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3. REFCOUNS DELIVERED ON AUGUST 18 TO ICRC DEPUTY DELEGATE GENERAL FOR EUROPE, CHRISTOPHE GIROD, COPIES OF U.S. SATELLITE IMAGERY OF POSSIBLE MASS GRAVE SITES IN BOSNIA. WE PLAN TO PROVIDE THE SAME TO UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AYALA LASSO. THE SANITIZED IMAGERY, PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT, WAS THAT WHICH HAS BEEN REPORTED IN THE PRESS AND SHARED WITHIN THE U.N.

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5. COMMENT. THE ICRC VIEWPOINT ON SREBENICA AND ZEPA
HAS SHIFTED PERCEPTIBLY. EO 13526 1.4d

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ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE, THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT THEY
WILL FOLLOW IT UP IN THE FIELD. GERSON
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GENEVA FOR RMA

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1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ -- ENTIRE TEXT.
2. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE -- PLEASE SEE PARAS 4-5.
THE LACK OF ACCESS TO AND INFORMATION ABOUT MISSING
PERSONS FROM THE FORMER UN SAFE AREAS OF SREBRENICA AND
ZEPa CONTINUES TO BE A CAUSE OF GRAVE CONCERN TO US. WE
ARE AWARE THAT THE ICRC HAS ATTEMPTED TO DEVELOP
INFORMATION ABOUT THE NUMBER, LOCATION AND CONDITION OF
DETAINEES AND OTHER PERSONS MISSING FROM THE SREBRENICA
AND ZEPa AREAS. THUS FAR, HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT A
LARGE NUMBER OF PERSONS -- FOR THE MOST PART DRAFT-AGED
MEN -- REMAINS UNACCOUNTED FOR.
3. WE ARE SIMILARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE LACK OF
INFORMATION ON NUMBERS OF PERSONS AND PREVAILING
CONDITIONS IN THE REMAINING SAFE AREA OF GORAZDE. WE
UNDERSTAND THAT ICRC HAS (OR AT LEAST HAD) A PRESENCE IN
THE GORAZDE AREA. IF THIS IS THE CASE, ICRC COULD BE A
USEFUL SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT CONDITIONS IN THE
GORAZDE ENCLAVE.
4. ACTION REQUESTED: RMA GENEVA IS REQUESTED TO
APPROACH APPROPRIATE ICRC OFFICIALS TO REITERATE OUR
CONTINUING CONCERN ABOUT THE FATE OF MISSING PERSONS FROM

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SREBRENICA AND ZEPA, AND TO ASK FOR ANY UPDATED INFORMATION WHICH ICRC MAY HAVE DEVELOPED. ADDITIONALLY, RMA SHOULD INQUIRE OF ICRC OFFICIALS WHETHER, IN THEIR VIEW, THE USG COULD ASSIST THEIR EFFORTS IN OBTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT MISSING PERSONS AND ACCESS TO DETAINEES.

5. CONCERNING GORAZDE, RMA SHOULD SEEK TO CLARIFY THE STATUS OF THE ICRC PRESENCE THERE AND REQUEST THAT ICRC SHARE WITH US ANY NEW INFORMATION IT DEVELOPS REGARDING ACTUAL NUMBERS OF PERSONS REMAINING IN THE GORAZDE SAFE AREA AND THE PREVAILING CONDITIONS IN THE ENCLAVE.

6. SARAJEVO -- MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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-- PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

-- VIOLATIONS IN SREBRENCIA, SECTORS NORTH AND

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2. COUNSELORS FROM THE CONTACT GROUP PLUS ITALY MET AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 5 TO DISCUSS A GERMAN DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT RESPONDING TO THE SYG'S AUGUST 30 REPORT REGARDING THE FATE OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION OF ZEPA AND SREBRENICA. (THE GERMAN DRAFT CIRCULATED DURING THE MEETING ALREADY CONTAINED U.S. PROPOSED LANGUAGE THAT STATES GIVE THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL ACCESS TO SITES IT DEEMS IMPORTANT FOR ITS INVESTIGATIONS.) ALL MEMBERS OF THE GROUP AGREED THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD RESPOND TO THE REPORT BY ADOPTING A PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT. THE UK, FRENCH, ITALIAN AND RUSSIAN DELEGATIONS ARGUED THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS GIVING DIRECTIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL WHICH WAS AN AUTONOMOUS BODY. THEY THEREFORE SUGGESTED THE DELETION OF THE SENTENCE IN THE ORIGINAL DRAFT WHICH EXPRESSED THE COUNCIL'S HOPE THAT THE TRIBUNAL'S INVESTIGATION INTO THE INCIDENTS MENTIONED IN THE SYG'S REPORT BE INTENSIFIED. THE GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE AGREED TO THE DELETION.

3. THE RUSSIAN REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT THE STATEMENT SHOULD ALSO REFLECT CONCERNS ABOUT VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CROATIA THAT HAD BEEN MENTIONED IN THE SYG'S AUGUST 23 REPORT ON UNCRO. HE CIRCULATED TWO PARAGRAPHS CONTAINING SPECIFIC LANGUAGE. ALL OTHER DELEGATIONS SUGGESTED THAT THE COUNCIL TAKE UP THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN SECTORS NORTH AND SOUTH IN A SEPARATE PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT. THE RUSSIAN REPRESENTATIVE AGREED THAT HIS DELEGATION COULD ACCEPT THE PRINCIPAL OF TWO PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENTS WHICH WERE ADOPTED SIMULTANEOUSLY.

4. COUNSELORS WENT THROUGH THE GERMAN TEXT PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH AND AGREED TO SEND THE TEXT FOUND BELOW TO CAPITALS. THEY ALSO WENT THROUGH THE RUSSIAN PROPOSALS AND TURNED THEM INTO A FREE STANDING STATEMENT THAT WOULD ALSO BE SENT TO CAPITALS. THE BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE RAISED A QUESTION ABOUT THE REFERENCE TO "SECTORS" NORTH, SOUTH AND WEST, AND THE USE OF THE TERM "KRAJINA SERB" POPULATION IN THE RUSSIAN STATEMENT. THE GROUP AGREED THAT IT WILL RECONVENE AT 1100 SEPTEMBER 6 TO CONTINUE ITS DISCUSSION OF THE TWO TEXTS.

5. BEGIN TEXT OF GERMAN DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ON ZEPA AND SREBRENICA:

THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAS CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF 30 AUGUST (S/1995/755) SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO ITS RESOLUTION 1010 OF 10 AUGUST 1995.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE FAILURE OF THE BOSNIAN SERB PARTY TO COMPLY WITH THE DEMANDS CONTAINED IN RESOLUTION 1010 (1995). THE BOSNIAN SERB PARTY'S REFUSAL TO COOPERATE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR) AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) CANNOT

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BUT REINFORCE THE DEEP CONCERN EXPRESSED IN THAT
RESOLUTION AND IN PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS AND STATEMENTS.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL STRESSES ITS DETERMINATION THAT
THE FATE OF PERSONS DISPLACED FROM SREBRENICA AND ZEPA
BE ESTABLISHED. IT REAFFIRMS ITS DEMANDS TO THE
BOSNIAN SERB PARTY TO GIVE IMMEDIATE ACCESS FOR
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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNHCR, THE ICRC AND OTHER
INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES TO PERSONS DISPLACED FROM
SREBRENICA AND ZEPA WHO ARE WITHIN THE AREAS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA WHO ARE WITHIN THE
AREAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA UNDER
THE CONTROL OF BOSNIAN SERB FORCES, AND TO PERMIT
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ICRC TO VISIT AND REGISTER ANY
PERSONS DETAINED AGAINST THEIR WILL.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL ALSO REAFFIRMS ITS DEMANDS TO THE
BOSNIAN SERB PARTY TO RESPECT FULLY THE RIGHTS OF ALL
SUCH PERSONS, TO ENSURE THEIR SAFETY AND TO RELEASE
THEM.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL TAKES NOTE OF THE INVESTIGATIONS
WHICH ARE BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE INTERNATIONAL
TRIBUNAL ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO ITS RESOLUTION 827
(1993). THE COUNCIL REITERATES IN THIS CONTEXT THAT
ALL STATES SHALL COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE TRIBUNAL AND
ITS ORGANS, INCLUDING BY PROVIDING ACCESS TO SITES THE
TRIBUNAL DEEMS IMPORTANT FOR ITS INVESTIGATIONS.
THE SECURITY COUNCIL REITERATES THAT ALL THOSE WHO
COMMIT VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW
WILL BE HELD INDIVIDUALLY RESPONSIBLE IN RESPECT OF
SUCH ACTS.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO
CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS AND TO REPORT TO THE COUNCIL NO
LATER THAN 6 OCTOBER 1995 REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH
RESOLUTION 1010 (1995) AND ANY FURTHER RELEVANT
INFORMATION THAT MAY BECOME AVAILABLE.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL REMAIN ACTIVELY SEIZED OF THE
MATTER.

END TEXT OF GERMAN DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT.

6. BEGIN TEXT OF RUSSIAN DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT

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ON CROATIA:

THE SECURITY COUNCIL EXPRESSES ITS DEEP CONCERN AT THE GRAVE SITUATION OF REFUGEES AND PERSONS DISPLACED FROM THEIR HOMES AS A RESULT OF THE CROATIAN OFFENSIVE IN SECTORS WEST, SOUTH AND NORTH IN CROATIA AND AT REPORTS OF VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW AS DESCRIBED IN THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF 23 AUGUST 1995 (S/1995/730). THE COUNCIL SHARES THE VIEW OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL THAT THE MASS EXODUS OF THE KRAJINA SERB POPULATION HAS CREATED A HUMANITARIAN CRISIS OF SIGNIFICANT PROPORTIONS. THE COUNCIL IS ALSO CONCERNED BY REPORTS OF VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS INCLUDING THE BURNING OF HOUSES, LOOTING OF PROPERTY AND KILLINGS IN SECTORS SOUTH AND NORTH AND DEMANDS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CROATIA IMMEDIATELY TAKES APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PUT AN END TO SUCH ACTS.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL WELCOMES EFFORTS MADE BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL IN COORDINATION WITH INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS IN RESPONSE TO THIS ACUTE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION. ITS CALLS UPON ALL MEMBER STATES TO PROVIDE URGENT HUMANITARIAN RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE TO THESE REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS. THE SECURITY COUNCIL REITERATES THAT ALL THOSE WHO COMMIT VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW WILL BE HELD INDIVIDUALLY RESPONSIBLE IN RESPECT OF SUCH ACTS.

