEXT:

UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 02 CANBERRA 01279

USIA

USIA FOR P/M, EA, R, P/P, P/PFF, P/F, P/G, NEA; STATE FOR EAP/ANZ; SECDEF FOR USDP/ISA

E.O. 12356: N/A

SUBJECT: USIA-MEDIA REACTION REPORT FEBRUARY 23, 1993

PROGRESS OF THE CLINTON PROGRAM

1. MELBOURNE'S LIBERAL AGE TODAY FEATURED A STORY BY ITS U.S. CORRESPONDENT HEADED, 'THE COST OF CLINTON'S VISION' THAT READ, "MR. CLINTON'S VIGOROUS CAMPAIGNING IN OHIO, MISSOURI AND CALIFORNIA IN RECENT DAYS SHOWS THAT EVEN HE IS UNSURE OF HIS MANDATE AND OF HIS SUPPORT IN CONGRESS. LIKE MR. REAGAN 12 YEARS AGO, HE HOPES TO BUILD A BASE OF PUBLIC SUPPORT THAT WILL BEND CONGRESS TO HIS WILL.... MR. CLINTON APPEARS TO BE ACHIEVING HIS GOAL.... THE CHALLENGE FOR CLINTON IS TO KEEP AMERICAN EYES ON THE BROAD AIMS AND OFF THE DETAILS."
2. CONSERVATIVE AUSTRALIAN TODAY CARRIED THIS FROM ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, "A COUNTRY GROWN ACCUSTOMED TO A BONE LAZY LEADER HAS BEEN STRUCK BY CLINTON'S ENTHUSIASM, THE LONG HOURS HE DEVOTES TO THE JOB AND HIS WILLINGNESS TO TRAVEL EXTENSIVELY AS HE REACHES OUT FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT.... CLINTON WENT OVER EVERY LINE OF THE BUDGET FOUR TIMES.... WHEN HE WASN'T CROUCHED OVER THE FIGURES, CLINTON WAS ON CAPITOL HILL WORKING THE CONGRESSMEN OR OUT IN THE COUNTRY SOFTENING UP THE PUBLIC. PUT SIMPLY, BILL CLINTON CONNECTS.... IN A BUSY FOUR WEEKS THOUGH, CLINTON'S MOST COURAGEOUS--SOME WOULD SAY FOOLISH--DECISION HAS TO HAND OVER THE REFORM OF THE NATION'S GIGANTIC HEALTH INDUSTRY TO HIS WIFE.... NOTHING CLINTON DOES ON ECONOMIC REFORM WILL SUCCEED IF HILLARY FAILS. THE INITIAL SIGNS ARE POSITIVE WITH POLITICAL FOES AND FRIENDS ALIKE SAYING SHE HAS MADE AN IMPRESSIVE START."

3. BOTH MELBOURNE'S LIBERAL AGE AND LIBERAL SYDNEY MORNING HERALD TODAY HAD AN OP-ED ARTICLE BY THE HEAD OF THE SYDNEY INSTITUTE WHO COMMENTED, "IN HIS STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS BILL CLINTON CAME UP WITH A COURAGEOUS PLAN TO HALVE THE DEFICIT AS A PERCENTAGE OF GDP OVER FOUR YEARS. HOWEVER, THIS PROPOSAL DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ANY INCREASE IN EXPENDITURE CONSEQUENT UPON THE REPORT OF THE HEALTH-CARE TASK FORCE.... IF REPORTS ARE ACCURATE, WHAT HILLARY CLINTON HAS IN MIND IS THE BIGGEST GOVERNMENT-FUNDED PROGRAM SINCE THE NEW DEAL OF THE 1930S.... HILLARY CLINTON'S RECORD SUGGESTS THAT, FROM TIME TO TIME, SHE MIXES A HEALTHY DEGREE OF PRAGMATISM WITH HER ONGOING IDEOLOGY.... THE JURY IS VERY MUCH OUT ON HILLARY CLINTON. IF SHE ACHIEVES REFORM OF THE EXPENSIVE U.S. HEALTH-CARE SYSTEM, THE (CLINTON) PARTNERSHIP WILL GO MARCHING ON. BUT IF SHE FAILS, BOTH BILL AND HILLARY WILL BE DIMINISHED."

4. BUSINESS-ORIENTED AUSTRALIAN FINANCIAL REVIEW'S ECONOMIC EDITOR TODAY NOTED, "THE U.S. DOLLAR IS FALLING BECAUSE THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION HAS SIGNALLED THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL AT LEAST MOVE TO REDUCE ITS FEDERAL BUDGET DEFICIT.... THE U.S. BUDGET TIGHTENING IS AIMED AT CLIPPING GOVERNMENT CONSUMPTION, WHILE A WEAKER U.S. DOLLAR WILL MAKE AMERICAN INDUSTRY MORE COMPETITIVE ON WORLD MARKETS--AND THUS ABLE TO MAKE INROADS INTO THE JAPANESE TRADE SURPLUS. THIS IN TURN, WILL EASE PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES AT HOME FOR CLINTON, HELPING HIM TO MAINTAIN A FREE TRADE OUTLOOK."

MARKETS--AND THUS ABLE TO MAKE INROADS INTO THE JAPANESE TRADE SURPLUS. THIS IN TURN, WILL EASE PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES AT HOME FOR CLINTON, HELPING HIM TO MAINTAIN A FREE TRADE OUTLOOK."
SECT: SECTION: 01 OF 02
<SECT>SECTION: 02 OF 02
SSN: 1279
<SSN>1279
TOR: 930223011914 M0240606
<TOR>930223011917 M0240607
DIST:
SIT: VAX

Cable

PREC: IMMEDIATE
CLASS: UNCLASSIFIED
LINE1: CAAUZYUW RUFHLDA7066 2631229-UUUU--RHEHAAA.
LINE2: ZNR UUUU 2ZH
LINE3: O 201225Z SEP 93
LINE4: PM AMBASSADY LONDON
OSRI: RUFHLD
DTG: 201225Z SEP 93
ORIG: AMBASSADY LONDON
TO: RUHIA/USIA WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8007
INFO: RUADITA/CIA WASHDC
RUEATRS/DEPTTREAS WASHDC
RUCFEC/USDOC WASHDC
RUEKJCS/DIA WASHDC
RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHDC
RUEH/BREAMIAMBASSAY BELGRADE 7073
RUFHOL/AMBASSADY BONN 0739
RUEHBS/AMBASSADY BRUSSELS 0163
RUFHR/AMBASSADY PARIS 5465
RUEB/AMBASSADY BEIJING 3173
RUEHRO/AMBASSADY ROME 7651
RUEH/AMBASSADY TOKYO 2123
RUFHZG/AMBASSADY ZAGREB 3230
RUCNDT/USMISSION USUN NEW YORK 2682
RUFHMB/USMISSION USVIENNA 3690
RUFHNM/USMISSION USNATO 2185
RUSNNO/USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN
RUDOVFA/3AF RAF MILDENHALL UK

SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION REPORT, LONDON, MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20 1993
BROADCAST MEDIA
CHINA OLYMPIC BID
ON BBC TV'S BREAKFAST NEWS THIS MORNING, REPORTER BRIAN

TEXT:

UNCLASS SECTION 01 OF 10 LONDON 17066
USIA
"PERISHABLE INFORMATION - DO NOT SERVICE"
USIA FOR P/M; R/C; R/M; P/P; P/G; (RMCELLAN); P/F; P/FW;
P/FN; P/PFN; P/PPE; P/PFE; P; EU; NEA; VOA NEWS/CA; PL
(LSECRET); B/TV/MP;
STATE FOR EUR/P AND PLS PASS ACDA/PA; EUR/PA; EUR/PA;
EUR/WE; EUR/NE; IO/CU; NEA/P; EB/TT; INR/P; PM;
CSD ISA FOR ILM; FOR NEA; OASD/PA;
USDOC PASS USTR/PA
WHITEHOUSE FOR NSC-WEUROPE;
USMISSION USNATO FOR USIS;
PARIS FOR USIS; UNESCO; OECD;
VIENNA PASS USDEL-CSCE;
RAF MILDENHALL FOR PA;
E.O.12356:N/A
SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT, LONDON, MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 1993

BROADCAST MEDIA

CHINA OLYMPIC BID

ON BBC TV'S BREAKFAST NEWS THIS MORNING, REPORTER BRIAN BARRON SAID FROM CHINA:

"BEHIND THE MAWKISH VIDEO PROMOTION IS POLITBURO WILLPOWER. THE QUEST FOR THE 2,000 OLYMPICS IS A MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY GOAL. SO FAR THE PROMISE OF A MORE OPEN CHINA IS NOTHING MORE THAN A PROPAGANDA STATEMENT. THE RELEASE OF SEVERAL PROMINENT POLITICAL PRISONERS IS A CLUMSY ATTEMPT TO CARRY SUPPORT AT MONTE CARLO. BEIJING'S MOST OBVIOUS SHORTCOMINGS, LIKE THE INADEQUATE AIRPORT, HAVE LED TO AN ADVERSE IOC TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT. CHINA'S ANSWER IS TO FORGE AHEAD WITH OLYMPIC-RELATED CONSTRUCTION.

"PERHAPS THE BEST POLITICAL ARGUMENT FOR BEIJING IS WHAT HAPPENED AT SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA'S CAPITAL, WHICH HOSTED THE 1988 GAMES. IN THE LENGTHY RUN-UP TO THOSE OLYMPICS, THE REPRESSIVE MILITARY REGIME WAS FORCED BY POPULAR PRESSURE TO MAKE DEMOCRATIC REFORMS. THE OLYMPICS COULD BE A SIMILAR ENGINE FOR CHANGE FOR CHINA TOO."

