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Paris -- Thursday June 3, 1993

(A) Summary of Type of Coverage:
Government plans to curb immigration and unemployment are the top stories in the press today.

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SUBJ: DAILY MEDIA REACTION REPORT
PARIS -- THURSDAY JUNE 3, 1993

(A) SUMMARY OF TYPE OF COVERAGE:
GOVERNMENT PLANS TO CURB IMMIGRATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT
ARE THE TOP STORIES IN THE PRESS TODAY.

PRIME MINISTER EDOUARD BALLADUR WAS THE GUEST OF A TWO-
HOUR LONG TV SPECIAL ON FRANCE 3 LAST NIGHT. HE TRIED
TO JUSTIFY THE "NECESSARY SACRIFICES" WHICH HE IS ASKING THE FRENCH TO MAKE. ON GATT, BALLADUR SAID THAT FRANCE WILL NOT ACCEPT NEGOTIATIONS THAT "WOULD ... PUT EUROPEAN FIRMS IN A WEAK POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE REST OF THE WORLD". HE SAID HE WAS SPEAKING FOR EUROPEAN FIRMS AND NOT ONLY FOR FRENCH, AND ADDED: "EUROPE AS AN ECONOMIC BODY MUST BE DEFENDED AS WELL AS OTHERS (I.E. U.S.); (IT MUST NOT BE) THE ONE OF WHOM MOST SACRIFICES ARE ASKED." SPEAKING OF TRADE PROTECTION, BALLADUR SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS "A WHOLE ARSENAL" OF SUCH PROTECTIONIST MEASURES AND SAID: "IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF GETTING FOR EUROPE MORE PROTECTION THAN OTHERS HAVE, IT IS A QUESTION OF NOT PROTECTING IT LESS....AND REJECTING UNFAIR PRACTICES." (AFP QUOTES).

THE FRANCO-GERMAN SUMMIT, WHICH ENDED YESTERDAY IN BEAUNE, IS ANOTHER MAJOR STORY. COMMENTATORS REPORT THAT PARIS AND BONN AGREE ON BOSNIA AND GATT. MASS-APEAL LE PARISIEN SPEAKS OF "A SUMMIT OF CONSENSUS", AFP OF A "FRANCO-GERMAN RAPPROCHEMENT ON BOSNIA AND GATT".

ON BOSNIA, PARIS AND BONN ISSUED A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WHICH SAYS THAT "FRANCE AND GERMANY CONFIRM THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE VANCE-OWEN PEACE PLAN AND THINK THAT THE CREATION OF SAFE AREAS IS NEEDED TO PROTECT CIVILIANS IN BOSNIA". LES ECHOS SPEAKS OF THE "SUCCESS OF COMPROMISE DIPLOMACY".

ON GATT, BOTH COUNTRIES AGREE ON A "GLOBAL" APPROACH, AND NOT A "FRAGMENTATION" OF THE CURRENTLY DISCUSSED ISSUES. AFP QUOTES CHANCELOR KOHL AS SAYING "TALKING OF AGRICULTURE AND PUSHING ASIDE OTHER ISSUES HAS GIVEN AN ADVANTAGE TO OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS". AFP SAYS THIS IS AN "UNUSUAL" CRITICISM OF THE U.S. ON THE PART OF THE GERMANS. FINANCIAL LA TRIBUNE'S SPECIAL ENVOY REPORTS THAT "THE GERMANS HAVE COME CLOSER TO THE FRENCH POSITIONS".

THE CONFLICT IN EX-YUGOSLAVIA STILL MAKES THE HEADLINES. FOCUS IS ON TUESDAY'S RIOTS IN BELGRADE, FOLLOWING THE OUTSTER OF YUGOSLAV PRESIDENT DOBRICA COSIC.

RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE QUOTIDIEN REPORTS ON ITS FRONT PAGE ON U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE WARREN CHRISTOPHER'S INTERVIEW ON PBS: "WASHINGTON WASHES ITS HANDS" (SEE PART D OF REPORT).

THE PARIS BUREAU OF ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTS ON FORMER PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH'S SPEECH TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VISA INTERNATIONAL IN THE FRENCH RIVIERA CITY OF CANNES: "GEORGE BUSH SAYS FORCE IS NOT THE WAY TO BRING PEACE TO BOSNIA, BUT IF PRESIDENT CLINTON DECIDES TO USE THE MILITARY, HE'D BETTER BE READY TO COMMIT GROUND"
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TROOPS TO THE TASK. 'IN MY VIEW, YOU DON'T USE THE MILITARY TO SEND A MESSAGE--YOU SEND IT TO PERFORM A MISSION,' BUSH SAID."
THE PRESS REPORTS ON THE ON-GOING OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING. FOCUS IS ON U.S. TREASURY SECRETARY BENTSEN'S "CRITICISMS" AGAINST JAPAN AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE REPORTS ON BENTSEN'S STATEMENTS, AND HEADLINES: "THE UNITED STATES CRITICIZES JAPAN AND URGES EUROPE TO (MAKE) GREATER EFFORTS"; ECONOMIC LES ECHOS SPEAKS OF BENTSEN'S "BRUTAL FRANKNESS". (SEE PART D OF REPORT).
IN THE U.S.-EC MARKET ACCESS DISPUTE, LIBERATION AND AFP REPORT THAT THE 12 AMBASSADORS TO THE EC AGREED YESTERDAY IN PRINCIPLE ON A SERIES OF RETALIATION MEASURES AGAINST THE UNITED STATES, FOLLOWING THE U.S. DECISION TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS ON THE EC. FINANCIAL LA TRIBUNE PUBLISHES A TWO-PAGE DOSSIER ON HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON'S "RISKY AND HUGE TASK"--TO REFORM THE U.S. HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. LA TRIBUNE CALLS MRS. CLINTON "THE MOST INFLUENTIAL FIRST LADY IN U.S. HISTORY".
COMMUNIST L'HUMANITE PUBLISHES A TWO-PAGE INTERVIEW WITH MARIE-FRANCE TOINET, A WELL-KNOWN SPECIALIST ON THE U.S. POLITICAL SYSTEM. "TODAY, ONE HAS THE IMPRESSION THAT THE UNITED STATES CANNOT FIND THE WAY TO SUCCESS AND PROGRESS. DIFFICULTIES ARE PILING UP....FUNDAMENTALLY, ONE HAS THE IMPRESSION THAT THE UNITED STATES DID NOT KNOW HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE", TOINET SAYS.
(B) STORIES COVERED IN REPORT:
1. EX-YUGOSLAVIA
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OECD MINISTERIAL:
"THE UNITED STATES CRITICIZES JAPAN AND URGES EUROPE TO (MAKE) GREATER EFFORTS" (AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE)
"WASHINGTON ATTACKS THE EC AND JAPAN" (LES ECHOS-FRONT PAGE)
"THE U.S. CRITICIZES EUROPEAN AND JAPANESE FUSILLANIMITY" (LES ECHOS-PAGE 6)
(D) SUPPORTING TEXT:
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OUTBURST OF FRANKNESS, U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE WARREN CHRISTOPHER SAID TUESDAY NIGHT (ON TV PBS) THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD NO VITAL INTERESTS IN BOSNIA AND THAT THE MILITARY OPTIONS ADVOCATED BY WASHINGTON WERE NOT VERY EFFECTIVE."
AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE REPORTS ON THE SAME TV INTERVIEW: 
"...U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE WARREN CHRISTOPHER TRIED TO PLAY DOWN THE IMPORTANCE THAT ONE SHOULD ATTACH...TO THE AIR COVER THAT THE U.S. COULD PROVIDE. IN A TV INTERVIEW TUESDAY NIGHT, HE SAID THAT U.S. MILITARY EXPERTS THOUGHT THAT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF STRIKES AGAINST SERB ARTILLERY WOULD NOT LAST BEYOND THE SECOND DAY."
STILL LE QUOTIDIEN WITH PHILIPPE MARCOVICI ON PAGE 12: 
"...ALTHOUGH THEY SIGNED THE WASHINGTON ACCORD, THE AMERICANS ARE ONCE AGAIN SHOWING THEIR IRRESOLUTENESS--WHICH IS IN FACT THAT OF THEIR PRESIDENT: THEY SUDDENLY HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT 'SAFE HAVENS'. THEY WOULD LIKE TO GET A MORE PRECISE DEFINITION OF TERMS UNDER WHICH U.S. AIRPLANES WOULD EXTEND SUPPORT TO BLUE HELMETS IN THE PROTECTED AREAS. IN THE MINDS OF THE AMERICANS, THIS SUPPORT WOULD ONLY BE PROVIDED IN CASE OF A DIRECT THREAT AGAINST UN FORCES, NOT TO PROTECT THE CIVILIAN POPULATION."
JEAN-JACQUES MEVEL IN CONSERVATIVE LE FIGARO: "ALREADY DERIDED BY SOME SERBS WHO ARE DETERMINED TO GET RID OF THE LAST MUSLIM GHETTOS IN BOSNIA, THE WEST JUST SUFFERED A NEW EXASPERATING SETBACK IN BELGRADE. PARIS, LONDON, WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW WERE DREAMING OF SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC DONNING THE FIREMAN UNIFORM AND EXITING THE CITY, BUT THE BELGRADE STRONGMAN HAS JUST PUT HIMSELF IN THE RANKS OF THE ARSONISTS (USTER OF DOBRICA COSIC, TUESDAY RIOTS)."
IN LIBERATION, PIERRE HASKI COMMENTS ON THE GERMAN SUPPORT FOR THE WASHINGTON JOINT ACTION PROGRAM, EXPRESSED AT THE FRANCO-GERMAN SUMMIT IN BEAUNE: "...THIS (FRANCO-GERMAN) AGREEMENT HARDLY HIDES THE AMBIGUITIES IN THE WASHINGTON PROGRAM, WHICH LACKS ANY COERCITIVE MEANS. BY SPEAKING OF A 'PROGRESSIVE IMPLEMENTATION' OF THE VANCE-OWEN PLAN, BY STRESSING...THE 'PRIORITY IS TO AVOID NEW MASSACRES', WESTERNERS RUN THE RISK OF FREEZING THE SITUATION AND SERBIAN CONQUESTS. YESTERDAY, PARIS AND BONN OPTED FOR THE POSITIVE READING OF AN AMBIGUOUS TEXT."
PAIN GUILBERT IN CONSERVATIVE LE FIGARO: "...ONE COULD SAY THAT (THE FRANCO-GERMAN JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON BOSNIA) IS A MONUMENT OF SHARED HYPOCRISY, SINCE EVERY ONE KNOWS THAT THE VANCE-OWEN PLAN IS MORE DIPLOMATIC FICTION THAN REALISTIC PROMISE."
HELENE DESPIC-POPOVIC REPORTS FROM BELGRADE IN LIBERATION: "VIOLENCE REAPPEARED IN THE BELGRADE STREETS.
AFTER THE OUSTER OF YUGOSLAV PRESIDENT DOBRICA COSIC, UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 04 PARIS 14277

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THUS CONFIRMING THE PREDICTIONS THAT HIS DEPARTURE WOULD INCREASE POLITICAL INSTABILITY IN THE COUNTRY."

2. OECD MINISTERIAL:

BIANCA RIEMER IN FINANCIAL LA TRIBUNE: "FOR HIS DEBUT IN OECD MINISTERIALS, THE NEW U.S. TREASURY SECRETARY, LLOYD BENTSEN, PLAYED A TUNE WELL KNOWN FROM HIS PREDECESSORS' REPERTOIRE: STRONG CRITICISM OF JAPAN AND A CALL FOR NEW CUTS IN EUROPEAN INTEREST RATES IN ORDER TO REVIVE WORLD GROWTH.... WHAT IS NEW IS THAT LLOYD BENTSEN DID NOT TRY TO HIDE HIS DISAPPOINTMENT OVER RECENT U.S. ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE."

ECONOMIC LES ECHOS' MARTINE ROYO: "WITHOUT KID GLOVES, U.S. TREASURY SECRETARY LLOYD BENTSEN URGED EUROPE AND JAPAN YESTERDAY AT THE OECD MINISTERIAL TO MAKE EXTRA EFFORTS TO REVIVE THEIR ECONOMIES. HE SAID TO JAPANESE OFFICIALS THAT THEIR HUGE TRADE SURPLUSES HINDER WORLD GROWTH; HE TOLD EUROPEAN OFFICIALS THAT THEY ARE TOO TIMID IN BRINGING DOWN THEIR INTEREST RATES. WITH HIS BRUTAL FRANKNESS, LLOYD BENTSEN DID NOT HIDE THAT RECOVERY IN JAPAN AND EUROPE WAS NECESSARY FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE U.S. POLICY OF REDUCING THE BUDGET AND TRADE DEFICITS.... BENTSEN WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT ECONOMIC TRENDS IN JAPAN."

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE: "THE MINISTERS OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD, WHICH IS SICK WITH RECESSION AND UNEMPLOYMENT, TRIED TO FIND REMEDIES FOR THE CRISIS ON WEDNESDAY IN PARIS. BUT THEY DID NOT SUCCEED IN TONING DOWN THEIR TRADE DISPUTES. ONCE AGAIN, JAPAN FOUND ITSELF IN THE POSITION OF THE NUMBER-ONE CULPRIT.... U.S. TREASURY SECRETARY LLOYD BENTSEN OPENED THE HOSTILITIES WHEN HE PUBLICLY SAID THAT JAPAN'S HUGE TRADE SURPLUSES 'HURT WORLD GROWTH'."

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE, IN ANOTHER REPORT: "U.S. TREASURY SECRETARY LLOYD BENTSEN EXPRESSED STRONG CRITICISMS AGAINST JAPAN WEDNESDAY IN PARIS, SAYING THAT JAPANESE TRADE SURPLUSES HAD BECOME A 'GLOBAL PROBLEM' WHICH IS 'HURTING WORLD GROWTH'. THE U.S. OFFICIAL SAID 'THE WORLD CANNOT DEPEND ON GROWTH IN THE UNITED STATES TO PULL IT OUT OF RECESSION.' HE URGED JAPAN TO MAKE EXTRA EFFORTS TO STIMULATE ITS ECONOMY AND EUROPE TO PULL IT OUT OF RECESSION."

ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTS FROM PARIS: "JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES, USING A MEETING ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION TO ATTACK EACH OTHER'S TRADING SYSTEMS, SHOW NO SIGN OF EASING THEIR LATEST CONFRONTATION OVER THE SOARING
JAPANESE TRADE SURPLUS."
FIGARO'S FIGECO SAYS: "AT LAST A RAY OF HOPE FOR THE URUGUAY ROUND? THE U.S., EUROPEAN, JAPANESE AND CANADIAN NEGOTIATORS... SAID YESTERDAY THEY HAD MADE SATISFACTORY PROGRESS ON A PACKAGE FOR MARKET ACCESS.... THE AMERICANS HAVE DECIDED TO PRESS THEIR PARTNERS. 'THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO BE BOLD,' MICKEY KANTOR SAID." KORENGOLD

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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 KISMAHU, 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:
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1. HILLARY CLINTON:
PHILIPPE RELTIN ON RADIO FRANCE INTER: "...PRESIDENT 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 FOSED MORE ACUTEY.... 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 ATTACH 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 Beylaü in Weekly Liberal Le Point: "SADDAM HUSSEIN HAS PERHAPS SCORED HIS FIRST VICTORY SINCE THE GULF WAR--NOT IN MILITARY TERMS OBVIOUSLY.... BUT THE UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 03 PARIS 01923
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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

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SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT

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

1. CENTRIST STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG AND CENTRIST MITTELDEUTSCHE 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 HOPE 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.....

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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, lawmakrs, 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

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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
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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 DEFENCE 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."
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   President Clinton: (QUOTE) GOOD AFTERNOON, LADIES AND
   GENTLEMEN.
   I'M SORRY, WE HAD A LAST MINUTE DELAY OCCASIONED BY
   ANOTHER ISSUE, NOT THIS ONE.
   THE DEBATE OVER WHETHER TO LIFT THE BAN ON HOMOSEXUALS
   IN THE MILITARY HAS, TO PUT IT MILDLY, SPARKED A GREAT DEAL OF
   INTEREST OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS.
   TODAY, AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT, AT
   LEAST WITH SENATOR NUNN AND SENATOR MITCHELL, ABOUT HOW WE WILL
   PROCEED IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.
   BUT FIRST I'D LIKE TO EXPLAIN WHAT I BELIEVE ABOUT
   THIS ISSUE AND WHY, AND WHAT I HAVE DECIDED TO DO, AFTER A LONG
   CONVERSATION, AND A VERY GOOD ONE WITH THE JOINT CHIEFS
   OF STAFF, AND DISCUSSIONS WITH SEVERAL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.
   THE ISSUE IS NOT WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE HOMOSEXUALS
   IN THE MILITARY. EVERYONE CONCEDES THAT THERE ARE. THE ISSUE IS
   WHETHER MEN AND WOMEN WHO CAN AND HAVE SERVED WITH REAL
   DISTINCTION SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM MILITARY SERVICE SOLELY ON
   THE BASIS OF THEIR STATUS.
   AND I BELIEVE THEY SHOULD NOT. THE PRINCIPLE ON WHICH
   I BASE THIS POSITION IS THIS. I BELIEVE THAT AMERICAN CITIZENS
   WHO WANT TO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO SO UNLESS
   THEIR CONDUCT DISQUALIFIES THEM FROM DOING SO.
   MILITARY LIFE IS FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT FROM CIVILIAN
   SOCIETY. IT NECESSARILY HAS A DIFFERENT AND STRICTER CODE OF
   CONDUCT, EVEN A DIFFERENT CODE OF JUSTICE.
   NONETHELESS, INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT
   ALL NECESSARY RESTRICTIONS ON THEIR BEHAVIOR, MANY OF WHICH
WOULD BE INTOLERABLE IN CIVILIAN SOCIETY, SHOULD BE ABLE TO
SERVE THEIR COUNTRY HONORABLY AND WELL.

I HAVE ASKED THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO SUBMIT BY
JULY THE 15TH A DRAFT EXECUTIVE ORDER, AFTER FULL CONSULTATION
WITH MILITARY AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, AND CONCERED
INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE OF THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH WOULD END THE
PRESENT POLICY SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF--EXCUSE ME--OF EXCLUSION
FROM MILITARY SERVICE SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION,
AND AT THE SAME TIME, ESTABLISH RIGOROUS STANDARDS
REGARDING SEXUAL CONDUCT TO BE APPLIED TO ALL MILITARY
PERSONNEL.

THIS DRAFT ORDER WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A STUDY
CONDUCTED DURING THE NEXT SIX MONTHS ON THE REAL PRACTICAL
PROBLEMS THAT WOULD BE INVOLVED IN THIS REVISION OF POLICY, SO
THAT WE WILL HAVE A PRACTICAL, REALISTIC APPROACH CONSISTENT
WITH THE HIGH STANDARDS OF COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS AND UNIT
COHESION THAT OUR ARMED SERVICES MUST MAINTAIN.

I AGREE WITH THE JOINT CHIEFS THAT THE HIGHEST
STANDARDS OF CONDUCT MUST BE REQUIRED. THE CHANGE CANNOT AND
SHOULD NOT BE ACCOMPLISHED OVERNIGHT. IT DOES REQUIRE EXTENSIVE
CONSULTATION WITH THE JOINT CHIEFS, EXPERTS IN THE CONGRESS AND
IN THE LEGAL COMMUNITY, JOINED BY MY ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS.
WE'VE CONSULTED CLOSELY TO DATE AND WILL DO SO IN THE FUTURE.
DURING THAT PROCESS, INTERIM MEASURES WILL BE PLACED INTO
EFFECT, WHICH I HOPE AGAIN SHARPEN THE FOCUS OF THIS DEBATE.

THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF HAVE AGREED TO REMOVE THE
QUESTION REGARDING ONE'S SEXUAL ORIENTATION FROM FUTURE VERSIONS
OF THE ENLISTMENT APPLICATION AND IT WILL NOT BE ASKED IN THE
INTERIM.

WE ALSO ALL AGREE THAT A VERY HIGH STANDARD OF CONDUCT
CAN AND MUST BE APPLIED. SO THE SINGLE AREA OF DISAGREEMENT IS
THIS. SHOULD SOMEONE BE ABLE TO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY IN UNIFORM
IF THEY SAY THEY ARE HOMOSEXUAL BUT THEY DO NOTHING WHICH
VIOLATES THE CODE OF CONDUCT, UNDERMINES UNIT COHESION OR MORALE
APART FROM THAT STATEMENT?

THAT IS WHAT THE FUROR OF THE LAST FEW DAYS HAS BEEN
ABOUT. AND THE PRACTICAL AND NOT INSIGNIFICANT ISSUES RAISED BY
THAT ISSUE ARE WHAT WILL BE STUDIED IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS.

THROUGH THIS PERIOD ENDING JULY 15TH, THE DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE WILL SEEK CONTINUANCES IN PENDING COURT CASES
INVOLVING REINSTATEMENT, AND ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATIONS UNDER
CURRENT DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE POLICIES BASED ON STATUS ALONE
WILL BE STAYED, PENDING COMPLETION OF THIS REVIEW!

THE FINAL DISCHARGE IN CASES BASED ONLY ON STATUS WILL
BE SUSPENDED UNTIL THE PRESIDENT HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW
AND ACT UPON THE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECRETARY OF
DEFENSE WITH RESPECT TO THE CURRENT POLICY.

IN THE MEANTIME, A MEMBER WHO'S DISCHARGE HAS BEEN
SUSPENDED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL BE SEPARATED FROM ACTIVE
DUTY AND PLACED IN STAND-BY RESERVE UNTIL THE FINAL REPORT OF
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND THE FINAL ACTION OF THE PRESIDENT.

THIS IS THE AGREEMENT THAT I HAVE REACHED WITH SENATOR
NUNN AND SENATOR MITCHELL. DURING THIS REVIEW PROCESS, I WILL
WORK WITH THE CONGRESS AND I BELIEVE THE COMPROMISE ANNOUNCED
TODAY BY THE SENATORS AND BY ME SHOWS THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER
TO END THE GRIDLOCK THAT HAS PLAGUED OUR CITY FOR TOO LONG. THIS
COMPROMISE IS NOT EVERYTHING I WOULD HAVE HOPED FOR, OR
EVERYTHING THAT I HAVE STOOD FOR, BUT IT IS PLAINLY A
SUBSTANTIAL STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

AND IT WILL ALLOW US TO MOVE FORWARD ON OTHER TERRIBLY IMPORTANT ISSUES AFFECTING FAR MORE AMERICANS. MY ADMINISTRATION CAME TO THIS CITY WITH A MISSION--TO BRING CRITICAL ISSUES OF REFORM AND RENEWAL, AND ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION TO THE PUBLIC DEBATE--ISSUES THAT ARE CENTRAL TO THE LIVES OF ALL AMERICANS.

WE ARE WORKING ON AN ECONOMIC REFORM AGENDA THAT WILL BEGIN WITH AN ADDRESS TO THE JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS ON FEBRUARY 17TH.

IN THE COMING MONTHS THE WHITE HOUSE TASK FORCE ON HEALTH CARE, CHAIRED BY THE FIRST LADY, WILL COMPLETE WORK ON A COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE REFORM PROPOSAL TO BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS WITHIN 100 DAYS OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THIS ADMINISTRATION.

WE WILL BE DESIGNING A SYSTEM OF NATIONAL SERVICE, TO BEGIN A SEASON OF SERVICE IN WHICH OUR NATION'S UNMET NEEDS ARE ADDRESSED, AND WE PROVIDE MORE YOUNG PEOPLE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO COLLEGE.

WE WILL BE PROPOSING COMPREHENSIVE WELFARE REFORM LEGISLATION, AND OTHER IMPORTANT INITIATIVES.

I APPLAUD THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE IN THE LAST TWO OR THREE DAYS BY SENATOR NUNN, SENATOR MITCHELL AND OTHERS, TO UNCLAS FINAL SECTION OF 02 ENABLE US TO MOVE FORWARD ON A PRINCIPLE THAT IS IMPORTANT TO ME, WITHOUT SHUTTING THE GOVERNMENT DOWN AND RUNNING THE RISK OF NOT EVEN ADDRESSING THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ISSUE WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT TO AMERICA'S FAMILIES, BEFORE CONGRESS GOES INTO ITS RECESS.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING ON WITH THIS ISSUE OVER THE NEXT SIX MONTHS, AND WITH THESE OTHER ISSUES WHICH WERE SO CENTRAL TO THE CAMPAIGN, AND FAR MORE IMPORTANTLY, ARE SO IMPORTANT TO THE LIVES OF ALL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. (UNQUOTE)

2. THE WHITE HOUSE ALSO ISSUED THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE TODAY CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE POLICY REGARDING HOMOSEXUALS IN THE MILITARY:


CURRENT DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PERSONNEL POLICIES RELATED TO THIS ISSUE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT AT LEAST THROUGH JULY 15, 1993, WHILE THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IS CONDUCTING THE REVIEW DIRECTED BY THE PRESIDENT, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE:

FIRST, QUESTIONS REGARDING SEXUAL ORIENTATION WILL BE REMOVED FROM FUTURE VERSIONS OF THE INDUCTION APPLICATION, AND WILL NOT BE ASKED IN THE INTERIM. THE BRIEFINGS ON MILITARY JUSTICE WHICH ALL RECRUITS ARE REQUIRED TO RECEIVE UPON ENTRY TO MILITARY SERVICE AND PERIODICALLY THEREAFTER UNDER ARTICLE 137 OF THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE WILL INCLUDE A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING SEXUAL CONDUCT BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICES.


THIRD, COMMANDING OFFICERS WILL CONTINUE TO PROCESS CASES UNDER
THE CURRENT CASES AND REGULATIONS RELATED TO HOMOSEXUALITY.

-- CASES INVOLVING HOMOSEXUAL CONDUCT WILL BE PROCESSED THROUGH
ACTUAL SEPARATION AND DISCHARGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT POLICY.

- WHEN A CASE INVOLVES ONLY HOMOSEXUAL STATUS AND THE PERSON
INVOLVED REQUESTS A DISCHARGE, THE PERSON WILL BE RELEASED FROM
ACTIVE DUTY.

-- CASES INVOLVING ACKNOWLEDGED HOMOSEXUAL STATUS BEING CON-
TESTED BY THE INDIVIDUAL WILL BE PROCESSED THROUGH ALL APPLICABLE
STAGES, INCLUDING NOTICE OF THE BASIS FOR SEPARATION, HEARING
BEFORE A BOARD OF OFFICERS, REVIEW OF THE BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS
BY THE SEPARATION AUTHORITY, AND ACTION BY THE SEPARATION AUTHORITY
TO DISCHARGE THE PERSON. IF DIRECTED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE
FINAL DISCHARGE IN THE CASES BASED ONLY ON STATUS WILL BE SUSPENDED
UNTIL THE PRESIDENT ACTS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECRETARY OF
DEFENSE WITH RESPECT TO CURRENT POLICY. A MEMBER WHOSE DISCHARGE
HAS BEEN SUSPENDED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL BE SEPARATED FROM
ACTIVE DUTY AND PLACED IN THE STANDBY RESERVE. INDIVIDUALS IN THE
STANDBY RESERVE WOULD HAVE THE OPTION TO RETURN, UPON REQUEST, TO
ACTIVE DUTY SHOULD THE CURRENT POLICY BE CHANGED. THOSE PERSONNEL
WHOSE CASES HAVE NOT BEEN SUSPENDED WILL BE DISCHARGED.

-- COMMANDING OFFICERS MAY, IN THE INTERESTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL
OR THE UNIT CONCERNED, DIRECT CHANGES IN THE ASSIGNMENT OF PERSON,
NEL DURING THE COURSE OF SEPARATION PROCEEDINGS. (UNQUOTE)

3. THE FOLLOWING IS INITIAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE CONCERNING THE
ISSUE OF HOMOSEXUALS IN THE MILITARY:

A. DETAILS OF HOW THE POLICY REVIEW PROCESS WILL PROCEED AND OF
MANY OF THE POLICY IMPLICATIONS WHILE THE REVIEW IS IN PROGRESS ARE
NOT YET AVAILABLE. UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE REVIEW HAS
PROGRESSED FURTHER AND MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE, IT IS INAP-
PROPRIATE TO SPECULATE ON THE REVIEW PROCESS, ITS PARAMETERS,
PROGRESS OR OUTCOME. MUCH OF THE INFORMATION THE MEDIA OR GENERAL
PUBLIC WILL REQUEST REGARDING THE STATUS OF LEGAL CASES, AND THE
IMPACT ON EXISTING MILITARY DISCIPLINE, HOUSING AND OTHER APPLICA,
BLE POLICIES IS NOT YET KNOWN AND IS CENTRAL TO THE POLICY REVIEW.

