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I THINK MANY OF YOU KNOW THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE WILL BE LEAVING FOR EUROPE TOMORROW THE BEGINNING OF A TRIP DEALS IN LARGE PART WITH COMMEMORATING EVENTS OF THE PAST BUT, BEYOND THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE WILL BE LOOKING TO THE FUTURE IN VERY IMPORTANT MEETINGS IN PARIS AT THE OECD AND THEN ON TO ISTANBUL FOR MEETINGS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL AND THE NACC.

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I THOUGHT, IN LIGHT OF THOSE MEETINGS, IT WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO HAVE SOME SENSE OF SOME OF OUR KEY OBJECTIVES IN THE SECOND PART OF THIS TRIP THAT THE SECRETARY WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN. OVER AT THE WHITE HOUSE, I THINK, OVER THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS THEY VE HAD SOME BRIEFINGS ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S TRAVELS, BUT I THINK THE SECRETARY'S PORTION IS SOMETHING WE'D LIKE TO CALL SOME ATTENTION TO, AND FOR THAT REASON I'VE ASKED ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EUROPEAN AND CANADIAN AFFAIRS STEVE OXMAN TO DO THE DUTIES HERE TODAY AND TO GIVE YOU SOME SENSE OF WHAT THE SECRETARY WILL BE DOING AS HE GOES FROM PARIS ON TO ISTANBUL.

SO I'LL TURN IT OVER TO STEVE. HE'S ON A SHORT LEASH. HE HAS TO DASH OVER SOMEWHERE ELSE, BUT I THOUGHT MAYBE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES OR SO WE CAN HAVE SOME OF YOUR QUESTIONS.

STEVE OXMAN.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OXMAN. GOOD AFTERNOON. I WILL HAVE TO LEAVE IN ABOUT 10 TO 15 MINUTES. I'M SORRY; I'VE BEEN ASKED TO GO OVER TO THE WHITE HOUSE. BUT I WANTED TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT THE NAC MINISTERIAL THE SECRETARY WILL BE GOING TO -- THE NACC MINISTERIAL -- AND ALSO THE OECD MINISTERIAL.

I'LL COVER THE TWO NATO EVENTS FIRST AND TOUCH UPON THE OECD AFTER I'M DONE, IF YOU HAVE ANY TECHNICAL QUESTIONS ON THE OECD SIDE, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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TOM WESTON WILL BE HERE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

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LET ME JUST SAY THAT ON JUNE 9 THE SECRETARY WILL REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES IN ISTANBUL AT NATO S SPRING MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL -- THE NAC -- WHICH IS THE PRINCIPAL FORUM. AS YOU KNOW, FOR CONSULTATIONS AND DECISIONS BY THE L6 NATO ALLIES

THE NEXT DAY THE SECRETARY WILL WITH HIS NATO MINISTERIAL COUNTERPARTS, MEET WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS FROM THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COOPERATION COUNCIL, THE SO-CALLED NACC THE NACC WAS ESTABLISHED AT THE NOVEMBER L99L NATO SUMMIT IN ROME TO INSTITUTIONALIZE NATO'S OUTREACH TO ITS FORMER ADVERSARIES. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF FINLAND AND SWEDEN AND SLOVENIA WHICH ARE NOT ACC MEMBERS BUT HAVE JOINED THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE, WILL ATTEND THE NACC MEETING AS OBSERVERS.

LET ME COMMENT ON THE THEMES OF THESE MEETINGS

THE PRINCIPAL FOCUS OF THE JUNE 9 MEETING WILL BE TO REVIEW PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE NATO SUMMIT IN JANUARY AND TO GIVE DIRECTION TO AND IMPETUS TO FURTHER WORK. IN PARTICULAR, AS YOU KNOW, THE SUMMIT ENDORSED SEVERAL MAJOR U.S. PROFOSS: THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE, THE COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE

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WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION.

OTHER SUBJECTS OF ATTENTION WILL INCLUDE NATO'S RELATIONSHIP WITH RUSSIA AND CURRENT REGIONAL SECURITY ISSUES, INCLUDING I'M SURE THE SITUATION IN BOSNIA.

AT THE JUNE L0 MEETING, THE NEXT DAY THE MINISTERS WILL I THINK AGAIN FOCUS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE, PROGRESS IN OTHER AREAS OF NACC ACTIVITY, AND REGIONAL SECURITY ISSUES.

ON MECHANICS, THE OPENING SESSION ON JUNE 9 WILL RUN

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FROM 9.30 TO 9:50 A.M. AND WILL BE OPEN TO THE MEDIA.

FOLLOWING THE AFTERNOON SESSIONS, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT ABOUT 6 P.M. AND SECRETARY CHRISTOFHER WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THEREAFTER AT ABOUT 6:30 P.M.

THE NEXT DAY THE NACC MINISTERIAL OPENING SESSION WILL BE OPEN TO THE MEDIA, AND THAT WILL BE STARTING AT 10 A.M. FOR, AS I UNDERSTAND IT 20 OR 30 MINUTES OPENING SESSION, OPEN TO THE MEDIA. AND THEN THERE WILL BE PRESS CONFERENCES THAT AFTERNOON

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IN TERMS OF THE ISSUES, LET ME GO INTO THAT JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE.

ON PFP, AT THE NATO MEETING ON JUNE 9, REALLY THE

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CENTERPIECE OF THE SUMMIT WAS THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE. IT IS INTENDED TO INTENSIFY PRACTICAL POLITICAL AND MILITARY COOPERATION BETWEEN NATO FORMER EUROPEAN COMMUNIST STATES, AND SOME OF EUROPE'S TRADITIONAL NEUTRALS. AND I'M PLEASED TO SAY THAT AFTER JUST FIVE MONTHS THE PARTNERSHIP IS INDEED UP AND RUNNING. AS OF TODAY 19 COUNTRIES HAVE JOINED WE EXPECT THE 20TH COUNTRY, KYRGYZSTAN, TO JOIN TOMORROW. THE CENTRAL ORGANS OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED, AND THIS WEEK PARTNERS WILL MOVE INTO NEW OFFICES AT NATO HEADQUARTERS. WE EXPECT INDIVIDUAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS TO BE AGREED BY NATO AND SEVERAL OF THE PARTNERS BY THE TIME OF THE MINISTERIALS. PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE MILITARY EXERCISES WILL, IN FACT

BEGIN THIS FALL, AS WAS ANTICIPATED. THE NETHERLANDS WILL HOST A FIELD EXERCISE. POLAND HAS ALSO OFFERED TO HOST A FIELD EXERCISE LATER THIS YEAR, WHICH WOULD BE THE FIRST PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITY IN THE EAST. SACLANT IS PLANNING A PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE MARITIME EXERCISE AND NATO ALLIES WILL INVITE OBSERVERS FROM PARTNER STATES TO A NUMBER OF PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL EXERCISES.

WE EXPECT THE NATO MINISTERS TO ENDORSE THE WORK

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DONE TO DATE ON THE PARTNERSHIP AND TO URGE CONTINUED
RAPID DEVELOPMENT.