A. TODAY'S MAJOR NEWS STORIES

1. WORLD TRADE
2. U.S. POLITICS/HEALTHCARE REFORMS
3. BOSNIA
4. CHINA OLYMPIC BID

B. SUMMARY

1. WORLD TRADE

THIS HAS ONCE AGAIN COME TO THE FOREFRONT OF THE NEWS AGENDA. THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN REPORTED:

"FRANTIC DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS WERE UNDER WAY IN BRUSSELS LAST NIGHT TO AVERT A FRENCH VETO TODAY OF A KEY PILLAR OF THE GATT WORLD TRADE AGREEMENT -- THE BLAIR HOUSE ACCORD SLASHING EC FARM TRADE SUBSIDIES. A VETO OF THE U.S.-EC FARM TRADE AGREEMENT WOULD PRECIPITATE A SPLIT IN THE EC AND MIGHT TRIGGER THE COLLAPSE OF THE ENTIRE GATT URUGUAY ROUND TRADE DEAL."

UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 10 LONDON 17066

USIA

"PERISHABLE INFORMATION - DO NOT SERVICE"

USIA FOR P/M; R/C; R/M; P/P; P/G; (MCLELLAN); P/F; P/FW; P/FN; P/PFN; P/PPE; P/PFE; P; EU; NEA; VOA NEWS/CA; PL (LSECREST); B/TV/WP;
STATE FOR EUR/P AND PL S PASS ACDA/PA; EUR/PA; EUR/P/SP;
EUR/WE; EUR/NE; IO/CU; NEA/P; EB/TT; INR/P; PM;
CSD ISA FOR ILN; FOR NEA; OASD/PA;
USDOC PASS USTR/PW
WHITEHOUSE FOR NSC-WSTYLERO;
USMISSION USNATO FOR USIS;
PARIS FOR USIS; UNESCO; OECD;
VIENNA PASS USDEL-CSCE;
RAF MILDENHALL FOR PA;
E.O.12356:N/A
SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT, LONDON, MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 1993

2. U.S. POLITICS/HEALTHCARE REFORMS
ALL OF THE SERIOUS PAPERS TODAY PREVIEW THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRESIDENT CLINTON ON HEALTHCARE, LOOKING AT THE LIKELY CHANGES AND THEIR CHANCES OF BECOMING LAW. PAPERS AGREE THAT THERE IS A MUCH WIDER POLITICAL CONSENSUS ON HEALTHCARE REFORM THAN FOR, SAY, THE PRESIDENTIAL BUDGET CHANGES. HOWEVER, COMMENTATORS ALSO STRESS THE SCALE AND RADICAL NATURE OF THE REFORM, CALLING IT A 'GAMBLE' FOR THE PRESIDENT AND THE COUNTRY. THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES EXPLAINED TO ITS READERS: "THE BEST WAY FOR NON-AMERICANS TO UNDERSTAND WHY REFORM HAS BECOME A POLITICAL IMPERATIVE IS TO IMAGINE WHAT THE HEALTH SYSTEM IN THE UK, SAY, MIGHT LOOK LIKE IF THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE HAD NOT BEEN CREATED IN THE LATE 1940S."

3. BOSNIA
THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN EDITORIALIZED: "MORE NEW INITIATIVES, MORE NEW IDEAS, ARE URGENTLY NEEDED. BOSNIA WILL SOON BE BACK ON OUR FRONT PAGES AND THE WINTER IS LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY."

4. CHINA OLYMPIC BID
THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES EDITORIALIZED: "TRADE SANCTIONS ARE NOT AN APPROPRIATE WAY TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHINA. BUT TO COMMIT THE WORLD TO HOLDING ITS TOP SPORTING EVENT IN BEIJING IN SEVEN YEARS WOULD AMOUNT TO A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN CHINA'S RULERS WHICH THEY CANNOT BE SAID TO HAVE EARNED. ... BEIJING SHOULD BE TOLD THAT IT CAN STAGE THE GAMES ONLY WHEN ITS OWN PEOPLE ARE AT LIBERTY TO ENJOY THEM."

C. HEADLINES
1. WORLD TRADE
"PARIS THREATENS TO VETO GATT DEAL" (GUARDIAN REPORT)
"FRENCH BRINKMANSHIP THREAT TO GATT" (GUARDIAN REPORT)
"BALLADUR STANDS HIS GROUND AGAINST CUT IN FARM SUBSIDIES" (INDEPENDENT FRONT PAGE REPORT)
"MAJOR TELLS FRANCE TO BACK DOWN OVER WORLD TRADE TALKS" (TIMES REPORT)
UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 10 LONDON 17066
USIA
"PERISHABLE INFORMATION - DO NOT SERVICE."
USIA FOR P/M; R/C; R/M; P/P; P/G; (RMCLELANN); P/F; P/FW; P/FN; P/PFN; P/PPE; P/PFE; P; EU; NEA; VOA NEWS/CA; FL (LSECRET); B/TV/WP;
STATE FOR EUR/P AND PLS PASS ACDA/PA; EUR/PA; EUR/P/SP; EUR/WE; EUR/NE; IO/CU; NEA/P; EB/TT; INR/P; PM;
CSD ISA FOR ILN; FOR NEA; OASD/PA;
USDOC PASS USTR/PA
WHITEHOUSE FOR NSC-WEUROPE;
USMISSION USNATO FOR USIS;
PARIS FOR USIS; UNESCO; OECD;
VIENNA PASS USDEL-CSCE;
RAF MILDEHNALL FOR PA;
E.O.12356:N/A
SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT, LONDON, MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20 1993
2. U.S. POLITICS/ HEALTHCARE REFORMS
"POLITICAL IMPERATIVE TO END COSTLY HODGE-PODGE" (F.T. COMMENTARY)
"CONGRESSIONAL ADVERSARIES FIND COMMON GROUND IN PLAN"
(F.T. COMMENTARY)
"CLINTONS GAMBLE ON THE NATION'S HEALTH" (DAILY TELEGRAPH COMMENTARY)
"CLINTON TO FULFIL HEALTH PLEDGE" (INDEPENDENT REPORT)
"CLINTON GAMBLES ON UTOPIAN DESIGNER'S HEALTH REFORMS" (TIMES REPORT)
"BACK FROM THE WILDERNESS" (GUARDIAN PROFILE, CARTER)
3. BOSNIA
"BOSNIA AND THE 'PROBLEM' OF PEACE" (GUARDIAN EDITORIAL)
4. CHINA OLYMPIC BID
"SITING THE GAMES" (F.T. EDITORIAL)
D. TEXT
1. WORLD TRADE
THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN COMMENTED:
"FOREIGN AND FARM MINISTERS FROM THE 12 EC COUNTRIES
GATHER IN BRUSSELS TODAY, IN A MEETING WHICH COULD MAKE
OR BREAK THE SEVEN YEAR OLD TALKS TAKING PLACE UNDER THE
AUSPICES OF THE GATT. ..."
"THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT OF THE IMPORTANCE OF DECISIONS
TAKEN TODAY: INSIDERS SAY IF THE COMMISSION CAN RESIST
FRENCH PRESSURE, THE GATT PROCESS WILL BE GALVANIZED AND
A FINAL AGREEMENT BY DECEMBER 15 WILL LOOK VERY LIKELY;
IF THE FRENCH PERSUADE THE EC TO ATTEMPT TO RENEGOTIATE
THE BLAIR HOUSE DEAL, OR EVEN TO ASK FOR ANYTHING MORE
THAN COSMETIC CONCESSIONS FROM THE U.S., THE LIKELY
HOSTILE REACTION FROM THE U.S. WOULD FREEZE THE GATT
PROCESS AND BLOW THE WORLD'S CHANCES OF A FREE TRADE
AGREEMENT.
"THE HOPE IS THAT THE BALLADUR GOVERNMENT, WHILE MAKING
THE RIGHT NOISES TO placate THE MILITANT FRENCH FARMING
LOBBY, WILL SETTLE FOR SOME FORMULA WHICH ALLOWS BOTH
SIDES TO CLAIM THE VICTORY WHILE LEAVING THE SUBSTANCE OF
UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 10 LONDON 17066
USIA
"PERISHABLE INFORMATION - DO NOT SERVICE"
USIA FOR P/M; R/C; R/M; P/P; P/G; (RMCLELLAN); P/F; P/FW;
P/FN; P/PFN; P/PFE; P/PFE; P; EU; NEA; VOA NEWS/CA; PL
(LSECREST); B/TV/WP;
STATE FOR EUR/P AND FLS PASS ACDA/PA; EUR/PA; EUR/P/SP;
EUR/WS; EUR/NE; JO/CU; NEA/P; EB/TT; INR/P; PM;
CSD ISA FOR ILN; FOR NEA; OASD/PA;
USDOC PASS USTR/PA
WHITEHOUSE FOR NSC-WEUROPE;
USMISSION USNATO FOR USIS;
PARIS FOR USIS; UNESCO; OECD;
VIENNA PASS USDEL-CSCE;
RAF MILDENHALL FOR PA;
E.O.12356:N/A
SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT, LONDON, MONDAY SEPTEMBER
20 1993
BLAIR HOUSE UNCHANGED.
"BUT THE FEAR IS THAT THE FRENCH WILL GO TOO FAR WITH
THEIR BRINKMANSHP -- THE RIGHT WORD FOR FRANCE'S
BEHAVIOR, MANY BELIEVE -- AND PUT THE CHANCES OF A WORLD
TRADE DEAL BACK ANOTHER SEVEN YEARS."
THE CENTRIST INDEPENDENT REPORTED ON ITS FRONT PAGE:
"THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WAS TOLD TODAY BY JOHN MAJOR THAT
IT WOULD BE 'WRONG AND DANGEROUS' TO BLOCK A WORLD TRADE
AGREEMENT. THE PRIME MINISTER, ADDRESSING JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN IN TOKYO, ALSO WARNED FRANCE THAT IT COULD THREATEN PROGRESS ON THE MAASTRICHT TREATY. ... "BRITISH OFFICIALS SAID THE U.S. COULD REIMPOSE DUTIES ON FRENCH GOODS, SUCH AS WINE, WHICH WERE THREATENED WHEN GATT TALKS LAST BROKE DOWN, IF THE FRENCH REFUSED TO CUT SUBSIDIES ON FARM EXPORTS." MR BALLADUR SHOWED NO SIGNS OF BACKING DOWN. ... MR MAJOR LAST NIGHT DENIED BRITAIN WOULD BE SEEKING TO GIVE FRANCE A 'BLOODY NOSE' AT A MEETING, DUBBED 'LE JUMBO' TODAY IN BRUSSELS. 'WHAT I WANT TO HAPPEN IN THE MEETING IS FOR THE COMMISSION TO HAVE AN UNFETTERED RIGHT TO CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATIONS. WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME. I KNOW SOME PEOPLE ARE SAYING THAT THE DEADLINE IS NOT A REAL DEADLINE AND IT CAN BE EXTENDED, BUT FRANKLY I DOUBT THAT VERY MUCH.'" THE CONSERVATIVE TIMES REPORTED: "JOHN MAJOR IS THREATENING TO BRING THE EC TO A VIRTUAL HALT IF FRANCE DOES NOT ACCEPT A GATT DEAL ON WORLD TRADE. THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BLOCK NEW INITIATIVES FROM BRUSSELS IN AREAS SUCH AS SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY UNLESS PARIS DROPS ITS DEMAND FOR A RENEGOTIATION OF AN EC-U.S. DEAL ON AGRICULTURE SUBSIDIES AND ACCESS TO MARKETS. THE TOUGH LINE SHOULD ALSO HELP HIM IN HIS EFFORTS TO CALM REBELLIOUS TORY MPS. "BRITAIN'S DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE INSIDE THE EC WOULD BE BACKED UP BY DIRECT RETALIATION BY AMERICAN AND JAPAN, MR MAJOR BELIEVES. SELECTED FRENCH EXPORTS WOULD BE THE TARGET OF PUNITIVE TARIFFS AS THE WORLD SLID INTO A TRADE WAR. THE THREAT OF BRITISH OBSTRUCTION INSIDE THE EC EMERGED AS THE PRIME MINISTER PREPARED FOR A MEETING TODAY WITH MORITIRO HOSOKAWA, THE JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER, TO DISCUSS THE GATT DEADLOCK. IT ALSO CAME ON THE EVE OF TODAY'S 'JUMBO' MEETING OF EC FOREIGN, FINANCE AND TRADE MINISTERS IN BRUSSELS THAT IS SEEN AS CRITICAL IN RESOLVING THE DISPUTE." 2. U.S. POLITICS/ HEALTHCARE REFORMS UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 10 LONDON 17066 USIA "PERISHABLE INFORMATION - DO NOT SERVICE " USIA FOR P/M; R/C; R/M; P/P; P/G; (RMCLELLAN); P/F; P/FW; P/FN; P/PFN; P/PPE; P/PFE; P; EU; NEA; VOA NEWS/CA; PL (LSECREST); B/TV/WP; STATE FOR EUR/P AND PLS PASS ACDA/PA; EUR/PA; EUR/P/SP; EUR/WE; EUR/NE; IO/CU; NEA/P; EB/TT; INR/P; PM; CSD ISA FOR ILN; FOR NEA; OASD/PA; USDOC PASS USTR/PA WHITEHOUSE FOR NSC-WEUROPE; USMISSION USNATO FOR USIS; PARIS FOR USIS; UNESCO; OECD; VIENNA PASS USDEL-CSCE; RAF MILDENHALL FOR PA; E.O.12356:N/A SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT, LONDON, MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20 1993 THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES COMMENTED: "THE DEBATE OVER HEALTHCARE REFORM HAS CARRIED NONE OF THE POLITICAL SAVAGERY THAT ACCOMPANIED THE BATTLE OVER PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON'S BUDGET. U.S. POLITICIANS ON ALL
SIDES HAVE EXPRESSED RESPECT FOR THE EFFORTS IT PUT IN ON THE ISSUE AND HAVE DECLARED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO WORK TOGETHER TO CRAFT A BIPARTISAN REFORM. ... THIS GENTLEMANLINESS REFLECTS, IN PART, A GROWING CONSENSUS THAT THE U.S. HEALTH SYSTEM MUST BE REFORMED -- A VIEW THAT, JUST TWO YEARS AGO, WAS HELD BY ONLY A HANDFUL IN WASHINGTON, MOSTLY BUDGET SPECIALISTS WHO SAW THE LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF MEDICAL INFLATION ON THE GOVERNMENT DEFICIT.

