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1) SAUDI ARABIA: MEETING WITH U.S. OFFICIALS REGARDING
 GUANTANAMO <<DETAINEES>>

Q: CAN YOU CONFIRM THE AL-HAYAT REPORT THAT SAYS A SAUDI
 DELEGATION WILL MEET TODAY WITH U.S. OFFICIALS REGARDING
 RELEASE OF SAUDI <<DETAINEES>> AT GUANTANAMO BAY?

-- AN OFFICIAL SAUDI ARABIAN DELEGATION OF LEGAL EXPERTS
 FORMED BY THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT TO ADVISE THE FAMILIES OF
 SAUDI NATIONALS DETAINED AT GUANTANAMO BAY, IS IN THE <<UNITED>>
 <<STATES>> THIS WEEK, AND WILL MEET WITH STATE DEPARTMENT
 OFFICIALS THIS AFTERNOON. WE DO NOT PLAN TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC
 DETAILS OF ANY OF <<DETAINEES>> OR THEIR CASES WITH THE
 DELEGATION.

Q: ARE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS PENDING AGAINST THESE NATIONALS?
 WILL YOU CONSIDER EXTRADITION OF THESE NATIONALS TO SAUDI
 ARABIA FOR TRIAL THERE AS AL-HAYAT SUGGESTS?

-- AT THIS TIME, THERE IS NO INDICATION OF POSSIBLE LEGAL
 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST ANY OF THE SAUDI NATIONALS CURRENTLY
 BEING HELD AT GUANTANAMO BAY. WE DO NOT PLAN TO EXPLORE THE
 TOPIC OF EXTRADITION OF ANY OF THE GUANTANAMO <<DETAINEES>>.

2) LIBYA/PAN AM 103: UN SANCTIONS & POSSIBLE FRENCH VETO

KEY POINTS:

-- A VOTE HAS NOT YET BEEN SCHEDULED ON THE RESOLUTION,
 THOUGHT WE CONTINUE TO WORK HARD TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN THROUGH
 HIGH-LEVEL CONSULTATIONS IN NEW YORKS AND U.N. SECURITY
 COUNCIL CAPITALS.

-- WHILE WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT COMPENSATION FOR ALL
 VICTIMS OF TERRORISM, INCLUDING THE UTA FAMILIES, THE
 COUNCIL,S CONSIDERATION OF LIFTING LIBYA SANCTIONS SHOULD BE
 BASED SOLELY ON LIBYA MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS IN THE UN
 SANCTIONS RESOLUTIONS.

Q: WHEN WILL A NEW U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION BE
 CIRCULATED?

-- I DON,T HAVE ANYTHING FOR YOU ON THIS. AS I SAID,
 HIGH-LEVEL CONSULTATIONS CONTINUE IN NEW YORK AND U.N.
 SECURITY COUNCIL CAPITALS.

Q: WILL THE U.S. ABSTAIN?

-- WE HAVE SAID THAT WE WILL NOT OPPOSE THE LIFTING OF

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SANCTIONS. BUT WE ARE NOT GOING TO DISCUSS HOW WE PLAN TO VOTE.

BACKGROUND: THE FRENCH HAVE SAID THEY MAY VETO A RESOLUTION LIFTING UN SANCTIONS AGAINST LIBYA UNLESS LIBYA AGREES TO PAY MORE COMPENSATION TO THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS OF UTA 772. THIS WAS NOT A DEMAND OF THE UNSC OR FRANCE AT THE TIME OF IMPOSITION OF UN SANCTIONS.

3) JORDAN: INVESTIGATION INTO SHOOTING OF U.S. DIPLOMAT LAURENCE FOLEY

STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

Q: CAN YOU COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT ONE OF THE ACCUSED, SALEM BIN SUWEID, IN THE FOLEY MURDER HAD COMPUTER FILES ON EXPLOSIVES AND POISONS, SUGGESTING A TERRORIST LINK?

