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ALGERIA TO CUT OIL
PRODUCTION BY 10%

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URGENT:**** MIDEAST - ALGERIA

ALGIERS, OCT. 20, REUTER--ALGERIA HAS DECIDED TO REDUCE
BY TEN PER CENT ITS ANNUAL OIL PRODUCTION OF 52 MILLION ONS, IT
WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED HERE TONIGHT.

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MIDEAST - ALGERIA 2 ALGIERS:

THE DECISION BY PRESIDENT HOUMRI BOUMEDIENNES
GOVERNMENT FOLLOWED RECOMMENDATIONS PUT FORWARD BY ARAB OIL
EXPORTING COUNTRIES AT THEIR URGENT MEETING IN KUWAIT THIS
WEEKEND, A COMMUNIQUE SAID.

FRANCE TAKES ABOUT 12 MILLIONS TONS OF ALGERIAN
OIL A YEAR AND WEST GERMANY BOUGHT ABOUT THE SAME AMOUNT LAST
YEAR.

BUT SEVERAL U.S. COMPANIES - INCLUDING STANDARD OIL OF NEW
JERSEY, MOBIL, GULF OIL AND THE COMMONWEALTH OIL REFINING
COMPANY - NOW BUY ALGERIAN TONNAGE AND U.S.-ALGERIAN TRADE
FIGURES SHOT UP LAST YEAR AS A RESULT OF U.S. IMPORTS OF OIL.

OIL ACCOUNTED FOR MOST OF THE 104 MILLION DOLLARS
OF AMERICAN PURCHASES FROM ALGERIA LAST YEAR.
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