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THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL REMAIN ACTIVELY SEIZED OF THE MATTER.

END TEXT OF RUSSIAN DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ON CROATIA.

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2. THE SECURITY COUNCIL ADOPTED TWO PRESIDENTIAL
STATEMENTS CONDEMNING THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN
BOSNIAN AND CROATIA.

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3. IN THE INFORMAL SESSION OF THE COUNCIL, THE DELEGATION OF OMAN SUGGESTED THAT THE STATEMENT ON BOSNIA INCLUDE A DEMAND FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE BOSNIAN SERBS FROM THE SAFE AREAS OF ZEPA AND SREBRENICA. THE MEMBERS OF THE CONTACT GROUP RESPONDED THAT THE STATEMENT SHOULD REMAIN FOCUSED ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, THE DELEGATION OF OMAN WITHDREW ITS PROPOSAL.

4. BEGIN TEXT OF PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ON ZEPA AND SREBRENICA:

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THE SECURITY COUNCIL STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE FAILURE OF THE BOSNIAN SERB PARTY TO COMPLY WITH THE DEMANDS CONTAINED IN RESOLUTION 1010 (1995). THE BOSNIAN SERB PARTY'S REFUSAL TO COOPERATE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR) AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE RED CROSS (ICRC) CANNOT BUT REINFORCE THE DEEP CONCERN EXPRESSED IN THAT RESOLUTION AND IN PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS AND STATEMENTS.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL STRESSES ITS DETERMINATION THAT THE FATE OF PERSONS DISPLACED FROM SREBRENICA AND ZEPA BE ESTABLISHED. IT REAFFIRMS ITS DEMANDS TO THE BOSNIAN SERB PARTY TO GIVE IMMEDIATE ACCESS FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNHCR, THE ICRC AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES TO SUCH PERSONS WHO ARE WITHIN THE AREAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA UNDER THE CONTROL OF BOSNIAN SERB FORCES, AND TO PERMIT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ICRC TO VISIT AND REGISTER ANY PERSONS DETAINED AGAINST THEIR WILL.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL ALSO REAFFIRMS ITS DEMANDS TO THE BOSNIAN SERB PARTY TO RESPECT FULLY THE RIGHTS OF ALL SUCH PERSONS, TO ENSURE THEIR SAFETY AND TO RELEASE THEM.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL REITERATES THAT ALL THOSE WHO COMMIT VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW WILL BE HELD INDIVIDUALLY RESPONSIBLE IN RESPECT OF SUCH ACTS.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL TAKES NOTE OF THE INVESTIGATIONS WHICH ARE BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO ITS RESOLUTION 827 (1993). THE COUNCIL REITERATES IN THIS CONTEXT THAT ALL STATES SHALL COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE TRIBUNAL AND ITS ORGANS, INCLUDING BY PROVIDING ACCESS TO SITES THE TRIBUNAL DEEMS IMPORTANT FOR ITS INVESTIGATIONS.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS AND TO REPORT TO THE COUNCIL NO

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END TEXT

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SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO ITS RESOLUTION 1009 OF 10 AUGUST
1995 ON CROATIA AND IN PARTICULAR THE HUMANITARIAN
SITUATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS DESCRIBED THEREIN.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL EXPRESSES ITS DEEP CONCERN AT THE
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BURNING OF HOUSES, LOOTING OF PROPERTY AND KILLINGS AND
DEMANDS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CROATIA IMMEDIATELY
INVESTIGATE ALL SUCH REPORTS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE
MEASURES TO PUT AN END TO SUCH ACTS.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL REITERATES ITS DEMAND THAT THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA RESPECT FULLY THE
RIGHTS OF THE LOCAL SERB POPULATION INCLUDING THEIR
RIGHT TO REMAIN OR RETURN TO SAFETY.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL WELCOMES EFFORTS MADE BY THE
SECRETARY GENERAL IN COORDINATION WITH INTERNATIONAL
HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS IN RESPONSE TO THIS ACUTE
HUMANITARIAN SITUATION. IT CALLS UPON ALL MEMBER
STATES TO PROVIDE URGENT HUMANITARIAN RELIEF AND
ASSISTANCE TO THESE REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL REITERATES THAT ALL THOSE WHO
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THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL REMAIN ACTIVELY SEIZED OF THE
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2. SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUEST: ICRC PRESIDENT SOMMARUGA MADE A REQUEST TO AMB. SPIEGEL THAT ANY PEACE AGREEMENT REACHED IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA INCLUDE AN EXPRESS REFERENCE TO THE ICRC AS THE ENTITY THROUGH WHICH THE ISSUES OF DETAINEES AND THE MISSING SHOULD BE PURSUED. HE CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO LINK THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ISSUES THEMSELVES TO THE NEGOTIATIONS. WITH RESPECT TO THE SREBRENICA MISSING, SOMMARUGA TOLD AMB. SPIEGEL THAT HE IS SENDING A VERY STIFF LETTER TO KARADZIC DEMANDING AN EXPLANATION. ICRC INTERVIEWS OF SREBRENICA REFUGEES IN TUZLA INDICATE THAT 3,000 ARRESTED BY THE BOSNIAN SERBS IN SREBRENICA/POTOCARI ARE MISSING AND THAT ANOTHER 1,000 - 2,000 OF THOSE WHO FLED SREBRENICA ARE STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR. ICRC'S DEMANDS FOR ACCESS TO ALL DETAINEES HAS SO FAR RESULTED IN VISITS TO ONLY 164.

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ICRC WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION THAT THE

MASS GRAVE SITES NEAR KASABA DEPICTED IN THE DEPARTMENT-PROVIDED PHOTOGRAPHS ACTUALLY CONTAIN CORPSES. ICRC REPORTS THAT THE EVACUATION FROM ZEPA WAS MUCH CLEANER IN COMPARISON AND THAT THE NUMBER OF MISSING IS A GOOD DEAL LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED. THEY ALSO INDICATE THAT GORAZDE HAS AN ESTIMATED POPULATION OF 30,000 - 40,000 WITH OVERCROWDED LIVING CONDITIONS IN GORAZDE CITY, BUT WITH ADEQUATE FOODS WATER AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES UNTIL THE BRIDGES LEADING TO GORAZDE WERE RECENTLY DESTROYED. END SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUEST.

3. AMB SPIEGEL BRIEFED ICRC PRESIDENT SOMMARUGA ON SEPTEMBER 13 ON THE OUTCOME OF THE YUGOSLAVIA PEACE TALKS HELD IN GENEVA SEPTEMBER 8. SOMMARUGA IN TURN REQUESTED THAT ANY PEACE AGREEMENT INCLUDE A PROVISION EXPRESSLY IDENTIFYING ICRC AS THE ORGANIZATION THROUGH WHICH THE ISSUES RELATING TO DETAINEES AND MISSING PERSONS SHOULD BE PURSUED. IN SOMMARUGA'S VIEW THE PROVISION IN THE TEXT SHOULD GO NO FURTHER THAN STATING THAT ICRC WILL WORK WITH THE PARTIES ON THESE ISSUES. IT SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO DEAL WITH THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ISSUES LEST THEY BECOME ENTANGLED WITH POLITICAL ISSUES.

4. SOMMARUGA NOTED THAT ICRC HAS ALREADY BEEN THE FACILITATOR FOR DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES ON THESE TOPICS. IT IS PRESENT AT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN BELGRADE AND ZAGREB AND PLAYS THE SUPPORTING ROLE AT THE THREE PARTIES' REGULAR DISCUSSIONS AT THE SARAJEVO AIRPORT CONCERNING DETAINEES AND MISSING.

5. AMB. SPIEGEL UNDERTOOK TO PASS ON SOMMARUGA'S REQUEST. HE NOTED THAT PROGRESS ON THESE ISSUES MIGHT SERVE AS CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES BETWEEN THE PARTIES. SOMMARUGA AGREED, BUT CAUTIONED THAT WORK ON THE DETAILS OF THE ISSUES SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN DISCUSSIONS OF POLITICAL ISSUES. OTHERWISE PROGRESS ON BOTH COULD BE SLOWED.

THE SREBRENICA MISSING

6. IN RESPONSE TO AMB. SPIEGEL'S INQUIRY, SOMMARUGA SAID THAT HE WILL SEND A VERY STIFF LETTER TO KARADZIC ON THE SREBRENICA MISSING. ICRC HAS REPORTS FROM SREBRENICA REFUGEES IN TUZLA OF APPROXIMATELY 8000

MISSING. OF THESE, ABOUT THREE THOUSAND WERE REPORTED TO BE IN SREBRENICA/POTOCARI WHEN SREBRENICA FELL AND WERE ARRESTED BY THE SERBS. THE OTHER FIVE THOUSAND REPORTEDLY FLED SREBRENICA BEFORE THE ENCLAVE FELL.

7. SOMMARUGA SAID THAT ICRC HAS BEEN TOLD BY SERBIAN AUTHORITIES THAT IT MAY HAVE A

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CCESS TO ALL THE
DETAINEES, BUT SO FAR IT HAS BEEN GIVEN ACCESS TO ONLY
164 HELD AT FIVE POINTS OF DETENTION- ICRC DOES NOT
KNOW WHETHER THERE ARE OTHER DETENTION LOCATIONS.
SOMMARUGA'S LETTER TO KARADZIC WILL CONTAIN NAMES OF THE
MISSING, STATE THE ALLEGATIONS THAT A MASSACRE HAS TAKEN
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PLACE AND ASK IN POINTED TERMS ABOUT THE FATE OF THE
MISSING THREE THOUSAND WHO WERE ARRESTED. (ICRC TOLD US
THAT WHEN THEY RAISED THE ISSUE WITH BOSNIAN SERB VICE
PRESIDENT KOLJEVIC WHEN HE WAS IN GENEVA SEPTEMBER 8, HE
DID NOT DENY THE ALLEGATIONS OF A MASSACRE BUT SIMPLY
SAID THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO THEM.)

