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SUBJECT: ARA GUIDANCES, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1994

PREPARED PRESS GUIDANCES:

GUATEMALA: PEACE TALKS

Q: ANY REACTION TO THE GUATEMALAN PEACE TALKS ACCORD?
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A: WE CONGRATULATE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA AND THE
GUATEMALAN NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY UNITY (THE GUERILLA
UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION, URNG) ON THEIR JANUARY 10
AGREEMENT TO RESUME PEACE TALKS, BROKEN OFF LAST MAY.

WE HAVE STRONGLY SUPPORTED RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS AND
STAND READY WITH THE GROUP OF FRIENDS TO ASSIST THE
UNITED NATIONS AS MODERATOR AND THE PARTIES THEMSELVES IN
ANY WAY POSSIBLE.

GUATEMALA: PEACE TALKS.

(EXPLANATORY NOTE: THE GOG AND THE URNG AGREED TO RENEW
TALKS UNDER UN AUSPICES AND SET A TARGET DATE OF YEAR-END
1994 FOR REACHING AN AGREEMENT. THE GUATEMALA CATHOLIC
CHURCH HAD THE LEAD ROLE PREVIOUSLY. THE PARTIES AGREED
TO SEEK VERIFICATION BY THE UN OF ANY ACCORDS REACHED BUT
ANY EVENTUAL PEACEKEEPING OPERATION IS LIKELY TO BE
MODEST IN SCALE. FIRST SUBSTANTIVE MEETING WILL BE IN
FEBRUARY AFTER BREAKING DOWN IN THE SPRING OF 1993. IN
ADDITION TO THE US, THE GROUP OF FRIENDS INCLUDES MEXICO,
COLOMBIA, VENEZUELA, SPAIN AND NORWAY. THE ROLE OF THE
FRIENDS GROUP IS, AS BEFORE, ILL DEFINED BUT WE
ANTICIPATE WORKING WITH THE UN AND OTHER FRIENDS ON THE
MARGINS; THE FRIENDS DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE TALKS
THEMSELVES. WE WILL CONSULT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF
GUATEMALA AND WILL CONTINUE DIRECT CONTACTS WITH THE URNG

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AS WELL.

HAITI: MIAMI CONFERENCE, JANUARY 14-16
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Q: CAN YOU GIVE US AN UPDATE ON THE JANUARY 14-16 MIAMI CONFERENCE? THERE HAVE BEEN RADIO REPORTS THAT THE HAITIAN MILITARY WILL NOT PARTICIPATE. ANY INFORMATION ON THIS REPORT?

A: WE HAVE NOTHING NEW TO ADD ON THE MEETING ITSELF.

WE WERE INFORMED THAT THE MILITARY WOULD BE INVITED. WE HAVE NOW SEEN THE PRESS REPORTS THAT THEY HAVE DECLINED TO ATTEND, HOWEVER WE DO NOT HAVE ANY FURTHER DETAILS. I WOULD REFER YOU TO THE HAITIAN EMBASSY.

Q: WILL THE USG SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CONFERENCE?

A: IF THERE IS A GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO GET ALL PARTIES TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE SO THAT THERE IS A BASIS FOR A SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF THESE ISSUES, WE WILL VERY LIKELY ATTEND.

WE SUPPORT ANY GENUINE EFFORT TO BREAK THE CURRENT IMPASSE BY SEEKING COMPLETION OF THE PROCESS ENVISIONED IN THE GOVERNOR'S ISLAND ACCORD. WE BELIEVE THE FOCUS SHOULD BE ON RESOLVING THE POLITICAL CRISIS WHICH IS THE ROOT CAUSE OF MANY OF HAITI'S OTHER PROBLEMS.

ANY SERIOUS EFFORT TO PROMOTE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE HAITIAN PARTIES TO SOLVE HAITI'S POLITICAL CRISIS WOULD HAVE OUR FULL SUPPORT.

Q: WHAT WOULD BE THE USG REPRESENTATIVE'S ROLE AT THE
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CONFERENCE?

A: IF WE ATTEND, WE WOULD BE THERE AS OBSERVERS.

HAITI: FUEL TANKER

Q: WHAT'S THE LATEST ON THE FUEL TANKER DELIVERY? DO YOU HAVE A DEFINITE ARRIVAL DATE?

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A: THE TANKER IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE LATER THIS WEEK. I DON'T HAVE THE EXACT DATE. (IF PRESSED:) WE ARE NOT GOING TO GET INTO THE OPERATIONAL DETAILS OF THE SHIP'S ARRIVAL.

Q: THERE ARE REPORTS THAT THE HAITIAN MILITARY IS THREATENING TO STOP DELIVERY. ANYTHING ON THAT REPORT?