"BUT IT ALSO REVEALS A FEELING OF VULNERABILITY AND UNCERTAINTY THROUGHOUT THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM. IT IS EASY TO SUPPORT HEALTHCARE REFORM -- ALONG WITH MORE THAN THREE QUARTERS OF THE POPULATION -- BUT LESS EASY TO DETERMINE THE POLITICAL PLUSES AND MINUSES OF SPECIFIC ELEMENTS OF HEALTHCARE POLICY. ...

"CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS HAVE BEGUN TO TAKE HEART AT THE SIGHT OF SO MUCH POTENTIAL COMMON GROUND. NO ONE RELISHES PASSING SUCH A FUNDAMENTAL REFORM BY THE SINGLE-VOTE MARGINS WITH WHICH MR CLINTON PREVAILLED ON HIS BUDGET. BUT THE TASK MAY GROW HARDER AS NEXT YEAR'S CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS GET CLOSER. THE WHITE HOUSE PLANS TO SEND THE LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE FOR ITS PROPOSAL TO CONGRESS IN THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER, AND HOPES IT MAY PASS EARLY NEXT YEAR, BY SPRING AT THE LATEST. SOME MEMBERS BELIEVE IT MAY TAKE LONGER THAN THAT."

THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH COMMENTED:

"WHEN PRESIDENT CLINTON CAME TO THE POINT IN JANUARY WHEN HE HAD TO HONOR A CAMPAIGN PLEDGE TO UNTANGLE THE MULTI BILLION DOLLAR MESS THAT IS THE AMERICAN HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY, HE DECIDED IT WAS SUCH A MASSIVE UNDERTAKING THAT IT COULD BE ENTRUSTED TO ONLY ONE PERSON, HIS WIFE. "FEMINISTS CHEERED AND TRADITIONALISTS GROANED WHEN MRS HILLARY CLINTON STEPPED FORWARD TO TAKE COMMAND OF THE TASK FORCE ON REFORM. SHE WAS NOT TO BE A CONVENTIONAL FIRST LADY. MRS CLINTON ACKNOWLEDGED AT THE TIME THAT SHE KNEW LITTLE ABOUT MEDICINE OR HEALTH ADMINISTRATION.

"SHE GAVE SPEECH AFTER SPEECH, REASSURING DOCTORS THAT THEY WOULD NOT LOSE STATUS OR TOO MUCH INCOME UNDER THE UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 10 LONDON 17066

USIA

"PERISHABLE INFORMATION - DO NOT SERVICE 

USIA FOR P/M; R/C; R/M; P/P; P/G; (RMCLELLAN); P/F; P/FW; P/FN; P/PFN; P/PFE; P/PFE; P; EU; NEA; VOA NEWS/CA; PL (LSECREST); B/TV/WP;
STATE FOR EUR/P AND PLS PASS ACDA/PA; EUR/PA; EUR/P/SP; EUR/WE; EUR/NE; IO/CU; NEA/P; EB/TT; INR/P; PM;
CSD ISA FOR ILN; FOR NEA; OASD/PA;
USDOC PASS USTR/PA
WHITEHOUSE FOR NSC-WEUROPE;
USMISSION USNATO FOR USIS;
PARIS FOR USIS; UNESCO; OECD;
VIENNA PASS USDEL-CSCE;
RAF MILDENHALL FOR PA;
E.O.12356:N/A
SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT, LONDON, MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20 1993

REFORMS SHE WAS CONSIDERING. THEN SHE WENT TO CAPITOL
HILL, AN EXPLOSION OF ENERGY IN HER WASHINGTON POWER SUIT, TO FLATTER, THEN BULLY, THE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP. MRS CLINTON IS NOT AFRAID TO EXPLOIT HER REPUTATION AS A TOUGH CUSTOMER WITH A SAVAGE TONGUE. MOST MEN ARE TERRIFIED OF HER, BUT MOST PEOPLE WHO MEET HER IN PERSON ARE SURPRISED BY HER CHARM. IT IS A POTENT COMBINATION. ...

"AMERICA'S TELEVISION SCREENS ARE ALREADY SWAMPED BY ADVERTISEMENTS DENOUNCING THE PLAN IN SUBTLE AND NOT SO SUBTLE TERMS. THE IMPLIED MESSAGE IS: WATCH OUT, THE CLINTONS ARE BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH. THE PROBLEM THE CLINTONS HAVE IS THAT, THOUGH AMERICANS DO WORRY ABOUT THE OVERALL SYSTEM, HEALTH CARE IN THE U.S. IS EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD, IF YOU ARE WELL INSURED AND CAN AFFORD THE BEST. MANY AMERICANS LACK A PERSONAL MOTIVE FOR WANTING TO SEE RADICAL CHANGE. "THE PLAN WILL INEVITABLY BE REVISED BETWEEN THE MOMENT MR CLINTON FORMALLY UNVEILS IT ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND WHEN IT finally PASSES CONGRESS. BUT IT IS EquALLY CLEAR NOW THAT SOME FORM OF FUNDAMENTAL REFORM WILL BE ENACTED. A REPUBLICAN COUNTER-PROPOSAL ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK WAS IN MANY RESPECTS SIMILAR TO THE CLINTON PLAN. WHATEVER THE SHORT-COMINGS OF THEIR PLAN, THE CLINTONS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN CREATING A POLITICAL CONSENSUS IN FAVOR OF RADICAL CHANGE."