B. AUTHORIZED SPOKESPERSONS MAY DRAW FROM THE TEXT OF THE
PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT AND/OR WHITE HOUSE PRESS RELEASE IN RESPONSE
TO QUERY. IF ASKED ABOUT DOD POLICY, UNIT COMMANDERS AND AUTHO-
RIZED SPOKESPERSONS SHOULD RESPOND TO MEDIA AND PUBLIC INQUIRIES AS
FOLLOWS UNTIL FURTHER GUIDANCE IS RECEIVED: (QUOTE) THE DEPART-
MENT OF DEFENSE WILL ISSUE ORDERS NEXT WEEK TO IMPLEMENT THE
PRESIDENT'S INSTRUCTIONS. THE CONSULTATION AND REVIEW PROCESS
WHICH WILL LEAD TO A DRAFT EXECUTIVE ORDER IS UNDERWAY. (UNQUOTE)

C' REQUESTS FOR INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE HANDLED AT THE UNIT LEVEL
IN A WAY THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH REQUESTS ON ANY DEFENSE/UNIT-RE-
LATED TOPIC. CONSISTENT WITH OPERATIONS AND A UNIT'S ABILITY TO
SUPPORT, MEDIA WILL CONTINUE TO BE PERMITTED TO CONDUCT "PERSON ON
THE STREET" INTERVIEWS TO SOLICIT INDIVIDUAL MILITARY MEMBERS' OPINIONS
ON THE ISSUE OF HOMOSEXUALS IN THE MILITARY. ALL REQUESTS
FOR ON-BASE MEDIA AVAILABILITIES OR INTERVIEWS WITH ANY MILITARY
PERSON WILL BE COORDINATED THROUGH THE LOCAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE.' ALL OPINIONS EXPRESSED BY MILITARY MEMBERS WILL BE CLEARLY IDENTI-
IFIED AS PERSONAL OPINION.

4. OASD(PA) POINTS OF CONTACT FOR PLANS ARE LT COL P.J. CROWLEY,
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WOULD BE INTOLERABLE IN CIVILIAN SOCIETY, SHOULD BE ABLE TO
SERVE THEIR COUNTRY HONORABLY AND WELL.

I HAVE ASKED THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO SUBMIT BY
JULY THE 15TH A DRAFT EXECUTIVE ORDER, AFTER FULL CONSULTATION
WITH MILITARY AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, AND CONCERNED
INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE OF THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH WOULD END THE
PRESENT POLICY SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF—EXCUSE ME—OF EXCLUSION
FROM MILITARY SERVICE SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION,
AND AT THE SAME TIME, ESTABLISH RIGOROUS STANDARDS
REGARDING SEXUAL CONDUCT TO BE APPLIED TO ALL MILITARY
PERSONNEL.

THIS DRAFT ORDER WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A STUDY
CONDUCTED DURING THE NEXT SIX MONTHS ON THE REAL PRACTICAL
PROBLEMS THAT WOULD BE INVOLVED IN THIS REVISION OF POLICY, SO
THAT WE WILL HAVE A PRACTICAL, REALISTIC APPROACH CONSISTENT
COHESION THAT OUR ARMED SERVICES MUST MAINTAIN.

I AGREE WITH THE JOINT CHIEFS THAT THE HIGHEST
STANDARDS OF CONDUCT MUST BE REQUIRED. THE CHANGE CANNOT AND
SHOULD NOT BE ACCOMPLISHED OVERNIGHT. IT DOES REQUIRE EXTENSIVE
CONSULTATION WITH THE JOINT CHIEFS, EXPERTS IN THE CONGRESS AND
IN THE LEGAL COMMUNITY, JOINED BY MY ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS.
WE'VE CONSULTED CLOSELY TO DATE AND WILL DO SO IN THE FUTURE.
DURING THAT PROCESS, INTERIM MEASURES WILL BE PLACED INTO
EFFECT, WHICH I HOPE AGAIN SHARPEN THE FOCUS OF THIS DEBATE.

THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF HAVE AGREED TO REMOVE THE
QUESTION REGARDING ONE'S SEXUAL ORIENTATION FROM FUTURE VERSIONS
OF THE ENLISTMENT APPLICATION AND IT WILL NOT BE ASKED IN THE
INTERIM.

WE ALSO ALL AGREE THAT A VERY HIGH STANDARD OF CONDUCT
CAN AND MUST BE APPLIED. SO THE SINGLE AREA OF DISAGREEMENT IS
THIS. SHOULD SOMEONE BE ABLE TO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY IN UNIFORM
IF THEY SAY THEY ARE HOMOSEXUAL BUT THEY DO NOTHING WHICH
VIOLATES THE CODE OF CONDUCT, UNDERMINES UNIT COHESION OR MORALE
APART FROM THAT STATEMENT?

THAT IS WHAT THE FUROR OF THE LAST FEW DAYS HAS BEEN
ABOUT. AND THE PRACTICAL AND NOT INSIGNIFICANT ISSUES RAISED BY
THAT ISSUE ARE WHAT WILL BE STUDIED IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS.
THROUGH THIS PERIOD ENDING JULY 15TH, THE DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE WILL SEEK CONTINUANCES IN PENDING COURT CASES
INVOLVING REINSTATEMENT, AND ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATIONS UNDER
CURRENT DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE POLICIES BASED ON STATUS ALONE
WILL BE STAYED, PENDING COMPLETION OF THIS REVIEW.

THE FINAL DISCHARGE IN CASES BASED ONLY ON STATUS WILL
BE SUSPENDED UNTIL THE PRESIDENT HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW
AND ACT UPON THE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECRETARY OF
DEFENSE WITH RESPECT TO THE CURRENT POLICY.

IN THE MEANTIME, A MEMBER WHO'S DISCHARGE HAS BEEN
SUSPENDED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL BE SEPARATED FROM ACTIVE
DUTY AND PLACED IN STAND-BY RESERVE UNTIL THE FINAL REPORT OF
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND THE FINAL ACTION OF THE PRESIDENT.

THIS IS THE AGREEMENT THAT I HAVE REACHED WITH SENATOR
NUNN AND SENATOR MITCHELL. DURING THIS REVIEW PROCESS, I WILL
WORK WITH THE CONGRESS AND I BELIEVE THE COMPROMISE ANNOUNCED
TODAY BY THE SENATORS AND BY ME SHOWS THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER
COMPROMISE IS NOT EVERYTHING I WOULD HAVE HOPED FOR, OR
EVERYTHING THAT I HAVE STOOD FOR, BUT IT ISPlainLY A
SUBSTANTIAL STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

AND IT WILL ALLOW US TO MOVE FORWARD ON OTHER TERRIBLY
IMPORTANT ISSUES AFFECTING FAR MORE AMERICANS. MY ADMINISTRATION CAME TO THIS CITY WITH A MISSION--TO BRING CRITICAL ISSUES OF REFORM AND RENEWAL, AND ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION TO THE PUBLIC DEBATE--ISSUES THAT ARE CENTRAL TO THE LIVES OF ALL AMERICANS.

WE ARE WORKING ON AN ECONOMIC REFORM AGENDA THAT WILL BEGIN WITH AN ADDRESS TO THE JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS ON FEBRUARY 17TH.

IN THE COMING MONTHS THE WHITE HOUSE TASK FORCE ON HEALTH CARE, CHAIED BY THE FIRST LADY, WILL COMPLETE WORK ON A COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE REFORM PROPOSAL TO BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS WITHIN 100 DAYS OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THIS ADMINISTRATION.

WE WILL BE DESIGNING A SYSTEM OF NATIONAL SERVICE, TO BEGIN A SEASON OF SERVICE IN WHICH OUR NATION'S UNMET NEEDS ARE ADDRESSED, AND WE PROVIDE MORE YOUNG PEOPLE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO COLLEGE.

WE WILL BE PROPOSING COMPREHENSIVE WELFARE REFORM LEGISLATION, AND OTHER IMPORTANT INITIATIVES.

I APPLAUD THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE IN THE LAST TWO OR THREE DAYS BY SENATOR NUNN, SENATOR MITCHELL AND OTHERS, TO ENABLE US TO MOVE FORWARD ON A PRINCIPLE THAT IS IMPORTANT TO ME, WITHOUT SHUTTING THE GOVERNMENT DOWN AND RUNNING THE RISK OF UNCLAS FINAL SECTION OF 02 NOT EVEN ADDRESSING THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ISSUE WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT TO AMERICA'S FAMILIES, BEFORE CONGRESS GOES INTO ITS RECESS.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING ON WITH THIS ISSUE OVER THE NEXT SIX MONTHS, AND WITH THESE OTHER ISSUES WHICH WERE SO CENTRAL TO THE CAMPAIGN, AND FAR MORE IMPORTANTLY, ARE SO IMPORTANT TO THE LIVES OF ALL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. (UNQUOTE)

2. THE WHITE HOUSE ALSO ISSUED THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE TODAY CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE POLICY REGARDING HOMOSEXUALS IN THE MILITARY:


CURRENT DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PERSONNEL POLICIES RELATED TO THIS ISSUE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT AT LEAST THROUGH JULY 15, 1993, WHILE THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IS CONDUCTING THE REVIEW DIRECTED BY THE PRESIDENT, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE:

FIRST, QUESTIONS REGARDING SEXUAL ORIENTATION WILL BE REMOVED FROM FUTURE VERSIONS OF THE INDUCTION APPLICATION, AND WILL NOT BE ASKED IN THE INTERIM. THE BRIEFINGS ON MILITARY JUSTICE WHICH ALL RECRUITS ARE REQUIRED TO RECEIVE UPON ENTRY TO MILITARY SERVICE AND PERIODICALLY THEREAFTER UNDER ARTICLE 137 OF THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE WILL INCLUDE A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING SEXUAL CONDUCT BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.


THIRD, COMMANDING OFFICERS WILL CONTINUE TO PROCESS CASES UNDER THE CURRENT LAWS AND REGULATIONS RELATED TO HOMOSEXUALITY.

-- CASES INVOLVING HOMOSEXUAL CONDUCT WILL BE PROCESSED THROUGH
ACTUAL SEPARATION AND DISCHARGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT POLICY.

-- WHEN A CASE INVOLVES ONLY HOMOSEXUAL STATUS AND THE PERSON INVOLVED REQUESTS A DISCHARGE, THE PERSON WILL BE RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY.

-- CASES INVOLVING ACKNOWLEDGED HOMOSEXUAL STATUS BEING CONTESTED BY THE INDIVIDUAL WILL BE PROCESSED THROUGH ALL APPLICABLE STAGES, INCLUDING NOTICE OF THE BASIS FOR SEPARATION, HEARING BEFORE A BOARD OF OFFICERS, REVIEW OF THE BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE SEPARATION AUTHORITY, AND ACTION BY THE SEPARATION AUTHORITY TO DISCHARGE THE PERSON. IF DIRECTED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FINAL DISCHARGE IN CASES BASED ONLY ON STATUS WILL BE SUSPENDED UNTIL THE PRESIDENT ACTS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WITH RESPECT TO CURRENT POLICY. A MEMBER WHOSE DISCHARGE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL BE SEPARATED FROM ACTIVE DUTY AND PLACED IN THE STANDBY RESERVE. INDIVIDUALS IN THE STANDBY RESERVE WOULD HAVE THE OPTION TO RETURN, UPON REQUEST, TO ACTIVE DUTY SHOULD THE CURRENT POLICY BE CHANGED. THOSE PERSONNEL Whose CASES HAVE NOT BEEN SUSPENDED WILL BE DISCHARGED.

-- COMMANDING OFFICERS MAY, IN THE INTERESTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR THE UNIT CONCERNED, DIRECT CHANGES IN THE ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL DURING THE COURSE OF SEPARATION PROCEEDINGS. (UNQUOTE)

3. THE FOLLOWING IS INITIAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE CONCERNING THE ISSUE OF HOMOSEXUALS IN THE MILITARY:

A. DETAILS OF HOW THE POLICY REVIEW PROCESS WILL PROCEED AND OF MANY OF THE POLICY IMPLICATIONS WHILE THE REVIEW IS IN PROGRESS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE. UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE REVIEW HAS PROGRESSED FURTHER AND MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE, IT IS INAPPROPRIATE TO SPECULATE ON THE REVIEW PROCESS, ITS PARAMETERS, PROGRESS OR OUTCOME. MUCH OF THE INFORMATION THE MEDIA OR GENERAL PUBLIC WILL REQUEST REGARDING THE STATUS OF LEGAL CASES, AND THE IMPACT ON EXISTING MILITARY DISCIPLINE, HOUSING AND OTHER APPLICABLE POLICIES IS NOT YET KNOWN AND IS CENTRAL TO THE POLICY REVIEW.

B. AUTHORIZED SPOKESPERSONS MAY DRAW FROM THE TEXT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT AND/OR WHITE HOUSE PRESS RELEASE IN RESPONSE TO QUERY. IF ASKED ABOUT DOD POLICY, UNIT COMMANDERS AND AUTHORIZED SPOKESPERSONS SHOULD RESPOND TO MEDIA AND PUBLIC INQUIRIES AS FOLLOWS UNTIL FURTHER GUIDANCE IS RECEIVED: (QUOTE) THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WILL ISSUE ORDERS NEXT WEEK TO IMPLEMENT THE PRESIDENT'S INSTRUCTIONS. THE CONSULTATION AND REVIEW PROCESS WHICH WILL LEAD TO A DRAFT EXECUTIVE ORDER IS UNDERWAY. (UNQUOTE)

C. REQUESTS FOR INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE HANDLED AT THE UNIT LEVEL IN A WAY THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH REQUESTS ON ANY DEFENSE/UNIT-RELATED TOPIC. CONSISTENT WITH OPERATIONS AND A UNIT'S ABILITY TO SUPPORT, MEDIA WILL CONTINUE TO BE PERMITTED TO CONDUCT "PERSON ON THE STREET" INTERVIEWS TO SOLICIT INDIVIDUAL MILITARY MEMBERS. OPINIONS ON THE ISSUE OF HOMOSEXUALS IN THE MILITARY. ALL REQUESTS FOR ON-BASE MEDIA AVAILABILITIES OR INTERVIEWS WITH MILITARY PERSONNEL WILL BE COORDINATED THROUGH THE LOCAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE. ALL OPINIONS EXPRESSED BY MILITARY MEMBERS WILL BE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED AS PERSONAL OPINION.

