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THE PRESIDENT  
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PRAVDA STATEMENT ON ANGOLA. A PRAVDA "OBSERVER" ARTICLE YESTERDAY PRESENTS MOSCOW'S LATEST AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT ON THE ANGOLAN SITUATION. IT IS CLEARLY A RESPONSE TO THE SECRETARY'S SAN FRANCISCO SPEECH. THE ARTICLE, APPEARING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE OAU DECISION ON MEMBERSHIP FOR THE MPLA, IS PROBABLY ALSO DESIGNED TO CHIP AWAY AT THE MPLA'S AFRICAN OPPONENTS BY BALANCING UNYIELDING SUPPORT FOR THE MPLA'S MILITARY MOVES WITH A REENDORSEMENT OF EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A "POLITICAL SETTLEMENT." THE ATTACK ON THE SECRETARY WAS POINTED AND DIRECT, CHARGING THAT HIS SAN FRANCISCO STATEMENT WAS "OUT OF TUNE WITH THE FACTS AND LOGIC" AND THAT IT SOUGHT "TO PROVE THE UNPROVABLE." ACCORDING TO PRAVDA, THE SPEECH REPRESENTED AN EFFORT TO "WHITEWASH" COVERT AND OVERT U.S. INTERFERENCE IN ANGOLA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND TO PROVE THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH INTERFERENCE BY THE USSR. FURTHER, IT TRIED TO ERASE THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE "REAL INTERFERENCE" -- SOUTH AFRICA'S INVASION OF ANGOLA -- AND THE SOVIETS' PROVISION AT THE REQUEST OF ANGOLA'S LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF MORAL POLITICAL SUPPORT AND "OTHER HELP," EXPRESSLY TO "CUT SHORT FOREIGN AGGRESSION."

ACCORDING TO STATE, THE PRAVDA COMMENTARY APPEARS TO OFFER NOTHING SIGNIFICANTLY NEW. IT CONTAINS NO REAL

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ENCOURAGEMENT THAT MOSCOW ENVISIONS EARLY REDUCTION OF ITS MILITARY AID TO THE MPLA. IN FACT, IN A DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL PRACTICE, PRAVDA OPENLY ACKNOWLEDGES ITS PROVISION OF VITAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT. THE CLAIM THAT MOSCOW'S AID HAS BEEN GIVEN EXPRESSLY TO HELP THE AN-  
GOLAN PEOPLE ACHIEVE COMPLETE LIBERATION AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY SUGGESTS THAT THE TERMINATION OF AGGRESSION WOULD BRING AN END TO SOVIET AID. ON THE OTHER HAND, PRAVDA REAFFIRMS MOSCOW'S ENDORSEMENT FOR A "POLITICAL" SOLUTION AND RESTATES MOSCOW'S SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS TO CONSOLIDATE ANGOLA'S "PATRIOTIC FORCES," SUGGESTING THAT THE SOVIETS ARE COUNSELING "MODERATION" IN LUANDA. OTHER CLAIMS, HOWEVER, REPRESENT NO CHANGE FROM EARLIER STATEMENTS FOR A BROADENED GOVERNMENT UNDER MPLA DOMINATION.

GUATEMALA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORT: AT THE NOON PRESS BRIEFING YESTERDAY, RON NESSEN ANNOUNCED THAT YOU ARE SENDING DANIEL PARKER TO GUATEMALA AS YOUR SPECIAL EMIS-  
SARY TO ASSESS AND REPORT ON THE DISASTER RELIEF NEEDS. PARKER LATER HELD A PRESS BRIEFING AT THE STATE DEPART-  
MENT ON THE DISASTER AND GAVE DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE U.S. ASSISTANCE EFFORT. PARKER WILL LEAVE FOR GUATEMALA THIS MORNING. WHILE THERE HE WILL BE MEETING WITH KEY GUATEMALAN OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN THE RELIEF EFFORT. HE RETURNS TO WASHINGTON ON SATURDAY AND WILL BE PREPARING A REPORT FOR YOU ON HIS TRIP. TRAVELING WITH HIM WILL BE TWO STAFFERS FROM THE HILL IN ADDITION TO OTHER AID OFFICIALS.

