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TEXT:

// (REPORT SIGNED "WA": "VANDENBROUCKE FEARS CATASTROPHE IN

((FBIS TRANSLATED TEXT)) IF CROATIAN PRESIDENT TUDJMAN CONTINUES TO OPPOSE AN EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE FOR UN TROOPS IN CROATIA, THEN THE WHOLE OF FORMER YUGOSLAVIA IS THREATENED WITH CATASTROPHE. THESE ARE THE WORDS OF BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FRANK VANDENBROUCKE AFTER A MEETING WITH UN SECRETARY GENERAL BUTRUS BUTRUS-GHALI. IN ADDITION, THE REPUBLICANS IN THE UNITED STATES WANT TO LIFT THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST BOSNIA. IF THAT HAPPENS, BUTRUS-GHALI WILL CONSIDER WITHDRAWING ALL UN TROOPS.

AFTER PRIME MINISTER DEHAENE HAD PLAYED TO THE GALLERY IN DALLAS ON FRIDAY EVENING, IT WAS TIME FOR MORE SERIOUS BUSINESS IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK. THE PRIME MINISTER NOW HAD FOREIGN MINISTER VANDENBROUCKE FOR SUPPORT. THE POLITICIANS WERE WELCOMED AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON SATURDAY, FOLLOWED YESTERDAY BY A MEETING WITH UN SECRETARY GENERAL BUTRUS-GHALI.

ONE OF THE SUBJECTS WHICH CAME UP AT BOTH MEETINGS WAS THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS AS PEACEKEEPER. THIS IS ATTRACTING GROWING CRITICISM, FOLLOWING EVENTS IN SOMALIA AND RWANDA AND NOW THE PRESENT SITUATION IN BOSNIA. THE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IN THE UNITED STATES HAS SUBMITTED A MOTION PROHIBITING U.S. TROOPS FROM SERVING UNDER THE UN FLAG. THE REPUBLICANS ALSO WANT TO STOP THE SUPPLY OF FUNDS FOR THESE OPERATIONS. IN HIS TALKS WITH DEHAENE AND VANDENBROUCKE, CLINTON STATED THAT HE WAS NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH THE REPUBLICANS' POSITION, ALTHOUGH HE DOES WANT TO REVIEW THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS AS PEACEKEEPER. BELGIUM CAN AGREE ON THIS POINT AS IT TOO CONSIDERS THAT IT MUST ATTACH MORE CONDITIONS TO THE DISPATCH OF UN TROOPS.

THE DEBATE ON THE TASK OF THE UNITED NATIONS AS PEACEKEEPER IS ALSO VERY IMPORTANT FOR CENTRAL AFRICA. BELGIUM IS KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH ON EVENTS IN BURUNDI WHERE THE SITUATION IS CRITICAL. EXTREMISTS AMONG THE HUTUS AND THE TUTSIS ARE GAINING INFLUENCE BY THE DAY, BRINGING A REAL RISK OF ANOTHER BLOODBATH. BELGIUM

PROPOSES AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF OBSERVERS, AT THE VERY LEAST. BUTRUS-GHALI HAS PROMISED PREVENTIVE MEASURES. BUT HE MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHICH HAS ALREADY REJECTED A PROPOSAL TO BASE TROOPS IN A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL ALSO REJECTED A PROPOSAL BY BUTRUS-GHALI TO SEND BLUE HELMETS INTO REFUGEE CAMPS IN ZA'IRE. THE BELGIAN DELEGATION LEARNED FROM BUTRUS-GHALI THAT PRESSURE ON THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE STEPPED UP TO ENCOURAGE IT TO CREATE THE NECESSARY CONDITIONS FOR THE RETURN OF THE REFUGEES.

ANOTHER REGION FOR PEACEKEEPING IS THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA. WITHIN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS A DECISION MUST BE MADE ON EXTENDING THE MANDATE OF UN TROOPS IN CROATIA. BELGIUM IS IN FAVOR OF EXTENDING IT.

ONE POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO SPEED UP THE PEACE PROCESS IS THE PROPOSAL BY FRENCH MINISTER JUPPE TO HOLD ANOTHER SUMMIT ON THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA. THIS WOULD SEEK TO ACHIEVE A PEACE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CROATIA AND SERBIA INVOLVING A MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF BORDERS. A SOLUTION WOULD THEN HAVE TO BE FOUND FOR THE SERBS LIVING IN CROATIA. AN ADDITIONAL PROBLEM IS THE ARMS EMBARGO. THE REPUBLICANS IN THE US CONGRESS WANT TO LIFT THIS EMBARGO ON THE BOSNIAN MUSLIMS. PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS SAID HE CANNOT BACK THIS PROPOSAL AND URGED THE BELGIANS TO IMPRESS THEIR VIEW UPON THE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY.

NATO ((SUBHEAD))

THE MOST IMPORTANT SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT CLINTON WAS SECURITY IN EUROPE. FIRST, THERE IS THE REQUEST BY A NUMBER OF EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO BECOME FULLY-FLEDGED NATO MEMBERS. BELGIUM AND THE UNITED STATES AGREE THAT DISCUSSIONS ON "HOW AND WHY" MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR. THIS DEBATE INVOLVES THE ROLE OF NATO ITSELF. ENLARGEMENT MUST NOT RESULT IN

DILUTION. AT A SECOND STAGE, DISCUSSIONS MUST FOCUS ON THE QUESTION OF "HOW AND WHEN." IN THE MEANTIME, DISCUSSIONS WILL CONTINUE WITH

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RUSSIA ON A POSSIBLE COOPERATION AGREEMENT.

DEHAENE PRESSED CLINTON FOR WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN SIMULTANEOUSLY ON EUROPE'S OWN SECURITY PILLAR. ONE PROPOSAL ON THE TABLE IS FOR THE COUNTRIES TO ACT UNDER EITHER THE EUROPEAN UNION OR THE NATO FLAG, DEPENDING ON THEIR MISSION. A PROBLEM WITH THIS IS THAT FRANCE IS NOT A MEMBER OF NATO'S INTEGRATED STRUCTURE. THE UNITED STATES THEREFORE WANTS FRANCE TO FIRST BECOME A FULLY-FLEDGED NATO MEMBER -- A PROPOSAL WITH WHICH BELGIUM AGREES. THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT ALSO BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE RATHER MORE FLEXIBLE. THE UNITED STATES IS NOT INCLINED TO ALLOW THE EUROPEAN UNION TOTAL AUTONOMY IN DECIDING ON THE DEPLOYMENT OF THESE TROOPS.

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