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ON BBC TV'S BREAKFAST NEWS, REPORTER GEORGE EAKIN
INTERVIEWED PEACE CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRMAN LORD OWEN ON HIS
ARRIVAL AT HEATHROW LAST NIGHT. LORD OWEN SAID:
"MY OWN VIEW IS THAT OVER DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK, WE
WILL GET AGREEMENT, EVEN ON THE MAP, PRIOR TO ANY
SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION. AT LEAST, I HOPE SO. I
COULD DRAW YOU A MAP NOW WHICH WOULD PLEASE BOTH THE
BOSNIANS, SERBS AND BOSNIAN MUSLIMS. BUT AT THE MOMENT,
THEY ARE NOT YET PREPARED TO TRADE OFF AGAINST EACH
OTHER, BUT I THINK THAT THEY WILL."
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EAKIN COMMENTED: "LORD OWEN SAYS ONE REASON WHY THE
MUSLIMS ARE HOLDING OUT IS THAT THEY THINK THE AMERICANS
ARE ABOUT TO SEND THEM MILITARY AID. INSTEAD, OWEN SAYS,
PRESIDENT CLINTON SHOULD BACK THE PEACE PLAN."
LORD OWEN WENT ON: "I WOULD LIKE HIM (CLINTON) TO GO
ONE STEP FURTHER, WHICH WOULD BE REALLY SIGNIFICANT,
WHICH WOULD BE TO SAY HE WOULD ACCEPT U.S. FORCES IN BLUE
BERETS CONTRIBUTING TO THE PEACE EFFORT IN BOSNIA-
HERCEGOVINA, PERHAPS CO-ORDINATED BY NATO."
A. TODAY'S MAJOR NEWS STORIES
1. ERM
2. U.S. POLITICS
3. BRITISH ARMY
B. SUMMARY
1. ERM
THE WEEKEND DEVALUATION OF THE IRISH PUNT HAS TURNED MANY
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PAPERS' ATTENTION BACK TO THE TWIN SUBJECTS OF THE
MAASTRICHT TREATY AND ERM. OF THE FIVE EDITORIALS THIS
MORNING, FOUR CATEGORICALLY STATED THAT THE ERM IN ITS PRESENT FORM WOULD SOON COLLAPSE, AND THAT THIS WOULD BE A SUBJECT OF CELEBRATION, NOT MOURNING. ONLY THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN WAS MORE CAUTIOUS, STATING IN NON-SPECIFIC TERMS THAT:

"EVERYTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE ERM SHOWS THAT MORE UNCLASSIFIED CO-OPERATION, NOT LESS, IS THE ONLY LONG-TERM ANSWER. WITHOUT IT, EUROPE WILL CONTINUE TO SPLINTER UNDER THE WEIGHT OF RECESSION INTO A SERIES OF COMPETITIVE DEFlationARY NATIONAL ECONOMIES."

THE CENTRIST INDEPENDENT LIKENED THE PRESIDENT OF THE BUNDESBANK TO GODOT. "WAITING FOR HIM AND HIS COUNCIL TO MAKE SOME MINIMAL REDUCTION IN GERMAN INTEREST RATES IS NO LONGER AN ADEQUATE SUBSTITUTE FOR SUBSTANTIVE REFORM."

2. U.S. POLITICS

HOMOSEXUALS AND HEALTHCARE STILL FEATURE AS TOPICS OF INTEREST, AS WELL AS EVALUATIONS OF THE NEW PRESIDENT'S POPULARITY. THE CENTRIST INDEPENDENT'S RUPERT CORNWELL REPORTED FROM WASHINGTON, ON THE PAPER'S FRONT PAGE:

"WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL HONEYMOON? THE STANDARD PERIOD OF GRACE USED TO BE 100 DAYS, EVEN SIX MONTHS. ON JANUARY 20, THE INAUGURATION OF THE FIRST BABY-BOOMER IN THE WHITE HOUSE WAS HAILED AS A NEW BEGINNING. TO JUDGE FROM THIS WEEKEND'S HEADLINES, THE ASSEMBLED RANKS OF AMERICAN PUNDITRY ARE ALREADY SUING FOR DIVORCE."

3. BRITISH ARMY

ONE EDITORIAL IN THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH, CALLING FOR A DELAY IN THE PROPOSED CUTS IN THE BRITISH ARMY, IN THE LIGHT OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN BOSNIA AND ELSEWHERE.

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C. HEADLINES

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1. ERM

"GOOD NEWS FROM DUBLIN" (TIMES EDITORIAL)

"AFTER THE PUNT DEVALUATION" (FINANCIAL TIMES EDITORIAL)
"THE WORST OF ALL WORLDS" (INDEPENDENT EDITORIAL)
"THE PUNT TAKES A POUNDING" (GUARDIAN EDITORIAL)
"BURY TREATY WITH THE ERM" (TODAY EDITORIAL)
2. U.S. POLITICS
"FORCE OF UNREASON" (GUARDIAN COMMENTARY)
"CALLING THE PHONE-IN PRESIDENT" (GUARDIAN COMMENTARY)
"THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING HILLARY" (FINANCIAL TIMES
COMMENTARY)
3. BRITISH ARMY
"PEACE DIVIDEND DEFERRED" (DAILY TELEGRAPH COMMENTARY)
D. TEXT
1. ERM
THE CONSERVATIVE TIMES EDITORIALIZED:
"SATURDAY'S DEVALUATION OF THE IRISH PUNT WAS GOOD NEWS
FOR IRISH INDUSTRY AND FOR THE 17 PER CENT OF THE
UNCLASSIFIED
COUNTRY'S WORKFORCE WHO ARE NOW JOBLESS LARGELY BECAUSE
OF THE GOVERNMENT'S VAIN EFFORT TO CLING TO A NEEDLESSLY
HIGH EXCHANGE RATE. DEVALUATION WAS ALSO WELCOME TO THE
MANY SENSIBLE PEOPLE IN IRELAND WHO SWITCHED THEIR
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SAVINGS INTO FOREIGN CURRENCIES BEFORE THE WEEKEND.
HOWEVER, THE FULL BENEFITS OF THE WEEKEND'S WORK BY
EUROPEAN FINANCE MINISTERS WILL GRADUALLY SPREAD ACROSS
ALL EUROPE IF THE IRISH DEVALUATION TURNS OUT TO BE THE
BEGINNING OF THE END FOR THE ENTIRE EXCHANGE-RATE
MECHANISM. FORTUNATELY, THIS IS QUITE LIKELY. . .
"MONETARY STRAINS IN EUROPE ARE NOT CAUSED BY SPECULATION
OR BY SMALL MISALIGNMENTS IN EXCHANGE RATES. THEY ARE
CAUSED BY A FUNDAMENTAL DIVERGENCE BETWEEN THE ECONOMIC
REQUIREMENTS OF GERMANY AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ERM.
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"THE ERM, AT LEAST IN THE RIGID FORM THAT EVOLVED AFTER
Q1989 WHE/ JACQUES DELORS LAUNCHED HIS DRIVE FOR MONETARY
UNION, HAS DONE GREAT HARM TO EUROPE. NOT ONLY HAVE HIGH
INTEREST RATES AND OVERVALUED EXCHANGE RATES CONTRIBUTED
TO THE SHOCKING LEVELS OF UNEMPLOYMENT THAT HAVE TURNED
LARGE PARTS OF FRANCE, ITALY AND SPAIN, AS WELL AS
IRELAND, INTO INDUSTRIAL DESERTS. JUST AS SERIOUSLY, THE
PREOCCUPATION OF EUROPEAN POLITICIANS WITH EXCHANGE RATES
HAS DRASTICALLY ATTENTION FROM THE INFINITELY MORE
IMPORTANT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CHALLENGES THROWN UP BY
EVENTS IN THE PAST TWO YEARS -- THE THREAT TO THE WORLD
TRADING SYSTEM FROM THE BREAKDOWN OF GATT, THE CHALLENGE
OF CREATING A TRULY COMPETITIVE AND OPEN SINGLE MARKET,
THE NEED TO Deregulate INDUSTRIES AND LABOR MARKETS TO
IMPROVE EUROPE'S PRODUCTIVITY TO THE LEVELS PREVAILING IN
AMERICA AND JAPAN, AND THE CHALLENGE OF ASSISTING RUSSIA
UNCLASSIFIED
AND EASTERN EUROPE AND INTEGRATING THEM INTO THE WESTERN
MARKET SYSTEM.

"AT THE START OF THIS DECADE THESE WERE THE TASKS
UNIVERSALLY ACKNOWLEDGED AS THE HISTORIC CHALLENGES OF
THE 1990S FOR EUROPE. YET THEY HAVE BEEN SHAMEFULLY
NEGLECTED BY MANY GOVERNMENTS THAT HAVE INSTEAD PUT THEIR
ENERGIES INTO FIGHTING SPECULATORS AND TRYING TO
MANIPULATE EXCHANGE RATES. THE ERM, FAR FROM TURNING
EUROPE INTO A 'ZONE OF MONETARY STABILITY' AS ITS
FOUNDED FATHERS INTENDED, HAS PRODUCED DESTABILIZING
FINANCIAL CRISIS. THE BEST HOPE FOR EUROPE IS THAT THE
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ERM'S NEXT CRISIS WILL BE ITS LAST. 
THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES EDITORIALIZED:
"YET ANOTHER PUNCH-DRUNK EUROPEAN CURRENCY, THE IRISH
PUNT, HAS THROWN IN THE TOWEL. ...EVERY COUNTRY IN
EUROPE, EXCEPT GERMANY (THOUGH MANY WOULD DISAGREE THERE
TOO), NEEDS FAR LOWER INTEREST RATES. THE QUESTION IS
WHETHER THEY WILL GET THEM IN TIME. EVEN PARIS, THE MOST
RESOLUTE UPHOLDER OF THE 'HARD ERM', MUST RECOGNIZE THAT
PERSISTENCE WITH 'RIGUEUR' MAY LEAD NOT TO THE SUNLIT
UPLANDS, BUT TO A BREAKDOWN WITH DAMAGING POLITICAL, AS
WELL AS ECONOMIC, CONSEQUENCES. TACTICAL FLEXIBILITY MAY
NOW BE A MORE SATISFACTORY ROUTE TO THE STRATEGIC GOAL OF
EMU THAN PERSISTENCE ALONG THE EC'S PRESENT COURSE. THE
ONLY ESCAPE WOULD BE A LARGE REDUCTION IN GERMAN INTEREST
RATES. ...IF THE BUNDESBANK IS NOT TO PROVIDE RELIEF,
WHAT ARE THE ALTERNATIVES?
"GREATER CO-OPERATION OVER EXCHANGE RATE INTERVENTION IS OF MODEST HELP WHEN THE FORM OF CO-OPERATION MOST UNCLASSIFIED
NEEDED -- LOOSER GERMAN MONETARY POLICY AND TIGHTER GERMAN FISCAL POLICY -- IS UNAVAILABLE. REALIGNMENTS, THOUGH INESCAPABLE UNDER SEVERE PRESSURE, ARE OF LIMITED BENEFIT TOO, UNLESS LARGE. THE PROBLEM OF PERSISTENTLY HIGH INTEREST RATES REMAINS, SINCE REALIGNMENT CAN HELP HERE ONLY IF SUBSEQUENT UPWARD REALIGNMENTS AGAINST THE D-MARK BECOME CREDIBLE.
"IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BEST TO HAVE AGREED A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE D-MARK UPON GERMAN REUNIFICATION. IT REMAINS THE BEST OPTION. LET THE BUNDESBANK FIGHT ITS BATTLE FOR STABILITY UNHAMPERED BY THE MONETARY CONSEQUENCES OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE INTERVENTION AND RELINK EXCHANGE RATES WHEN GERMAN INFLATION IS ONCE MORE WHERE THE BUNDESBANK WANTS IT. YET AN AGREED SUSPENSION OF OTHER CURRENCIES NEED NOT DO THEM MUCH HARM. GIVEN THE STRONG FUNDAMENTALS OF THE FRENCH ECONOMY, IN PARTICULAR, THE FRANC MIGHT LOSE LITTLE VALUE, EVEN WITH LOWER INTEREST RATES. ... UNCLASSIFIED SECTION 06 OF 13 LONDON 01841 USIA
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"'C'EST MAGNIFIQUE, MAIS CE N'EST PAS LA GUERRE; AND IT IS NOT SENSIBLE MONETARY POLICY EITHER. EUROPEAN LEADERS SHOULD ASK THEMSELVES WHETHER THEIR STRATEGIC GOAL OF EUROPEAN UNION MIGHT NOT BE BETTER SERVED BY A TEMPORARY RETREAT THAN BY GALLOPING ON TO GLORIOUS DEFEATS OR PYRRHIC VICTORIES. " ('IT'S MAGNIFICENT, BUT IT'S NOT WAR') THE CENTRIST INDEPENDENT EDITORIALIZED:
"THANKS TO THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE DEALERS' CONTINUING SUCCESS IN EXPLOITING THE GAP BETWEEN PRETENSIONS AND UNCLASSIFIED KNOWN WEAKNESSES, THE ERM IS CLOSE TO LOSING ITS LAST SHREDS OF CREDIBILITY.
"THERE WAS NEVER ANYTHING FUNDAMENTALLY WRONG WITH ITS CENTRAL CONCEPT : THAT PEGGING WEAKER CURRENCIES
INCREASINGLY CLOSELY TO A CENTRAL OR ANCHOR CURRENCY
W OULD CREATE A ZONE OF STABILITY THAT WOULD BENEFIT ALL
THOSE WITHIN IT. THIS CAME TO BE SEEN AS A PRECURSOR OF
MONETARY UNION, FOR WHICH A TARGET DATE OF 1999 WAS SET.
WHAT WAS NEVER FORESEEN WAS THAT THE ANCHOR CURRENCY, THE
MARK, WOULD ITSELF COME UNDER SEVERE THREAT FROM
INFLATIONARY PRESSURES SPRINGING FROM THE HUGE COSTS OF
GERMAN REUNIFICATION. ...
"IN ONE MEMBER STATE AFTER ANOTHER, THE DEFLATION FORCED
ON THE ERM'S MEMBERS BY POLICIES DESIGNED FOR PURELY
GERMAN CONSUMPTION HAVE PROVED POLITICALLY UNACCEPTABLE
AND ECONOMICALLY TRAUMATIC. FIRST THE ITALIAN LIRA AND
STERLING LEFT. THEN THE SPANISH PESETA AND PORTUGUESE
ESCUDO WERE DEVALUED. NOW ONLY THE FRENCH FRANC, DANISH
KRONA AND BENELUX CURRENCIES (THE LATTER EFFECTIVELY FORM
PART OF A MARK ZONE) ARE CLINGING ON, DESPITE HEAVY AND
FREQUENT ASSAULTS ON THEIR FINGERTIPS.
"COUNTRIES STILL IN THE ERM NOW HAVE THE WORST OF ALL
POSSIBLE WORLDS, WITH AN APPALLING DEFLATIONARY SQUEEZE
ACCEPTED BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS FOR LARGELY POLITICAL
REASONS. ...