THE CENTRIST INDEPENDENT COMMENTED:
"ONE PROMISE, AT LEAST, BILL CLINTON IS KEEPING. 'I PLEDGE THAT IN THE FIRST YEAR OF MY ADMINISTRATION,' HE TOLD HUNDREDS OF CHEERING SUPPORTERS IN OCTOBER 1991 AS HE ANNOUNCED HIS CANDIDACY FROM THE STEPS OF THE OLD STATE HOUSE IN LITTLE ROCK, 'WE WILL PRESENT A PLAN TO CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE, QUALITY HEALTH CARE FOR ALL.' THIS WEDNESDAY, HE IS DOING PRECISELY THAT.

"THE SETTING IS WORTHY OF THE TASK. TO A SPECIALLY CONVENED JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS, THAT MOST SOLEMN OCCASION OF AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE, THE 42ND PRESIDENT WILL UNVEIL THE MOST MOMENTOUS SOCIAL INITIATIVE SINCE LYNDON JOHNSON'S GREAT SOCIETY -- SOME SAY SINCE ROOSEVELT'S NEW DEAL IN THE 1930s; A REFORM THAT WILL BRING THE U.S. IN LINE WITH EVERY OTHER ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL COUNTRY AND GUARANTEE HEALTH COVERAGE FOR EVERY CITIZEN. "THE VENTURE IS COLOSSAL. AT A MOMENT WHEN FAITH IN GOVERNMENT HAS NEVER BEEN LOWER, HE IS PROPOSING UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 10 LONDON 17066 USIA "PERISHABLE INFORMATION - DO NOT SERVICE " USIA FOR P/M; R/C; R/M; P/P; P/G; (RMCLLELLAN); P/F; P/FW; P/FN; P/PFN; P/PFE; P/PFE; P; EU; NEA; VOA NEWS/CA; PL (LSECREST); B/TV/WP;
STATE FOR EUR/P AND PLs PASS ACDA/PA; EUR/PA; EUR/P/SP; EUR/WE; EUR/NE; IO/CU; NEA/P; EB/TT; INR/P; PM;
CSD ISA FOR ILN; FOR NEA; OASD/PA;
USDOD PASS USTR/PA
WHITEHOUSE FOR NSC-WEUROPE;
USMISSION USNATO FOR USIS;
PARIS FOR USIS; UNESCO; OECD;
VIENNA PASS USDEL-CSCE;
RAF MILDENHALL FOR PA;
E.O.12356:N/A

SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT, LONDON, MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20 1993

GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION TO OVERHAUL FROM TOP TO BOTTOM AN INDUSTRY THAT CONSUMED 15 CENTS OF EVERY DOLLAR OF WEALTH CREATED IN THE U.S. EVERY INDIVIDUAL AND EVERY COMPANY WILL BE AFFECTED. SUCCESS WILL ASSURE MR CLINTON'S PLACE IN HISTORY. FAILURE WOULD DEAL THE NATIONAL ECONOMY, A DISCREDITED CONGRESS AND HIS OWN PRESIDENCY, IMMEASURABLE BLOWS.

"HARRY TRUMAN, RICHARD NIXON, JIMMY CARTER, EVEN (HALF HEARTEDLY) GEORGE BUSH TRIED TO TACKLE IT. NEVER THOUGH HAVE THE STARS BEEN AS FAVORABLY SET. BIG BUSINESS, ORDINARY WORKERS, NOT TO MENTION THE UNINSURED, ALL SEEK CHANGE. DESPITE TODAY'S RUMBLES OF THUNDER, THE ODDS ARE THAT SOME FORM OF THE CLINTON PACKAGE WILL BE VOTED INTO LAW SOMETIME NEXT YEAR.

"MAYBE, AS CRITICS CHARGE, IT WOULD SIMPLY 'REPLACE ONE MESS WITH ANOTHER'. IN ESSENCE, THROUGH, THE SYSTEM IS BEING GIVEN ONE LAST CHANCE AT SURVIVAL BY ADJUSTMENT. IF NOT, INEXORABLE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PRESSURES WILL FORCE MORE RADICAL THERAPY: EITHER A CANADIAN SINGLE-PAYER SYSTEM OR A MULTI-PAYER SYSTEM WITH RIGID GOVERNMENT CONTROLS ALONG GERMAN LINES."

THE CONSERVATIVE TIMES COMMENTED:
"THIS IS THE WEEK THAT WILL SEE THE UNVEILING OF A CENTERPIECE OF THE CLINTON PRESIDENCY, THE CULMINATION OF EIGHT MONTHS' WORK BY HILLARY CLINTON DESIGNED TO SHAKE UP THE AMERICAN HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. IT IS ALSO THE BIGGEST WEEK IN THE LIFE OF A LESS HIGH-PROFILE FIGURE THAN THE DAZZLING FIRST LADY: IRA MAGAZINER, AN UNSHAKABLE IDEALIST AND VISIONARY WHO HAS DEVOTED MOST OF HIS 45 YEARS TO TRYING TO IMPROVE THE HUMAN LOT. ...

"HE HAS STRIPPED THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM DOWN TO ITS NUTS AND BOLTS AND REASSEMBLED THE PARTS INTO THE Utterly DIFFERENT CREATURE THAT MR CLINTON WILL UNVEIL FORMALLY ON WEDNESDAY. MRS CLINTON IS THE PLAN'S MIDWIFE, CHARGED WITH EASING ITS POLITICAL PASSAGE AND PRESENTING IT TO THE WORLD, BUT IT IS UNQUESTIONABLY MR MAGAZINER'S BABY. "MR MAGAZINER CAN NEVER BE ACCUSED OF THINKING SMALL. IF IMPLEMENTED, HIS PLAN WILL AFFECT DIRECTLY EVERY AMERICAN AND REPRESENT THE BIGGEST SOCIAL CHANGE SINCE FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT'S NEW DEAL. IT IS SO COMPLEX AND RADICAL THAT IT HAS ACHIEVED THE RARE FEAT IN WASHINGTON OF RENDERING POTENTIAL ENEMIES ALMOST SPEECHLESS. IT IS THE WORK OF A BRILLIANT THEORETICIAN, BUT WHETHER IT WILL WORK IS ANYBODY'S GUESS. ESSENTIALLY, WHAT MR CLINTON WILL BE ASKING AMERICA TO DO IS TAKE A HUGE GAMBLE ON A PLAN THAT ONE CONGRESSMAN DESCRIBED AS A 'BEAUTIFUL ANIMAL IN FAIRYLAND, BUT UNSEEN ON EARTH.'"

UNCLAS SECTION 08 OF 10 LONDON 17066

USIA
"PERISHABLE INFORMATION - DO NOT SERVICE "
USIA FOR P;M; R/C; R/M; P/P; P/G; (RMCLELLAN); P/F; P/FW; P/FN; P/PFN; P/PPE; P/PFE; P; EU; NEA; VOA NEWS/CA; PL (LSECRET); B/TV/WP; STATE FOR EUR/P AND PLS PASS ACDA/PA; EUR/PA; EUR/P/SP;
MEDIA REACTION REPORT, LONDON, MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 1993

THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN PROFILED FORMER PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER:


"CARTER'S POLICY AGENDA LOOKED, IN FACT, VERY MUCH LIKE BILL CLINTON'S DOES NOW. HE INITIATED GROUND-BREAKING ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSERVATION POLICIES. HE TRIED TO REIN IN HOSPITAL COSTS; AND STRONGLY SUPPORTED MEASURES TO ENHANCE THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND MINORITIES.

"AS PRESIDENT, HE RAILED AGAINST GOVERNMENT WASTE AND INEFFICIENCY. BUT IN CONTRAST TO JACK KENNEDY AND LYNDON JOHNSON, HIS ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAMS STRESSED FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. ABROAD, CARTER MADE HUMAN RIGHTS AND SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRACY A CENTRAL TENET OF HIS POLICY.

"JUST AS CLINTON NOW SEeks ANTI-PROLIFERATION CONTROLS, CARTER SOUGHT, UNSUCCESSFULLY AS IT HAPPENED, TO SLOW THE COLD WAR ARMS RACE. HIS BIGGEST CRISIS -- WITH IRAN IN 1980 -- WAS PRECIPITATED, TYPICALLY, BY A HUMANITARIAN GESTURE: HE ALLOWED THE EXILED AND DYING SHAH TO SEEK MEDICAL TREATMENT IN THE U.S.

"LAST TUESDAY MARKED THE HIGH POINT OF ONE OF THE LONGEST COMEBACKS IN HISTORY. YET IN A FUNDAMENTAL SENSE, CARTER IS STILL BOTH TOO GOOD AND TOO AND FOR THE CLINTON ERA IN WHICH PROMISES DON'T COUNT BUT WINNING DOES."

3. BOSNIA

THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN EDITORIALIZED:

"BOSNIA MAY GET A PEACE AGREEMENT SIGNED IN SARAJEVO TOMORROW, IN A LAST DESPERATE EFFORT TO STOP THE WAR. OR IT MAY NOT. EITHER WAY THIS IS NOT GOING TO STUN THE WORLD. THERE HAVE BEEN TOO MANY NEGOTIATIONS, TOO MANY AGREEMENTS, AND NOW THE POLE POSITION WHICH BOSNIA USED TO OCCUPY HAS BEEN SEIZED BY YASSER ARAFAT AND YITZHAK RABIN. ...

UNCLASS SECTION 09 OF 10 LONDON 17066

USIA

"PERISHABLE INFORMATION - DO NOT SERVICE "

USIA FOR P/M; R/C; R/M; P/P; P/G; (RMCLELLAN); P/F; P/FW; P/FN; P/PFN; P/PPE; P/PFE; P; EU; NEA; VOA NEWS/CA; PL
MR IZETBEGOVIC'S GOVERNMENT MAY STILL HAVE TO SETTLE IN THE END UNDER BRUTAL AND UNSUBTLE PRESSURE. AS ONE OFFICIAL CLOSE TO THE TALKS PUTS IT, 'THERE'S BEEN AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE NEED FOR SPEED, TO GET A SETTLEMENT QUICKLY ... BEFORE WINTER.' DECODED, THIS MEANS: BEFORE THOUSANDS MORE BOSNIANS FREEZE TO DEATH.