8. WITH RESPECT TO DETAINEES, SOMMARUGA SAID THAT ICRC
IS AWARE OF ABOUT 2000 IN ALL OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA
- 800 HELD BY THE CROATS, 600-800 BY THE BOSNIAN SERBS
AND 300 BY THE BOSNIACS AND HVO.

9. IN SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS WITH ICRC OFFICIALS IN
RESPONSE TO REFTEL WE WERE TOLD THAT THE 164 VISITED ARE
HELD IN FIVE LOCATIONS NEAR BATKOVIC AND PRESUMABLY ARE
IN THE GROUP OF FIVE THOUSAND WHO FLED FROM SREBRENICA.
THERE ARE VARYING ESTIMATES OF THE NUMBER OF PERSONS IN
THIS GROUP WHO HAVE SAFELY ESCAPED BOSNIAN SERB
TERRITORY. BOSNIAN MINISTER MURATOVIC TOLD ICRC THAT IT
IS BETWEEN THREE AND FOUR THOUSAND, LEAVING ANOTHER ONE
TO TWO THOUSAND MISSING. ICRC IS WORKING ON COMPILING
THE NAMES OF THE MISSING IN THIS GROUP AND ASKING THE
BOSNIAN GOVERNMENT FOR WHATEVER INFORMATION IT HAS ON
THEM.

10. WE ALSO PASSED TO ICRC, UNHCR AND THE UN HUMAN
RIGHTS CENTER DEPARTMENT-PROVIDED PHOTOGRAPHS OF MASS
GRAVE SITES NEAR KASABA. ICRC ASKED WHETHER WE HAD ANY
FURTHER INFORMATION TO INDICATE THAT THE SITES ACTUALLY
CONTAINED CORPSES. BOTH ICRC AND UNHCR HAVE TOLD US
THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO THE
SITES. ICRC, HOWEVER, NOTED THAT IT IS NOT PRESSING THE
ISSUE WITH THE BOSNIAN SERBS. IT DOES NOT VIEW ITS ROLE
AS THAT OF AN INVESTIGATOR" IT WILL RECITE THE
ALLEGATIONS TO THE BOSNIAN SERBS, BUT IT IS UP TO THE
BOSNIAN SERBS TO PROVIDE THEM WITH ANSWERS.

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11. ICRC ALSO TOLD US THAT THE EVACUATION OF ZEP WAS A
MUCH CLEANER OPERATION. ICRC IS STILL IN THE PROCESS OF
TRACING THE MISSING AND HAVE VISITED 796 WHO FLED ZEP
TO SERBIA. THEY BELIEVE THAT THE NUMBER OF ZEP MISSING

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WILL TURN OUT TO BE A GOOD DEAL LESS THAN A HUNDRED.

GORAZDE

12. IN GORAZDE, ICRC HAS TWO EXPATS AND 10 LOCAL STAFF. THEY ESTIMATE THAT THE POPULATION OF THE GORAZDE ENCLAVE IS 30,000 - 40,000. GORAZDE CITY IS OVERCROWDED AND LIVING CONDITIONS ARE POOR. UNTIL VERY RECENTLY, HOWEVER, FOOD SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN ADEQUATE, HELPED BY AN ACTIVE BLACK MARKET. MEDICAL SUPPLIES HAVE ALSO BEEN ADEQUATE UNTIL RECENTLY, SUPPLIED BY MSF. LOCAL WELLS PROVIDE SUFFICIENT WATER. HOWEVER, WITH THE RECENT DESTRUCTION OF BRIDGES LEADING TO GORAZDE, FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES ARE RAPIDLY DWINDLING"

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2. SUMMARY. IN INFORMALS ON 10 OCTOBER, THE COUNCIL WELCOMED THE 29 SEPTEMBER REPORT OF THE SYG ON UNCRO AND APPROVED A DRAFT LETTER FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO THE SYG AGREEING WITH THE REPORT'S CONCLUSIONS. AMBASSADOR GHAREKHAN INFORMED THE COUNCIL OF THE SYG'S DECISION TO REDUCE UNPROFOR. GHAREKHAN REPORTED ON UNPROFOR'S CONTINUED EFFORTS TO GAIN ACCESS TO CIVILIANS FROM ZEPA AND SREBRENICA DETAINED BY THE BOSNIAN SERBS. HE ALSO BRIEFED THE COUNCIL ON THE STATUS OF THE CEASE-FIRE BROKERED BY HOLBROOKE ON 5 OCTOBER. END SUMMARY.
3. AMBASSADOR INDERFURTH STATED THAT WE SUPPORTED THE SYG'S DECISION TO WITHDRAW UNCRO BATTALIONS FROM SECTORS NORTH, SOUTH, AND WEST. INDERFURTH STRESSED THAT THE CROATIAN GOVERNMENT MUST DO MORE TO ENSURE THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE SERB MINORITIES AND UNDERLINED US SUPPORT FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION TEAMS TO MONITOR THE SITUATION IN THOSE AREAS.
4. COUNCIL MEMBERS SUPPORTED THE SYG'S RECOMMENDATION REDUCING UNCRO TO 2,500 BY THE END OF OCTOBER. MEMBERS AGREED TO ISSUE A LETTER TO THE SYG ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL NOTING THEIR AGREEMENT WITH THE SYG'S REPORT. TEXT FOLLOWS PARA 10. MEMBERS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE CONTINUING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND BURNING/LOOTING OF HOUSES IN KRAJINA. ITALIAN DEP PERMREP FERRARIN STATED THAT THE GOC "SHOULD INTERVENE AND BRING THE CULPRITS TO JUSTICE."
5. AMBASSADOR GHAREKHAN INFORMED THE COUNCIL OF THE SYG'S DECISION TO REDUCE UNPROFOR BY 9,000 TROOPS LEAVING 21,000 TROOPS IN THEATER. GHAREKHAN SAID THAT SEVERAL FACTORS, INCLUDING THE FALL OF ZEPA AND SREBRENICA, THE HV/HVO AND BOSNIAN GOVERNMENT RECENT OFFENSIVES, AND THE CREATION OF THE RRF WARRANTED THE REDUCTION IN UNPROFOR PERSONEL. RECONFIGURATION OF UNPROFOR WILL ENHANCE OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY BY CREATING "GENERALIZED BATTALIONS" WITH FLEXIBLE OPERATION CAPABILITIES. THE REDUCTION WILL HELP ALLEVIATE SOME PRESSURE ON THE SECRETARIAT TO REDUCE COSTS IN RESPONSE TO THE FINANCIAL CRISIS OF THE UN.
6. AMBASSADOR INDERFURTH STATED THAT ALTHOUGH THE US DID NOT QUESTION THE AUTHORITY OF THE SYG, THE COUNCIL SHOULD BE INFORMED BEFORE AN ALTERATION TO A MANDATE IS MADE. INDERFURTH SAID A SC MANDATE ESTABLISHES A LINK BETWEEN THE OPERATION AND ITS SIZE WHICH USUALLY REQUIRES A SC DECISION TO ALTER. RUSSIAN DEP PERMREP FEDOTOV EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE "PROCEDURE OF INFORMATION" WHICH ALLOWED CNN ACCESS TO INFORMATION BEFORE THE COUNCIL WAS NOTIFIED. FRENCH PERMREP DEJAMAIS URGED THE SYG TO EXERCISE CAUTION IN WITHDRAWING UNPROFOR SINCE THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE IN SUCH A DELICATE STAGE.

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7. GHAREKHAN REPORTED TO THE COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN SREBRENICA AND ZEPA AS CALLED FOR IN SCR 1010. UNHCR AND ICRC ARE STILL BEING DENIED ACCESS TO DETAINEES. THE BOSNIAN SERBS WERE DENYING UNPROFOR ACCESS TO THAT AREA, CONSEQUENTLY, NO INVESTIGATION OF THE ALLEDGED MASS GRAVES WAS POSSIBLE. OF THE 8,000 PERSONS REPORTED AS MISSING
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AFTER THE BSA OFFENSIVE IN SREBRENICA, 3,000 HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS BEING DETAINED, THE OTHER 5,000 HAVE "SIMPLY DISAPPEARED".

8. MANY DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE RESTRICTED ACCESS OF UNPROFOR TO THE SITES OF THE ALLEDGED MASS GRAVES. AMBASSADOR INDERFURTH STATED THAT THE RESTRICTION SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT "OUR FEARS WERE WELL-FOUNDED".

9. GHAREKHAN INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT OF 5 OCTOBER WAS NOT YET IN EFFECT BECAUSE GAS AND ELECTRICITY HAD NOT BEEN RESTORED TO SARAJEVO. ELECTRICITY WAS PREDICTED TO RESUME 10 OCTOBER AND GAS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING PENDING THE RESOLUTION OF TECHNICAL PROBLEMS. WITHOUT A CEASE-FIRE, FIGHTING CONTINUED. BOSNIAN ARMY LAUNCHED AN OFFENSIVE AT MT. VLUK SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY SOUTH OF TUZLA. THE ATTACK ELICITED A BSA RESPONSE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF ONE NORWEGIAN PEACEKEEPER. FIGHTING WAS INTENSE IN DOBOJ AND MAGLAI. A REFUGEE CAMP IN ZEVENICA WAS HIT RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF 10 CIVILIANS AND THE INJURY OF 34 OTHERS.

10. BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER TO THE SYG ON BEHALF OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON UNCRO:

--THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAVE CONSIDERED YOUR REPORT OF 29 SEPTEMBER PURSUANT TO SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1009 (1995) (S/1995/835). THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AGREE WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS SET OUT IN THAT REPORT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT MANDATE OF UNCRO PENDING, IN THE CASE OF EASTERN SLAVONIA, THE OUTCOME OF THE ON-GOING NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SUBJECT.