ON THE COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE CONCEPT I WILL TRY
TO JUST SIMPLY SUMMARIZE BY REMINDING YOU THAT THIS WAS
AN IDEA FOR MAKING NATO MILITARY STRUCTURES MORE

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FLEXIBLE. NATO IS WORKING WITH THE WEU TO DEVELOP THIS
CONCEPT, AND THE MINISTERS WILL RECEIVE A REPORT
REGARDING THE ONGOING WORK ON THE COMBINED JOINT TASK
FORCE.

ON NON-PROLIFERATION, THE SUMMIT DIRECTED IMMEDIATE
WORK TO INTENSIFY AND EXPAND NATO'S POLITICAL AND
DEFENSE EFFORTS AGAINST THE SPREAD OF WEAPONS OF MASS
DESTRUCTION. AND NATO HAS, IN FACT IN THE INTERVENING
MONTHS AGREED ON A POLITICAL FRAMEWORK FOR ACTIONS IN
THIS AREA WHICH THE MINISTERS WILL BE ASKED TO ENDORSE
AND APPROVE ON JUNE 9.

AND ON THAT BASIS CONSULTATIONS WILL GO FORWARD ON
SPECIFIC ALLIED POLITICAL AND DEFENSE STEPS TO COMBAT
AND DEFEND AGAINST THE PROLIFERATION OF THESE WEAPONS

ON RUSSIA AND THE RELATIONSHIP OF RUSSIA TO NATO
RUSSIA IS AND WILL REMAIN A MAJOR FACTOR IN EUROPEAN
SECURITY. AT THE NAC MINISTERS WILL DISCUSS HOW WE CAN
DEVELOP CONSTRUCTIVE INTERACTION BETWEEN NATO AND
RUSSIA

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WE EXPECT RUSSIA TO JOIN THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE SOON,
AND WE VERY MUCH WELCOME DEFENSE MINISTER GRACHEV'S
ASSURANCES THAT RUSSIA WILL JOIN WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS.

LIKE OTHER PARTNERS, RUSSIA WILL DEVELOP WITH NATO A
COOPERATION PROGRAM TO MEET ITS OWN INTERESTS.

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THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE WILL BE THE MAIN VEHICLE

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OF NATO'S RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA AND WITH OTHER PARTNERS, BUT IT IS NOT THE TOTALITY OF THE RELATIONSHIP NATO IS READY TO DISCUSS HOW TO DEVELOP A DIALOGUE IN OTHER AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, ESPECIALLY WHERE RUSSIA OR A GIVEN PARTNER STATE HAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO MAKE. OF COURSE, NEITHER RUSSIA NOR OTHER STATES WILL HAVE A VETO OVER NATO DECISION-MAKING OR NATO'S RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

WITH RESPECT TO THE REGIONAL ISSUES, OF COURSE I THINK BOSNIA WILL BE ON THE AGENDA, BUT WE DO NOT KNOW AT THIS POINT HOW ISSUES WILL STAND BY THE TIME THE MINISTERS MEET. AS YOU KNOW, THERE'S A GOOD DEAL HAPPENING THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK ON BOSNIA, WHICH WE CAN COMMENT ON.

AT THE NACC MEETING THE NEXT DAY I THINK THE FOCUS AGAIN WILL BE ON THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE SIXTEEN OF THE 22 NACC MEMBERS HAVE ALREADY JOINED AND MORE MAY DO SO BEFORE THE MINISTERIAL.

WITH RESPECT TO THE NACC ACTIVITIES AS SUCH THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE WAS ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NACC. THE NACC HAS OTHER ACTIVITIES AND THERE WILL BE A NACC WORK PROGRAM THAT THE MINISTERS WILL REVIEW AND BE ASKED TO APPROVE.

WITH RESPECT TO THE OECD, THE MINISTERIAL, WHICH OCCURS ON JUNE 7 AND JUNE 8, COMES AT A CRUCIAL TIME.

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THE UNITED STATES WILL BE REPRESENTED BY SEVERAL CABINET MEMBERS.

SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER WILL BE THERE ON JUNE 8, WHEN THE FOCUS OF THE MEETING SHIFTS TO THE OECD'S ROLE IN AN INCREASINGLY INTERDEPENDENT WORLD.

HE WILL DEMONSTRATE THE UNITED STATES INTEREST IN AND REPRESENT U.S. VIEWS ON A SERIES OF KEY MINISTERIAL EVENTS, WELCOMING MEXICO AS A NEW MEMBER; THE SIGNING OF AN OECD COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIA; URGING THE OECD TO MOVE QUICKLY TO OPEN MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSIONS WITH THE VISOGRADE FOUR NAMELY POLAND, HUNGARY, THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND SLOVAKIA; AND MORE GENERALLY HELPING FOCUS THE OECD ON AN ACTIVE OUTREACH AND DIALOGUE PROGRAM WITH

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EASTERN EUROPE, PLUS THE DYNAMIC ECONOMIES OF ASIA AND
LATIN AMERICA.

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THAT'S JUST A THUMBNAIL OF THE OECD I WOULD SAY
THAT'S PART OF A BROADER PICTURE OF VIEWING THIS TRIP,
AND OUR POLICY GENERALLY, AS SEEKING TO EXTEND TO THE
EAST THE BENEFITS OF THESE REALLY HISTORIC INSTITUTIONS
THAT WERE CREATED IN THE WAKE OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR,
WHETHER IT BE NATO OR THE OECD.

THAT'S REALLY THE OVERALL THEME OF WHAT WE ARE
PURSUING.

SO, I'LL BE HAPPY TO TAKE YOUR QUESTIONS BASED ON
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THAT. BARRY.

Q MAYBE I SHOULD REMEMBER, BUT I DON'T. ON
PROLIFERATION, NATO -- DOES NATO DEAL WITH ONLY EUROPEAN
PROBLEMS DOES IT DEAL BEYOND EUROPE -- YOU KNOW,
INDIA, PAKISTAN, KOREA ETC.?

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OXMAN: IT WILL FOCUS MAINLY ON
THE EUROPEAN DIMENSIONS OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION.

Q COULD YOU TAKE A HALF A MINUTE AND TELL US WHAT
THE PROBLEMS ARE IN EUROPE ON PROLIFERATION?

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OMAN: WELL I THINK THE BASIC
QUESTION IS, HOW CAN NATO BETTER ORGANIZE ITSELF TO
ADDRESS THESE THREATS, BOTH UNDER THE RUBRIC OF
NON-PROLIFERATION AND ALSO POSSIBLY UNDER THE RUBRIC OF
COUNTER-PROLIFERATION, WHEN AND IF THE THREAT IS MORE
REAL

THE WORK ON THIS, BARRY, WILL PROCEED WITHIN NATO IN
TWO GROUPS AND THERE IS A WORK PROGRAM BASICALLY
DESIGNED TO EXAMINE HOW NATO CAN BE HELPFUL IN THIS AREA
WITHOUT DUPLICATING THE WORK BEING DONE IN OTHER BODIES.