A: WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE MILITARY AND POLICE WILL TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE THAT THIS INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO DISTRIBUTE FUEL TO THE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS IS FACILITATED.

HAITI: AIDE MEMOIRE JANUARY 15 DEADLINE

Q: IN THE DECEMBER 22 AIDE MEMOIRE FROM THE FOUR FRIENDS, JANUARY 15 IS SET AS A DEADLINE TO LOOK AT THE PROGRESS TOWARD IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNORS ISLAND ACCORD. DO THE FOUR FRIENDS STILL PLAN TO ASK THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL MEASURES, APPLYING FURTHER SANCTIONS OR LIMITING NON-COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS IN/OUT OF HAITI?

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A: THE RECOMMENDATION STANDS. IF THE MILITARY FAILS TO COMPLY WITH ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE GOVERNORS ISLAND AGREEMENT BY JANUARY 15, THE FOUR FRIENDS WILL MEET TO CONSIDER MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL REGARDING ADDITIONAL SANCTIONS.

HAITI: THREATS AGAINST AMBASSADOR SWING CONTINGENCY, IF ASKED ONLY, GUIDANCE

Q: WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT REPORTS OF THREATS AGAINST U.S. AMBASSADOR SWING?

A: WE HAVE NO COMMENT ABOUT ANY SPECIFIC THREATS AGAINST AMBASSADOR SWING. I WOULD, HOWEVER, REITERATE THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THE SAFETY OF ALL AMERICANS IN HAITI TO BE OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE.

MEXICO: THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION

Q. WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT ALLEGATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS CONNECTED WITH THE VIOLENCE IN CHIAPAS STATE? ARE HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS ABLE TO TRAVEL AROUND THE AREA? HAVE WE DISCUSSED THE ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO?

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A. PRESIDENT SALINAS HAS BEEN VERY CLEAR IN HIS STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS TO DATE THAT GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES IN CHIAPAS MUST ENSURE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THAT STATE. THE NAMING OF FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL AND FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION CARPIZO TO THE INTERIOR

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MINISTRY AND OF FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER CAMACHO TO THE PEACE AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION ARE INDICATIONS THAT HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS ARE BEING ADDRESSED AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS.

AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY NOTED, NUMEROUS MEXICAN AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS HAVE SENT TEAMS TO CHIAPAS TO MONITOR THE SITUATION AND INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO REVIEWING THE WORK DONE BY THE GROUPS AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE INVESTIGATIONS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE MEXICAN NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, AN ORGANIZATION RESPECTED INTERNATIONALLY.

WE HAVE HAD INITIAL REPORTS THAT SOME HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS WERE UNABLE TO TRAVEL FREELY THROUGHOUT CHIAPAS. GIVEN THAT THE FIGHTING HAS VIRTUALLY STOPPED, WE EXPECT THAT THE ORGANIZATIONS WILL SOON BE ABLE TO TRAVEL FREELY.

U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAVE STRESSED REPEATEDLY WITH SENIOR MEXICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THE IMPORTANCE OF HANDLING THE AFTERMATH OF THE FIGHTING IN CHIAPAS IN A WAY WHICH ENSURES RESPECT FOR DUE PROCESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

MEXICO: UPDATE ON THE SITUATION IN CHIAPAS STATE

Q. CAN YOU GIVE US AN UPDATE OF THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND IN CHIAPAS STATE?

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A. FIGHTING IN CHIAPAS HAS DIMINISHED SHARPLY AS CLASHES BETWEEN THE MEXICAN ARMY AND THE ZAPATISTA NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY (EZLN) REBELS HAVE MARKEDLY DECREASED. ARMY TROOPS CONTINUE TO PURSUE REBELS INTO THE CHIAPAN HIGHLANDS.

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Q. HAS NEGOTIATIONS STARTED YET BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE REBELS IN CHIAPAS STATE?

A. NO. BUT BOTH SIDES HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE FOR NEGOTIATIONS; HOWEVER, SO FAR, NO MODALITIES HAVE BEEN FORMALLY ARRANGED.

PERU: LA CANTUTA CASE

Q: CAN YOU GIVE US AN UPDATE ON THE LA CANTUTA CASE?

A: THERE HAS BEEN SOME PROGRESS IN ADDRESSING THE NOTORIOUS LA CANTUTA CASE IN WHICH NINE STUDENTS AND A PROFESSOR DISAPPEARED FROM LA CANTUTA UNIVERSITY OUTSIDE LIMA IN JULY 1992. PERUVIAN AUTHORITIES ARE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS CASE TO PERU'S STANDING IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. WE ARE ENCOURAGED THAT THERE SEEMS TO BE PROGRESS IN BRINGING TO JUSTICE THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DISAPPEARANCES.