THE U.S. RELIEF EFFORT IS NOW FOCUSING ON DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLIES TO OUTLYING AREAS IN GUATEMALA. THE U.S. HELICOPTERS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTING WATER, FOOD, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, AND FUEL TO INACCESSIBLE AREAS AS WELL AS EVACUATING INJURED PERSONS TO HOSPITAL FACILITIES FOR TREATMENT. DURING THE FIRST DAY OF OPERATION (TUESDAY), THE SIX HC-130S FLEW 310 SORTIES AND EVACUATED SOME 500 PERSONS IN ADDITION TO LIFTING THOUSANDS OF POUNDS OF SUPPLIES. THEY REACHED SOME TOWNS WHICH HAD BEEN VIR-  
TUALLY CUT OFF FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD SINCE THE QUAKE. TWO 100-BED HOSPITALS GIVEN BY ALABAMA ARRIVED TO SUPPLE-  
MENT ONE ALREADY IN PLACE, AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL ARE TREATING PATIENTS THERE. THE PRIVATE VOLUNTEER ORGANIZA-  
TIONS ARE CONTINUING TO FLY IN SUPPLIES AND TO DISTRIBUTE THEM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, BUT MOST ASSISTANCE FROM NOW ON WILL MOVE BY SHIP.

LAO AND VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS DEMOUNCE YOUR ASIAN POLICY: FOLLOWING A FEBRUARY 5-11 VISIT OF LEADERS OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC TO HANOI, THE TWO COUNTRIES

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ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE WHICH CONTAINED A STRONG CONDEMNATION OF YOUR ASIAN POLICY. IN PART IT SAID:

"THE TWO SIDES SEVERELY CONDEMN THE FORD ADMINISTRATION FOR CARRYING OUT THE PACIFIC DOCTRINE... USING JAPAN FOR ITS DARK SCHEMES AND TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE ALLIANCE OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS -- ASEAN -- TO SABOTAGE AND DIVIDE REVOLUTIONARY FORCES IN AN ATTEMPT TO MAINTAIN ITS REMAINING POSITIONS.... THE TWO SIDES RESOLUTELY DEMAND THAT THE U.S. WITHDRAW ALL ITS FORCES FROM AN DISMANTLE ALL U.S. MILITARY BASES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA."

THE COMMUNIQUE GOES ON TO SAY THAT BOTH PARTIES SUPPORT THE STRUGGLE OF THE THAI AND EAST TIMORESE PEOPLES AND THAT VIETNAM WILL PROVIDE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO LAOS, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

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TURKISH PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL BESIEGED BY DOMESTIC WOES: EMBASSY ANKARA SEES THE DOMESTIC CHALLENGES FACING PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL AS LIMITATIONS ON HIS FREEDOM TO CONDUCT FOREIGN POLICY. IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS HIS GOVERNMENT WILL COME UNDER ATTACK FOR THE ALLEGED CORRUPTION OF GOVERNMENT MINISTERS, THE INCREASED LEVEL OF CIVIL VIOLENCE, AND THE FALTERING TURKISH ECONOMY. A BUDGET VOTE TODAY OR TOMORROW WILL BE DEMIREL'S FIRST CONFRONTATION WITH THE OPPOSITION, WHICH FACES AN UPHILL STRUGGLE TO DEFEAT THE PROPOSAL. THE STAKES ARE HIGH, HOWEVER, SINCE LOSS IN A BUDGET VOTE TRADITIONALLY HAS FORCED THE GOVERNMENT TO RESIGN. AS THE TURKISH SENATE MET

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TO CONSIDER THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SECTION OF THAT BUDGET, FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL SAID IT IS "OUT OF THE QUESTION" TO SPEAK ABOUT "RENT" FROM AMERICAN USE OF TURKISH BASES, SINCE THE BASES WILL BE COMPLETELY UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION AND TECHNICAL DIRECTION OF TURKEY. AN OPPOSITION SPOKESMAN OBJECTED TO PRESSURE FROM THE U.S., SUCH AS THE REPORTED POSTPONEMENT BY CONGRESS OF CONSIDERATION OF THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE BILL UNTIL AFTER CAGLAYANGIL'S VISIT.

COO WAR -- UK WOULD LIKE TO GET OFF THE HOOK: EMBASSY LONDON HAS ANALYZED THE CURRENT VIEWS OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TOWARD THE FISHERIES DISPUTE WITH ICELAND AND CONCLUDES THAT THE UK WANTS A FACE-SAVING WAY OUT OF THE CURRENT IMPASSE WHICH DEMONSTRATES AT LEAST SOME SIGN OF ICELANDIC FLEXIBILITY. IT WILL NOT UNCONDITIONALLY SURRENDER ITS INTERESTS SOLELY TO SAVE ICELAND'S MEMBERSHIP IN NATO. LONDON WILL BE KEENLY SENSITIVE TO ANY INCREASED PRESSURE FROM NATO OR THE U.S. AND INTENDS TO COOPERATE WITH NATO SECRETARY GENERAL LUNSCH MISSION BUT IS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT ITS OUTCOME.

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