Q I DIDN'T HEAR YOU SAY WHAT THE PROLIFERATION
THREAT WAS.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OXMAN. WELL, WE ARE NOT IDENTIFYING ANY PARTICULAR THREAT OTHER THAN THE GENERAL CONCEPT THAT IT'S IN THE MUTUAL INTEREST OF THE MEMBERS

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OF NATO TO WORK TO AVOID PROLIFERATION AND TO CONSIDER TOGETHER WHAT TO DO TO COUNTER THAT THREAT WHEN IT BECOMES MORE REAL. BUT I CAN'T GIVE YOU MORE SPECIFICITY ON THAT RIGHT NOW.

Q DO YOU THINK BOSNIA WILL BE ON THE AGENDA WHETHER IT'S ON THE AGENDA OR NOT CAN YOU GO ON A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT THE SITUATION IS WITH THE PEACE TALKS NOW?

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OXMAN: SURE. I THINK IT WILL CERTAINLY BE ON THE AGENDA. WHAT I MEANT TO IMPLY WAS

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GIVEN THE CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES, WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY IN WHAT CONTEXT IT WILL BE PRESENTED.

THE FACT IS THAT WE ARE IN A VERY IMPORTANT PERIOD NOW. OUR EFFORTS TO INVIGORATE THE PEACE PROCESS HAVE MOVED FORWARD. THE CONTACT GROUP WILL BE RESUMING ITS MEETINGS WITH THE PARTIES EARLY NEXT WEEK IN FRANCE AT WHICH TIME THERE WILL BE A RATHER MORE INTENSIVE DISCUSSION OF SOME OF THE TERRITORIAL IDEAS THAT HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED AND WHICH THE PARTIES HAVE BEEN ASKED TO LOOK AT.

WITH RESPECT TO THE OTHER DIMENSION, WHICH IS THE EFFORT TO ACHIEVE A CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES ON A NATIONWIDE BASIS, WHICH WAS ALSO A MAJOR THRUST OF THE MINISTERIAL STATEMENT IN GENEVA ON MAY 13, THIS EFFORT

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IS MOVING FORWARD. THERE IS A MEETING SCHEDULED IN GENEVA LATER THIS WEEK TO BE CHAIRED BY MR. AKASHI, AND WE HOPE THAT THIS MEETING CAN MOVE FORWARD AND MAKE PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING THAT NATIONWIDE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES.

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Q ARE YOU CONFIDENT THAT THE BOSNIAN GOVERNMENT
ILL BE THERE?

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OXMAN: WELL I CAN'T REALLY
SPECULATE ON THAT. THEY HAVE RAISED A CONCERN A LL
ALONG. IT'S NOT A NEW ISSUE ON THEIR PART. THEY RAISED
THE QUESTION OF THE SITUATION IN GORA DE AND
PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE THREE-KILOMETER ZONE IN
GORAZDE, WHICH STILL HAS SOME SERB MILITARY PERSONNEL IN
THE ZONE, AND THE BOSNIAN GOVERNMENT HAS SAID THAT THEY
WANT TO SEE THIS ZONE CLEARED OF THESE PERSONNEL, AND
THIS IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THEIR DECISION-MAKING ON
HETHER TO ATTEND THE MEETING.

SO WE HOPE THAT THAT CAN BE WORKED OUT. THE U.N. IS

EEKING TO WORK IT OUT. WE BELIEVE THE NUMBER OF
PERSONNEL IS COMING DOWN, AND WE VERY MUCH HOPE THAT
THAT CAN BE RESOLVED SO THAT THE TALKS ON A CESSATION OF
HOSTILITY CAN PROCEED IN GENEVA LATER THIS WEEK.

YES, SIR.

Q WHERE DO WE STAND WITH THE IDEA ADVANCED BY THE
FRENCH SOME WEEKS AGO OF A POSSIBLE MEETING IN GENEVA
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AFTER ISTANBUL ON BOSNIA IS THAT STILL AT AL IMPLIED

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OXMAN: THERE IS NOTHING
SCHEDULED IN THAT REGARD AS THE MINISTERS MADE CLEAR
IN GENEVA ON MAY L3, THEY ARE HOLDING THEMSELVES
AVAILABLE TO MEET AS NECESSARY THERE IS NO POINT IN
JUST HAVING A MEETING TO HAVE A MEETING. SO RIGHT NOW,
THE KEY FOCUS IS ON THE MEETINGS I HAVE DESCRIBED, BOTH
IN GENEVA THIS WEEK AND IN FRANCE EARLY NEXT WEEK, AD
THEN WE'LL JUST HAVE TO

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MAKE A JUDGMENT ON WHETHER A NEW MINISTERIAL MEETING
MAKES SENSE.

I THINK IT'S QUITE CLEAR THAT THE MINISTERIAL
MEETING ON MAY L3 WAS POSITIVE. IT GAVE IMPETUS TO THE

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FEACE PROCESS, AND I THINK IT WAS AN IMPORTANT OCCAS ON.

Q ONE MORE, IF I COULD QUICKLY, YOU SAID RUSSIA IS EXPECTED TO JOIN THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE SOON. "SOON" MEANING POSSIBLY BEFORE ISTANBUL?

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OXMAN: I THINK MORE LIKELY IT COULD BE AFTER. WE DON'T HAVE A FIRM DATE, BUT WE'VE HAD INDICATIONS OF PROBABLY LATE JUNE OR EARLY JULY.

Q STEVE, ONE MORE. ARE WE ANY CLOSER TO GETTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN GREECE AND MACEDONIA TO END THEIR DISPUTE?

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OXMAN: WELL WE ARE HERE TO TALK ABOUT NATO AND NACC, BUT WE ARE WORKING ON THAT, STEVE. MR. NIMITZ WILL BE RETURNING TO THE REGION VERY SOON. HE AND MR. VANCE HAVE STAYED IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH ALL OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED. WE ARE GIVING THIS A VERY HIGH PRIORITY, BUT WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SEE HOW THOSE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS GO NEXT WEEK.

Q THANK YOU.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OXMAN: THANK YOU.

MR. MCCURRY: THANK YOU, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OXMAN. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OTHER PLACES IN THE WORLD BEFORE WE CALL IT A DAY?

Q DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON KOREA

MR. MCCURRY: KOREA. THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT THE KOREAN NUCLEAR PROBLEM, I THINK IS THE STATEMENT THAT YOU HAVE ALL SEEN FROM THE SECURITY COUNCIL. LAST NIGHT, A PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY EXPRESSING THE COUNCIL'S GRAVE CONCERN AT NORTH KOREA'S ACTION IN DISCHARGING THE FUEL AT THE FIVE MEGAWATT REACTOR.

THE COUNCIL STRONGLY URGED THAT NORTH KOREA FREERVE THE POSSIBILITY OF THE FUEL MEASUREMENT OF ITS REACTOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS THAT THE IAEA HAS. THE COUNCIL BELIEVES, AND THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES, THAT

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THIS VERY STRONG UNANIMOUS EXPRESSION OF THE WILL OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS BOTH AN APPROPRIATE ACTION
AND ONE THAT WILL RESONATE IN NORTH KOREA.