-- THE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THOSE ACCUSED OF CONDUCTING THE MURDER OF U.S. DIPLOMAT LAURENCE FOLEY ARE MOVING FORWARD, AND I'M NOT GOING TO GET INTO SPECIFICS OR THE EVIDENCE BEING PRESENTED.

-- I WILL REITERATE THAT WE HAVE CONDUCTED AN INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH JORDANIAN OFFICIALS, AND WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE EXTREMELY CLOSE COOPERATION WE'VE RECEIVED FROM THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS PROMISED TO USE EVERY RESOURCE AVAILABLE TO PROTECT AMERICAN CITIZENS IN JORDAN AND TO PROSECUTE THOSE RESPONSIBLE.

4) ISRAEL/PALESTINIANS: ROADMAP, ARAFAT, AND CONTROL OF PALESTINIAN SECURITY SERVICES

U.S. POSITION TOWARDS ARAFAT & EXILE

Q: WHAT IS THE U.S. VIEW OF ARAFAT AND RENEWED ISRAELI SUGGESTIONS THAT EXILE IS AN OPTION?

-- AS WE'VE SAID MANY TIMES BEFORE, NOTHING HAS CHANGED WITH RESPECT TO OUR POLICY TOWARDS ARAFAT. THE SECRETARY HAS MADE CLEAR THAT ARAFAT IS PART OF THE PROBLEM - NOT PART OF THE SOLUTION. AS DEPUTY SECRETARY ARMITAGE SAID, "CHAIRMAN ARAFAT IS ONCE AGAIN SHOWING THAT HE'S AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, AND AGAINST PROGRESS TOWARDS A TWO-STATE FUTURE, AS THE PRESIDENT CALLED FOR."

(IF PRESSED):

-- AS I'VE SAID, OUR POLICY TOWARDS ARAFAT IN ALL ITS DIMENSIONS REMAINS UNCHANGED.

ARAFAT: "ROADMAP IS DEAD"

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Q: WHAT REACTION DO YOU HAVE TO ARAFAT'S COMMENTS THAT THE ROADMAP IS DEAD?

-- AS I'VE SAID BEFORE, OUR VIEW OF ARAFAT HAS NOT CHANGED, AND I'M NOT GOING TO GET INTO THE PRACTICE OF RESPONDING TO HIS COMMENTS.

-- WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED BY PRIME MINISTER SHARON AND PRIME MINISTER ABBAS THAT THEY REMAIN FULLY COMMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT'S VISION OF PEACE AND TO THE ROADMAP, AND WE REMAIN ENGAGED INTENSIVELY WITH THEM BOTH. BRINGING ABOUT AN END TO TERROR, VIOLENCE, THE DEATH OF INNOCENT PEOPLE AND MAKING POSSIBLE PROGRESS TOWARDS THE PRESIDENT'S TWO-STATE VISION REMAINS THE FOCUS OF OUR EFFORTS WITH THE PARTIES. THE ROADMAP CONTAINS COMMITMENTS FOR BOTH SIDES, AND OUR MESSAGE CONSISTENTLY CALLS UPON THE ISRAELIS AND PALESTINIANS TO REDEDICATE THEMSELVES TO THOSE OBJECTIVES THROUGH CONCRETE STEPS ON THE GROUND.

-- FOR OUR PART, WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH ALL THOSE WHO ARE COMMITTED TO PURSUING THE VISION PRESIDENT BUSH LAID OUT IN HIS JUNE 2002 SPEECH, INCLUDING REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEADERS. THE SECRETARY CALLED ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER SHALOM OVER THE WEEKEND, AMBASSADOR KURTZER AND ACTING CONSUL GENERAL JEFF FELTMAN CONTINUE ACTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH BOTH SIDES. AMBASSADOR WOLF IS IN THE REGION MEETING WITH OFFICIALS FROM BOTH SIDES, ENCOURAGING THEM TO REMAIN ENGAGED.

