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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION UNGA

ON THE OPENING OF THE 51ST SESSION OF THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY YESTERDAY, THE INDEPENDENT "MANILA TIMES" (CIRCULATION 143,500) OBSERVED: "SPEAKERS...CASTIGATED THE U.S. FOR REFUSING TO SETTLE ITS BACK DUES, REPRESENTING ONE-HALF OF THE U.N. DEBTS, UNLESS THE U.N. CHIEF IS REPLACED...NOT THAT THE U.S. ALONE IS THE PERENNIAL VILLAIN ON THE ISSUE OF WHO WILL BE U.N. CHIEF. WHEN KURT WALDHEIM SOUGHT A THIRD TERM, IT WAS COMMUNIST CHINA WHICH DERAILED HIS DREAM...IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE REST OF THE U.N. FAMILY OF NATIONS CAN ONLY WATCH WHILE THE BIG FIVE DECIDE AMONG THEMSELVES ABOUT THE NEXT SECRETARY-GENERAL. PERHAPS BOUTROS-GHALI'S RESOLVE TO FIGHT IT OUT FOR A SECOND TERM WILL SEND SOME OTHER MESSAGE -- THAT OTHER COUNTRIES ARE ENTITLED TO HAVE THEIR VIEWS HEARD, TOO,

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