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THE COUNCIL REMAINS ACTIVELY SEIZED OF THE MATTER,
AS IT SAID IN THE STATEMENT, AND FURTHER SECURITY
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION WILL TAKE PLACE IF NECESSARY IN
ORDER TO ACHIEVE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAFEGUARDS
AGREEMENT THAT DOES EXIST BETWEEN THE DPRK AND THE IAEA.

Q HOW DO YOU (INAUDIBLE) SANCTIONS? IS THE U S.
MORE INCLINED NOW TO SEEK SANCTIONS?

MR. MCCURRY: BARRY, WE WILL PROCEED, AS WE HAVE
THROUGHOUT THE NORTH KOREAN ISSUE IN ADDRESSING IT AND
WORKING WITH OTHERS IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON A
STEP-BY-STEP BASIS THOSE MEASURES THAT WE THINK WOULD BE
MOST EFFECTIVE IN ENCOURAGING NORTH KOREA TO LIVE UP TO
ITS OBLIGATIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

I DON'T WANT TO SPECULATE AT THIS POINT, BUT THE

SECURITY COUNCIL, BY HAVING DISCUSSED THIS MATTER AT
SOME GREAT LENGTH YESTERDAY, AND BY AGAIN ISSUING THE
PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT, HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT HAS
CERTAIN VIEWS AS TO THE OBLIGATIONS NORTH KOREA HAS WITH
RESPECT TO THE DEFUELING.

NOW, I'D LIKE TO GO BACK A BIT. YOU RECALL LAST

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TIME THE SECURITY COUNCIL ADDRESSED THIS ISSUE MARCH
31ST IT ENCOURAGED NORTH KOREA TO LIVE UP TO THE
AGREEMENT THAT IT HAD MADE BETWEEN NORTH KOREA AND THE
IAEA TO COMPLETE THE CONTINUITY OF THE SAFEGUARDS
INSPECTION PROGRAM NECESSARY TO ASSURE THAT THERE HAD
BEEN NO DIVERSION OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL SINCE THE LAST
ROUND OF INSPECTIONS, AND IN FACT THOSE INSPECTIONS WERE
COMPLETED.

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SO I THINK NOW WE WOULD EXPECT TO SEE WHAT TYPE OF REACTION THERE IS TO THE COUNCILS STATEMENT LAST NIGHT, WHICH WAS VERY CLEAR AND UNAMBIGUOUS IN WHAT IT EXPECTS OF THE DFRK.

Q ANY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND THE CHINESE ON THIS ISSUE?

MR. MCCURRY THERE HAVE BEEN A VARIETY OF CONTACTS WITH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT. THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THEM VERY CLOSELY ON. THE SECRETARY DID SEND A WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO HIS COUNTERPART, VICE PREMIER AND FOREIGN MINISTER QIAN QICHEN, OVER THE WEEKEND AND AT A VARIETY OF LEVELS INCLUDING AMBASSADOR A BRIGHT'S CONSULTATION WITH HER COUNTERPART IN NEW YORK, AT THE EMBASSY IN BEIJING, AND HERE WE CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE DEVELOPMENTS VERY CAREFULLY AND WORK WITH THE CHINESE

Q ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY A CONSENSUS IS BUILDING THAT WOULD CARRY OVER. SHOULD THE U S. THINK IT'S THE APPROPRIATE THING TO MOVE TO SANCTIONS YOU SEEM TO BE

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FEELING MORE COMFORTABLE WITH WHAT'S GOING ON IN NEW YORK BUT --

MR. MCCURRY: A CONSENSUS EXISTS ON THE STATEMENT THAT WAS ISSUED LAST NIGHT, AND IT WILL REQUIRE I THINK, VERY CAREFUL STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY AS WE CONTINUE TO ADDRESS THIS, ESPECIALLY IF THE VENUE MOES

TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL. AT ANY POINT THAT THE IAEA NOTIFIES US THAT THERE'S NO LONGER AN ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND THE OPERATING HISTORY OF THE REACTOR THAT HAS EFFECTIVELY BEEN DESTROYED, THE PREMISE FOR OUR DIALOGUE WITH NORTH KOREA WILL SIMILARLY HAVE BEEN DESTROYED, AND THE ISSUE THEN IS REFERRED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHERE WE WILL HAVE TO ADDRESS OTHER MEASURES.

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Q MIKE. WHAT'S THE TIMING OF THE NEXT STEP IN
LIGHT OF THE SPEED WITH WHICH THE NORTH KOREANS ARE
MOVING

MR. MCCURRY: THE DEFUELING OF THE REACTOR IS
CONTINUING AND OCCURRING NOW AT A SOMEWHAT FASTER PACE.
I WOULD LEAVE IT TO THE IAEA TO NOTIFY US WHEN THE
ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND THE OPERATING HISTORY OF THE
REACTOR HAS EVAPORATED, OR EFFECTIVELY EVAPORATED, BUT
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THAT IS SOMETHING THAT I THINK THE IAEA HAS MADE CLEAR
COULD HAPPEN VERY SHORTLY.

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Q MIKE, I THINK THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE IAEA IS SUPPOSED TO MEET A WEEK FROM -- OR, I'M
ORRY, NEXT MONDAY --

MR. MCCURRY: JUNE 6, THAT'S CORRECT.

Q SO IS THAT IN ANY SENSE A TRIGGER DAY OR WOULD
THEY KNOW BY THAT POINT WHETHER THE RED LINE HAS BEEN
CROSSED, AS IT WERE

MR. MCCURRY: THEY COULD CONCEIVABLY KNOW BY JUNE
6. IT WILL BE UP TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL TO REPORT TO
THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS ON JUNE 6 OF THEIR UNDERSTANDING
OF BOTH THE INSPECTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN COMPLETED RELATED
TO CONTINUITY OF SAFEGUARDS AND ALSO THE STATUS OF THE
DEFUELING OF THE REACTOR.

BUT I WOULDN'T WANT TO ANTICIPATE OR SPECULATE ON
WHAT ACTION THE IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS MIGHT TAKE.

Q WHAT'S OPEN TO THEM

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MR. MCCURRY: THEY COULD REFER THE MATTER DIRECTLY
TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.

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Q IS THERE ANY POSSIBILITY THAT THE NEW YORK CONTACT WILL BE HELD SOON, BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH KOREA?

MR. MCCURRY: THAT WE WOULD HAVE CONTACT WITH THEM?

Q NO. IS THERE A POSSIBILITY THAT THE NEW YORK CONTACT -- NEW YORK COLLATERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD SOON?

MR. MCCURRY: THERE WERE WORKING LEVEL MEETINGS HELD AT THE END OF LAST WEEK. IT WAS THE END, WASN'T IT?

Q MIDDLE.

MR. MCCURRY: MIDDLE OF THE WEEK AT THE END OF LAST WEEK, WE DID HAVE AN EXCHANGE WITH THEM AT THE WORKING LEVEL IN NEW YORK. I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY PLANS TO HAVE A FURTHER WORKING LEVEL CONTACT WITH THEM THROUGH THE SO-CALLED NEW YORK CHANNEL.