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"WHICH CURRENCY WILL BE THIS WEEK'S TARGET WILL SOON
BECOME EVIDENT. IF THE ERM IS NOT TO BE UTTERLY
DISCREDITED, ACTION TO REFORM IT CANNOT BE DELAYED MUCH
LONGER. THE MOST OBVIOUS ALTERNATIVES ARE FOR IT TO
REVERT TO ITS MORE FLEXIBLE FORM IN WHICH EXCHANGE RATE
ADJUSTMENTS, GENERALLY QUITE SMALL, WERE RELATIVELY
FREQUENT; OR FORWARDS, BY ACCELERATING THE TIMETABLE FOR
MONETARY UNION LAID DOWN IN THE MAASTRICHT TREATY. THAT
IS PROBABLY WHAT THE FRENCH AND BENELUX COUNTRIES WOULD
PREFER, ALTHOUGH LAST WEEK HELMUT SCHLESIGNER, PRESIDENT
OF THE BUNDESBANK, ADVISED AGAINST SUCH A MOVE. IN THIS
CONTEXT, MR SCHLESIGNER IS GODOT. WAITING FOR HIM AND
HIS COUNCIL TO MAKE SOME MINIMAL REDUCTION IN GERMAN
INTEREST RATES IS NO LONGER AN ADEQUATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SUBSTANTIVE REFORM.

THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN EDITORIALIZED:
"MORE THAN EVER, THE FATE OF THE PUNT UNDERLINES THE DISASTROUS MISTAKE WHICH EUROPEAN FINANCE MINISTERS MADE LAST SUMMER WHEN THEY FAILED TO PROMOTE A MANAGED GENERAL REALIGNMENT OF ERM CURRENCIES. THAT FAILURE BY POLITICIANS HAS LEFT THE FIELD OPEN TO BANKERS AND SPECULATORS TO DO THE JOB THEIR WAY. THE WEAK HAVE BEEN PICKED OFF ONE BY ONE, WITHOUT THE PROTECTION OF A MUTUAL SUPPORT SYSTEM. FRANCE AS WELL AS DENMARK WILL BE NEXT, AS SPECULATORS BET AGAINST THE RESULT OF THE FRENCH ELECTION IN MARCH. SOME WILL DRAW THE CONCLUSION THAT IT QALL PROV/S THAT CO-OPERATION CANNOT WORK. IN FACT IT PROVES THE OPPOSITE. EVERYTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE ERM SHOWS THAT MORE CO-OPERATION, NOT LESS, IS THE ONLY LONG-TERM ANSWER. WITHOUT IT, EUROPE WILL CONTINUE TO SPLINTER UNDER THE WEIGHT OF RECESSION INTO A SERIES OF COMPETITIVE DEFLATIONARY NATILZIBZAFDFORIALIZED:

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"THE QUESTION IS NO LONGER WHETHER THE EUROPEAN ERM WILL UNCLAS SECTION 08 OF 13 LONDON 01841 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 UNCLASSIFIED (LSSECRET); B/TV/WP;
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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT, LONDON, MONDAY FEBRUARY 1 1993 TOTALLY COLLAPSE, BUT WHEN.
"FORTUNATELY BRITAIN CAN WATCH ITS DEATH THROES DISPASSIONATELY. SINCE BLACK WEDNESDAY WE HAVE BEEN OUT OF ITS CLUTCHES. .... "JOHN MAJOR DOES NOT HAVE TO BOTHER ABOUT WHEN TO REJOIN THE ERM. BY THE TIME HE DECIDES TO, IT WILL NOT EXIST. BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN MR MAJOR CAN IGNORE WHAT IS HAPPENING TO IT. HE IS CURRENTLY PUSHING THE RATIFICATION OF THE MAASTRICHT TREATY THOUGH THE COMMONS, FORCING MPS TO STAY UP ALL NIGHT, NIGHT AFTER NIGHT. AND THE KEYSTONE OF THAT TREATY IS EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION. "ALL THE EXPERIENCE OF THE PAST MONTHS HAS BEEN THAT THIS CANNOT WORK. IT IS A DREAM OF THE POLITICIANS AND BUREAUCRATS. YET THEY WILL NOT LET THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM GO. .... "IT WOULD BE MADNESS TO TIE UP OUR CURRENCY, AND OUR
ECONOMY, IN AN UNWORKABLE EUROPEAN SYSTEM AGAIN. AND THAT MAKES IT MADNESS TO CARRY ON WITH THE MAASTRICHT RATIFICATION.

"IF OUR MPS ARE GOING TO SPEND THEIR NIGHTS ARGUING THEY SHOULD DO IT ABOUT THE GREAT ISSUES FACING THE COUNTRY -- THE STATE OF THE HEALTH SERVICE, SCHOOLS AND UNEMPLOYMENT. THEY SHOULD NOT BE WASTING THEIR TIME PUSHING THROUGH AN ARRANGEMENT WHICH IS AT BEST UNWORKABLE AND AT WORST WOULD DRAG THE ECONOMY DOWN AGAIN."

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2. U.S. POLITICS

THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN EDITORIALIZED:

"IT IS BAD NEWS THAT ARMED FORCES WHICH WERE NOBLY IN THE FOREFRONT OF BREAKING DOWN RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN AMERICA ARE NOW RESISTING MOVES TO ABOLISH DISCRIMINATION AGAINST GAYS. THAT THE MAN LEADING THIS FIGHT TO MAINTAIN THE PREJUDICE IS AMERICA'S FIRST BLACK CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, GENERAL COLIN POWELL, IS UNCLAS SECTION 09 OF 13 LONDON 01841 USIA

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"OF COURSE WOMEN AND BLACK PEOPLE STILL FACE HARASSMENT AND DISCRIMINATION WITHIN THE ARMED SERVICES, BUT THE IMPORTANT DISTINCTION IS THAT THESE PREJUDICES ARE NOW UNLAWFUL.

"THE REAL ISSUE IS CLEAR ENOUGH: THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS ARE BEING UNREASONABLY DENIED THEIR CIVIL RIGHT TO FIGHT FOR THEIR COUNTRY. ..THE PRESIDENT WAS UNEQUIVOCAL IN HIS CAMPAIGN COMMITMENT. HE SHOULD BE AS RESOLUTE IN OFFICE. TO BACK DOWN NOW WILL DESTROY HIS CREDIBILITY ACROSS A WIDER AGENDA. HE IS BEING CLOSELY WATCHED TO SEE IF HE IS READY TO KEEP HIS WORD, AND STAND UP FOR UNPOPULAR CAUSES. EQUAL RIGHTS FOR GAY SOLDIERS HAS BECOME THE TEST OF WHETHER HE INTENDS TO STICK TO HIS GUNS."
IN THE SAME PAPER, WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT SIMON TISDALL REPORTED:

"FORGET THE FIRST 100 DAYS. BILL CLINTON IS ALREADY SCREWING UP AFTER ONLY 10 DAYS IN OFFICE -- OR SO THE POLITICIANS, PUNDITS AND POSTURERS WHO FORMULATE WASHINGTON'S 'CONVENTIONAL WISDOM' WOULD HAVE YOU BELIEVE. ...

"IT'S ALL NONSENSE, OF COURSE. CLINTON'S YOUNG PRESIDENCY IS CERTAINLY BESIEGED. BUT THOSE COMMANDING THE CANNON AND CATAPULTS ARE NOT CONGRESSIONAL PRIMA DONNAS LIKE SAM NUNN, NOR THE SNEERING SABOTEURS OF THE REPUBLICAN RIGHT, NOR EVEN THE GANG-BANGERS OF THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS CORPS. CLINTON IS UNDER SIEGE FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. HAVING PROMISED A POPULIST PRESIDENCY WHERE THE ORDINARY VOTER'S VOICE WOULD BE HEARD, HE IS BEING HELD TO HIS WORD. HIS IS BECOMING THE PHONE-IN PRESIDENCY. FOR CLINTON IS REAPING THE WHIRLWIND OF THE POLITICS OF INCLUSION, DIVERSITY AND RENEWED HOPE WHICH PUT HIM WHERE HE IS NOW. WHERE HE IS NOW HAS BECOME VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO REACH, ALTHOUGH THAT HASN'T PUT UNCLASSIFIED SECTION 10 OF 13 LONDON 01841 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/PP; P/PFE; P/PE; P/EU; NEA; VOA NEWS/CA; PL UNCLASSIFIED (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; CSID ISA FOR IILN; FOR NEA; OASD/PA; USDOC PASS USTR/PA (PAT NORMAN) WHITEHOUSE FOR NSC-WEUROPE; USMISSION USNATO FOR USIS; PARIS FOR USIS; UNESCO; OECD; VIENNA PASS USDEL-CSCE; GENEVA PASS USDEL-NST; USIS; ACDA; RAF MILDENHALL FOR PA; BRITISH ARMY STAFF COLLEGE FOR USLO E.O.12356:N/A SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT, LONDON, MONDAY FEBRUARY 1 1993 ANYONE OFF. JUST TRY CALLING THE MAIN WHITE HOUSE NUMBER. THE SWITCHBOARD IS CONSTANTLY ENGAGED. ...

"YET SO FAR, AT LEAST, DESPITE THE PREMATURE PROGNOSTICATIONS OF THE CAPITAL'S CASSANDRAS, CLINTON SEEMS TO BE ENJOYING EVERY MINUTE OF IT. IN FACT, THE BOY'S DOING ALL RIGHT. AS THE NEW KID ON THE BLOCK GOES THROUGH HIS PACES, IT'S THE WASHINGTON ESTABLISHMENT WHICH IS CONFUSED. HONEYMOON IS THE WRONG WORD: THIS IS A NEW ENGAGEMENT, IN THE BROADEST SENSE. ...

"MORE THAN ANY U.S. LEADER BEFORE HIM, CLINTON HAS THE MEANS AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO CUT OUT THE MIDDLE MAN AND CONNECT DIRECT. AND IT IS IN THIS CONTEXT THAT THE UNCLASSIFIED REJECTION OF ZOE BAIRD'S NOMINATION CAN BE SEEN NOT AS A
DEFEAT, BUT AS A DEFT RESPONSE TO PUBLIC OPINION.
...WHEN THE PUBLIC GOT TO HEAR ABOUT IT, THE WHITE HOUSE
SWITCHBOARD LIT UP AND THE TALK-SHOWS WENT WILD. CALLERS
Sought to Remind Clinton that he had promised that the
RICH AND PRIVILEGED WOULD NO LONGER GET PREFERENTIAL
TREATMENT, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY BROKE THE LAW. LISTENING
CLOSOELY, CLINTON THOUGHT AGAIN, AGREED, AND WITHIN A
REMARKABLY SHORT TIME SPAN, BAIRD'S NOMINATION WAS
HISTORY.
"DESPITE SENATOR NUNN'S SELF-SERVING CLAIMS TO HAVE SAVED
CLINTON FROM HIMSELF, LAST FRIDAY'S COMPROMISE OVER
ENDING THE BAN ON HOMOSEXUALS IN THE MILITARY WAS A
PRODUCT OF THE SAME PROCESS. ...
"FOR BEHIND-THE-CURVE WASHINGTON INSIDERS, THE DUCKING
AND WEAVING EVIDENT DURING THE BAIRD AND GAYS-IN-THE
MILITARY EPISODES SHOWED SLICK WILLIE AT HIS WORST. FOR
THE CAPITAL'S MEDIA ELITE, SUCH UNBLUSHING FLEXIBILITY
AFTER THE OH-SO-BRITTLE GEORGE BUSH TOOK THE COLLECTIVE
BREATH AWAY. FOR THE CAPITAL HILL MOB, CLINTON IS
ALREADY BECOMING A FAST-MOVING TARGET.
"WHAT ALL OF THEM HAVE SO FAR FAILED TO UNDERSTAND IS
THAT CLINTON ISN'T LISTENING TO THEM. AS BEST HE CAN
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AMID THE CLAMOR, HE IS LISTENING TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
IN A WAY HIS PREDECESSORS HAD NEITHER THE MEANS NOR THE
INCLINATION TO DO. FOR THE 90S AMERICAN AUDIENCE, IT'S
NOT CONSISTENCY THAT MATTERS -- IT'S RESULTS, BASED ON A
QFAIR HEA/ING. AND BY THE WAY, EVERYONE 'OUT THERE' KNEW
HE'D HAVE TO RAISE TAXES, WHATEVER HE SAID IN THE
CAMPAIGN : ASK ANY VOTER. NEXT QUESTION. "
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IN THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES, MICHAEL PROWSE
COMMENTED:
"THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN MORE HONEST. FOR MOST OF THE
CAMPAIGN MRS HILLARY CLINTON WENT INTO 'COOKIE-BAKING'
MODE, GAZING ADORINGLY AT HER HUSBAND AND PROMISING TO BE
A TRADITIONAL FIRST LADY. BUT WITHIN HOURS OF THE
INAUGURATION, THE OLD ASSERTIVE HILLARY HAD REAPPEARED, COMPLETE WITH MAIDEN NAME AND HEADBAND. ... "HILLARY IS AS WELL-QUALIFIED ACADEMICALLY AS BILL AND, AS A TOP ARKANSAS LAWYER, EARNED FIVE OR SIX TIMES BILL'S MEAGER SALARY AS GOVERNOR. SHE ADVISED HIM THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, TO THE POINT OF CHAIRING THE COMMITTEE THAT DEvised THE EDUCATIONAL REFORMS NOW REGARDED AS HIS MAIN ACHIEVEMENT IN ARKANSAS. AS AN EQUAL PARTNER FOR SO MANY YEARS, HER DESIRE FOR HANDS-ON RESPONSIBILITY IS UNDERSTANDABLE. "EVEN SO, HER NEW POSITION RAISES QUESTIONS. AFTER JOHN F KENNEDY MADE HIS BROTHER ROBERT ATTORNEY GENERAL, ANTI-NEPOTISM LAWS WERE PASSED TO PREVENT THE APPOINTMENT OF CLOSE RELATIVES TO POWERFUL POSITIONS. BY NOT PAYING HIS WIFE, MR CLINTON HAS DODGED THESE CONSTRAINTS. YET PEOPLE SEEM ODDLY RELUCTANT TO CRITICIZE HILLARY'S ROLE, PERHAPS BECAUSE GREATER RESPONSIBILITY FOR WOMEN IS SEEN AS SO OBVIOUSLY A GOOD THING. YET IF MR CLINTON HAD PUT A BROTHER OR FAVORITE UNCLE IN CHARGE OF HEALTH-CARE REFORM, ALL HELL WOULD HAVE BROKEN LOOSE. ... "THE U.S. HAS HAD ALMOST AS MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF PRESIDENCIES AS THERE HAVE BEEN PRESIDENTS. IN AN AGE WHEN POWER IS INCREASINGLY DISTRIBUTED EQUALLY BETWEEN UNCLASSIFIED UNCLAS SECTION 12 OF 13 LONDON 01841 USIA "PERISHABLE INFORMATION - DO NOT SERVICE " USIA FOR P/M; R/C; R/M; P/P; F/G; (RMCLELLAN); P/F; P/FW; P/FN; P/PFN; P/PFE; P/EU; NEA; VOA NEWS/CA; PL UNCLASSIFIED (LSECREST); B/TV/WP; STATE FOR EUR/P AND PLS PASS ACDA/PA; EUR/PA; EUR/P/SP; EUR/WE; EUR/NE; IO/CI; NEA/E; EB/IT; INR/P; FM; CSD ISA FOR ILN; FOR NEA; OASD/PA; USDOC PASS USTR/PA (PAT NORMAN) WHITEHOUSE FOR NSC-WEUROPE; USMISSION USNATO FOR USIS; PARIS FOR USIS; UNESCO; OECD; VIENNA PASS USDEL-CSCE; GENEVA PASS USDEL-NST; USIS; ACDA; RAF MILDENHALL FOR PA; BRITISH ARMY STAFF COLLEGE FOR USLO E.O.12356:N/A SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT, LONDON, MONDAY FEBRUARY 1 1993 THE SEXES, A HUSBAND AND WIFE WORKING IN HARNESS CAN ARGUABLY LEAD THE COUNTRY MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN EITHER SPOUSE ALONE. THE PITY IS THAT THE ELECTORATE WAS NOT ASKED MORE EXPLICITLY TO SUPPORT SUCH AN INTRIGUING INNOVATION. " 3. BRITISH ARMY THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH EDITORIALIZED: "THE HOUSE OF COMMONS SELECT COMMITTEE ON DEFENSE IS DUE TO REPORT SHORTLY, AND IS WIDELY RUMORED TO BE URGING A HALT TO THE OPTIONS FOR CHANGE SHRINKAGE (OF THE BRITISH ARMY) WHILE THE GOVERNMENT GIVES FURTHER THOUGHT TO BRITAIN'S MILITARY NEEDS. SUCH A CALL SHOULD BE HEEDED.
THOSE PARTS OF BRITAIN'S ARMED FORCES WHICH WERE DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR A NATO-WARSAW PACT CONFLACRATON CONTINUE TO LOOK OUT OF BALANCE WITH THE REST, NOW THAT SUCH A SCENARIO IS HARDLY CONCEIVABLE.