MR IZETBEGOVIC'S HOPES OF A MORE ASSERTIVE U.S. POSITION APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN DASHED. THIS WEEKEND THE U.S. MEDIA WAS ENUMERATING MR CLINTON'S DOMESTIC PREOCCUPATIONS PLUS THE NEGATIVE Fallout FROM SOMALIA -- WHICH MADE HIM WARY OF AN OPEN-ENDED ENTANGLEMENT IN BOSNIA.

"A COALITION OF SARAJEVO CIVILIANS HAS NOW LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN TO ESTABLISH A UN PROTECTORATE OVER THE CITY, AND FOR A SIMILAR EC ADMINISTRATION IN MOSTAR. THE IDEA WOULD TRANSLATE AT LEAST A SMALL BIT OF THE UN RESOLUTIONS INTO REALITY. IT SHOULD NOT HAVE TO WAIT FOR A WIDER AGREEMENT. MORE NEW INITIATIVES, MORE NEW IDEAS, ARE URGENTLY NEEDED. BOSNIA WILL SOON BE BACK ON OUR FRONT PAGES AND THE WINTER IS LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY. MEANWHILE IN EAST MOSTAR, REUTERS REPORTED YESTERDAY, THE LAST UNDERTAKER IN THE MUSLIM QUARTER HAS JUST BEEN KILLED."

4. CHINA OLYMPIC BID
THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES EDITORIALIZED: "IT WOULD SURELY BE IMPRUDENT, AS WELL AS UNJUST, TO LET MEMORIES OF 1936 COUNT AGAINST BERLIN WHILE GIVING BEIJING THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT. IF 1936 LOOMS LARGE IN BERLIN'S CASE, IT IS BECAUSE A MINORITY OF THE CITY'S OWN INHABITANTS IS DEEPLY TROUBLED BY THOSE MEMORIES, AND IS FREE TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THEM. THE MEMORY OF WHAT HAPPENED IN BEIJING IN 1989 -- THE TIANENMEN SQUARE MASSACRE -- MAY NOT HAVE BEEN DRAWN SO DIRECTLY TO THE IOC'S ATTENTION, BUT IT SHOULD BE MUCH FRESHER. "NO DOUBT THINGS HAVE IMPROVED IN CHINA SINCE THEN, AND WITH LUCK BY 2000 THEY WILL HAVE IMPROVED EVEN MORE. BUT WHO CAN POSSIBLY TELL? THE IOC SHOULD NOT RISK INFLECTING ON THE WORLD ANOTHER DRAMA LIKE THAT OF MEXICO IN 1968, WHEN THE GAMES WERE HELD IN A CITY FROM WHICH THE BLOOD OF HUNDREDS OF STUDENT RIOTERS HAD SCARCELY BEEN CLEANED; NOR YET ANOTHER DILEMMA LIKE THAT OF MOSCOW IN 1980, WHEN THOSE WHO COMPETED, IN DEFiance OF A U.S.-LED BOYCOTT, FOUND THEMSELVES IMPlicitLY CONDONDING THE SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN. "TRADE SANCTIONS ARE NOT AN APPROPRIATE WAY TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHINA. BUT TO COMMIT THE
UNCLAS SECTION 10 OF 10 LONDON 17066

USIA

"PERISHABLE INFORMATION - DO NOT SERVICE"

USIA FOR P/M; RC; R/M; P/P; P/G; (RMCLELLAN); P/F; P/FW; P/FN; P/PFN; P/PFE; P/PFE; P; EU; NEA; VOA NEWS/CA; PL (LSECREST); B/TV/WP;

STATE FOR EUR/P AND PLS PASS ACDA/PA; EUR/PA; EUR/P/SP; EUR/WE; EUR/NE; IO/CU; NEA/P; EB/TT; INR/P; PM;

CSD ISA FOR ILN; FOR NEA; OASD/PA;

USDOC PASS USTR/PA

WHITEHOUSE FOR NSC-WEUROPE;

USMISSION USNATO FOR USIS;

PARIS FOR USIS; UNESCO; OECD;

VIENNA PASS USDEL-CSCE;

RAF MILDENHALL FOR PA;

E.O.12356:N/A

SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT, LONDON, MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20 1993

WORLD TO HOLDING ITS TOP SPORTING EVENT IN BEIJING IN SEVEN YEARS WOULD AMOUNT TO A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN CHINA'S RULERS WHICH THEY CANNOT BE SAID TO HAVE EARNED. THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES HAVE IN RECENT WEEKS SOUGHT TO BOOST THEIR CHANCES BY TAKING STEPS TO IMPROVE THEIR IMAGE ON HUMAN RIGHTS. BUT THEY HAVE ALSO CORRALLED THEIR CITIZENS INTO ASSISTING THEIR BID IN TYPICALLY REPRESSIVE FASHION, AND WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY DO LIKewise DURING THE EVENT ITSELF. BEIJING SHOULD BE TOLD THAT IT CAN STAGE THE GAMES ONLY WHEN IT'S OWN PEOPLE ARE AT LIBERTY TO ENJOY THEM." O'BRIEN

BT

#7066

NNNN

SECT: SECTION: 01 OF 10

<^SECT>SECTION: 02 OF 10

<^SECT>SECTION: 03 OF 10

<^SECT>SECTION: 04 OF 10

<^SECT>SECTION: 05 OF 10

<^SECT>SECTION: 06 OF 10

<^SECT>SECTION: 07 OF 10

<^SECT>SECTION: 08 OF 10

<^SECT>SECTION: 09 OF 10

<^SECT>SECTION: 10 OF 10

SSN: 7066

<^SSN>7066

<^SSN>7066

<^SSN>7066

<^SSN>7066

<^SSN>7066

<^SSN>7066

<^SSN>7066

<^SSN>7066

<^SSN>7066

TOR: 930920083138 M0612861

<^TOR>930920083239 M0612862

<^TOR>930920083240 M0612863

<^TOR>930920083343 M0612865

<^TOR>930920083444 M0612866

<^TOR>930920085053 M0612911
DIST:

SIT: VAX

\[]
PREC: IMMEDIATE
CLASS: UNCLASSIFIED
LINE1: OAAUZYUW RUFHRA5470 2671047U--RHEHAAA.
LINE2: ZNR UUUU ZZH
LINE3: 0 241047Z SEP 93
LINE4: FM AMEMBASSY PARIS
OSRI: RUFHFR
DTG: 241047Z SEP 93
ORIG: AMEMBASSY PARIS
TO: RUEHIA/USIA WASH DC IMMEDIATE 0963
RUFHNA/USMISSION USNATO IMMEDIATE 1128
INFO: RUEAI A/CIA WASH DC
RUEATRS/DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY
RUEKJCS/DIA WASH DC
RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASH DC//ASD/ISA//
RUEHC/SECSTATE WASH DC 2015
RHEHAAA/WHITE HOUSE
RUCPDC/USDOC WASH DC
RUEHXQ/ALL EUROPEAN COMMUNITY POST COLLECTIVE
RUEHM O/AMEMBASSY MOSCOW 3994
RUFHMB/USMISSION USVIENNA 8798
RUFHQJQ/COMSIXTHFLT

SUBJ: DAILY MEDIA REACTION REPORT
PARIS -- FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 1993
(A) SUMMARY OF TYPE OF COVERAGE:
THE 1994 BUDGET, PRESENTED WEDNESDAY BY THE GOVERNMENT,
CONTINUES TO DOMINATE THE FRENCH PRESS.

TEXT:
UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 05 PARIS 25470
USIA
USIA FOR P/RC; P/F; P/FW P/FN; VOA NEWS/CA; EU; AF; P/M;
STATE FOR EUR/P/SP; EP/WE; AF; INR/P; FM; OSD ISA FOR
ILN; FOR NEA; WHITE HOUSE FOR NSC/EUROPE; DOC FOR
ITA/EUR/FR AND PASS OSTR/PA (ANN LUZZATO); USCINCEUR FOR
PAO; NATO FOR USIS; MOSCOW FOR P6C; ROME FOR USIS/AIO;
BRUSSELS FOR USIS AND USEC (PAO); USVIENNA FOR USDEL
CSCE.
E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: NONE

SUBJECT: DAILY MEDIA REACTION REPORT
PARIS -- FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 1993
(A) SUMMARY OF TYPE OF COVERAGE:
THE 1994 BUDGET, PRESENTED WEDNESDAY BY THE GOVERNMENT,
CONTINUES TO DOMINATE THE FRENCH PRESS.
THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN RUSSIA IS STILL THE NUMBER-
ONE FOREIGN STORY, WITH THE PRESS REPORTING THAT THE
CONSERVATIVES ARE LOSING GROUND. THE PRESIDENT
"CONTROLS ALL, OR ALMOST ALL LEVERS AND THE COUNTER-
POWER IS (ONLY) GESTICULATING", PIERRE BOCEV REPORTS
BELIEVES IN YELSTIN'S VICTORY": "THE UNITED STATES IS
CONVINCED THAT RUSSIAN PRESIDENT BORIS YELTSIN HAS
PREVAILED IN HIS FIGHT AGAINST THE CONSERVATIVES IN MOSCOW, AND WASHINGTON INTENDS TO PURSUE, EVEN INTENSIFY ITS SUPPORT FOR REFORMS IN RUSSIA, TWO CLINTON ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS SAID ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY."