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2. PER REFTELCON, I CALLED FRY FOREIGN MINISTER MILUTINOVIC TO REGISTER WASHINGTON'S STRONG ANGER ABOUT RENEWED REPORTS OF ETHNIC CLEANSING IN THE BANJA LUKA AREA.
3. I SIAD THAT UN REPORTS OF NEW BOSNIAN SERB ATROCITIES IN THE REGION WERE BEING PICKED UP BY ALL THE INTERNATIONAL MEDIA, INCLUDING A FRONT-PAGE STORY THAT WOULD BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEW YORK TIMES. THIS INCLUDED CHARGES THAT UP TO FIVE THOUSAND CIVILIAN MUSLIM MEN WERE MISSING AND UNACCOUNTED FOR. IF TRUE, THIS COULD NOT HELP BUT EVOKE IMAGES OF NEW MASSACRES SUCH AS HAD TAKEN PLACE IN SREBRENICA. IN ADDITION, THE CONTINUED EXPULSION OF THOUSANDS OF MUSLIM CIVILIANS WAS UNDENIABLE AND DOCUMENTED ON TELEVISION ALMOST EVERY EVENING. SUCH ACTIONS WERE VICIOUS AND TOTALLY CONTRARY TO OUR JOINT EFFORTS TO INITIATE PEACE TALKS. INDEED, THEY COULD ENDANGER THE PEACE

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PROCESS IF NEW MASSACRES WERE DOCUMENTED.

4. MILUTINOVIC PROFESSED SHOCK AND DISMAY AT THE REPORTS AND SAID THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST HE HAD HEARD OF THEM. "WHAT SHOULD WE DO?" HE ASKED. I SAID THAT BELGRADE MUST INSIST THAT BOSNIAN SERB AUTHORITIES STOP SUCH ACTIONS IMMEDIATELY, ARREST ANY PARAMILITARY FORCES THAT MAY BE RESPONSIBLE, AND COOPERATE WITH UN INVESTIGATION OF MISSING INDIVIDUALS. MILUTINOVIC AGREED THAT THIS WAS A VERY NEGATIVE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PEACE PROCESS AND SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH MILOSEVIC. (NOTE: I PLAN ALSO TO SEND BOTH MILUTINOVIC AND MILOSEVIC A COPY OF THE NYT ARTICh, WHEN RECEIVED.)

5. IN A SIDE DISCUSSION OF THE CEASEFIRE, MILUTINOVIC SAID IT WAS "INCREDIBLY STUPID" OF "RSK FOREIGN MINISTER" BUHA TO HAVE REJECTED AGREEMENT TO A DELAYED CEASEFIRE, ALTHOUGH THE BOSNIAN GOVERNMENT SIDE BORE THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITY FOR SEEKING ARTIFICIAL DELAYS. MILUTINOVIC CALLED ME BACK AT MIDDAY OCTOBER 11 TO SAY THAT BUHA HAD JUST SIGNED A DOCUMENT AGREEING TO A CEASEFIRE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE SAID HE HOPED THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER DELAYS FROM EITHER SIDE AND THE CEASEFIRE COULD GO INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY. PERINA

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PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ADOPTED

2. AMBASSADORS FROM THE CONTACT GROUP PLUS ITALY MET MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 12 TO DISCUSS A FRENCH REVISION OF THE GERMAN PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ON BOSNIAN SERB "ETHNIC CLEANSING." THE FRENCH DRAFT WAS BASED ON THE GERMAN TEXT OF OCTOBER 12, BUT INCLUDED LANGUAGE WELCOMING THE FACT THAT THE OCTOBER 5 CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT HAD ENTERED INTO FORCE, AND DEMANDING THAT BOTH SIDES COMPLY WITH THE CEASE FIRE. IN AN EFFORT TO ACCOMODATE THE RUSSIAN CONCERNS THE TEXT EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN ABOUT ANY OPERATION THAT PROVOKES LARGE SCALE MOVEMENTS OF CIVILIAN POPULATIONS.

3. THE RUSSIAN REPRESENTATIVE PRESSED CONTACT GROUP MEMBERS TO ACCEPT SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO THE RECENT MILITARY OFFENSIVES BY THE BOSNIAN GOVERNMENT AS A WAY TO "BALANCE" THE TEXT. AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT SAID THE SUGGESTION WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE USG. SHE POINTED OUT THAT THE PRACTICE OF "ETHNIC CLEANSING" WAS NOT AKIN TO MILITARY OPERATIONS AND THEREFORE, DID NOT DESERVE EQUAL CONDEMNATION BY THE COUNCIL.

4. IN INFORMALS, THE COUNCIL WELCOMED THE DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT AND AGREED THAT THE URGENT NATURE OF THE SITUATION CALLED FOR AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE. OMANI, ARGENTIN AND INDONESIAN AMENDMENTS WERE ADDED TO THE TEXT.

5. AFTER ADDITIONAL DEBATE THE COUNCIL ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 12 THE PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT FOUND BELOW.

BRIEFING BY THE SECRETARIAT

6. ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL RIZA BRIEFED THE COUNCIL ON CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS. THE CEASE-FIRE IN BOSNIA TOOK EFFECT ON 11 OCTOBER AT 0001 LOCAL TIME. LIMITED ACCESS TO FRONT LINES PREVENTED UNPROFOR FROM MONITORING COMPLIANCE WITH CEASE-FIRE. RIZA SAID THAT BOSNIAN SERB ETHNIC CLEANSING IN WESTERN BOSNIA WAS CONTINUING. THE BOSNIAN SERBS GAVE 1,200 MUSLIMS AND CROATS 2 MINUTES TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES IN THE BANJA LUKA AREA. UNHCR REPORTS INDICATED WIDE SPREAD HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN NORTHERN ?!BERY. A LARGE NUMBER OF DRAFT-AGE MEN WERE SEPARATED FROM THE EXPELLED PERSONS AND ARE CURRENTLY UNACCOUNTED FOR. UNHCR FEARS THAT IF THE BOSNIAN SERB EXPULSION CAMPAIGN CONTINUED AS MANY AS 20,000 MAY SOON BE DISPLACED.

7. BEGIN TEXT OF PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT:

DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT

THE SECURITY COUNCIL WELCOMES THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOSNIAN PARTIES OF 5 OCTOBER 1995.

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THE SECURITY COUNCIL TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS ITS GRATITUDE TO ALL THOSE WHO NEGOTIATED THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT, AND TO THE UNITED NATIONS PROTECTION FORCE AND OTHERS WHO, OFTEN AT RISK TO THEIR OWN LIVES, HAVE MADE POSSIBLE, WITH THE COOPERATION OF ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ SECTION 02 OF 02 USUN NEW YORK 003981

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-- WESTERN BOSNIA, SECRETARIAT'S BRIEFING ON THE
-- CURRENT SITUATION

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ALL THE PARTIES, THE RESTORATION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES TO THE INHABITANTS OF SARAJEVO ENABLING THEM TO LIVE IN MORE DECENT CONDITIONS.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEMANDS THAT ALL PARTIES FULLY COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT AND REFRAIN FROM ANY MILITARY ACTIVITY THAT COULD JEOPARDIZE THE PEACE PROCESS. IT EXPRESSES ITS DEEPEST CONCERN AT ANY OPERATION THAT PROVOKES LARGE-SCALE MOVEMENTS OF POPULATION DETRIMENTAL TO THE PEACE PROCESS AND A FINAL AND FAIR SETTLEMENT. THE COUNCIL IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT NEW REPORTS RELATED TO THE MOVEMENTS OF THE DISPLACED POPULATION IN THE AREAS OF SANSKI MOST AND MRKONJIC GRAD.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL REITERATES ITS STRONG CONDEMNATION OF ALL PRACTICES OF ETHNIC CLEANSING WHEREVER THEY OCCUR AND BY WHOMSOEVER COMMITTED. IT DEMANDS THEIR IMMEDIATE CESSATION AND UNDERLINES THE NEED TO ALLEVIATE THE SUFFERINGS CAUSED BY THESE ACTS. THE COUNCIL URGES ALL BOSNIAN PARTIES TO RESPECT FULLY THE RIGHTS OF ALL COMMUNITIES INCLUDING THEIR RIGHT TO REMAIN WHERE THEY ARE OR TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES IN SAFETY.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS IN PARTICULAR DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT NEW REPORTS CONCERNING ACTS OF ETHNIC CLEANSING COMMITTED IN THE BANJA LUKA AND PRIJEDOR AREAS, ESPECIALLY ABOUT REPORTS, INCLUDING THOSE BY INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS, THAT NON-SERB MEN AND BOYS OF DRAFT AGE ARE BEING TAKEN AWAY BY BOSNIAN SERB AND OTHER PARAMILITARY FORCES. THE COUNCIL DEMANDS THAT THESE PERSONS BE IMMEDIATELY RELEASED.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEMANDS THAT THE BOSNIAN SERB PARTY GRANTS IMMEDIATE AND UNIMPEDED ACCESS FOR UNITED NATIONS PERSONNEL AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS TO ALL THE AREAS OF CONCERN. IT ALSO DEMANDS THAT ICRC

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REPRESENTATIVES BE ALLOWED TO VISIT AND REGISTER ANY PERSONS DETAINED AGAINST THEIR WILL. THE COUNCIL REITERATES IN THIS CONTEXT THE DEMANDS SET OUT IN RESOLUTION 1010 (1995) AND IN THE STATEMENT OF ITS PRESIDENT OF 7 SEPTEMBER 1995 ON SREBRENICA AND ZEPA.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL REAFFIRMS THAT THOSE WHO HAVE COMMITTED OR HAVE ORDERED THE COMMISSION OF VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW WILL BE HELD INDIVIDUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM. THE COUNCIL RECALLS IN THIS CONTEXT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL PURSUANT TO ITS RESOLUTION 827 (1993) AND REITERATES THAT ALL STATES SHALL COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE TRIBUNAL AND ITS ORGANS.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL REMAIN ACTIVELY SEIZED OF THE MATTER.
END TEXT.