"BUT BRITAIN IS TODAY ONE OF ONLY TWO OR THREE WORLD POWERS WHICH MAINTAIN THE ABILITY TO PLACE EFFICIENT MILITARY FORCE AT THE DISPOSAL OF UN PEACEKEEPING OR PEACEMAKING EFFORTS. BRITAIN'S STATUS AS ONE OF THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL IMPLIES ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITIES MOST OTHER GOVERNMENTS DO NOT NEED TO CATER FOR. . . .

"FOR A RELATIVELY SMALL POWER WITH AILING ECONOMIC STRENGTH, BRITAIN CAN TAKE PRIDE IN POSSESSING MORE THAN ITS SHARE OF EXPERTISE IN THE MILITARY ARTS. THIS IS VALUABLE NOT MERELY WHERE FULL SCALE WAR IS AT STAKE BUT UNCLASSIFIED ALSO IN LOWER INTENSITY OPERATIONS DEMANDING THE CAREFUL APPLICATION OF LIMITED FORCE. NORTHERN IRELAND, BELIZE AND NOW BOSNIA HAVE ALL HELPED TO SHARPEN THOSE SKILLS, WHICH ARE ESSENTIALLY INFANTRY SKILLS.

"FOR ONCE, THE ARMY'S COMPLAINT THAT IT IS FULLY COMMITTED TO THE POINT OF OVERSTRETCH SHOULD NOT BE UNCLAS SECTION 13 OF 13 LONDON 01841 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 UNCLASSIFIED (LSECREST); B/TV/WF; STATE FOR EUR/P AND ELS 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 (PAT NORMAN) WHITEHOUSE FOR NSC-WEUROPE; USMISSION USNATO FOR USIS; PARIS FOR USIS; UNESCO; OECD; VIENNA PASS USDEL-CSCE; GENEVA PASS USDEL-NST; USIS; ACDA; RAF Mildenhall FOR PA; BRITISH ARMY STAFF COLLEGE FOR USLO E.0.12356:N/A SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT, LONDON, MONDAY FEBRUARY 1 1993 TREATED AS SPECIAL PLEADING TO PROTECT THE VESTED INTERESTS OF FAMOUS INFANTRY REGIMENTS, BUT AS A REALITY TO WHICH THE GOVERNMENT MUST RESPOND." COURTNEY BT #1841 NNNN SECT: SECTION: 01 OF 13 <^SECT>SECTION: 02 OF 13 <^SECT>SECTION: 03 OF 13 <^SECT>SECTION: 04 OF 13 <^SECT>SECTION: 05 OF 13 <^SECT>SECTION: 06 OF 13 <^SECT>SECTION: 07 OF 13 <^SECT>SECTION: 08 OF 13
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**SUBJECT:** SPANISH PRESS ON KING'S WHITE HOUSE VISIT

1. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF MADRID PRESS COVERAGE OF THE APRIL 29 VISIT OF KING JUAN CARLOS AND QUEEN SOFIA TO THE WHITE HOUSE.


3. NEWS ARTICLES NOTED THAT THE MEETING LASTED FOR MORE THAN THE SCHEDULED 40 MINUTES AND THAT SOLANA, HIS WIFE, SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER, NSA LAKE, SPANISH AMBASSADOR DE OJEDA, HEAD OF THE ROYAL HOUSEHOLD ALMANSA AND TWO NOTETAKERS ALSO ATTENDED. THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT OF GRATITUDE TO SPAIN FOR HER COOPERATION IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA WAS WIDELY FEATURED AS PART OF A LARGER CONSULTATION SESSION WITH THE KING AND SOLANA ON POSSIBLE WESTERN OPTIONS IN THE REGION. THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER WAS REPORTED AS SAYING THAT SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER HAD PROMISED TO CONSULT WITH THE ALLIES BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISIONS ON MILITARY ACTION. SOLANA CHARACTERIZED THE RUSSIAN PROPOSAL TO HOLD A MEETING IN SARAJEVO OF SPANISH, FRENCH, BRITISH, RUSSIAN, AND AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES AS "POSITIVE IN PRINCIPLE," BUT "PERHAPS A LITTLE HASTY."

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(A) SUMMARY OF TYPE OF COVERAGE:
THE FRENCH PRESS FOCUSES ON PREMIER BALLADUR'S PLAN FOR
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SUBJECT: DAILY MEDIA REACTION REPORT
PARIS -- TUESDAY MAY 11, 1993
(A) SUMMARY OF TYPE OF COVERAGE:
THE FRENCH PRESS FOCUSES ON PREMIER BALLADUR'S PLAN FOR
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY, WHICH HE OUTLINED
YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.
AS TO FOREIGN STORIES, BOSNIA IS STILL IN THE TOP NEWS.
FOCUS IS ON THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IN BRUSSELS YESTERDAY. ALL MEDIA REPORT THAT THE 12 MINISTERS DISCARDED THE MILITARY OPTION, INSTEAD, TO RELY ON SERB PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC'S "GOOD WILL" AND HIS PRESSURE ON BOSNIAN SERBS. LA TRIBUNE REPORTS THAT "THE TWELVE THUS CONFIRMED THEIR REJECTION OF THE CLINTON PLAN FOR MILITARY AIR STRIKES". LE MONDE AND LA CROIX REPORT THAT U.S. OFFICIALS SEM TO "HAVE RESIGNED THEMSELVES" TO THEIR ALLIES REFUSAL TO ACCEPT THEIR PLAN. (SEE PART D OF REPORT).

ON GATT, AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE REPORTS THAT FOREIGN MINISTER ALAIN JUPPE REAFFIRMED YESTERDAY THAT FRANCE WANTS A GLOBAL, THEREFORE MULTILATERAL, AND BALANCED AGREEMENT. SPEAKING IN BRUSSELS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EC MEETING ON EX-YUGOSLAVIA, THE FRENCH MINISTER SAID THAT FRANCE HAD FORMULATED ITS POSITION ON GATT AT A CABINET COUNCIL MEETING EARLIER IN THE AFTERNOON. DETAILS WILL BE INCLUDED IN A MEMORANDUM ADRESSED TO FRANCE'S EC PARTNERS LATER THIS WEEK. "IT SEEMS THAT FRANCE DOESN'T ACCEPT THE WASHINGTON AGRICULTURAL COMPROMISE.... FRANCE REJECTS THE OILSEED PART OF THIS ACCORD", AFP ADDS, QUOTING JUPPE AS SAYING: "THIS ACCORD IS UNACCEPTABLE IN ITS PRESENT FORM BECAUSE IT CREATES AN IMBALANCE IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR".

COMPARING THE BALLADUR GOVERNMENT TO ITS PREDECESSOR, ECONOMIC LES ECHOS SEES A "DIFFERENCE IN THE STYLE, BUT NOT IN THE SUBSTANCE OF THE FRENCH POSITION ON GATT" (SEE PART D OF REPORT).

INFLUENTIAL LIBERATION'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT PIERRE BRIANCON REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON ON "AN OFFENSIVE" IN THE U.S. MEDIA TO PRESENT HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON AT HER BEST: "THE (U.S.) FIRST LADY TRIES TO MAKE PEOPLE FORGET HER ALL TOO OBVIOUS TASTE FOR POWER". THIS OFFENSIVE, BRIANCON SAYS, IS DUE TO THE IMPENDING ANNOUNCEMENT OF HER PLAN FOR HEALTH CARE REFORM. "THE AIM IS TO SELL THE MESSENGER BEFORE THE MESSAGE--THE LATTER PROMISES TO BE CONTROVERSIAL", BRIANCON REPORTS.

(B) STORIES COVERED IN REPORT:
1. BOSNIA
2. GATT

(C) HEADLINES:

BOSNIA:
"RESIGNATION" (LA CROIX-PAGE 3)
"BILL CLINTON RESIGNS HIMSELF TO THE REJECTION OF HIS PLAN BY THE EUROPEANS" (LE MONDE-PAGE 3)
"THE TWELVE SAY NO TO WAR" (FRANCE SOIR-PAGE 10)

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"THE TWELVE WANT TO 'TEST' MILOSEVIC" (LE FIGARO-PAGE 3)

(D) SUPPORTING TEXT:

1. BOSNIA:

PAUL CAMBON AUTHORS AN EDITORIAL IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE QUOTIDIEN: "ON THE VERY DAY WHEN FRENCH PRIME MINISTER EDOUARD BALLADUR PRESENTED HIS PLAN FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN FRANCE, U.S. PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON STARTED A THREE-DAY TOUR IN CLEVELAND, CHICAGO AND NEW YORK IN ORDER TO SHOW THAT HE HAS NOT FORGOTTEN U.S. DOMESTIC REALITIES, NAMELY THE NEED TO FIGHT UNEMPLOYMENT AND TO REVIVE THE ECONOMY. THE YUGOSLAV TRAGEDY SEEMS TO BE MOVING BACKSTAGE. THIS IS ALL THE MORE EASY TO DO SINCE... DIPLOMATIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE AMERICANS AND THEIR ALLIES HAS NOT GONE FURTHER THAN CONSULTATIONS AND MUTUAL TESTING OF Each OTHER'S INTENTIONS.... AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN (LEADERS) ARE NOW ADVANCING TWO MYTHS TO THEIR PUBLICS: THAT OF THE VANCE-OWEN PLAN--ALTHOUGH IT HAS OBVIOUSLY FAILED TO STOP THE SERBS, AND THAT OF VAGUE THEATS OF MILITARY ACTION--WHICH EVERY ONE BELIEVES WOULD BE FUTILE AS WELL AS VERY RISKY. THIS IS WHY, AFTER BEING UNABLE TO CLEARLY DEFINE THE LIMITS OF THE ESCALATION OF THE WAR FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS ENGAGED IN AN ENDLESS CYCLE OF WITHDRAWAL, HUMILIATION, EVEN DENIALS--TO THE EXTENT THAT (ITS) RHETORIC HAS VIRTUALLY NO CREDIBILITY TODAY."

CATHOLIC LA CROIX WITH BEATRICE TOULON: "STUNNED BUT RESIGNED. SUCH IS, IN TWO WORDS, THE MOOD WHICH IS NOW PREVAILING IN THE CLINTON TEAM AFTER WARREN CHRISTOPHER CAME BACK FROM HIS EUROPEAN TOUR.... IN EIGHT DAYS OF INTENSE CONSULTATIONS, WARREN CHRISTOPHER UNDERSTOOD THAT THOSE EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE THE CAPACITY TO ACT--I.E. FRANCE, BRITAIN AND RUSSIA--HAD OPTED FOR GETTING ALONG WITH SERBIAN POWER RATHER THAN FOR DETERRING IT."

HENRI PIERRE REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON IN INFLUENTIAL LE MONDE: "... (THERE IS) NO MILITARY FEVER AMONG U.S. LEADERS, WHO SEEM TO RESIGN THEMSELVES TO THE IDLE TIME IMPOSED AFTER THE MEAGER RESULTS OF THE CHRISTOPHER MISSION."

BAUDOUIN BOLLAERT REPORTS FROM BRUSSELS IN CONSERVATIVE LE FIGARO: "... ALL MINISTERS UNDERLINED THE NEED FOR 'CLOSE AND FRIENDLY CONSULTATIONS' BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES. HOWEVER, MOST OF THEM REJECTED THE 'TOUGH' OPTIONS SET FORWARD BY SOME WHITE HOUSE ADVISORS--NAMELY LIFTING THE ARMS EMBARGO ON THE MUSLIMS AND LIMITED AIR STRIKES AGAINST SERBIAN TARGETS."

FINANCIAL LA TRIBUNE ON ITS BACK PAGE: "... THE 12 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFIRMED THEIR REJECTION OF THE CLINTON PLAN FOR AIR STRIKES... THE TWELVE REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE 'PEACEFUL STRATEGY' OF THE VANCE-OWEN PLAN AND DISCARD THE MILITARY OPTIONS FAVORED BY THE UNITED STATES."

2. GATT:

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ECONOMIC LES ECHOS' MARTINE ROYO AND JACQUES DOCQUIERT:
"...THE POSITION OF THE BALLADUR GOVERNMENT IS NO DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF THE BERECHOVOY GOVERNMENT.... THERE IS MORE A DIFFERENCE OF STYLE THAN OF SUBSTANCE.... IT IS A 'YES, BUT' INSTEAD OF A 'PERHAPS, BUT'. IN BRUSSELS, ALAIN JUPPE SAID THAT 'THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION'S DESIRE FOR REAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE TWELVE HAS BEEN CONFIRMED'. THIS CORROBORATES EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT JACQUES DELORS' DEBRIEFING TO THE TWELVE ABOUT HIS MEETING WITH BILL CLINTON LATE LAST WEEK IN WASHINGTON. THE CLIMATE IS NO LONGER THAT OF WAR. THE NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION WANTS A GATT ACCORD AND IT SEEMS TO HAVE UNDERSTOOD THAT, IN ORDER TO GET IT, IT SHOULD NOT START THE HOSTILITIES." KORENGOLD
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CHINA OLYMPIC BID
ON BBC TV'S BREAKFAST NEWS THIS MORNING, REPORTER BRIAN

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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 AVOID 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."