Q DOES THE UNITED STATES HAVE A POSITION ON THE CONTINUING REPATRIATION OF DOLLARS FROM NORTH KOREANS LIVING IN JAPAN TO NORTH KOREA?

MR. MCCURRY: IT'S AN ISSUE THAT WE HAVE HAD DIRECT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN ABOUT I WOULDN'T WANT TO GET INTO THE DETAILS OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS.

Q YOU DON'T WANT TO SAY WHETHER THE UNITED STATES

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IS ENCOURAGING THE JAPANESE TO CUT IT OFF?

MR. MCCURRY: IT'S A MATTER THAT WE DISCUSS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN. I JUST WOULD DECLINE TO GET INTO THE SUBSTANCE OF THAT DIALOGUE RIGHT NOW.

SID.

Q THE SOUTH KOREANS SAID LAST WEEK THAT WE WOULD BE WILLING TO OPEN UP A LIAISON OFFICE IN PYONGYANG IF WE WERE SATISFIED ON THESE ISSUES. I DON'T BELIEVE I

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HEARD YOU ALL COMMENT ON IT. COULD YOU DO SO?

MR. MCCURRY: THAT IS THE IDEA OF A MORE EXTENSIVE DIPLOMATIC CONTACT THROUGH SOMETHING LIKE A LIAISON OFFICE. IT'S AN ISSUE THAT APPROPRIATELY WOULD BE DISCUSSED IF IT'S POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE A THIRD ROUND OF HIGH-LEVEL TALKS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE DPRK. THERE'S A RANGE OF ISSUES THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED AT A HIGH-LEVEL ROUND OF TALKS, BUT FIRST AND FOREMOST OF THEM WOULD BE TO GET A BROAD AND THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF THE NUCLEAR ISSUE THAT

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WOULD LEAD TO RESOLUTION OF SOME OF THE OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NUCLEAR PROGRAM IN NORTH KOREA

Q MIKE, HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING FROM THE CHINESE THAT DIFFERS FROM THEIR OFTEN STATED POSITION THAT THEY DON'T BELIEVE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AND PRESSURE ON NORTH
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KOREA IS THE WAY TO GO?

MR. MCCURRY: NO

BARRIE.

Q DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING FURTHER ON THE REPORTED MISSILE TEST THAT THE NORTH KOREANS WERE ABOUT TO ENGAGE IN?

MR. MCCURRY: NOT MUCH. OBVIOUSLY, WE FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS VERY CLOSELY WE HAVE REPEATEDLY DRAWN ATTENTION TO NORTH KOREA'S BALLISTIC MISSILE PROGRAM. I CAN'T COMMENT ON ANY REPORTS CONCERNING SPECIFIC TESTS BECAUSE THAT FORCES ME INTO AN AREA I JUST CAN'T DISCUSS HERE. BUT IT IS OBVIOUS THAT A NORTH KOREAN MISSILE TEST COULD ONLY ADD TO TENSIONS IN THE REGION AT THIS TIME.

Q MIKE, CAN I MOVE TO INDIA'S MISSILE THERE HAS BEEN SOME EXCITEMENT IN INDIA OVER A REPORT THAT AMBASSADOR FRANK WISNER DURING A SECOND CONFIRMATION HEARING WARNED INDIA AGAINST DEPLOYING THE PRITHVI MISSILE. NOW, COULD YOU REACT TO THAT, AND COULD YOU

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ALSO SET OUT POLICY ON SUCH MISSILE DEPLOYMENTS?

MR. MCCURRY: MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT AMBASSADOR WISNER WAS REITERATING THE LONGSTANDING CONVICTION OF THE UNITED STATES THAT ALONG WITH THE RETENTION OF A NUCLEAR WEAPONS OPTION, THE ACQUISITION OF BALLISTIC

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MISSILE DELIVERY SYSTEMS BY INDIA AND PAKISTAN IS DESTABILIZING AND THEREBY UNDERMINES THE SECURITY OF BOTH COUNTRIES. THAT IS SOMETHING WE HAVE STRESSED IN OUR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH BOTH GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE CONSULTATIONS THAT OCCURRED VERY RECENTLY.

WE'VE ENCOURAGED BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT NOT TO DEPLOY BALLISTIC MISSILES, AND PRESIDENT CLINTON INDICATED CERTAINLY TO PRIME MINISTER RAO THAT THE UNITED STATES RESPECTS THE SECURITY NEEDS OF BOTH INDIA AND PAKISTAN, BUT WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT AN AGREEMENT NOT TO DEPLOY BALLISTIC MISSILES WOULD IMPROVE THE SECURITY OF BOTH SIDES.

Q ON A TOPIC ON THE MIDDLE EAST. TWO QUESTIONS. FIRST, DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON PRIME MINISTER RABIN'S STATEMENT THAT ANOTHER SHUTTLE BY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER WILL NOT BE USEFUL AT THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT SINCE THE ISRAELI-SYRIAN TALKS ARE BLOCKED?

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AND THE SECOND QUESTION: IS THE U.S. SEEKING EXTRADITION OF MUSTAFA DIRANI, THE MUSLIM FUNDAMENTALIST CAPTURED BY THE ISRAELIS IN LEBANON

MR. MCCURRY: THE SECOND QUESTION -- I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT. I'LL HAVE TO LOOK INTO IT.

ON THE QUESTION OF THE SECRETARY'S DIPLOMACY AND HIS
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WORK AS AN INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL

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AND SYRIA, WE REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE PARTIES I WAS NOT AWARE THAT PRIME MINISTER RABIN HAD SAID ANYTHING PUBLICLY, BUT WE ARE IN VERY CLOSE CONTACT WITH THEM AND WE DO NOT HAVE AT THIS POINT ANY SCHEDULE THAT REFLECTS A TRIP BY THE SECRETARY TO THE REGION.

Q MIKE, HE SUPPOSEDLY SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THE AMERICANS WERE EXHAUSTED BY THIS WHOLE PROCESS.

MR MCCURRY: I WOULD FIND THAT HIGHLY UNLIKELY, GIVEN THE PRIME MINISTERS CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SECRETARY AND THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER HAS CALLED FREQUENTLY UPON THE SECRETARY TO PARTICIPATE--AS YOU KNOW HE HAS, IN HELPING FACILITATE AN EXCHANGE BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL. THAT WOULD BE A

SURPRISING REMARK, AND I DOUBT THAT IT'S REFLECTED IN THE CLOSE DISCUSSIONS WE'VE HAD WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.

Q MIKE, ON SOMETHING ELSE -- IT'S SORT OF HARD TO ASK THIS KIND OF QUESTION -- BUT THERE'S AN ARTICLE TODAY IN A WASHINGTON NEWSPAPER THAT SUGGESTS BASICALLY ON HAITI THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS NOT, YOU KNOW REALLY VERY ACTIVELY ENGAGED AND IT IS BEING HANDLED MOSTLY BY THE NSC, AND THIS RAISES IMPLICATIONS, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, OF AN INVASION BECAUSE THE NSC ALLEGEDLY IS MORE INCLINED IN THAT DIRECTION THAN OTHER PARTS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

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I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU CAN DEAL WITH THIS BUT I THOUGHT I'D TRY YOU. WITH ALL THE THINGS GOING ON IN THE WORLD, HOW MUCH IS HAITI ON THE SECRETARY'S AGENDA

MR. MCCURRY: BARRY, I SAW THAT ARTICLE. THAT WAS IN THE SAME ONE THAT HAD THE STORY ABOUT THE L2 U.S. SENATORS WHO ARE SPACE ALIENS WAS THAT -- (LAUGHTER).