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SUMMARY

2. THE OFFICIAL MOD REPORT ON DUTCH ACTIONS DURING
AND AFTER THE FALL OF SREBRENICA IS LIKELY TO OFFER
SOME GRIST FOR BOTH DEFENDERS AND DETRACTORS OF DUTCH
ACTIONS, ACCORDING TO AN MOD OFFICIAL FAMILIAR WITH
THE REPORT. THE MOD BELIEVES THE REPORT -- SCHEDULED
FOR RELEASE OCTOBER 23 -- WILL CLARIFY A NUMBER OF
MISPERCEPTIONS REGARDING DUTCH ACTIONS THAT HAVE
APPEARED BOTH IN THE DUTCH AND INTERNATIONAL MEDIA IN
RECENT WEEKS. IN PARTICULAR, THE REPORT WILL
HIGHLIGHT THE MILITARY LIMITATIONS UNDER WHICH THE
DUTCH OPERATED AND THE RISKS TO REFUGEES AND BLUE
HELMETS ALIKE IF THE DUTCH RESPONSE HAD BEEN MORE
AGGRESSIVE. ON THE DOWNSIDE FOR THE MOD AND GON, THE
REPORT WILL CONTAIN REFERENCES TO MISBEHAVIOR ON THE

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PART OF DUTCH TROOPS, INCLUDING SELLING OF WEAPONS, RIGHT-WING SYMPATHIES, AND POOR TREATMENT OF WOMEN THAT WILL NOT HELP THE ARMY'S EMBATTLED IMAGE.

3. ALTHOUGH THE REPORT COULD BE DAMAGING POLITICALLY TO DEFENSE MINISTER VOORHOEVE, MOD OBSERVERS DO NOT SEE A HIGH RISK OF HIS BEING FORCED TO RESIGN. AS SEPTTEL WILL ELABORATE, THE REPORT IS LIKELY TO HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE DECISIONMAKING PROCESS RELATING TO PEACEKEEPING PARTICIPATION. AT THIS STAGE WE DO NOT SEE, EXCEPT IN CERTAIN QUARTERS, ANY SIGNS OF REDUCED DUTCH WILLINGNESS TO UNDERTAKE SUCH MISSIONS GENERALLY. THIS CONTROVERSY HAS ALSO MOTIVATED DUTCH EFFORTS WITH THEIR EU COLLEAGUES TO GET SOMETHING IN A BOSNIA PEACE SETTLEMENT REQUIRING AN ACCOUNTING OF THE MEN TAKEN AWAY IN SREBRENICA AND ZEPA. END SUMMARY.

REPORT NOT TO PULL PUNCHES

4. AN MOD OFFICIAL FAMILIAR WITH THE DEFENSE MINISTRY'S SOON-TO-BE-RELEASED REPORT ON DUTCH ACTIONS DURING AND AFTER THE FALL OF SREBRENICA SAFE AREA INDICATED THAT THE REPORT WOULD CONTAIN INFORMATION THAT COULD BE USED TO BOLSTER THE ARGUMENTS OF BOTH DEFENDERS AND DETRACTORS OF DUTCH ACTIONS. ON BALANCE, HOWEVER, HE BELIEVED THE REPORT WOULD OFFER A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE MILITARY ASPECTS OF THE SITUATION IN SREBRENICA, PARTICULARLY THE LIMITATIONS UNDER WHICH THE TROOPS OPERATED AND THE RISKS OF ALTERNATIVE, TOUGHER ACTIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE REPORT POINTS OUT THAT DUTCH FORCES LINED UP OBSERVING REFUGEES BOARD A BUS -- A PHOTOGRAPH OF WHICH HAS BEEN USED TO DEPICT THE DUTCH AS HAVING COLLUDED IN ETHNIC CLEANSING -- HAD IN FACT FORMED A COLUMN TO PREVENT WOMEN AND CHILDREN FROM BEING TRAMPLED IN THE RUSH FOR THE BUSES.

IN DEFENSE OF DUTCH ACTIONS

5. AMONG THE KEY POINTS THE REPORT WILL EMPHASIZE TO BACK UP DUTCH ACTIONS ARE:

-- THE DUTCH TROOPS DID UNDERTAKE MILITARY MANEUVERS PRIOR TO AND DURING THE COURSE OF THE SERB ATTACK TO PREVENT THE TAKEOVER OF THE SAFE AREA.

-- FOLLOWING THE TAKEOVER, THE DUTCH TROOPS' FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WAS SHARPLY CIRCUMSCRIBED, LIMITING THEIR ABILITY TO WITNESS EVENTS OUTSIDE THE COMPOUND.

-- GIVEN THIS RESTRICTED MOVEMENT, THE TROOPS HAD NO MEANS OF KNOWING THAT MASS EXECUTIONS WERE TAKING PLACE.

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-- ACTIVE DUTCH RESISTANCE TO THE SERBS WOULD NOT HAVE PREVENTED THE SERB TAKEOVER, AND COULD HAVE RESULTED IN HIGH CASUALTIES AMONG REFUGEES. THE REPORT NOTES THAT THE POCARI COMPOUND, WHERE THE DUTCH AND MUSLIM REFUGEES WERE CONCENTRATED, WAS
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SURROUNDED BY SERB ARTILLERY. ANY USE OF THAT ARTILLERY COULD HAVE KILLED HUNDREDS OF REFUGEES.

POTENTIALLY DAMAGING REVELATIONS

6. ON THE DOWNSIDE OF THE LEDGER, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF FACTS THAT COULD CAUSE POTENTIAL PROBLEMS FOR THE MOD. ALTHOUGH SOME REVELATIONS RELATING TO THE PERSONAL BEHAVIOR OF SOLDIERS ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY RELEVANT TO THE ISSUE OF WHETHER THE DUTCH DID ALL THEY COULD TO AVERT HUMAN RIGHTS ATROCITIES, THEY ARE LIKELY TO BECOME INEXTRICABLY INTERWOVEN WITH PUBLIC AND PARLIAMENTARY PERCEPTIONS OF THE DUTCH ROLE IN SREBRENICA. THESE INCLUDE:

-- THE DUTCH DID NOT REPORT EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF ATROCITIES TO THE U.N. UNTIL THEY WERE DEBRIEFED IN ZAGREB JULY 22 OUT OF A DESIRE NOT TO ANTAGONIZE THE SERBS AND ENDANGER THE SAFETY AND SAFE DEPARTURE OF THE TROOPS.

-- THERE WERE DISCIPLINARY PROBLEMS AMONG THE DUTCH FORCES THAT INCLUDED SELLING EQUIPMENT, EXTREME RIGHT-WING SYMPATHIES, AND POOR TREATMENT OF WOMEN, SPECIFICALLY WOMEN WITHIN THEIR OWN UNITS.

COMPREHENSIVE AND UNJUDGMENTAL

7. THE FINAL REPORT, WHICH WILL BE RELEASED FOLLOWING CABINET REVIEW OCTOBER 23, IS BASED ON INTERVIEWS WITH 490 OF THE 499 SOLDIERS IN SREBRENICA CONDUCTED BY 189 DEBRIEFERS. EACH INTERVIEW TOOK AN AVERAGE OF FOUR HOURS, WITH SOME LASTING UP TO TEN HOURS. ACCORDING TO THE MOD, THE REPORT DOES NOT PRESCRIBE A JUDGEMENT, BUT IS DESIGNED TO LET PEOPLE COME TO THEIR OWN -- BUT BETTER INFORMED -- OPINIONS, WHICH THEY HOPE WILL LEAD TO A MORE NUANCED PERSPECTIVE OF DUTCH ACTIONS.

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8. NEITHER MOD NOR MFA OFFICIALS EXPECT THE REPORT WILL NEGATIVELY AFFECT DUTCH PARTICIPATION IN IFOR. IN FACT, THE MOD SAID THEY EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO POINT TO IFOR'S MORE ROBUST APPROACH AND BETTER COMMAND AND CONTROL MECHANISMS AS EVIDENCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAVE DRAWN THE LESSONS OF THE FAILURE OF SREBRENICA AND HAVE ALREADY MOVED TO ENSURE SUCH EVENTS DO NOT OCCUR AGAIN. NEVERTHELESS, ALL FUTURE DEPLOYMENTS, INCLUDING IFOR, WILL BE MORE CLOSELY SCRUTINIZED AND HIGHLY POLITICIZED.

SEEKING AN ACCOUNTING IN PEACE ACCORD

9. AS THE DEPARTMENT MAY BE AWARE, MFA OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED THAT THE NETHERLANDS HAS BEEN WORKING WITHIN THE EU TO SEEK TO BUILD INTO AN EVENTUAL PEACE SETTLEMENT A REQUIREMENT FOR AN ACCOUNTING OF THE MEN WHO WERETAKEN AWAY OR OTHERWISE MISSING FROM SREBRENICA AND ZEPA. THEY FEAR THAT IF NOTHING IS WRITTEN INTO THE SETTLEMENT NOW, THERE WILL NEVER BE AN ADEQUATE ACCOUNTING.

COMMENT

10. THERE HAS BEEN SOME LIMITED SPECULATION THAT ELEMENTS OF THE REPORT COULD DAMAGE DEFENSE MINISTER VOORHOEVE POLITICALLY, AND POTENTIALLY FORCE HIS RESIGNATION. GIVEN THE REPORT'S MIXTURE OF GOOD AND BAD NEWS, THE KEY FACTOR WILL BE WHAT USE PARLIAMENT CHOOSES TO MAKE OF THE REPORT. IF THEY ARE LOOKING TO PUT THE ISSUE TO REST, THE REPORT WILL GIVE THEM THE MEANS TO DO SO; CONVERSELY, IF THEY WANT A SCAPEGOAT, THEY COULD FIND ENOUGH AMMUNITION TO DAMAGE VOORHOEVE. MOST OF OUR CONTACTS (INCLUDING IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, MFA, AND MOD) DOUBT

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VOORHOEVE IS AT RISK. THEY BELIEVE PARLIAMENT IS INCREASINGLY COGNIZANT OF THE DAMAGE THEIR CONTINUED FOCUS ON THE ISSUE IS DOING TO THE DUTCH REPUTATION INTERNATIONALLY, AND WILL LIKELY LET THE ISSUE GO AFTER A THOROUGH AIRING OF THE REPORT.

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PER 1.5(B). NIACT PRECEDENCE AS REQUESTED BY A/S
HOLBROOKE.