ALL MEDIA COVER PRESIDENT CLINTON'S HEALTH CARE REFORM PLAN. SEVERAL SPEAK OF AN "AMBITIOUS" PLAN. LE MONDE'S ALAIN FRACHON SAYS THAT THE U.S. PRESIDENT "HAS RAISED THE STANDARD VERY HIGH". LA TRIBUNE'S JEAN-MARIE MACABREY SAYS THAT BILL CLINTON'S SPEECH ON WEDNESDAY WAS "PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE IN HIS PRESIDENCY". SEVERAL COMMENTATORS REPORT THAT HE REMAINED "VAGUE" ON DETAILS ABOUT THE FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF THE PLAN. FINANCIAL LA TRIBUNE PUBLISHES A TWO-PAGE PORTRAIT OF TREASURY SECRETARY LLOYD BENTSEN, "THE ARISTOCRAT IN THE CLINTON TEAM": "CLINTON SUFFERED FROM A LACK OF EXPERIENCE AND A PROBLEM OF CREDIBILITY IN THE BUSINESS CIRCLES. BY APPOINTING BENTSEN TO THE TREASURY, THE YOUNG PRESIDENT WANTED TO REASSURE THE PUBLIC." BIANCA RIEMER SAYS THAT "THE EUROPEANS ARE UNDER (BENTSEN'S) CHARM".

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT COVERAGE OF GATT STORIES IS TO BE FOUND IN THE WEEKLIES (SEE PART D OF REPORT). THE PRESS REPORTS THAT AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER PAUL KEATING, WHO IS ON A VISIT IN FRANCE, CRITICIZED THE FRENCH POSITION ON GATT BY DENOUNCING FRANCE'S "SELFISHNESS". THE FRENCH SHOULD "REALIZE THAT THEY ARE PART OF THE WORLD", KEATING IS QUOTED AS SAYING (LE FIG-ECO). FRENCH AGRICULTURE MINISTER JEAN PUECH REACTED BY SAYING THAT "FRANCE DOES NOT NEED TO ANSWER TO THAT KIND OF CRITICISM" WHICH "DOESN'T CONTRIBUTE TO PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS". "THAT KIND OF ARGUMENT PUTS (THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER) IN A WEAK POSITION", PUECH ADDED, SAYING THAT "WE HAVE EXPORTS TO PROTECT AND WE WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORLD ECONOMY."

AFP REPORTS THAT AGRICULTURE MINISTER PUECH'S OFFICE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE MINISTER WOULD MEET WITH U.S. AMBASSADOR PAMELA HARRIMAN ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 30. EUROPEAN AFFAIRS MINISTER ALAIN LAMASSOURE SAID YESTERDAY: "WE MUST, WITH THE AMERICANS, HAVE A VERY FIRM, VERY HARD, UNSHAKEABLE POSITION IN DEFENSE OF OUR INTERESTS." (AFP QUOTES) AFP ALSO REPORTS THAT SWISS PRESIDENT ADOLPHE OGI SAID YESTERDAY, AFTER HE MET WITH PM BALLADUR THAT IT WAS "ABSOLUTELY" NECESSARY TO "RENEGOTIATE BLAIR HOUSE". ON THE AUDIOVISUAL QUESTION, PATRICK WASJMAN AUTHORS AN UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF OS PARIS 25470 USIA USIA FOR P/RC; P/P; P/FW P/FN; VOA NEWS/CA; EU; AF; P/M; STATE FOR EUR/P/SP; EU/WE; AF; INR/P; PM; OSD ISA FOR IIN; FOR NEA; WHITE HOUSE FOR NSC/WEUROPE; DOC FOR ITA/EUR/FR AND PASS USTR/PA (ANN LUZZATO); USCINCEUR FOR PAO; NATO FOR USIS; MOSCOW FOR P6C; ROME FOR USIS/AIO; BRUSSELS FOR USIS AND USEC (PAO); USVIENNA FOR USDEL CSCE.

E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: NONE
SUBJECT: DAILY MEDIA REACTION REPORT
OP-ED PIECE TITLED "MARIANNE VS. THE DINOSAURS" IN LE FIGARO WHICH DENOUNCES THE "AGGRESSIVE CHAUVINISM" AND ALLEGATIONS OF "AMERICAN CULTURAL IMPERIALISM": "IT IS NOT BY DENOUNCING THE 'AMERICAN CULTURAL IMPERIALISM' THAT WE WILL SAVE THE FRENCH MOVIE INDUSTRY", WASJMAN SAYS. WEEKLY LE NOUVEL OBSERVATEUR WONDERS "ARE WE REALLY INVADEN BY THE YANKEE CINEMA?" AND RIDICULES CULTURE MINISTER JACQUES TOUBON FOR SAYING THAT STEVEN SPIELBERG'S JURASSIC PARK THREATENS "FRENCH IDENTITY"--A WARNING WHICH LE NOUVEL OBSERVATEUR CALLS "DELIRIUM".

THE ECONOMIC PRESS REPORTS THAT THE G-7 FINANCE MINISTERS WILL BE CONVENING IN WASHINGTON TOMORROW. "THE STAKES (IN THE MEETING) MAY GO BEYOND THE COMPETENCE OF FINANCE MINISTERS", ECONOMIC LES ECHOS SAYS, "BECAUSE FUELING GROWTH--WHICH WILL BE AT THE HEART OF THE DEBATE--NO LONGER DEPENDS ON CUTS IN INTEREST RATES OR BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS, BUT ON POLITICAL INITIATIVES CAPABLE OF RESTORING CONFIDENCE."

THE CHOICE OF SYDNEY AS THE 2,000 OLYMPIC GAMES SITE, DEVELOPMENTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA AND THE APPROVAL OF THE ISRAEL-PLO ACCORD BY THE ISRAELI KNESSET ARE AMONG THE OTHER MOST IMPORTANT STORIES IN THE FRENCH PRESS THIS MORNING.

(B) STORIES COVERED IN REPORT:
1. U.S. HEALTH CARE REFORM
2. GATT
(C) HEADLINES:
U.S. HEALTH CARE REFORM:
"CLINTON PROPOSES HEALTH CARE FOR ALL" (LA TRIBUNE-FRONT PAGE)
"CLINTON 'SALES' HIS SOCIAL REVOLUTION" (LE FIGARO-PAGE 6)
"BILL CLINTON LAUNCHES AN AMBITIOUS HEALTH CARE REFORM IN THE U.S" (LE MONDE-PAGE 26)
"HEALTH: CLINTON COVERS ALL AMERICANS" (LIBERATION-PAGE 13)

(D) SUPPORTING TEXT:
1. THE NEW U.S. HEALTH CARE PLAN:
LAURENT BAZIN SAID ON TV TF-1 LAST EVENING: "...FOR THE TIME BEING, THE U.S. HEALTH CARE SYSTEM HAS ONLY ONE LOGIC--THAT OF PROFIT. WE NEED A MEDICINE THAT IS EQUAL FOR ALL, THEY (CLINTONS) HAVE BEEN REPEATING. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW THEY ARE GOING TO FUND THIS DREAM--AND THAT IS AT THE HEART OF THE FIGHT THAT IS GOING TO START IN CONGRESS."
ECONOMIC LES ECHOS ON PAGE 4: "PRESENTING HIS HEALTH CARE PLAN, THE U.S. PRESIDENT PROMISED A REAL REVOLUTION TO THE AMERICANS. HE HOWEVER REMAINED VAGUE ON THE DETAILS OF ITS FINANCING."
JEAN-MARIE MACABREY REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON IN FINANCIAL LA TRIBUNE: "BILL CLINTON PROBABLY JUST MADE THE MOST IMPORTANT SPEECH IN HIS PRESIDENCY.... THE CLINTON PLAN WILL INEVITABLY BE MODIFIED BY CONGRESS. BUT THE GENERAL FEELING IS THAT CAPITOL HILL WILL APPROVE UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 05 PARIS 25470 USIA
USIA FOR P/RC; P/P; P/FW P/FN; VOA NEWS/CA; EU; AF; P/M;
STATE FOR EUR/P/SP; EU/WE; AF; INR/P; PM; OSD ISA FOR ILN; FOR NEA; WHITE HOUSE FOR NSC/WEUROPE; DOC FOR ITA/EUR/FR AND PASS USTR/PA (ANN LUZZATO); USCINCEUR FOR Pao; NATO FOR USIS; MOSCOW FOR P&C; ROME FOR USIS/AIO; BRUSSELS FOR USIS AND USEC (Pao); USVIENNA FOR USDEL CSCE.

E.O. 12356: N/A

TAGS: NONE

SUBJECT: DAILY MEDIA REACTION REPORT

UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE INSURANCE BEFORE THE 1996 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT ALONE IS ENOUGH TO ENSURE BILL CLINTON A FIST PLACE IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES.... BUT THE TOUGHEST REMAINS TO BE DONE (FIGHT WITH CONGRESS)."

PHILIPPE LABARDE AUTHORS THE BACK-PAGE EDITORIAL OF LA TRIBUNE: "...THE U.S. PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE (HEALTH CARE REFORM) IS NOT A SURPRISE. THIS CONSIDERABLE REFORM WAS ON HIS PLATFORM. MANY VIEWED IT AS A VOTE-SEEKING DEMARCHE, WHICH IS NOT DOUBTFUL. HOWEVER, ONE (SHOULD NOT) DRAW THE CONCLUSION THAT BILL CLINTON WAS ONLY MOTIVATED BY POLITICAL OR MORAL CONSIDERATIONS.... IF BILL CLINTON HAS MADE THIS PROPOSAL (NEW PLAN), IT IS UNDOUBTEDLY BECAUSE HE THINKS THAT, THANKS TO A REFORM OF THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, THE U.S. ECONOMY WILL DO BETTER IN THE LONG RUN. BESIDES, HE SAID IT. THIS IS FOOD FOR THOUGHT FOR THOSE IN EUROPE AND ESPECIALLY FRANCE, WHO REJECT SOCIAL PROTECTION AS AN OBSTACLE TO FREE COMPETITION."