A CIVIL COURT JUDGE HAS INDICTED ELEVEN ARMY PERSONNEL IN CONNECTION WITH THE LA CANTUTA DISAPPEARANCES. WHILE A MILITARY COURT HAS REFUSED TO HAND OVER THE ELEVEN MEN INDICTED BY THE CIVIL COURT, IT HAS ANNOUNCED ARREST

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WARRANTS FOR THE SAME ELEVEN PLUS TWO MORE. IT APPEARS THAT FIVE OF THESE WARRANTS ARE FOR OFFICERS, RANGING IN RANK FROM GENERAL TO LIEUTENANT. WE EXPECT THE PERUVIAN SUPREME COURT WILL DECIDE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS WHETHER THE CASE WILL BE TRIED IN CIVILIAN OR MILITARY COURT.

Q: HAVE THERE BEEN IMPROVEMENTS IN THE GENERAL HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN PERU?

A: OVERALL, WHILE THERE ARE BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE ELEMENTS, WE BELIEVE THAT THERE HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES OVER THE PAST YEAR. FOR INSTANCE:

IN RECENT MONTHS THE LEVEL OF DISAPPEARANCES AND EXTRA-JUDICIAL EXECUTIONS HAS DECLINED SHARPLY.

THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU HAS ESTABLISHED A HUMAN RIGHTS REGISTRY OF DETAINEES TO TRACK -- AND BETTER PROTECT -- INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED FOR TERRORISM.

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INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS VISITS TO PERUVIAN PRISONS ARE PROCEEDING WELL.

LEGISLATION HAS BEEN APPROVED TO RESTORE A NUMBER OF BASIC ELEMENTS OF DUE PROCESS.

A DISTINGUISHED PANEL OF INTERNATIONAL JURISTS, RECENTLY REVIEWED THE PERUVIAN ANTI-TERRORIST JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND PRESENTED ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT.

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AN "HONOR" TRIBUNAL, COMPOSED OF RESPECTED PERUVIAN LAWYERS AND PROFESSORS, HAS BEEN WORKING TO REVIEW THE QUALIFICATIONS OF JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS APPOINTED TO THE BENCH IN THE WAKE OF APRIL 5, 1992 AUTO-COUP. LAST DECEMBER, THE TRIBUNAL ANNOUNCED ITS DECISIONS ON SUPREME COURT AND EQUIVALENT PROSECUTOR POSITIONS. TWO-THIRDS OF PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S APPOINTEES WERE CONFIRMED; ONE-THIRD WERE REJECTED.

HOWEVER, ADDITIONAL STEPS MUST BE TAKEN TO BRING PERU'S HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE INTO CONFORMANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS. IN PARTICULAR, THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO DO MORE TO AFFORD DUE PROCESS TO THOSE ACCUSED OF TERRORISM CRIMES.

WE CONSULT REGULARLY WITH CONGRESS AND NGOS ON THESE ISSUES.

WE CONTINUE TO STRESS HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS STRONGLY IN OUR DEALINGS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU.

Q: IS U.S. AID TO PERU STILL SUSPENDED?

A: AFTER THE APRIL 5, 1992 AUTO-COUP, THE UNITED STATES SUSPENDED ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU. (WE CONTINUED WITH OUR HUMANITARIAN AND ANTI-DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE AS THESE MONIES SUPPORTED IMPORTANT US OBJECTIVES IN PERU.)

WE ARE CURRENTLY DISCUSSING WITH THE US CONGRESS THE
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CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH ANY PARTIAL RESUMPTION OF ECONOMIC AID MIGHT TAKE PLACE IN RESPONSE TO PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RELATE THE

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RELEASE OF U.S. ASSISTANCE TO PERUVIAN HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE.

WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE RESUMING MILITARY ASSISTANCE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

Q: WHEN IS ALEXANDER WATSON TRAVELLING TO PERU?

A: THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS WILL TRAVEL TO PERU FROM JANUARY 18 - 21.

Q: WHO IS GOING WITH THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY?

A: REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS MATTERS, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, THE U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND THE NSC WILL TRAVEL WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY WATSON.

Q: WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT?

A: THE DELEGATION WILL MEET WITH PRESIDENT FUJIMORI AND MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS LEADERS, AND LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS TO UNDERTAKE A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE ISSUES ON OUR BILATERAL AGENDA (HUMAN RIGHTS, STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY, ECONOMIC REFORM AND COUNTERNARCOTICS) AND TO SEE HOW WE CAN COOPERATE IN THESE AND OTHER AREAS.

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