2. ~~(C)~~ SUMMARY: DURING A MEETING WITH SERBIAN
PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC ON OCTOBER 24, A/S SHATTUCK RAISED
ISSUES OF ICRC, NGO AND PRESS ACCESS TO AREAS OF BOSNIA
AND CROATIA WHERE GENOCIDE, WAR CRIMES OR ETHNIC
CLEANSING ARE TAKING OR HAVE TAKEN PLACE. MILOSEVIC
PROMISED THAT HE WOULD DO HIS BEST TO INSIST ON ACCESS
AND TO PRESS FOR THE ARREST OF THE GUILTY. A/S SHATTUCK
URGED IMMEDIATE ACTION BY SERBIA AND THE BOSNIAN SERBS
TO SAVE THE LIVES OF MISSING MUSLIMS FROM THE BANJA LUKA
AREA, SAYING THAT WORDS ON THIS ISSUE ARE WELCOME BUT
ACTIONS ARE CRITICAL AND THE TEST OF ANY REAL PROGRESS.
A/S SHATTUCK ASKED FOR FULL AND ONGOING FRY COOPERATION
WITH THE INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL. MILOSEVIC
AGREED "IN PRINCIPLE," BUT NOTED THAT THE LEGAL ISSUES
WERE "COMPLICATED." HE AGREED TO MEETINGS BETWEEN
SERBIAN AUTHORITIES AND THE TRIBUNAL TO DISCUSS MEANS OF
COOPERATION. MILOSEVIC AGREED TO A/S SHATTUCK'S
SUGGESTION THAT THE CROATIAN MISSION IN BELGRADE BE
ALLOWED TO ADD STAFF TO PROCESS APPLICATIONS OF KRAJINA
SERBS WHO WISHED TO RETURN. LATER A PRESS STATEMENT
FROM MILOSEVIC'S OFFICE, AIRED ON THE STATE-CONTROLLED

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TELEVISION CALLED FOR ACCESS BY HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS AND THE PRESS TO ANY LOCATIONS WHERE ALLEGED WAR CRIMES HAD TAKEN PLACE (SEPTTEL). END SUMMARY.

3. ~~(C)~~ ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND LABOR JOHN SHATTUCK, ACCOMPANIED BY COM PERINA, MET OCTOBER 24 IN BELGRADE WITH SERBIAN PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC AND FOREIGN MINISTER MILUTINOVIC. PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC GREETED SHATTUCK AND TOLD HIM HE ESPECIALLY WANTED TO STRESS WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO ETHNIC SERBS IN CROATIA. NO ONE, HE SAID, UNDERSTOOD THE WORLD'S PASSIVE RESPONSE. THIS WAS THE THIRD GENOCIDE CARRIED OUT AGAINST SERBS IN EUROPE AND THE LARGEST GENOCIDE IN EUROPE SINCE WORLD WAR TWO. HE ESTIMATED A HALF MILLION SERBS HAD BEEN DRIVEN OUT OF CROATIA.
4. ~~(C)~~ SHATTUCK OPENED HIS STATEMENT BY SAYING THAT HIS VISIT WAS NOT PART OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS BUT HE WAS SENT BY THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE WITH A TWO-PART MESSAGE CONCERNING BANJA LUKA AND THE KRAJINA.j (NT ACCESS IMMEDIATELY FOR THE ICRC, NGOS AND THE PRESS TO THE BANJA LUKA AREA BECAUSE LIVES WERE AT STAKE AND URGENT ACTION TO SAVE THEM IS ESSENTIAL. HE ALSO APPEALED TO THE SERBIAN PRESIDENT ON BEHALF OF THE U.S. TO USE HIS INFLUENCE TO ALLOW INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND NGOS TO LOCATE PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN SEPARATED FROM THEIR FAMILIES, INCLUDING THOSE LISTED BY ICRC AS MISSING.
5. ~~(C)~~ MILOSEVIC REPLIED THAT HE WAS NOT IN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND IN THE REPUBLIKA SRPSKA (RS) BUT WOULD DO HIS BEST TO SECURE THE ARREST OF THOSE GUILTY OF ETHNIC CLEANSING. HE CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY THE RS THAT INDIVIDUAL SOLDIERS HAD BEEN GUILTY OF EXCESSES BUT HE DID NOT NECESSARILY ACCEPT THIS POINT OF VIEW AND WOULD SEARCH FOR THE TRUTH. HE WOULD INSIST ON ACCESS FOR THE PRESS AND NGOS AND WOULD INSTRUCT FM MILUTINOVIC "TONIGHT" TO SEE THAT THE PEOPLE ON THE ICRC LIST WERE FOUND. MILOSEVIC ALSO CONFIDED THAT HIS "SPECIAL POLICE" WERE LOOKING FOR THE TWO FRENCH PILOTS MISSING SINCE THEIR PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN OVER BOSNIA.
6. ~~(C)~~ A/S SHATTUCK POINTED OUT THAT INDIVIDUALS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR CRIMES, AND THE INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL WAS VERY IMPORTANT. SHATTUCK URGED MILOSEVIC TO REQUIRE SERBIA'S FULL AND ONGOING COOPERATION WITH THE TRIBUNAL. MILOSEVIC RESPONDED THAT HE AGREED AND WOULD NOT OBSTRUCT WAR CRIMES INVESTIGATIONS. HOWEVER, WHILE "ALL CRIMINALS WOULD BE ARRESTED," THE CONSTITUTION OF SERBIA PROHIBITED THE EXTRADITION OF ITS CITIZENS. NEVERTHELESS, SERBIAN LAWS AGAINST "HATE CRIMES" WERE STRONGER THAN INTERNATIONAL LAWS. MILUTINOVIC ADDED THAT THE CORRECT LEGAL PROCEDURE IN THE FRY WAS TO ASK LOCAL COURTS TO MAKE INITIAL INVESTIGATIONS.
7. ~~(C)~~ WHEN A/S SHATTUCK BROUGHT UP THE QUESTION

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OF INVESTIGATING THE GRAVES NEAR SREBRENICA, MILOSEVIC RESPONDED IMMEDIATELY THAT HE WOULD RAISE THE ISSUE THE NEXT DAY AND SAW NO REASON WHY ACCESS SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED. HE WENT ON TO SAY HE WOULD ISSUE A PRESS RELEASE CALLING FOR BANJA LUKA TO BE OPEN TO PRESS AND NGOS.

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8. ~~(C)~~ WHEN A/S SHATTUCK URGED THAT COOPERATION WITH THE WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS STATEMENT, MILOSEVIC RESPONDED THAT HE MUST FIRST LOOK INTO THE LEGAL ISSUES, WHICH WERE "COMPLICATED." SHATTUCK SUGGESTED THAT TRIBUNAL REPRESENTATIVES GET IN TOUCH WITH THE PROPER FRY AUTHORITIES TO ASSURE FULL COOPERATION CONSISTENT WITH FRY CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS AND MILOSEVIC RESPONDED THAT HE FELT THAT WAS A REASONABLE PROPOSAL.

9. ~~(C)~~ A/S SHATTUCK NOTED THAT THERE WERE MANY OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES OF CONCERN RAISED IN THE SERBIA/MONTENEGRO HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT INCLUDING KOSOVO, FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND MINORITY RIGHTS. MILOSEVIC REPLIED THAT ALL HE ASKED WAS THAT SHATTUCK BE "OBJECTIVE." HE ASSERTED THERE WAS MORE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IN THE FRY THAN IN SURROUNDING COUNTRIES AND COMPLAINED THAT THERE WERE 20 NEWSPAPERS IN KOSOVO, ALL OF WHICH ATTACKED HIM.

10. ~~(C)~~ TURNING TO THE PROBLEM OF SERB REFUGEES FROM THE KRAJINA, SHATTUCK TOLD MILOSEVIC THAT THE U.S. TOOK THIS PROBLEM VERY SERIOUSLY, AS EVIDENCED BY HIS THREE TRIPS TO CROATIA WITHIN THE LAST SIX WEEKS. OUR EMBASSY IN ZAGREB HAD JUST TURNED OVER TO CROATIAN AUTHORITIES A LIST OF 3,000 SERBS WHO WISHED TO RETURN TO KRAJINA. WE WOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS ON THIS.

11. ~~(C)~~ SHATTUCK ASKED IF THE FRY WOULD SUPPORT ADDING STAFF TO THE CROATIAN MISSION IN BELGRADE TO PROCESS APPLICATIONS OF KRAJINA SERB REFUGEES WHO WISHED TO RETURN. MILOSEVIC AGREED AND MILUTINOVIC ADDED THAT THE REAL PROBLEM WAS THE CROATIAN PROPERTY LAW WHICH SET A LIMIT ON TIME FOR PEOPLE TO CLAIM PROPERTY.

12. ~~(C)~~ MILOSEVIC SEVERAL TIMES PROMISED A PRESS

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RELEASE FROM THE MEETING WHICH WOULD ADVOCATE NGO AND PRESS ACCESS TO BANJA LUKA, THE KRAJINA, AND THE SREBRENICA AREA. COM PERINA NOTED THAT QUESTIONS OF ACCESS HAD BEEN RAISED PREVIOUSLY WITH BOSNIAN VICE PRESIDENT KOLJEVIC WHO SEEMED TO BE PROCRASTINATING. A/S SHATTUCK CONCLUDED THAT THE PRESS STATEMENT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL BUT THAT ACTION ON GRANTING ACCESS WAS MOST IMPERATIVE BECAUSE LIVES WERE AT STAKE. ACTIONS BY SERBIA AND THE BOSNIAN SERB WOULD BE CAREFULLY MONITORED, AND REAL HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRESS WOULD NOT OCCUR UNTIL THESE ACTIONS WERE TAKEN.

13. ~~(C)~~ A MILOSEVIC OFFICE PRESS STATEMENT, SUBSEQUENTLY AIRED OVER STATE-RUN TV EVENING NEWS, CALLED FOR AN INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF HUMANITARIAN LAW IN THE BANJA LUKA REGION AND URGED FULL ACCESS FOR HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS AND PRESS TO LOCATIONS WHERE ALLEGED WAR CRIMES WERE COMMITTED (FULL STATEMENT FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.)