KEY POINTS ON ISRAELI STRIKES IN GAZA & MOVES INTO QALQILIYA:

-- THE RECENT SPATE OF VIOLENCE -- ROCKET ATTACKS IN ASHKELON, THE KILLING OF AN ISRAELI MAN AND THE WOUNDING OF HIS PREGNANT WIFE IN THE WEST BANK LAST WEEK, AND THE HORRIFIC AUGUST 19TH BUS BOMBING IN JERUSALEM -- ILLUSTRATE THE URGENT NEED FOR A TRANSPARENT PALESTINIAN SECURITY SERVICE, CONSOLIDATED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF PRIME MINISTER ABBAS. A CONSOLIDATED PALESTINIAN SECURITY SERVICE CAN WORK TO PREVENT ATTACKS SUCH AS THESE, INVESTIGATE AND ARREST THOSE RESPONSIBLE WHEN THEY DO OCCUR, AND DISRUPT AND DISMANTLE THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT PERMITS EXTREMISTS TO UNDERTAKE THESE KINDS OF ATTACKS.

-- WE FACE SERIOUS CHALLENGES AS WE TRY TO PUSH FORWARD WITH PROGRESS IN THE PEACE PROCESS. CERTAINLY, THERE ARE COMMITMENTS IN THE ROADMAP AND COMMITMENTS MADE TO THE PRESIDENT THAT BOTH SIDES NEED TO FULLY IMPLEMENT, AND BOTH SIDES MUST KEEP IN MIND THE CONSEQUENCES THEIR ACTIONS HAVE ON THIS PROCESS. BOTH SIDES MUST DO MORE TO ADVANCE THE

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PROCESS, BUT THE MAIN PROBLEM IS TERROR AND VIOLENCE AND THE FACT THAT THERE ARE STILL THOSE WHO FAIL TO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WILL NEVER BE A VIABLE PALESTINIAN STATE BUILT ON TERROR. EXTREMISTS HAVE IMPEDED NEGOTIATIONS, AND IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY AND THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE THAT THESE ACTS OF TERROR AND VIOLENCE COME TO AN END.

ISRAELI TARGETTED KILLINGS & MOVES INTO QALQILIAH

-- WE'VE ALWAYS SAID THAT ISRAEL HAS A RIGHT TO DEFEND ITSELF, BUT WE'VE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE PARTIES, INCLUDING ISRAEL, NEED TO KEEP IN MIND THE CONSEQUENCES OF ACTIONS THEY TAKE ON THE PEACE PROCESS.

-- BRINGING ABOUT AN END TO TERROR, VIOLENCE, THE DEATH OF INNOCENT PEOPLE AND MAKING POSSIBLE PROGRESS TOWARDS THE PRESIDENT'S TWO-STATE VISION REMAINS THE FOCUS OF OUR EFFORTS WITH THE PARTIES. THE ROADMAP CONTAINS COMMITMENTS FOR BOTH SIDES, AND IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE ISRAELIS AND PALESTINIANS REDEDICATE THEMSELVES TO THOSE OBJECTIVES.

SETTLEMENTS/SEPARATION FENCE

-- AS WE'VE SAID BEFORE, THE FENCE IS A PROBLEM IF IT IS CONSTRUCTED IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT STARTS TO INFRINGE AND TAKE OVER PALESTINIAN LAND, PREJUDGES WHAT MIGHT BE LEFT FOR A PALESTINIAN STATE, OR COMPLICATES OUR DISCUSSIONS MOVING FORWARD. WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE PARTIES ON THIS ISSUE.

-- PRESIDENT BUSH HAS MADE CLEAR THAT SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY MUST END. THE ROADMAP, REFERRING TO THE MITCHELL REPORT, CALLS FOR AN END TO ALL SETTLEMENT ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING NATURAL GROWTH. WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH PRIME MINISTER SHARON THE NEED TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THE SETTLEMENT ISSUE, BEGINNING WITH THE REMOVAL OF UNAUTHORIZED SETTLEMENT OUTPOSTS.

ORR COMMISSION ON ISRAELI ACTIONS

Q: WHAT COMMENT DO YOU HAVE REGARDING THE ORR COMMISSION CRITICISMS OF THE ISRAELI <<TREATMENT>> OF ITS ARAB POPULATION?