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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)

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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:
"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
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BLAIR HOUSE UNCHANGED.
"BUT THE FEAR IS THAT THE FRENCH WILL GO TOO FAR WITH THEIR BRINKMANSHIP -- 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 MORIHITO 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
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2. U.S. POLITICS/ HEALTHCARE REFORMS
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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 BEGIN 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 PREVAILED 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 "

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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 SPECIALY 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
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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 FORMALY 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.'"
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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. ABDUR, 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. ... UNCLAS SECTION 09 OF 10 LONDON 17066
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"MR IZETBEGOVIC'S GOVERNMENT MAY STILL HAVE TO SETTLE IN THE END UNDER BRUTAL AND UNSUBLTLE 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 TIANNEMEN 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 CONDONING 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
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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 ITS OWN PEOPLE ARE AT LIBERTY TO ENJOY THEM. " O'BRIEN BT
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A. TODAY’S MAJOR NEWS STORIES
1. U.S. FOREIGN POLICY
2. U.S. HEALTHCARE REFORM
3. WORLD TRADE
4. FORMER SOVIET UNION
5. SOMALIA
B. SUMMARY
1. U.S. FOREIGN POLICY
TWO CRITIQUES THIS MORNING OF PRESIDENT CLINTON’S UN
SPEECH, IN THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN AND THE CONSERVATIVE
TIMES. THE GUARDIAN PIECE WAS PARTICULARLY HARD-HITTING,
ALLEGING THAT CURRENT U.S. PEACEKEEPING INVOLVEMENTS
COULD BE THE LAST, AND THAT WHAT IT SAW AS THE U.S.’S
GROWING UNWILLINGNESS TO COMMIT PEACEKEEPING TROOPS WAS
ACTIVELY WORKING AGAINST EMERGING DEMOCRACY THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD. SEE TEXT BELOW.
2. U.S. HEALTHCARE REFORM
THE FIRST LADY TODAY GETS RAVE REVIEWS FOR HER APPEARANCE
 BEFORE CONGRESS THAT POLITICIANS CAN ONLY DREAM OF.
REPORTERS APPEARED TO BE AS BOWLED OVER BY HER AS THEY
CLAIM THE CONGRESSMEN WERE. THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN
COMMENTED: "IT WAS LIKE BARBARA BUSH WITH A PHD."
3. WORLD TRADE
THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES EDITORIALIZED:
"IF REFUSAL TO ACCEPT WHAT HAS BEEN AGREED AT BLAIR HOUSE
DESTROYS THE ROUND, THE EC WILL BE UNIVERSALLY BLAMED FOR
THE CATASTROPHE. THE OUTCOME WILL NOT BE A WORLD DIVIDED
INTO SEVERAL TRADING BLOCKS. IT IS FAR MORE LIKELY TO BE
ONE IN WHICH THE EC IS SET AGAINST VIRTUALLY EVERYONE
ELSE."
4. FORMER SOVIET UNION
THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH EDITORIALIZED:
"THE HOPE MUST BE THAT A YELTSIN VICTORY OVER THE
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HARDLINERS WILL BRING SUCH DESEABILIZING FACTORS UNDER
CONTROL. IF IT DOES NOT, THEN THE WEST WILL HAVE TO
REMIND THE RUSSIAN LEADER THAT CONTINUED POLITICAL AND
FINANCIAL BACKING DEPENDS ON GOOD BEHAVIOR IN THE 'NEAR
ABROAD' AS WELL AS THE PURSUIT OF DEMOCRACY AND ECONOMIC REFORM AT HOME."

5. SOMALIA

MANY PAPERS REPORTED THE NEW U.S. STRATEGY IN SOMALIA. THE CONSERVATIVE TIMES CALLED IT A "TACIT ADMISSION OF FAILURE" BY THE U.S.

THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTED:
"THE UNITED STATES THREW ITS FOREIGN POLICY INTO REVERSE LAST NIGHT AND THREATENED THE UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATION IN SOMALIA, ANNOUNCING IT WAS WITHDRAWING SOME TROOPS, AND CALLING FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE WARLORD GENERAL AIDED. AS STATEMENTS FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON AND SENIOR OFFICIALS EMERGED THROUGHOUT YESTERDAY, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT WASHINGTON WAS PREPARING TO ABANDON ITS ROLE AS THE "TEETH OF THE 28,000-MAN UN FORCE"

C. HEADLINES

1. U.S. FOREIGN POLICY
"NO MORE PLAYING THE HERO FOR CAPTAIN AMERICA" (GUARDIAN COMMENTARY)
"FEED THE HUNGRY SHEEP" (TIMES EDITORIAL)

2. U.S. HEALTHCARE REFORM
"FIRST LADY SPARKLES ON CAPITOL HILL" (TIMES REPORT)
"HILLARY DELIVERS HER REMEDY TO CAPITOL HILL" (DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORT)
"WIFE, MOTHER AND POLITICAL ANIMAL" (GUARDIAN REPORT)

3. WORLD TRADE
"END GAME IN THE GATT" (F.T. EDITORIAL)

4. FORMER SOVIET UNION
"WEST'S BEST BET" (F.T. COMMENTARY)

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"TROUBLING QUESTIONS IN THE CAUCASUS" (INDEPENDENT EDITORIAL)
"A RESPONSIBLE RUSSIA" (DAILY TELEGRAPH EDITORIAL)

5. SOMALIA

"AMERICA TO BEGIN PULLING TROOPS OUT OF SOMALIA" (DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORT)
"U.S. AIMS FOR SWIFT END TO SOMALIA INVOLVEMENT" (TIMES REPORT)
"U.S. CHANGES TACK IN SOMALIA AND MOVES TO ISOLATE AIDED" (INDEPENDENT REPORT)

D. TEXT
1. U.S. FOREIGN POLICY
WRITING IN THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN, FOREIGN AFFAIRS
COMMENTATOR MARTIN WOOLLACOTT ANALYZED PRESIDENT
CLINTON'S MONDAY SPEECH THUS:

"NOTHING COULD BE MORE SYMPTOMATIC OF THE WAY THINGS ARE
GOING IN THE WORLD THAN THE CONJUNCTION OF EDUARD
SHEVARDNADZE'S DESPAIRING WORDS FROM BESIEGED SUKHUMI
WITH BILL CLINTON'S CIRCUMSPECT ADDRESS TO THE UN ON THE
LIMITS OF PEACEKEEPING. FROM THE PRESIDENT AMIDST THE
RUBBLE ON THE BLACK SEA COAST, A DESPERATE CRY FOR HELP.
FROM THE PRESIDENT AT THE PODIUM ON THE EAST RIVER, AN
ASSURANCE TO AMERICANS -- NO MORE RISKY RESCUES, NO MORE
CRAZY ADVENTURES. THE MESSAGE WHICH CLINTON, IN SPITE OF
HIS TALKS ON INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT AND OF THE
'ENLARGEMENT' OF DEMOCRACY, IS sending IS A WORRYING ONE.
THE ARGUMENTS SEEM COOL AND RATIONAL, BUT THEY ARE NOT.

"THE FOUR CONDITIONS (FOR U.S. PARTICIPATION IN
PEACEKEEPING) MAKE NO SENSE AT FACE VALUE, BUT THEY CAN
BE TRANSLATED INTO POPULIST SPEAK AS FOLLOWS : WE WILL
DECIDE WHEN, IF EVER, TO GET INVOLVED; WE WILL GET OUT
FAST IF IT GOES WRONG; SOMEBODY ELSE WILL PUT UP THE
MONEY.

"EVEN MORE IRRATIONAL WAS THE WHOLE TENOR OF A SPEECH IN
WHICH CLINTON PRESENTED HIMSELF AS A RESPONSIBLE LEADER
FORCED TO CAUTION AN IRRESPONSIBLE UN, A BODY WHICH, HE
IMPLIED, WAS IN DANGER OF FLINGING AMERICAN TROOPS ALL
OVER THE PLACE AND GETTING THEM KILLED IN SILLY
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OPERATIONS. ...
"BUT THE PIECE OF THEATER WHICH CLINTON HERE CREATES IS
AT WILD VARIANCE WITH THE FACTS. WHILE THERE ARE UN
OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE SECRETARY GENERAL, WHO HAVE
WANTED TO EXPAND PEACEKEEPING AND TO REGULATE IT MORE
CONSISTENTLY, EVERY MAJOR UN EFFORT SINCE THE END OF THE
COLD WAR SINCE BOSNIA HAS BEEN WASHINGTON-DRIVEN, FROM
THE GULF TO ANGOLA AND CAMBODIA. THE SOMLIA OPERATION,
THE CASUALTIES IN WHICH ARE IN PART RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
AMERICAN POPULAR DISENCHANTMENT TO WHICH CLINTON IS
RESPONDING, WAS ALMOST ENTIRELY AN AMERICAN IDEA. THE
TRUTH IS THAT THE OPERATIONS WHICH CLINTON ALMOST MANAGES
TO IMPLY WERE FOISTED ON THE UNITED STATES BY AN OVER-
ACTIVE UN WERE, IN FACT, FOISTED ON THE UN BY AN OVER-
ACTIVE U.S. IT IS THE U.S. WHICH HAS CHANGED, NOT THE
UN.

"AN ADMINISTRATION WHICH, ONLY A FEW MONTHS AGO, WAS
URGING AN ENHANCEMENT OF UN PEACEKEEPING CAPACITY AND THE
COMMITMENT OF FORCES, INCLUDING AMERICAN FORCES, TO THE
WORLD BODY, IS NOW BACKING AWAY AND IN BOSNIA, PREFERENCES
NATO TO UN CONTROL.

"THE MOOD OF WITHDRAWAL IN THE U.S., THE SUSPICION OF
FOREIGN ENTANGLEMENTS, HAS ANOTHER CONSEQUENCE THAT IS
VERY CLEAR TODAY. AMERICA'S POLICY OF BACKING THE
POWERS-THAT-BE ACROSS MUCH OF THE EX-COMMUNIST WORLD HAS
BEEN REINFORCED. THERE IS A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE NEW
DISTASTE FOR PEACEKEEPING AND THE READINESS TO BACK BORIS
YELTSIN IN RUSSIA: WHAT IT AMOUNTS TO IS THAT ANY FORCE
WHICH IS KEEPING THINGS TOGETHER IS BETTER THAN ANY FORCE
THAT MIGHT REND THEM AART, BECAUSE, WITH FURTHER
DISSOLUTION, WILL COME DANGERS AND YET MORE DEMANDS THAT
SOMETHING BE DONE. THAT IS WHY SHEVARDNADZE HAS TO ASK
WHY THERE IS 'AMIDST THE DEAFENING BURSTS OF BOMBS AND
SHELLS, AMIDST THE DISTRESSED CRIES OF PEOPLE DOOMED TO
DEATH, NOT A SINGLE WORD OF PROTEST, NOT A SINGLE PROMISE
OF HELP'. ...

"THE WEST IS SLIPPING TOWARDS AN ENDORSEMENT OF LESS THAN
DEMOCRACY IN RUSSIA AND TOWARDS GRANTING RUSSIA A FREE
HAND IN CENTRAL ASIA AND THE CAUCASUS, ON THE SIMPLE
BASES THAT ANY KIND OF ORDER IS BETTER THAN DISORDER.
BUT IF DISORDER IS TO PREVAIL, WHEREVER IT MAY BE, THEN
AMERICA IS BEGINNING TO SIGNAL, AS MUCH TO ITS OWN PEOPLE
AS TO EVERYBODY ELSE, THAT IT WILL NOT INTERVENE.

"WE CAN CLEARLY SEE A SITUATION EMERGING IN WHICH THE
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DEPLOYMENT IN SOMALIA, AND A POSSIBLE DEPLOYMENT IN
BOSNIA (TOGETHER WITH A FEW TROOPS FOR THE GOLAN) COULD
BE THE LAST AMERICAN PEACE KEEPING DEPLOYMENTS, AND
THEREFORE, PERHAPS, THE LAST MAJOR PEACEKEEPING
DEPLOYMENTS ANYWHERE. PHYSICAL INTERVENTION BECOMES LESS
LIKELY IN AREAS WHERE ONE WOULD EXPECT AMERICAN POWER TO
BE EXERTED, WHILE DIPLOMATIC INTERVENTION BECOMES LESS
LIKELY IN MORE REMOTE AREAS BECAUSE OF THE PERCEIVED NEED
TO PROP UP REGIONAL POWERS WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE
MISBEHAVING. ...
"IN THE NEW ISOLATIONISM, KNOW-NOTHINGS ARE APPARENTLY
BEING REPLACED BY DO-NOTHINGS -- BY PEOPLE WHO KNOW HOW
BAD THINGS ARE OUT THERE, WHO DO CARE, BUT WHO ARGUE THAT
IT IS SIMPLY NOT POSSIBLE TO STOP IT.
"THIS IS A FAR CRY FROM THE VISION OF AN INCREASINGLY
DEMOCRATIC WORLD WHICH STILL FINDS AN ECHO IN PRESIDENT
CLINTON'S DOCTRINE OF ENLARGEMENT. THE PROPER RESPONSE
TO THIS HEAVEN AND HELL APPROACH IS SURELY TO REASSERT
THAT, JUST AS GO-ANYWHERE INTERVENTIONISM WAS ALWAYS AN
IMPOSSIBLE IDEA, THE ABANDONMENT OF THE WORLD BY THE MORE
POWERFUL AND RICHER SOCIETIES IS EQUALLY IMPOSSIBLE."
THE CONSERVATIVE TIMES EDITORIALIZED:
"ON THE EVIDENCE OF HIS SPEECH TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
THE UN, PRESIDENT CLINTON STILL LACKS THE 'VISION THING'.
... NO INCOMING PRESIDENT WOULD HAVE FOUND IT EASY TO
REPLACE THE SIMPLE VERITIES OF THE COLD WAR WITH A
COMPLEX FOREIGN POLICY THAT DEMANDS THE TALENTS OF A
PALMERSTONE OR TALLEYRAND RATHER THAN JOHN KENNEDY
HEROICS. BUT THE CHARGE OF INCOHERENCE NEVERTHELESS
WOUNDS. GIVEN AMERICA'S SUPERPOWER STATUS, ITS
PRESIDENTS NEED TO CUT A DASH IN THE WORLD. JUDGED BY
THE STANDARDS OF MR CLINTON'S OWN INTELLECTUAL
PRETENSIONS, HIS WORLD VISION APPEARS DECIDEDLY HAZY.
"THE UN SPEECH WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE CULMINATION OF A
SUMMER RETHINK ON FOREIGN POLICY. MR CLINTON HAS BEEN
CLEARLY STUNG BY THE AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY
ESTABLISHMENT'S CRITICISM OF HIS HAPHAZARD DIPLOMACY IN
BOSNIA AND SOMALIA. HIS CURATE'S EGG OF A SPEECH HAD ITS
GOOD PARTS. THE CALL TO CURB THE PROLIFERATION OF
NUCLEAR, CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS IS MOST WELCOME,
NOTABLY IN THE LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN NORTH KOREA, IRAN
AND RUSSIA. 'THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE WORLD'S COMMUNITY
OF MARKET DEMOCRACIES', PURSUED BY EXTENDING THE BENEFITS
OF FREE TRADE, IS A COMMITMENT THAT DESERVES APPLAUSE.
MR CLINTON HAS LEFT IT LATE TO CRUSADE FOR THE NAFTA, BUT
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THE OBJECTIVE IS A WORTHWHILE ONE, AND THE CONCLUSION OF
THE GATT TRADE ROUND WOULD BE OF INESTIMABLE BENEFIT TO
THE WORLD. ...
"FOLLOWING THE COLLAPSE OF SOVIET POWER, AMERICA HAS NEVER BEEN IN A MORE POWERFUL POSITION IN THE WORLD BODY. IF AMERICA IS TO BE THE UN'S 'FIRST FRIEND AND FIRST CRITIC', IT HAD BETTER DO MORE THAN SPOUT PLATITUDES FROM THE SIDELINES. IT SHOULD EMPLOY ACTIVE DIPLOMACY TO REFORM THE INSTITUTION.