INFLUENTIAL LE MONDE FRONT-PAGE UNATTRIBUTED EDITORIAL: "...FOR THE FIRST BIGGEST ECONOMIC POWER IN THE WORLD (THE U.S), THIS IS A FORMIDABLE CONFESSION. PER CAPITA HEALTH COSTS ARE THE HIGHEST, BUT HEALTH CARE DISTRIBUTION IS THE WORST. U.S. INDEXES SUM UP THIS SAD REALITY: THE U.S. RANKS 16TH IN THE WORLD FOR LIFE EXPECTANCY, 23TH FOR CHILD MORTALITY.... ALTHOUGH THE GIGANTIC TASK TO WHICH BILL CLINTON IS COMMITTING HIMSELF GIVES NEW LEGITIMACY TO THE VALUES ON WHICH EUROPEAN SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS ARE FOUNDED, IT MUST NOT MAKE US FORGET THAT THESE VERY SYSTEMS ARE IN CRISIS."

ALAIN FRACHON WRITES IN LE MONDE: "...HILLARY CLINTON HAS WON THE FIRST SET. SHE HAS WON OVER CONGRESS THANKS TO A NON-PARTISAN APPROACH, WON OVER EXPERTS THANKS TO HER COMPETENCE AND WON OVER THE PUBLIC THANKS TO HER TALENT FOR COMMUNICATION. IF THERE IS A NEW, REAGAN-STYLE 'GREAT COMMUNICATOR' AT THE WHITE HOUSE, IT MAY NOT BE THE ONE ONE THINKS.... UP TO NOW, THE AMERICANS SEEM TO ACCEPT THE ROLE THAT HILLARY CLINTON HAS BEEN PLAYING. BUT IF SHE FAILS, IT WOULD IMPACT HER HUSBAND."

PIERRE BRIANCON REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON IN INFLUENTIAL LIBERATION: "...POLITICALLY, CLINTON SHOWED OPENESS BY ASKING THE REPUBLICANS TO PARTICIPATE IN HIS GREAT REFORM.... BUT THINGS ARE GETTING WORSE ON THE ECONOMIC LEVEL. FIRST, ALL EXPERTS DOUBT IT IS POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE THE SAVINGS THAT CLINTON IS PROJECTING.... AFTER WEDNESDAY'S GLORIOUS SPEECH--WHERE BOTH CAMPS IN CONGRESS GAVE HIM SEVERAL STANDING OVATIONS--THE PLAN IS
GOING TO MOVE INTO PUBLIC DEBATE AND CONGRESSIONAL CRITICISM. THE MOST CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICANS HAVE ALREADY DENOUNCED THE EXTENSION OF BIG BROTHER'S CONTROL OVER THE ECONOMY AND SOCIETY. BUT IT IS ON THE FINANCIAL QUESTION THAT BILL CLINTON WILL BE JUDGED."

JEAN-LOUIS TURLIN REPORTS FROM NEW YORK IN LE FIGARO:
"TAKEN FOR GRANTED IN EUROPE, A NATIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM STILL LOOKS LIKE A REVOLUTIONARY PLAN IN THE U.S.... BILL CLINTON RELIES ON TWO FACTORS WHICH WILL DETERMINE THE SUCCESS OF HIS PLAN AND, THEREFORE, THAT OF HIS PRESIDENCY--A CHANGE OF MENTALITY OVER THE PAST FIFTY YEARS... AND HIS POLITICAL SKILL.... THE 'CHARM"

UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 05 PARIS 25470

USIA
USIA FOR P/RC; P/P; P/FW P/FN; VOA NEWS/CA; EU; AF; P/M;
STATE FOR EUR/P/SP; EU/WE; AF; INR/P; PM; OSD ISA FOR
ILN; FOR NEA; WHITE HOUSE FOR NSC/WEUROPE; DOC FOR
ITA/EUR/FR AND PASS USTR/PA (ANN LUZZATO); USCINCEUR FOR
PAO; NATO FOR USIS; MOSCOW FOR P&C; ROME FOR USIS/AIO;
BRUSSELS FOR USIS AND USEC (PAO); USVIENNA FOR USDEL
CSCE.
E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: NONE
SUBJECT: DAILY MEDIA REACTION REPORT
OFFENSIVE' (WEDNESDAY SPEECH) WORKED PERFECTLY WELL."
JEAN LESIEUR SAYS IN WEEKLY L'EXPRESS: "...THE MAN OF
THE WHITE HOUSE IS GAMBLING BIG.... NOW, ON THIS TOUGH
QUESTION, (CLINTON) MUST PROVE THAT 'THE CLINTON
REVOLUTION' DOES EXIST. ALMOST A YEAR AFTER HIS
ELECTION, BUSH'S SUCCESSOR HAS NOT ERASED DOUBTS. HE
HAS BEEN WAVERING ON FOREIGN ISSUES--AND NO ONE
SERIOUSLY BELIEVES THAT HE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN
THE MIDDLE EASTERN MIRACLE (ISRAELI-PLO ACCORD). CONFRONTED WITH...CONGRESS, HE HAD TO STEP BACK ON ALL
THE KEY-POINTS OF HIS ECONOMIC PROGRAM. LASTLY, HE IS
ABOUT TO FEEL THE WRATH OF MANY CONGRESSMEN IN THE TOUGH
BATTLE FOR THE RATIFICATION OF NAFTA.... BILL CLINTON
IS NOW WITH HIS BACK TO THE WALL."

2. GATT:
ALAIN DUHAMEL SAYS IN INFLUENTIAL LIBERATION: "...ON A
TECHNICAL LEVEL, THE (BLAIR HOUSE) PRE-ACCORD IS FOR THE
TIME BEING NOT FAIR. THE EUROPEANS ARE ACCEPTING TO DO
MORE SACRIFICES THAN THE AMERICANS, AND FRANCE MORE THAN
ITS PARTNERS. BLAIR HOUSE IS NEITHER A FAIR COMPromise,
NOR SOMETHING THAT IS ENTIRELY COMPATIBLE WITH THE
REFORM OF THE CAP (EC COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY). IN
BRUSSELS, LEON BRITTAN HAS NEVER ACCEPTED THESE TWO
THESIS.... FURTHERMORE--AND THAT IS THE HEART OF THE
DISPUTE, SIR LEON HAS A DANGEROUS, PERCEPTION OF HIS
ROLE. COMMISSIONERS MUST PREPARE THE DECISIONS OF EC
COUNCILS OF MINISTERS, AND THEN IMPLEMENT THEM. IT IS
NOT UP TO THEM (COMMISSIONERS) TO MAKE DECISIONS. BUT
SIR LEON OFTEN ACTS AS IF HE WERE VESTED WITH A
LEGITIMACY COMPARABLE TO THAT OF GOVERNMENT
REPRESENTATIVES. FOR THIS, HE IS THE COMMISSIONER OF
ALL DANGERS."
DIDIER PAVY SAYS IN WEEKLY LE NOUVEL OBSERVATEUR:
"...EVERYONE KNOWS IN EUROPE THAT ASKING FOR A BLAIR
HOUSE RENEGOTIATION IS LIKE OPENING A PANDORA'S BOX. THE PROTECTIONIST DEVIL OF THE DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION NOW IN POWER IN WASHINGTON MAY SPRING OUT OF IT AND DEMAND COMPENSATIONS THAT WOULD BE MUCH TOUGHER ON EC AGRICULTURE.... NOTHING IS SET FOR FRENCH FARMERS. EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON LEON BRITTAN AND THE SUPPORT HE WILL RECEIVE FROM THE MOST LIBERAL EC MEMBERS. A COMMISSION OFFICIAL SAYS: 'WE CAN DISCUSS ANYTHING WITH THE AMERICANS, AS LONG AS THE PROBLEMS RAISED DON'T QUESTION BLAIR HOUSE'."

SABINE DELANGLADE AND GEORGES VALANCE SAY IN WEEKLY L'EXPRESS: "...ALTHOUGH THE TWELVE ARE UNITED AGAIN, NOTHING IS WON YET.... IT IS THE AMERICANS WHO WILL DECIDE IN THE END. THEIR FIRST REACTION, ON TUESDAY SEPT 21, WAS PARTICULARLY NEGATIVE.... THAT IS ANNOYING, BUT NOT CATASTROPHIC FOR EDOUARD BALLADUR. HIS FIGHT IS ABOVE ALL A POLITICAL ONE.... THE FINAL AIM OF ALL THESE (BALLADUR'S) EFFORTS IS TO GIVE CONFIDENCE BACK TO THE FRENCH, IN ORDER TO BREAK THE DEFlationARY SPIRAL THAT FUELS THE CRISIS. FOR IT IS HIS CAPACITY TO FIGHT RISING UNEMPLOYMENT THAT WILL DETERMINE EDOUARD BALLADUR'S POLITICAL DESTINY."

WRITER PATRICK WASJMAN SAYS ON LE FIGARO'S OP-ED PAGE: "...IS IT NECESSARY THAT THE FRENCH MOVIE WORLD FALLS INTO AGGRESSIVE CHAUVINISM AND LOSES ITS SANG-FROID, UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 05 PARIS 25470 USIA
USIA FOR P/RC; P/P; P/FW P/FN; VOA NEWS/CA; EU; AF; P/M;
STATE FOR EUR/P/SP; EU/WE; AF; INR/P; PM; OSD ISA FOR ILN; FOR NEA; WHITE HOUSE FOR NSC/WEUROPE; DOC FOR ITA/EUR/FR AND PASS USTR/PA (ANN LUZZATO); USCINCEUR FOR PAO; NATO FOR USIS; MOSCOW FOR P&C; ROME FOR USIS/AIO;
BRUSSELS FOR USIS AND USEC (PAO); USVIENNA FOR USDEL CSCE.
E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: NONE
SUBJECT: DAILY MEDIA REACTION REPORT
GOING AS FAR AS TO DENOUNCE, ONCE AGAIN, 'AMERICAN CULTURAL IMPERIALISM'? I DON'T THINK SO.... WHEN WILL WE STOP BEING IMMATURE? HASN'T FRANCE, OVER THE LAST FIVE CENTURIES, REMARKABLY ASSIMILATED SEVERAL FOREIGN CULTURES WITHOUT LOSING ITS SPECIFICITY?.... IN REALITY, THIS CONTROVERSY COVERS AT LEAST TWO EMBARRASSING TRUTHS: L'OUR CINEMA HAS REMAINED FUNDAMENTALLY A CRAFT WHILE THAT OF THE U.S.--EVERY ONE KNOWS IT--IS A FORMiDABLE INDUSTRY.... 2/THE FRENCH MOVIE SECTOR HAS PRODUCED COUNTELESS MASTERPIECES. BUT IN MOST CASES, THE THEME, TONES OR SENSITIVITY OF THESE FILMS IS TOO FRENCH... HOW, UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, TO MOBILIZE...AND RAISE ENTHUSIASM FROM MILLIONS OF VIEWERS, FROM SARCELLES (PARIS SUBURB) TO LAS VEGAS?"