-- THE ORR COMMISSION, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED TO INVESTIGATE THE EVENTS WHICH LED TO THE DEATH OF 13 ARABS IN NORTHERN ISRAEL IN OCTOBER 2000, RELEASED ITS REPORT ON SEPTEMBER 1. THIS INCIDENT HAS BEEN DOCUMENTED IN THE COUNTRY REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND I WOULD REFER YOU TO THAT DOCUMENT FOR ANY SPECIFIC COMMENTARY ON THIS INCIDENT.

-- THE REPORT RAISES IMPORTANT ISSUES, AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL WILL BE CONSIDERING SPECIFIC

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ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE REPORT. THESE ISSUES WARRANT AND ARE RECEIVING A FULL EVALUATION IN ISRAEL.

5) UN SECURITY COUNCIL: <<IRAQ>> RESOLUTION

KEY POINTS:

-- YESTERDAY, THE PRESIDENT AUTHORIZED THE SECRETARY TO MOVE FORWARD ON BEGINNING NEGOTIATIONS ON A NEW RESOLUTION THAT OFFERS ADDITIONAL ENCOURAGEMENT TO COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN <<IRAQ>>,S RECONSTRUCTION AND STABILIZATION.

-- WE ARE NOW BEGINNING IN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS TO CONSULT WITH OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS ON THE BASIS OF A U.S. DRAFT TEXT, WHICH WILL BE CIRCULATED SHORTLY, TO SEE WHAT OPTIONS ARE POSSIBLE.

-- OUR TEXT ELABORATES THE UN MANDATE FOR BOTH THE POLITICAL PROCESS AND THE MILITARY PRESENCE. IT INVITES IRAQIS TO PUT FORWARD A PLAN TO ACHIEVE SOVEREIGNTY ACCORDING TO A TIMETABLE, AND REQUESTS COALITION AND UN SUPPORT FOR THIS EFFORT; AND IT AUTHORIZES A MULTINATIONAL FORCE, WHICH WOULD BE UNDER U.S. COMMAND.

-- WE HAVE A GOOD DRAFT THAT AIMS TO ACCOMMODATE THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY OTHERS, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH OTHERS ON THE COUNCIL TO REACH CONSENSUS.

-- THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY NOW FOR SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO COME TOGETHER TO GALVANIZE INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR <<IRAQ>>,S STABILITY AND RECONSTRUCTION. WE HOPE COUNTRIES WILL SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY.

MEETINGS:

-- THERE ARE NO SECURITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ON <<IRAQ>> TODAY. WE HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY DISCUSSING ELEMENTS OF A NEW <<IRAQ>> RESOLUTION WITH OTHER MISSIONS IN NEW YORK AND IN CAPITALS; THEY NOW WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY OUR DRAFT TEXT.

-- THE SECRETARY WILL BE MAKING PHONE CALLS TODAY AND AMBASSADOR NEGROPONTE WILL HAVE PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHERS IN NEW YORK.

TIMING: FOR TABLING, VOTING ON RESOLUTION? BEFORE GENERAL ASSEMBLY?

-- WE ARE JUST BEGINNING CONSULTATIONS ON A TEXT. WE WOULD HOPE TO REACH CONSENSUS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; WE,LL

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HAVE TO SEE HOW NEGOTIATIONS PROCEED.

QUESTION: OUTLINE KEY POINTS IN DRAFT RESOLUTION? CLARIFY
 ROLE FOR UN, INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY?

-- UN VITAL ROLE. IT REINFORCES AND ELABORATES THE UN,S
 VITAL ROLE IN <<IRAQ>>.

-- POLITICAL TIMETABLE. IT DEFINES THE UN,S ROLE IN
 SUPPORTING THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AS THE IRAQI LEADERS DEVELOP
 A TIMETABLE FOR ASSUMPTION OF SOVEREIGNTY, INCLUDING DRAFTING
 A CONSTITUTION AND HOLDING ELECTIONS.