"IN THE BACKGROUND (OF THE SPEECH), AS EVER, WERE BOSNIA AND AMERICA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES WITHIN NATO. MR CLINTON PRaised THE UN HUMANITARIAN EFFORT IN BOSNIA, AND PLEDGED AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR A PEACE AGREEMENT. WHAT THU PROMISE OF SUPPORT MEANS IS STILL UNCLEAR. MR CLINTON HAS CALLED FOR A NATO SUMMIT IN JANUARY TO CLARIFY THE ALLIANCE'S ROLE. THERE WERE NO POINTERS IN HIS SPEECH. WILL NATO EXTEND ITS SECURITY INTERESTS EASTWARD FROM ITS CORE AREA? WILL IT TAKE IN NEW MEMBERS? WILL AMERICA REALLY POLICE A PEACE AGREEMENT IN BOSNIA? THE HUNGRY SHEEP LOOK UP, AND ARE NOT FED."

2. U.S. HEALTHCARE REFORM

THE CONSERVATIVE TIMES REPORTED:
"HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON MADE A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY YESTERDAY MORNING. SHE NOT ONLY BECAME THE THIRD FIRST LADY TO TESTIFY BEFORE A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE, BUT THE FIRST TO APPEAR AS CHIEF SALESWOMAN FOR THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT PIECE OF LEGISLATION OF HER HUSBAND'S PRESIDENCY. ... LAST YEAR SHE WAS DENOUNCED AS 'FEMI-NAZI' AND 'LADY MACBETH' AND CONSIDERED A LIABILITY BY HER HUSBAND'S CAMPAIGN ADVISERS. THIS YEAR SHE HAS COME TO BE SEEN AS THE ADMINISTRATION'S GREATEST ASSET, AND IT WAS NOT HARD YESTERDAY TO SEE WHY. QUITE SIMPLY, SHE DAZZLED. ...

"MRS CLINTON HAS BECOME THE COMPASSIONATE HUMAN FACE OF HEALTH CARE REFORM, THE NON POLITICIAN IN WHOM A CYNICAL PUBLIC IS INCREASINGLY PLACING ITS TRUST. ... IN TWO HOURS, SHE SCARCELY GLANCED AT HER NOTES AND ELOQUENTLY SWATTED AWAY ANY CONGRESSMEN'S WORRIES ABOUT THE PLAN'S DUBIOUS FINANCING, ITS NEW LAYERS OF BUREAUCRACY AND ITS LIKELY COST IN JOBS. FEW ARE BETTER EQUIPPED THAN MRS CLINTON TO HANDLE TOUGH QUESTIONS, BUT FEW CONGRESSIONAL WITNESSES HAVE COMMANDED SUCH DEFERENCE. THE CONGRESSMEN UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 10 LONDON 17714 USIA

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LARDED THEIR COMMENTS WITH PRAISE."

THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTED:
"MRS CLINTON'S APPEARANCE ON CAPITOL HILL WAS RECOGNIZED IN WASHINGTON AS A MAJOR EVENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FIRST LADY'S ROLE AND PERHAPS IN THE ANNALS OF AMERICAN FEMINISM. TWO PREVIOUS PRESIDENT'S WIVES HAVE ADDRESSED CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES, BUT THEY WENT TO PROMOTE THEIR SPECIAL INTERESTS. ... YESTERDAY, MRS CLINTON TOOK HER SEAT NOT AS A 'LADY BOUNTIFUL', BUT AS A PROFESSIONAL WOMAN, A FEDERAL EMPLOYEE WORKING IN THE INTERESTS OF HER HUSBAND'S ADMINISTRATION TO PULL OFF WHAT WILL, IF IT SUCCEEDS, BE THE DEFINING SOCIAL VICTORY OF HIS PRESIDENCY. ...

"SYCOPHANCY WAS SOMETHING THE GRAVEL-VOICED MR ROSTENKOWSKI AND THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE CLEARLY WISHED TO AVOID. BUT THEY MADE NO BONES ABOUT THE FACT THAT THEY WERE HONORED BY THE FIRST LADY'S PRESENCE. THEY TREATED HER GENTLY, PUTTING THEIR QUESTIONS WITH UNACCUSTOMED POLITENESS AND SELDOM INTERRUPTING HER ANSWERS. MANY EXECUTIVES WHO HAD OCCUPIED HER SEAT AT PREVIOUS HEARINGS MIGHT HAVE BEEN ENVIOUS. IT WAS MRS CLINTON WHO SHOWED METTLE, REELING OFF FACTS AND STATISTICS WITH APLOMB. JABBING THE AIR WITH A DETERMINED FINGER AS SHE LEANED EARNESTLY FORWARD IN HER LEATHER CHAIR, SHE SCARCELY GLANCED AT HER NOTES."

"FEW EXPECT THAT THE HEALTHCARE REFORM PROGRAM WILL EMERGE FROM CONGRESS WITHOUT MAJOR CHANGES. THERE ARE MONTHS OF DEBATE AHEAD. IN THIS OPENING ROUND THERE ARE MANY POLITICIANS FROM BOTH SIDES WITH CONCERNS TO BE AIRED AND CHALLENGES TO BE TABLED. JUDGING BY YESTERDAY'S PERFORMANCE. THE FIRST LADY IS READY FOR THEM."

THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN REPORTED:
"MRS CLINTON HAD IT BOTH WAYS YESTERDAY. SHE WAS THE POLICY EXPERT WHO COULD TALK TO CONGRESSMEN ABOUT DIFFERENTIAL MEDICARE PAYMENTS IN THEIR HOME CONSTITUENCY. THEN SHE BECAME AN ORDINARY WIFE AND MOTHER BESET BY THE BUREAUCRACY, COSTS AND REMOTE MEDICAL PROFESSIONALISM OF THE U.S. SYSTEM. IT WAS LIKE BARBARA BUSH WITH A PH.D."

3. WORLD TRADE
THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES EDITORIALIZED:
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"OCTOBER IS LIKELY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE URUGUAY ROUND OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE MULTILATERALLY AGREED DEADLINE OF DECEMBER 15. DURING THIS MONTH THE OUTLINES OF A TOTAL DEAL ON MARKET ACCESS NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED IF THE TIMETABLE SET OUT BY THE GATT'S DIRECTOR GENERAL PETER SUTHERLAND IS TO BE MET. THIS IS ACHIEVABLE -- AND MUST BE ACHIEVED. ... "COMPAARED WITH THE CHASM IN 1986, WHAT DIVIDES THE EC AND U.S. IN AGRICULTURE TODAY IS A CENTIMETER. THE U.S. SHOULD REALLY BE ABLE TO AGREE TO TARIFFS ON TEXTILES COMPARABLE TO THOSE OF THE EC. IT SHOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO PERMIT COUNTRIES TO SUBSIDIZE DOMESTIC FILM PRODUCTION FOR CULTURAL REASONS."


"AS FOR THE EC, ITS LEADERS NEED TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE PRIME FRENCH DEMAND IN AGRICULTURE -- TO MAKE THE WORLD SAFE FOR DUMPING OF SUBSIDIZED COMMODITIES -- IS NOT MERELY HYPOCRITICAL, SET AGAINST THE EC'S GENERAL STANCE ON DUMPING, BUT IUS DETESTED BY MANY MORE COUNTRIES THAN JUST THE U.S. IF REFUSAL TO ACCEPT WHAT HAS BEEN AGREED AT BLAIR HOUSE DESTROYS THE ROUND, THE EC WILL BE UNIVERSALLY BLAMED FOR THE CATASTROPHE. THE OUTCOME WILL NOT BE A WORLD DIVIDED INTO SEVERAL TRADING BLOCKS. IT IS FAR MORE LIKELY TO BE ONE IN WHICH THE EC IS SET AGAINST VIRTUALLY EVERYONE ELSE."

4. FORMER SOVIET UNION

WRITING IN THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES, COLUMNIST EDWARD MORTIMER COMMENTED:

"THE PROBLEMS FACING RUSSIA NOW ARE HARDLY LESS THAN THOSE THAT FACED PERU LAST YEAR. IN FACT, GIVEN THE SIZE UNCLAS SECTION 09 OF 10 LONDON 17714 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/EU; NEA; VOA NEWS/CA; PL (LSECREST); B/TV/WP;
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OF THE COUNTRY, ITS ETHNIC DIVERSITY, AND THE LEGACY
(both economic and political) of 70 years of communism,
they can surely be considered much greater. Many
Russians doubt whether they can be solved democratically,
or at all. So far, Mr Yeltsin is still trying to
introduce a democratic constitution, to carry the people
with him at each stage of his reforms, and to avoid a
recourse to violence. So long as he behaves like that,
he deserves support."

The centrist independent editorialized:
"The West has good reason to be grateful to Eduard
Shevardnadze, who, as Mikhail Gorbachev's foreign
minister, was one of the chief architects of the second
Russian revolution. Western governments should now be
concerned that the Georgian who became so closely
identified with glasnost feels betrayed by Boris Yeltsin
and what passes for a government in Moscow. . . .
"It is barely conceivable that the Abkhazians could have
defeated the numerically vastly superior Georgians
without help from the Russian military. Mr
Shevardnadze's sense of betrayal is understandable. The
episode raises some disturbing questions. Was the fall
of Sukhumi part of a deal between President Yeltsin and
Gen Grachev? If so, what were its other elements? Were
they restricted to the territory of the former Soviet
union? The value of peace deals brokered by Russia has
also been called into question. It is in such situations
that leaders of small countries look around for fresh
allies -- a process that can only increase the
instability of an already war-ridden region."

The conservative daily telegraph editorialized:
"We in the West need not object if Moscow acts as a
stabilizing force in volatile regions such as Trans-
Caucasia and Central Asia, and we should accept that
Russia has a legitimate interest in the fate of the
millions of Russians who live outside its borders. But
this does not mean approval of what Mr Yeltsin has
allowed to happen in Georgia, where outside support for
the separatists is causing the country to disintegrate.
The hope must be that a Yeltsin victory over the
hardliners will bring such destabilising factors under
control. If it does not, then the West will have to
remind the Russian leader that continued political and
financial backing depends on good behavior in the 'near
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ABROAD' AS WELL AS THE PURSUIT OF DEMOCRACY AND ECONOMIC
REFORM AT HOME."

5. SOMALIA
THE CONSERVATIVE TIMES REPORTED:
"THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION YESTERDAY UNVEILED A KEY
CHANGE OF STRATEGY IN SOMALIA AIMED AT EXTRICATING
AMERICAN TROOPS AS FAST AS POSSIBLE. THE NEW POLICY WILL
PLACE FAR LESS EMPHASIS ON CAPTURING GENERAL AIDEED AND
MUCH MORE ON ISOLATING THE MOGADISHU WARLORD BY BUILDING
A NEW POLITICAL STRUCTURE IN WHICH HE WOULD HAVE NO ROLE.
...
"THE CHANGE OF STRATEGY IS A TACIT ADMISSION OF FAILURE,
BUT ONE WHICH IS DRIVEN BY THE URGENT NEED TO ASSUAGE
SOMALI ANTAGONISM TOWARDS AMERICAN TROOPS AND TO PERSUADE
CONGRESS THAT U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN SOMALIA IS FINITE. ...n
CONGRESSMEN COMPLAINED (LAST NIGHT) THAT SOMALIA HAD
BECOME A 'DEADLY SANDTRAP' FOR AMERICAN TROOPS."

THE CENTRIST INDEPENDENT REPORTED:
"BILL CLINTON HAS CONFIRMED THAT WASHINGTON HAS CHANGED
THE POLICY OF THE UN OPERATION IN SOMALIA TO SWITCH THE
EMPHASIS AWAY FROM THE HUNT FOR GENERAL AIDEED TO A NEW
INITIATIVE AIMED AT ISOLATING HIM POLITICALLY. ...n
PRESSURE FROM CONGRESS IS CAUSING THE CHANGE IN POLICY.
...
"WASHINGTON ALSO KNOWS THAT MORE AND MORE SOMALIS OF
WHATEVER FACTION ARE TURNING AGAINST THE AMERICAN AND UN
PRESENCE AND THAT THE POLICY OF HUNTING DOWN GENERAL
AIDEED IS TURNING HIM INTO A HERO. THERE ARE RELIABLE
REPORTS THAT EVEN AMONG FOLLOWERS OF ALI MAHDI MOHAMMED,
GENERAL AIDEED'S ARCH ENEMY, THERE IS A GROUNDSWELL OF
ANTI-U.S. AND ANTI-UN FEELING. THE ADMINISTRATION IS IN
A BIND. ON THE ONE HAND IT HAS TO SATISFY CONGRESS AND
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT ITS COMMITMENT TO SOMALIA IS NOT
OPEN-ENDED, HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL, AND THAT THE TROOPS WILL
BE HOME SOON. ON THE OTHER IT MUST NOT GIVE GENERAL
AIDEED THE IMPRESSION HE HAS GOT THE UN FORCES ON THE
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