14. ~~(C)~~ COMMENT: MILOSEVIC WAS OPEN AND EXPANSIVE; HE WAS CLEARLY ATTEMPTING TO PROJECT AN IMAGE OF COOPERATION. HIS STATEMENTS ON ACCESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY -- ALTHOUGH TEMPERED SLIGHTLY BY DISCLAIMERS THAT HE WAS NOT DIRECTLY IN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND -- WERE NEVERTHELESS POSITIVE. HIS WILLINGNESS TO GO PUBLIC WITH THIS POSITION IS CONSTRUCTIVE. THAT SAID, THE TEST LIES IN IMPLEMENTATION RATHER THAN STATEMENTS OF INTENT, AND REAL PROGRESS CAN ONLY BE MEASURED BY THAT STANDARD. WE WILL BE FOLLOWING UP PROMPTLY TO DISCOVER WHETHER THESE STATEMENTS ARE TRANSLATED INTO CONCRETE ACTIONS TO SAVE LIVES AND TO BRING THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR VIOLATIONS TO ACCOUNT.

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1. ~~(C)~~ IN SECURITY COUNCIL INFORMALS ON 30 OCTOBER, USYG GHAREKHAN BRIEFED ON THE CURRENT SITUATION. GHAREKHAN SAID THAT THERE WAS NOT MUCH MILITARY ACTIVITY IN BOSNIA EXCEPT FOR A FEW SMALL ARMS FIRINGS IN SAREJEVO. GHAREKHAN REPORTED THAT FEDERATION TROOPS WERE STILL RESTRICTING UNPROFOR'S MOVEMENT IN NW BOSNIA.

NATO AIR STRIKES AND NATO PRESENCE IN BOSNIA

2. ~~(C)~~ IN RESPONSE TO RUSSIAN REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ON DAMAGE ASSESMENTS OF NATO AIR OPERATION GHAREKHAN STATED THAT 816 SORTIES WERE FLOWN AGAINST BOSNIAN SERB INTEGRATED AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS, FIXED MILITARY TARGETS, AND HEAVY WEAPONS. MOST OF THESE STRIKES WERE SUCCESSFUL ALTHOUGH BAD WEATHER PERIODICALLY LIMITED OPERATIONS. THE BSA RESPONDED QUICKLY TO THESE ATTACKS. CONSEQUENTLY, THE NUMBER OF HEAVY WEAPONS AROUND SARAJEVO WAS NOT SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED. BSA AIR DEFENSES REMAINED FUNCTIONAL. AFTER THE RESUMPTION OF THE AIR STRIKES 14 SEPTEMBER, NATO ASSESSED THAT EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS AND AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS AROUND BANJA LUKA WERE DISABLED AND COMMUNICATIONS SEVERELY DEGRADED. GHAREKHAN SAID THAT NATO DID NOT INCLUDE ANY REPORTS OF COLLATERAL DAMAGE IN ITS REPORT TO THE SYG.

3. ~~(C)~~ IN RESPONSE TO A RUSSIAN QUESTION ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF NATO PERSONNEL IN ZAGREB, GHAREKHAN SAID THAT THIS WAS NOT A "FORWARD DEPLOYMENT OF NATO." GHAREKHAN SAID THAT A LIMITED NUMBER OF NATO SPECIALISTS COMMISSIONED TO DEVISE NATO DEPLOYMENT FOR AN UNPROFOR WITHDRAWAL UNDER HOSTILE CIRCUMSTANCES REMAINED IN THEATER WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SYG AND THE GOC.

4. ~~(C)~~ RUSSIAN PERMREP LAVROV ASSERTED THAT COMPLIANCE BY THE BOSNIAN SERBS WITH THE CONDITIONS SET OUT BY THE 3 SEPTEMBER UN FORCE COMMANDER'S LETTER TERMINATED THE NATO AIR OPERATION. A RESUMPTION OF AIR STRIKES WOULD REQUIRE THE CONSENT OF BOTH NATO AND THE UN. GHAREKHAN ANSWERED THAT UN AND NATO AGREED ON 20 SEPTEMBER THAT A RESUMPTION OF AIR STRIKES WAS NOT NEEDED AT THAT TIME. AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT SAID THAT, WHILE WE HOPE THERE IS NO RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES IN BOSNIA, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE AIR STRIKES WERE SUSPENDED, NOT TERMINATED.

PENDING FATE OF NON-SERB DRAFT-AGED MEN IN
SREBRENICA, ZEPA AND BANJA LUKA AREA

5. ~~(C)~~ GERMAN PERMREP EITEL EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE NON-SERB, DRAFT-AGED MEN ROUNDED UP BY THE BSA IN SREBRENICA, ZEPA AND BANJA LUKA, EITEL URGED THE COUNCIL TO REACT IN LIGHT OF THE "WORST WAR CRIME IN

EUROPE SINCE WWII, THE SUMMARY KILLING OF 6,000 MEN." EITEL UNDERLINED THAT THE COUNCIL CANNOT ACT ON UNSUBSTANTIATED NEWSPAPER REPORTS AND THEREFORE REQUESTED A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT BY THE SYG. EITEL SUGGESTED THAT THE REPORT INCLUDE 5 ELEMENTS: (1) HOW MANY MEN ARE UNACCOUNTED FOR? (2) ARE THE REPORTS OF ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ SECTION 02 OF 02 USUN NEW YORK 004265

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INGS PROBABLE? (3) ARE THERE
EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF BOSNIAN SERB HUMAN RIGHTS
ABUSES? (4) TO WHAT EXTENT WERE FRY PARAMILITARY
FORCES INVOLVED? (5) WHAT ARE THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS
FOR BOSNIAN SERB ACTIONS?

6. ~~(C)~~ MOST COUNCIL MEMBERS AGREED THAT THERE WAS AN URGENT NEED TO ESTABLISH THE FATE OF THE DETAINED MEN. OMANI PERMREP AL-KHUSSAIBY REGRETTED THAT THE COUNCIL HAD FAILED TO TAKE ACTION EARLIER. HE SUPPORTED THE GERMAN SUGGESTION FOR A REPORT BY THE SYG AND APPEALED TO THE COUNCIL TO TAKE STRONG ACTION AGAINST THE BOSNIAN SERBS. ARGENTINE PERMREP CARDENAS CAUTIONED THE COUNCIL AGAINST TAKING ON THE INVESTIGATIVE RESPONSIBILITY; PROSECUTION OF CRIMINALS SHOULD BE HANDLED BY THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL. RUSSIAN PERMREP LAVROV QUESTIONED HOW THE COUNCIL WOULD PROCEED AFTER THE FACTS WERE ESTABLISHED. HE REMINDED THE COUNCIL THAT THE KILLING OF SERBS IN THE KRAJINA WAS DENOUNCED BY THE CROATIAN AUTHORITIES AS BEING CARRIED OUT BY GROUPS OUTSIDE OF GOVERNMENT CONTROL IN STOLEN GOVERNMENT UNIFORMS.

7. ~~(C)~~ AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT SAID IT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO GET INFORMATION FROM THE SYG. SHE SUPPORTED THE GERMAN PROPOSAL THAT THE SECRETARIAT PREPARE A REPORT TO THE COUNCIL CONTAINING ALL IT KNEW ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN SREBRENICA, ZEPA AND BANJA LUKA. ALBRIGHT EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT SOME EVIDENCE OF THE ABUSES HAS BEEN DESTROYED AND SHE CALLED ON ALL PARTIES TO TURN OVER EVIDENCE TO THE TRIBUNAL.

8. ~~(C)~~ COUNCIL AGREED TO HAVE THE SYG PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FATE OF THE DETAINED MEN. HOW TO PROCEED AFTER SUCH FACTS ARE KNOWN IS TO BE DECIDED LATER.

9. ~~(C)~~ USUN PLANS TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

--DEMANDING THAT ALL STATES COOPERATE WITH THE WAR

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CRIMES TRIBUNAL;

--DEMANDING THAT THE PARTIES NOT DISTURB ANY EVIDENCE
OF WAR CRIMES;

--DEMANDING THAT THE BOSNIAN SERBS GRANT ACCESS TO THE
DETAINEES OR ALLEGED SITES OF MASS GRAVES TO
APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES INCLUDING THE
TRIBUNAL;

--REQUESTING THE SECRETARIAT TO ISSUE A WRITTEN REPORT
ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN SREBRENICA, ZEPA AND
BANJA LUKA AREAS.

10. ~~(6)~~ IF THE DEPARTMENT APPROVES THE DRAFT WE WILL
CIRCULATE IT IN THE CONTACT GROUP AND AMONG MEMBERS OF
THE COUNCIL.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

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1. ~~(c)~~ ON NOV 1, CONTACT GROUP PLUS ITALY MET AT THE
COUNSELOR LEVEL TO DISCUSS US DRAFT RESOLUTION ON
HUMANITARIAN ABUSES IN SREBRENICA, SANSKI MOST AND
AREAS AROUND BANJA LUKA.

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2. ~~(C)~~ MEMBERS OF THE CONTACT GROUP PLUS ITALY AGREED TO THE 31 OCTOBER TEXT (REF A) WITH A FEW MINOR DRAFTING REVISIONS. THE GROUP ACCEPTED FRENCH PROPOSALS TO ADD ONE OPERATIVE AND ONE PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH AS FOLLOWS:

--PREAMBULAR 5: "COMMENDING THE EFFORTS BY THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE FORCES AND OTHER UN PERSONNEL IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA, IN PARTICULAR IN THE REPUBLIC OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA DESPITE EXTREME DIFFICULTIES,"

--OPERATIVE 6: "REAFFIRMS ITS SUPPORT FOR THE ACTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE FORCES AND OTHER UN PERSONNEL, STRESSES THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION, AND DEMANDS THAT ALL PARTIES FULLY ENSURE THEIR SAFETY AND COOPERATE FULLY WITH THEM."

3. ~~(C)~~ THE RUSSIAN REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT GOR COULD SUPPORT THE US DRAFT BUT URGED THE GROUP TO ALSO CONSIDER A RUSSIAN DRAFT ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CROATIA, SO AS TO NOT IMPLY A DOUBLE STANDARD. THE RUSSIAN REPRESENTATIVE WAS FLEXIBLE AS TO THE NEXT STEP WITH THE DRAFT. HE SUGGESTED EITHER INCORPORATING ELEMENTS OF THE DRAFT INTO THE US TEXT OR ADOPTING TWO SEPARATE DRAFTS.