Q NO, NO. THAT'S THE NATIONAL EXPLORER

MR. MCCURRY: DIFFERENT PUBLICATION.

Q THIS IS IN A WASHINGTON DAILY MORNING NEWSPAPER. IT'S NOT THE POST.

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MR. MCCURRY: I GOT THE TWO ARTICLES CONFUSED . UT
THEY SHARE SOMETHING IN THE CREDIBILITY, I THINK.

Q I THOUGHT IT WAS A FAVORABLE ARTICLE.

MR. MCCURRY: THE SECRETARY -- (LAUGHTER).

Q IT DIDN'T CALL FOR HIS RESIGNATION
(LAUGHTER) BUT IT JUST SUGGESTS THAT TONY LAKE IS THE
POWER DRIVER, AS U.S. NEWS ONCE APTLY CALLED THE PERSON
WITH THE BASIC RESPONSIBILITY FOR AN AREA.

MR. MCCURRY. I THINK THAT IS NOT AN ARTICLE THAT
REFLECTS THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP THAT EXISTS BETWEEN
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THE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT THAT WORK
ON FOREIGN POLICY CONCERNS. IT DOESN'T REFLECT.

CERTAINLY THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE. HIS SCHEDULE HAS
BEEN REPLETE WITH MEETINGS ON HAITI AND DISCUSSIONS
ABOUT HAITI.

IT IS TRUE THAT DEPUTY SECRETARY STROBE TALBOTT HAS
HAD THE LEAD WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT HERE IN ADDRESSING
THAT ISSUE, AND MAYBE THAT IS A SOURCE OF SOME CONFUSION
ON THE PART OF THIS NEWS ORGANIZATION. UT I DON'T
THINK THAT'S AN ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF EITHER THE WORKING
ARRANGEMENTS THAT ARE BEING PURSUED WITHIN THE
GOVERNMENT TO ADDRESS HAITI, OR THE LEVEL OF ATTENTION
THAT'S BEING GIVEN BY EVERYBODY FROM THE PRESIDENT O
DOWN.

I THINK YOU ALL KNOW THE PRESIDENT'S DIRECT
INVOLVEMENT AND CONCERN ON THIS. THE SECRETARY HAS HAD
NUMEROUS DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM ABOUT HAITI, AND THOSE
WILL CONTINUE AND WILL CONTINUE -- MY GUESS, WILL
INTENSIFY AS WE GO INTO A PERIOD NOW WHERE WE HOPE TO
SEE THE SANCTIONS BEGIN TO WORK THEIR INFLUENCE ON
CEDRAS AND OTHERS IN HAITI.

Q BUT THEY WILL NOT BE EASED AS -- I FORGET WHO
THEY'RE QUOTING -- THEY'RE QUOTING SOME SENATOR, I

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THINK, WHO'S SUGGESTING THEY BE EASED AS A WAY TO --

MR. MCCURRY: THAT WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE
RECENT DECISION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
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Q MIKE, A SIMPLE QUESTION. ARE THERE ANY DIRECT
DEVELOPMENTS THAT YOU CAN REPORT TO US, INCLUDING THE
TRIP OF THE ENVOY TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

MR. MCCURRY: SEVERAL THINGS. SPECIAL ADVISER GRAY
GAVE YOU A PRETTY GOOD BRIEFING HERE ON FRIDAY, I
UNDERSTAND, ON SOME OF THE THINGS HE'S PURSUING. HE DID
INDICATE THAT HE WAS EXPECTED TO GO BACK TO THE REGION
THIS WEEK, AND IN FACT HE DID LEAVE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON
FOR TURKS AND CAICOS. HE'S NOW IN BARBADOS AND WILL
LEAVE FOR JAMAICA

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THIS AFTERNOON. HE'LL RETURN TO WASHINGTON ON WEDNESDAY
EVENING.

OBVIOUSLY, HE WILL CONTINUE -- AS HE HAS BEEN DOING
-- HE WILL CONTINUE TALKS WITH LEADERS IN THE REGION

ABOUT OUR EFFORTS AND OUR PLANS RELATING TO THE
RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY AND THE RETURN OF PRESIDENT
ARISTIDE. HE'LL BE DISCUSSING ALSO THE U.N. SANCTIONS
PROGRAM, HOW TO MAKE THE SANCTIONS MORE EFFECTIVE.
THAT'S BEEN PART OF HIS DISCUSSIONS AS YOU KNOW, FROM
HIS PRESENTATION HERE ON FRIDAY. AND HE'LL BE TALKING
ABOUT REFUGEE PROCESSING ISSUES PARTICULARLY AS THEY
RELATE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S NEW
POLICY.

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I BELIEVE THERE WILL BE MORE THINGS SAID ON THAT
SUBJECT AS THE WEEK GOES ON FROM SOME OF THE GOVERNMENTS
THAT WE'VE HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH.

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Q MIKE, ARE THESE COUNTRIES OR ISLANDS THAT YOU MENTIONED CANDIDATES TO THE PROCESSING CENTERS FOR REFUGEES

MR. MCCURRY: IN SOME CASES YES.

Q MIKE WHAT'S THE SITUATION ON THE BORDER WITH THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC?

MR. MCCURRY: THERE HAVE BEEN SOME SPORADIC REPORTS THAT THE ENFORCEMENT OF SANCTIONS ALONG THE BORDER HAS IMPROVED. OVER THE WEEKEND, THERE AS REPORTED FROM PORT-AU-PRINCE SOME INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT THE PRICE OF GASOLINE AND JUST HOW THAT HAS FLUCTUATED AS THE EFFECT OF THE SANCTIONS APPEAR TO TAKE HOLD

THERE HAVE BEEN COMMITMENTS, AS YOU KNOW MADE BY PRESIDENT BALAGUER TO THE SPECIAL ADVISER THAT HE APPEARS TO BE MAKING GOOD ON. ALTHOUGH I DON'T HAVE A COMPLETE ACCOUNTING AT THIS POINT, THERE DOES APPEAR TO BE SOME EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE SANCTIONS REGIME ALONG THAT BORDER.

Q COULD YOU SUM UP THAT ANSWER A LITTLE BIT THAT YOU GAVE BEFORE?

MR. MCCURRY: NO. WE'VE SAID WE'VE HAD A LOT OF
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CONTACT WITH A VARIETY OF GOVERNMENTS IN THAT REGION AT ANY POINT THAT WE'VE GOT SOMETHING THAT WE CAN ANNOUNCE OR THAT WE CAN SAY PUBLICLY, IT WOULD COME AFTER ONE OF THOSE GOVERNMENTS INDICATES WHAT STEPS THEY MIGHT TAKE TO COOPERATE WITH US IN AN EFFECTIVE PROCESSING OF THOSE WHO ARE ATTEMPTING TO LEAVE HAITI.