-- MULTINATIONAL FORCE. IT PROVIDES UN AUTHORIZATION FOR
 A MULTINATIONAL FORCE UNDER UNIFIED U.S. COMMAND.

-- INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. IT URGES ADDITIONAL
 PARTICIPATION BY MEMBER STATES AND REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL
 ORGANIZATIONS IN SUPPORTING <<IRAQ>>'S ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION
 AND SECURITY STABILIZATION.

IF PRESSED ON MULTINATIONAL FORCE / DIVISION OF
 RESPONSIBILITY:

-- THE SECRETARY MADE CLEAR THAT NO ONE, INCLUDING THE
 SECRETARY-GENERAL, HAS SUGGESTED TURNING OVER MILITARY
 COMMAND TO THE UN; THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE TO A U.S.-LED
 OPERATION.

-- AS THE SECRETARY SAID (8/21), ANYBODY MAKING A
 MILITARY CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD WANT THEIR TROOPS & TO BE UNDER
 SOLID, RESPONSIBLE, COMPETENT MILITARY LEADERSHIP OF THE KIND
 THAT IS BEING PROVIDED BY THE COALITION AND THE MILITARY
 COMPONENT OF THE COALITION UNDER GENERAL ABIZAIID,S
 COMMAND.8

-- SO WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT A BLUE HELMET OPERATION NOR
 ARE WE FOLLOWING ANY PARTICULAR MODEL; <<IRAQ>> IS A UNIQUE CASE.

-- THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAS ON OCCASION ESTABLISHED
 MULTINATIONAL FORCES TO ADDRESS PARTICULAR SITUATIONS. MANY
 MEMBER STATES HAVE ASKED FOR MULTINATIONAL FORCE TO BE
 AUTHORIZED BY THE UN. OUR DRAFT TEXT SUPPORTS THAT REQUEST
 AND PUTS IT UNDER UNIFIED COMMAND AND CONTROL.

-- CAN,T GET INTO FURTHER DETAILS AT THIS STAGE.

QUESTION: WHY PUSH FOR A NEW RESOLUTION NOW? IS THIS A
 MAJOR POLICY SHIFT?

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-- WHILE THE SECURITY SITUATION IN <<IRAQ>> IS GENERALLY IMPROVED, IT STILL CONSTITUTES AN INTOLERABLE THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. THE RECENT SERIES OF BOMBINGS IN <<IRAQ>>*ATTACKS ON THE IRAQI PEOPLE, THE UN, AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY*HAVE REINFORCED THE NEED TO WORK WITH OTHERS IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO HELP STABILIZE AND RECONSTRUCT <<IRAQ>>.

-- WE BELIEVE A NEW LEVEL OF ENGAGEMENT BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, AND UN MEMBER STATES IS NEEDED.

-- 1483 AND 1500 WERE KEY RESOLUTIONS THAT LAID OUT POSTWAR PLANS FOR <<IRAQ>> AND UNDERScoreD THE UN,S ROLE. THIS PROPOSED RESOLUTION BUILDS UPON THESE EARLIER ONES AND IS AN ADDITIONAL EFFORT TO REAFFIRM THE UN,S ROLE AND ENCOURAGE THE FULL AND ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

-- IT ALSO REFLECTS THE FACT THAT WE HAVE LISTENED TO OTHERS AND THAT WE BELIEVE IT,S TIME FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO STEP UP AND DO ITS UTMOST TO RESTORE CONDITIONS OF STABILITY AND SECURITY TO <<IRAQ>>, FOR THE WELL BEING OF THE IRAQI PEOPLE.

QUESTION: CAN YOU DRUM UP SUFFICIENT SUPPORT IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL?

ALL AGREE THAT A STABLE AND SECURE <<IRAQ>> IS IN EVERYONE,S INTEREST. PARTICULARLY AFTER THE RECENT BOMBINGS, AS THE SECRETARY SAID (8/29), &THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST RENEW ITS COMMITMENT TO WORKING WITH THE MAJORITY OF THE IRAQI PEOPLE WHO SEEK TO BUILD A FREE AND STABLE COUNTRY.8
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