4. ~~(C)~~ OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP SAID THAT THEY WOULD SEND THE RUSSIAN DRAFT TO THEIR CAPITALS, BUT DID NOT ENVISION ANY MAJOR PROBLEMS. MOST INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD LIKELY PREFER A SINGLE DRAFT INCORPORATING ELEMENTS OF THE RUSSIAN TEXT.

5. ~~(C)~~ USUN RECOMMENDS THAT WE INCORPORATE PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH 2 AND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS 2, 3, AND 4 INTO THE U.S. TEXT. SUCH A TEXT WOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT THE COUNCIL CONDEMNED ALL VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS EQUALLY. WE NOTE THAT THE RUSSIAN TEXT DOES NOT TRY TO EQUATE THE SERIOUSNESS OF CROATIAN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS WITH THOSE COMMITTED BY THE BOSNIAN SERBS. WE BELIEVE THAT A MERGED TEXT WOULD FIND CONSENSUS IN THE CONTACT GROUP AND COULD EASILY AND QUICKLY BE ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL. UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, WE INTEND TO PROCEED ALONG THOSE LINES WHEN THE CONTACT GROUP PLUS ITALY MEETS ON NOVEMBER 2.

6., BEGIN TEXT OF RUSSIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CROATIA:

RECALLING ALL ITS EARLIER RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS, AND REAFFIRMING ITS RESOLUTIONS 1009 (1995) OF 10 AUGUST 1995, AND THE STATEMENTS OF ITS PRESIDENT OF 7 SEPTEMBER 1995 (S/PRST/1995/44 , AND OF 3 OCTOBER 1995 (S/PRST/1995/49), .

DEEPLY CONCERNED AT REPORTS, INCLUDING BY UNCRO AND UN HUMANITARIAN AGENCIES, OF GRAVE VIOLATIONS OF

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INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW IN KRAJINA, INCLUDING
THE BURNING OF HOUSES, LOOTING OF PROPERTY AND KILLINGS
OF MEMBERS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION,

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EXPRESSING ITS SUPPORT FOR THE WORK OF THE
INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO ITS
RESOLUTION 827,

-1. CONDEMNS IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS ALL
VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW IN THE
TERRITORY OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA BY WHOMEVER
COMMITTED;

--2. REAFFIRMS ITS DEMANDS THAT CROATIA TAKES URGENT
MEASURES TO PUT AN END TO HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, AND
INVESTIGATES ALL REPORTS OF SUCH VIOLATIONS SO THAT
THOSE RESPONSIBLE IN RESPECT OF SUCH ACTS BE JUDGED AND
PUNISHED;

--3. REITERATES ITS DEMAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF
CROATIA RESPECT FULLY THE RIGHTS OF THE LOCAL SERB
POPULATION INCLUDING THEIR RIGHT TO REMAIN OR RETURN IN
SAFETY;

--4. REITERATES ITS CALL UPON THE GOVERNMENT OF
CROATIA TO LIFT ANY TIME LIMITS PLACED ON THE RETURN OF
REFUGEES TO CROATIA TO RECLAIM THEIR PROPERTY;

--5. DEMANDS THAT ALL STATES, IN PARTICULAR THOSE IN
THE REGION OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA, AND ALL PARTIES TO
THE CONFLICT IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA, COMPLY FULLY
WITH ITS DECISION IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF RESOLUTION 827
(1993) AND COOPERATES FULLY WITH THE INTERNATIONAL
TRIBUNAL ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THAT RESOLUTION
INCLUDING BY PROVIDING ACCESS TO SITES THE TRIBUNAL
DEEMS IMPORTANT FOR ITS INVESTIGATIONS, AND BY
COMPLYING WITH THEIR OBLIGATION TO COMPLY WITH REQUESTS
FOR ASSISTANCE OF ORDERS ISSUED BY A TRIAL CHAMBER
UNDER ARTICLE 29 OF THE STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL
TRIBUNAL;

--6. DEMANDS THAT ALL PARTIES REFRAIN FROM ANY ACTION
INTENDED TO DESTROY, ALTER, OR DAMAGE ANY EVIDENCE OF
VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW;

--7. DECIDES TO REMAIN SEIZED OF THE MATTER.

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THE CONTACT GROUP PLUS ITALY TO GIVE OTHER CONTACT GROUP DELEGATIONS COPIES OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION FOUND BELOW. THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE NOTED THAT THE DRAFT FOLLOWS UP ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S OCTOBER 30 DISCUSSION OF REPORTS OF SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY BOSNIAN SERB FORCES IN THE AREAS OF SREBRENICA, ZEPA, SANSKI MOST, AND BANJA LUKA. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE TEXT IS TIGHTLY FOCUSED ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND IS BASED ON EXISTING LANGUAGE IN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 1010 AND 827. HE ADDED THAT WE WOULD CIRCULATE THE TEXT TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL DURING THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 31, THAT CONTACT GROUP AMBASSADORS SHOULD DISCUSS IT ON NOVEMBER 1, AND THAT IT WOULD BE ON THE AGENDA OF THE COUNCIL'S NEXT INFORMAL SESSION.

2. ~~(C)~~ WE ALSO SHOWED THE TEXT TO BOSNIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SACIRBEY WHO TOLD US THAT HE FULLY SUPPORTED IT. OMANI PERMREP AL-KHUSSAIBY (THE INCOMING COUNCIL PRESIDENT) SAID SUCH A RESOLUTION WAS OVERDUE AND THAT HE WOULD PUT IT ON THE AGENDA FOR THE FIRST INFORMAL SESSION DURING HIS PRESIDENCY. AL-KHUSSAIBY SAID THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS THE DRAFT DURING HIS NOVEMBER 1 ROUND OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND IF IT APPEARED TO ENJOY BROAD SUPPORT HE MIGHT CONVENE AN INFORMAL SESSION FOR THE AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 1. (THUS, WE MIGHT NEED AN EOY BY AS EARLY AS LATE AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 1.)

3. ~~(C)~~ BEGIN TEXT OF U.S. DRAFT RESOLUTION:

THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

RECALLING ALL ITS EARLIER RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS, AND REAFFIRMING ITS RESOLUTIONS 1004 (1995) OF 12 JULY 1995, AND 1010 OF (1995) OF 10 AUGUST 1995, AND THE STATEMENT OF ITS PRESIDENT OF 7 SEPTEMBER 1995 (S/PRST/1995/43), AND DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT DESPITE REPEATED CALLS THAT IT DO SO, THE BOSNIAN SERB PARTY HAS NOT COMPLIED WITH THE DEMANDS CONTAINED THEREIN,

DEEPLY CONCERNED AT REPORTS, INCLUDING BY THE SECRETARIAT OF THE UNITED NATIONS, OF GRAVE VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW IN AND AROUND SREBRENICA, AND IN THE AREAS OF BANJA LUKA AND SANSKI MOST, INCLUDING REPORTS OF MASS MURDER, FORCED DETENTION, AND RAPE, OF MEMBERS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION,

REITERATING ITS EXPRESSION OF STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) IN SEEKING ACCESS TO DISPLACED PERSONS AND CONDEMNING IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THE FAILURE OF THE BOSNIAN SERB PARTY TO COMPLY WITH THEIR COMMITMENTS TO THE ICRC IN RESPECT OF SUCH ACCESS,

EXPRESSING ITS STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE WORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO ITS

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-- 1. CONDEMNS IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS ALL
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SUBJECT: BOSNIA: U.S. CIRCULATES A DRAFT RESOLUTION ON
-- HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN BOSNIA TO MEMBERS
-- OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW IN THE
TERRITORY OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA;

-- 2. REAFFIRMS ITS DEMAND, THAT THE BOSNIAN S
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PARTY GIVE IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, THE ICRC
AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES TO PERSONS DISPLACED
FROM SREBRENCIA, ZEPA, AND THE REGIONS OF BANJA LUKA
AND SANSKI MOST WHO ARE WITHIN THE AREAS OF REPUBLIC OF
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA UNDER THE CONTROL OF BOSNIAN
SERB FORCES AND THAT THE BOSNIAN SERB PARTY PERMIT
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ICRC TO VISIT AND REGISTER ANY
PERSONS DETAINED AGAINST THEIR WILL, INCLUDING ANY
MEMBERS OF THE FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOSNIA AND
HERZEGOVINA;

-- 3. REAFFIRMS ALSO ITS DEMAND THAT THE BOSNIAN SERB

PARTY RESPECT FULLY THE RIGHTS OF ALL SUCH PERSONS AND
ENSURE THEIR SAFETY, AND TO RELEASE THEM;

-- 4. DEMANDS THAT ALL STATES, IN PARTICULAR THOSE IN
THE REGION OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA, AND ALL PARTIES TO
THE CONFLICT IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA, COMPLY FULLY
WITH ITS DECISION IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF RESOLUTION 827
(1993) AND COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE INTERNATIONAL
TRIBUNAL ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THAT RESOLUTION
INCLUDING BY PROVIDING ACCESS TO SITES THE TRIBUNAL
DEEMS IMPORTANT FOR ITS INVESTIGATIONS, AND BY
COMPLYING WITH THEIR OBLIGATION TO COMPLY WITH REQUESTS
FOR ASSISTANCE OR ORDERS ISSUED BY A TRIAL CHAMBER
UNDER ARTICLE 29 OF THE STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL
TRIBUNAL;

-- 5. DEMANDS THAT ALL PARTIES, AND IN PARTICULAR THE
BOSNIAN SERB PARTY, REFRAIN FROM ANY ACTION INTENDED TO
DESTROY, ALTER, OR DAMAGE, ANY EVIDENCE OF VIOLATIONS
OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW;

-- 6. REQUESTS THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL SUBMIT TO
THE COUNCIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A WRITTEN REPORT

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CONTAINING ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO UNITED NATIONS
PERSONNEL CONCERNING RECENT VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL
HUMANITARIAN LAW IN THE AREAS OF SREBRENICA, ZEPA,
BANJA LUKA AND SANSKI MOST;

-- 7. DECIDES TO REMAIN SEIZED OF THE MATTER.

END OF U.S. DRAFT RESOLUTION.

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