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Q YOU'RE SAYING THAT FIRST WORD THAT COUNTRY X IS GOING TO BE WILLING TO SERVE AS A PROCESSING CENTER WOULD COME FROM THEM INSTEAD OF FROM HERE?

MR. MCCURRY: WE WILL COOPERATE WITH SAID COUNTRY AND RESPECT WHATEVER DESIRES THEY HAVE AS TO A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY STEPS THAT THEY'RE TAKING TO COOPERATE WITH US. OBVIOUSLY, WE WOULD WELCOME ANY SUCH

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COOPERATION.

HOWARD.

Q IF COUNTRY X IS WILLING TO SERVE IN THAT
CAPACITY, HOW LONG DO YOU THINK IT MIGHT TAKE BEFORE A
CENTER IS ACTUALLY UP AND RUNNING -- BEGIN TO DEAL WITH
--

MR. MCCURRY: IT WOULD BE OUR DESIRE TO DO IT AS
QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THERE HAS BEEN BY THE WAY, SINCE
MAY 23, A NOTICEABLE DROP IN OUT-MIGRATION FROM HAITI.
THERE HAVE NOT BEEN ANY INTERDICTIONS REPORTED TO US
SINCE MAY 23. THERE HAD BEEN, AS YOU KNOW SOMEWHAT OF
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AN INCREASE IN THE PERIOD AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S MAY 8
ANNOUNCEMENT. THAT APPEARS TO HAVE SUBSIDED, BUT IT
DOESN'T REMOVE FOR US THE URGENCY OF GETTING IN PLACE
EFFECTIVE STEPS THAT WE COULD TAKE TO ENSURE THAT
AITIAN MIGRANTS ARE EFFECTIVELY PROCESSED ACCORDING TO
.S. LAW.

Q CAN YOU SAY WHEN THESE CHARTERED VESSELS MIGHT
BECOME OPERATIONAL?

MR. MCCURRY. IN A MATTER OF DAYS, MY UNDERSTANDING
IS I THINK OVER AT THE PENTAGON TODAY THEY PLAN TO
BRIEF ON SHIPS THAT COULD BE UNDERWAY OR ADDITIONA
CONTRACTS THAT THEY MIGHT LET ON THAT, SO I'LL PUT THAT
OVER TO THEM, BECAUSE I THINK THEY WERE PREPARED TO DEAL
IN MORE DETAIL TODAY WITH WHAT THEY WERE LOOKING AT ON
THAT.

CHARLIE.

Q A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS ON HUMANITARIAN AID
THERE ARE SOME MISSIONARY GROUPS IN FLORIDA THAT ARE
COMPLAINING THAT THEY'RE HAVING TROUBLE GETTING PROPER

PERMITS FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO FLIGHTS TO HAITI,
AND THAT THEY HAVE STUFF ROTTING IN WAREHOUSES -- FOOD
AND MEDICINE, ETC. (A) DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THT,
AND I HAVE SOMETHING ELSE ON A STATEMENT MADE LAST NIGHT.

MR. MCCURRY: I WILL LOOK INTO THAT. THAT WOULD BE

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NATIONS SANCTIONS REGIME SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTS
HUMANITARIAN GOODS -- FOOD AND MEDICINE -- FROM REAC"ING
THOSE WHO CLEARLY ARE SUFFERING IN HAITI. ANY TIME A
NEW SANCTIONS REGIME GOES INTO EFFECT, IT TAKES SOME
TIME TO DEVELOP THE PROPER PROCEDURES. I IMAGINE IN
THIS CASE

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THERE'S SOME LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS THAT HAVE TO BE
WORKED OUT, BUT WE WILL CERTAINLY LOOK INTO THAT AND SEE
HAT TYPE OF PROBLEM THESE GROUPS ARE ENCOUNTERING I
WASN'T AWARE OF THE REPORT, BUT WE'LL LOOK INTO THAT.

Q MIKE.

Q (INAUDIBLE) .

Q SECONDLY, LAST WEEK SOME TIME THE AMBASSADOR IN
HAITI, AMBASSADOR SWING, TOLD SOME REPORTERS THAT THEY
WOULD BE -- THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE PROVIDING FOOD
FOR 1.4 MILLION PEOPLE. CAN YOU CLARIFY WHETHER WE'RE
TALKING IN TOTAL, WHETHER WE'RE TALKING A DAY, WHETHER
E'RE TALKING -- UNLESS YOU KNOW ND ALSO MEDICINE FOR
ONE OUT OF EVERY THREE HAITIANS.

THOSE NUMBERS REFLECT WHAT IS BEING PROVIDED THRUH
A VARIETY OF ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN HAITI. IT HAD
RANGED ALMOST UP TO A MILLION PRIOR TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT
OF THE PRESIDENT'S NEW POLICY ON MAY 8TH. WE WERE
FEEDING ROUGHLY 900,000 PER DAY, AND IF I AM NOT

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MISTAKEN, THAT WAS THE NUMBER OF MEALS DELIVERED PER
DAY, ONE MEAL FER PERSON. AT THE TIME IT WAS 900,000;
WE HAVE TAKEN STEPS NOW TO INCREASE THAT HUMANITARIA
ASSISTANCE SO THE FIGURE WOULD RISE TO L.4 MILLION, BUT
I DO BELIEVE THAT IS MEALS DELIVERED PER DAY FER
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YES.

Q WHAT IS THE STATUS OF DIPLOMACY WITH CEDRAS AND

OTHERS? IS ANYONE HANDLING -- IS ANYONE TALKING WITH CEDRAS FROM THIS GOVERNMENT?

MR. MCCURRY: THERE ARE CONTACTS FROM TIME-TO-TIME, AND THERE MAY BE CONTACTS IN THE FUTURE, BUT THE STATUS OF DIPLOMACY REGARDING MR. CEDRAS IS THE EXPRESSED WILL OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE SANCTIONS REGIME IN PLACE, DESIGNED TO FORCE HIM TO LIVE UP TO HIS OBLIGATIONS.

SID.

Q IN THE REGION, BUT A DIFFERENT TOPIC, DID THE U.S. CUT OFF ALL INTELLIGENCE-SHARING WITH PERU AND COLUMBIA (INAUDIBLE) THE STATE DEPARTMENT WITHOUT TELLING THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT?

MR. MCCURRY: THAT IS A LONG EXHAUSTING ARTICLE THAT WOULD EXHAUST MY ABILITY TO RESPOND. IT INVOLVES -- THERE WAS A STORY OVER THE WEEKEND IN THE WASHINGTON
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POST ABOUT AN INTER-AGENCY DISAGREEMENT. TO MY
KNOWLEDGE, THERE IS NOT A

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POLICY THAT SAYS THERE IS A CUT-OFF OF DATA GOING TO THESE COUNTRIES, BUT THERE WAS A CUT-OFF I BELIEVE EFFECTIVE MAY 1. SOMEWHERE IN HERE I'VE GOT SOME MORE ON THAT. THERE IS NOW AN INTER-AGENCY DISCUSSION ABOUT THE POLICY ITSELF. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME MEETINGS AND SOME DISCUSSIONS ABOUT LEGAL ASPECTS OF THIS INTELLIGENCE-SHARING.