KORENGOLD
BT
#5470
NNNN

SECT: SECTION: 01 OF 05
<^SECT>SECTION: 02 OF 05
<^SECT>SECTION: 03 OF 05
SECTION: 04 OF 05
SECTION: 05 OF 05

SSN: 5470
5470
5470
5470
5470

TOR: 930924070041 M0622703
930924070049 M0622704
930924070052 M0622705
930924070256 M0622708
930924070054 M0622706

DIST:
SIT: VAX
□
SUBJ: USIA-MEDIA REACTION REPORT SEPTEMBER 24, 1993
AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER SLAMS FRENCH ON TRADE

TEXT:
UNCLASS SECTION 01 OF 02 CANBERRA 06754
USIA
USIA FOR P/M, EA, R, P/P, P/PFF, P/F, P/FW, P/G, EU, B/TV, NEA; STATE FOR EAP/ANZ; STATE PLEASE PASS USTR; SECEDEF FOR USD/P/ISA
E.O. 12356: N/A
SUBJECT: USIA-MEDIA REACTION REPORT SEPTEMBER 24, 1993
AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER SLAMS FRENCH ON TRADE
1. THE LIBERAL SYDNEY MORNING HERALD TODAY REPORTED, "FRENCH OFFICIALS HAVE DENOUNCED THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER AFTER BEING BRIEFED ON THE DETAILS OF HIS SCATHING ATTACK ON ITS AGRICULTURAL SUBSIDIES, IN WHICH HE EFFECTIVELY ACCUSED FRANCE OF DISHONORING THE MEMORY OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS KILLED ON FRENCH SOIL.... BUT MR. KEATING WAS UNREPENTANT, SAYING THAT HE INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE OTHER COUNTRIES TO STEP UP THE PRESSURE ON FRANCE AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TO TRY TO FORCE THEM TO BACK OFF MOVES WHICH THREATEN TO WRECK WORLD TRADE TALKS.... MR. KEATING'S ATTACK ON FRANCE WAS MADE AFTER AN EMOTIONAL VISIT TO THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL AT VILLERS-BRETONNEUX WHERE
THE NAMES OF MORE THAN 45,000 AUSTRALIANS WHO DIED ON THE WESTERN FRONT ARE RECORDED.

2. A BYLINER IN THE BUSINESS-ORIENTED AUSTRALIAN FINANCIAL REVIEW ASSERTED, "(PM) KEATING WAS ANGRY AT THE COMPLACENCY OF THE FRENCH AND THEIR INDIFFERENCE TO ACHIEVING A GLOBAL FREE-TRADE SYSTEM. HE EVEN ASKED THE UNFORTUNATE LOCAL FRENCH MP ACCOMPANYING HIM WHAT FRANCE'S RESPONSE WOULD HAVE BEEN IF AUSTRALIA HAD SAID DURING THE WAR THAT IT WOULD GIVE 45,000 OF ITS YOUTH FOR FRANCE'S LIBERTY, IN RETURN FOR A WINDING BACK OF AGRICULTURE TRADE BARRIERS. ACCORDING TO KEATING, THE MP SIMPLY SHRUGGED HIS SHOULDERS, DISSEMBLING WITH THE USUAL STOCK RESPONSE ABOUT FARMERS HAVING CULTURAL ROOTS THAT HAD TO BE PROTECTED."

3. MELBOURNE'S LIBERAL AGE TODAY FEATURED AN EDITORIAL HEADED, "TELLING THE FRENCH" THAT READ, "CONTINUED RESISTANCE BY THE FRENCH TO LOWERING AGRICULTURAL SUBSIDIES COULD WELL MEAN THAT THERE WILL BE NO GATT AGREEMENT AND THAT THE WORLD COULD WELL END UP BEING DIVIDED INTO WARRING TRADE BLOCS. THAT WOULD BE A RECIPE FOR A PROLONGED INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DOWNTURN."

4. MELBOURNE'S CONSERVATIVE TABLOID THE HERALD-SUN TODAY EDITORIALIZED, "AUSTRALIA STANDS TO LOSE 2.5 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR IN EXTRA EXPORTS IF THE FRENCH, BY RESISTING RURAL REFORM, SUCCEED IN SCUTTLING THE ENTIRE GATT DEAL. ABOUT ONE BILLION OF THIS LOSS WOULD BE IN RURAL EXPORTS. AS THE NATIONAL BANK REMINDS US, THIS WOULD BE A SERIOUS BLOW TO OUR PROSPECTS OF RECOVERY."

SYDNEY 2000

5. BROADCAST MEDIA THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT WERE DOMINATED BY SPECIAL REPORTS ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CITY TO HOST THE YEAR 2000 OLYMPIC GAMES. LIVE FEEDS FROM SYDNEY HARBOR AND MONACO (AT 4:00 A.M. AUSTRALIAN EASTERN TIME) BROUGHT SCENES OF JUBILATION AS SYDNEY WAS ANNOUNCED THE WINNER (WITH NEW SOUTH WALES PREMIER JOHN FAHEY MAKING A MEMORABLE LEAP FROM HIS CHAIR.) SOME MORNING PAPERS WERE ABLE TO BANNER THE NEWS AND THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD ALSO CARRIED A UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 CANBERRA 06754

USIA
USIA FOR P/M, EA, R, P/F, P/FF, P/F, P/FW, P/G, EU, B/TV, NEA; STATE FOR EAP/ANZ; STATE PLEASE PASS USTR; SECEDEF FOR USDP/ISA
E.O. 12356: N/A

SUBJECT: USIA-MEDIA REACTION REPORT SEPTEMBER 24, 1993

COLOR WRAPAROUND EMBLAZONED "OLYMPICS 2000 IT'S OURS." THERE HAS BEEN NO COMMENTARY AS YET CONCERNING POLITICAL FACTORS OR Fallout IN THE FAILURE OF BEIJING'S BID.

CLINTON'S HEALTH PACKAGE

6. THE CONSERVATIVE AUSTRALIAN TODAY FRONT-PAGED A REPORT ON CLINTON'S HEALTH CARE PROPOSAL AND CARRIED INSIDE A COMMENTARY BY ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT WHO HELD, "PRESIDENT CLINTON'S HEALTH REFORM PLAN DEMONSTRATES HIS TENACITY, HIS WILLINGNESS TO TAKE ON
POWERFUL LOBBY GROUPS AND HIS COMMITMENT TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON A CENTRAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGE. ALMOST EVERY PRESIDENT SINCE WORLD WAR II HAS WANTED TO DO WHAT BILL CLINTON DID LAST NIGHT -- PRESENT A PLAN FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE TO THE U.S. CONGRESS. LAST NIGHT'S SPEECH WAS VINTAGE CLINTON -- SHOWING YET AGAIN HE IS NOT AFRAID TO TAKE ON SOME OF THE WEALTHIEST GROUPS IN THE NATION INCLUDING THE POWERFUL HEALTH INSURANCE INDUSTRY."

7. AN OP-ED ARTICLE IN TODAY'S LIBERAL SYDNEY MORNING HERALD FROM ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT READ, "EVEN AS PRESIDENT CLINTON FORMALLY UNVEILED HILLARY CLINTON'S WIDELY-LEAKED BLUEPRINT FOR HEALTH REFORM IN CONGRESS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT, CRITICISM OF THE PLAN'S KEY ELEMENTS WAS ALREADY THREATENING TO ENGULF IT.... WIDE-RANGING SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL REFORMS ARE HARD ENOUGH IN ANY COUNTRY. THEY ARE ESPECIALLY TRICKY IN THE UNITED STATES WITH ITS CONSTITUTIONAL SEPARATION OF POWERS AND THE INFLUENCE OF WEALTHY LOBBY GROUPS OVER BEHOLDEN CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS. BUT THE SADDEST ASPECT OF THE CLINTONS' UNIQUELY MADE-IN-AMERICA PLAN IS THAT IT HAS ACKNOWLEDGED ALL THESE OBSTACLES TO REFORM BY PRODUCING A HEAVILY COMPROMISED PROPOSAL FROM THE START. IN ESSENCE IT WOULD TONE UP, RATHER THAN SURGICALLY ALTER, THE LARGELY UNREGULATED, PRIVATELY-RUN U.S. HEALTH SYSTEM."

NAFTA

8. THE BUSINESS-ORIENTED AUSTRALIAN FINANCIAL REVIEW HAD AN OP-ED PAGE REPORT FROM ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT WHICH READ, "IN WASHINGTON LAST WEEK, PAUL KEATING URGED BILL CLINTON TO HELP PUT 'FLESH ON THE BONES' OF THE APEC INITIATIVE BEFORE EXTENDING THE NAFTA SOUTH OF MEXICO. YET ONLY HOURS BEFORE CLINTON HOSTED A PRO-NAFTA PEP TALK WHERE HE WAXED ABOUT ANNEXING MOST OF SOUTH AMERICA TO THE FREE-TRADE DEAL.... WHILE AUSTRALIA HAS DECIDED TO LIVE WITH NAFTA, IT NOW FEARS A BIGGER WESTERN HEMISPHERE FREE-TRADE ZONE --- A WHFTA --- STRETCHING FROM ANCHORAGE TO PATAGONIA."