WE -- I'VE MADE CLEAR THAT WE WANT TO PURSUE AN ACTIVE NARCOTICS INTERDICTION PROGRAM, AND THAT INVOLVES WORKING IN MANY CASES WITH GOVERNMENTS IN THE REGION BUT THAT PROGRAM MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH THE PRESIDENT'S OVERALL ANTI-DRUG STRATEGY, U.S. CRIMINAL LAW AND INTERNATIONAL LAW.

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THERE WAS A RADAR INTELLIGENCE-SHARING PROGRAM THAT WAS IN EXISTENCE FOR FOUR YEARS, AND THAT PROGRAM WAS USPENDED BY THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ON MAY LST.

THEY HAVE LOOKED AT SOME OF THE LEGAL ASFECTS. THEY ARE LOOKING AT THE POLICY, AND MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THERE WILL BE SOME FURTHER INTER-AGENCY MEETINGS ON THE SUBJECT, PERHAFS AS EARLY AS TODAY.

Q COULD IT BE CORRECTED THAT ADMINISTRATION LEGA FOLKS ARE CONCERNED THAT THESE TWO COUNTRIES SHOOTING

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DOWN OF CIVILIAN DRUG TRAFFICKERS GOES AGAINST U.S. LAW?

MR. MCCURRY: I THINK THAT IS AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF THE VIEWS THAT HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED IN A ARIETY OF AGENCIES BY ATTORNEYS WHO HAVE LOOKED AT THAT QUESTION.

YES.

Q CAN I ASK ONE MORE?

MR MCCURRY: TWO MORE, STEVEN.

Q ARE YOU ABLE TO UPDATE US ANY ON THE SITUATION IN RWANDA? I UNDERSTAND THAT AMBASSADOR RAWSON HAS JUST RETURNED FROM THE REGION. ARE THE TWO PARTIES AT ALL ANY C LOSER TO A CEASE-FIRE? AND ALSO, HAS THE U.S. CHANGED ITS STANCE AT ALL WITH REGARDS TO DEPLOYING U.N. FEACEKEEPING TROOFS TO THE AREA?

MR. MCCURRY: TAKE THEM IN REVERSE ORDER. WE HAVE NOT CHANGED OUR VIEWS AS EXPRESSED AT THE UNITED NATIONS. THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERATION THERE AND AUTHORIZATION GIVEN FOR A CERTAIN SIZE FORCE. THE FORCE DOESN'T EXIST. THE PROBLEM IS THAT THERE AREN'T TROOPS READY TO GO INTO THE SITUATION NOR DOES IT APPEAR TO BE ANY TYPE OF ENVIRONMENT THERE IN WHICH YOU COULD GO IN WITH A FORCE AS EQUIFFED AND SIZED -- ACCORDING TO THE DISCUSSIONS THEY'VE HAD AT THE UNITED NATIONS -- THAT WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH ITS MISSION.

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ON THE FIRST QUESTION, THE RWANDA PATRIOTIC FRO
AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS DID MEET YESTERDAY IN KIGAI
NDER THE AUSPICES OF UNAMIR. THEY AGREED IN PRINCIPLE
TO A CEASE-FIRE. THEY'VE HAD THESE DISCUSSIONS,
OWEVER, IN THE PAST, BUT THEY DID YESTERDAY AGREE IN
PRINCIPLE TO A CEASE-FIRE. THE FIGHTING MEANWHILE HAS
.ONTINUED. THERE ARE SOME ADDITIONAL TALKS SCHEDULED
FOR THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW IN KIGALI.

PART OF THE ISSUE HERE IS THAT THE RFF IS INSISTING
ON SOME ASSURANCES FROM THE GOVERNMENT THAT THERE BE NOT
ONLY AN END TO THE MASSACRES THAT HAVE BEEN OCCURRING

BUT ALSO CLOSURE OF A RADIO STATION WHICH HAS BEEN
INCITING MASS KILLINGS, ACCORDING TO SOME OF THE RFP
LEADERSHIP

WE ARE CONTINUING A FAIRLY EXTENSIVE RELIEF
PROGRAM. I THINK MANY OF YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THAT.
WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THAT HERE -- PROVIDING HUMANITARIAN
ASSISTANCE IN AND AROUND SOME OF THE AREAS WHICH ARE
SEEING, YOU KNOW, HUGE FLOWS OF REFUGEES AS A RESULT OF
THE KILLING. AND THE UNITED NATIONS CONTINUES VERY
ERIOUS DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE BEST AY TO ADDRESS THIS
CRISIS IN THE CONTEXT OF TWO SIDES THAT ARE CONTINUING
FIGHTING. IT SEEMS VERY CLEAR THAT ANY INTERNATIONAL
FRESENCE IN RWANDA WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE IF THE
FIGHTING BETWEEN THE RFP AND GOVERNMENT FORCES AND SOME
OF THE OTHER ETHNIC FIGHTING -- INTER-ETHNIC FIGHTING --
WOULD SUBSIDE. THERE WOULD BE A MORE PERMISSIVE

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ENVIRONMENT THEN, IN WHICH AN INTERNATIONAL MISSIO
COULD BE EFFECTIVE.

AND, STEVE, YOU HAD --

Q JUST ONE MORE QUESTION -- THE COLOMBIA/PERU
THING? YOU SAID THAT THE "INTEL" WAS CUT OFF BUT
THERE'S NO FOLICY DICTATING THAT SO WHAT -- WHO
ORDERED THE CUTOFF AND WHY, OR WAS IT JUST SORT OF AN

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INTERIM THING WHILE THEY RE DECIDING ON THE LEGALITY OF
THE --

MR. MCCURRY: IT'S NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR TO ME. MY
UNDERSTANDING IS THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT TOOK THAT STEP
BUT THAT WAS, YOU KNOW, PURSUANT TO SOME UNDERSTANDING
OF THE LAW; AND IT WAS NOT THE RESULT OF ANY
DECISION-MAKING AT A SENIOR LEVEL WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT
AT AN INTERAGENCY BASIS.

Q BUT DOD IS SORT OF CONDUCTING ITS OWN FOREIGN
POLICY ON THIS ONE, IS THAT CORRECT?

MR. MCCURRY: WELL, YOU CAN READ IN THERE AL YOU
NEED TO READ ABOUT THE VARIOUS NEWS

Q THIS ISN'T A SOURCE MINE (INAUDIBLE)

MR. MCCURRY: RIGHT.

Q YOU'VE GOT YOUR SOURCES, SO COULD YOU COMMENT
ON THEM?

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MR. MCCURRY: I'VE GOT A LOT OF SOURCES ON THAT AND
I'VE TOLD YOU WHAT I CAN TELL YOU.

Q THANK YOU. CHRISTOPHER

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