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1. (U) JANUARY 16 1930

2. (U) ALL: TREMENDOUS WORK BY EU POSTS TODAY TO RUN  
DOWN THE BILATERAL PLEDGES LIKELY TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE

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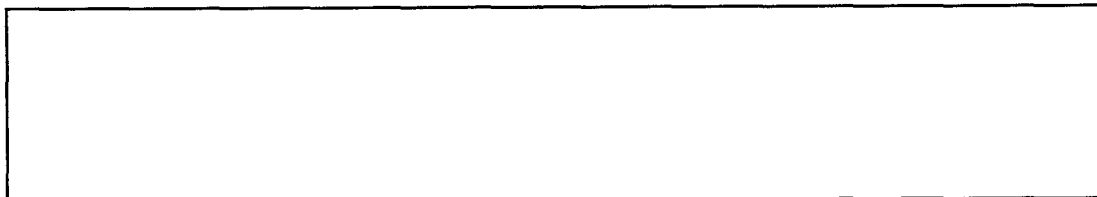
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TOKYO CONFERENCE AND TO ENCOURAGE COUNTRIES TO BE FORTHCOMING. THERE IS A KEY COREPER MEETING TOMORROW AND



2. (C) WE CONFIRMED TODAY THAT [REDACTED] REPRESENTATIVES WILL HAVE ACCESS TO [REDACTED] BEING HELD AT GUANTANAMO BAY. [REDACTED] ARE SEEKING TO SEND

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IN A TEAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ACCESS IS NOT "CONSULAR" AND [REDACTED]

3. (C) THE ICRC TEAM WILL GO INTO GITMO TOMORROW. [REDACTED] ARE ALSO PRESSING HARD TO GO IN TOMORROW (THOUGH WE DON'T HAVE CONFIRMATION FROM THE PENTAGON ON THAT PART YET. WE HOPE THE REPORT OF [REDACTED] OFFICIALS AND THAT OF THE ICRC WILL HELP QUELL MOUNTING CONCERN ABOUT THE  
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TREATMENT OF THE DETAINEES. MEANWHILE, THE PRESS IS REPORTING THAT A THIRD PLANELOAD HAS ARRIVED, BRINGING THE TOTAL OF DETAINEES AT GITMO TO 80. CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL FACILITIES IS UNDERWAY (CAPACITY FOR DETAINEES WILL BE OVER 200 BY THE END OF NEXT WEEK) AND THERE ARE AT LEAST TWO MORE PLANELOADS IN THE PIPELINE.

4. (U) TONY BLAIR HANDLED THE ISSUE DEFTLY AT PRIME MINISTERS' QUESTION TIME. THE FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY LONDON'S E-MAIL REPORT:  
IN QUESTION TIME TODAY BLAIR WAS ASKED ABOUT DETAINEES, AND QUESTIONED ABOUT WHETHER THE UK IS LOOSING THE MORAL HIGH GROUND, IGNORING RIGHTS OF UK CITIZENS, ETC. BLAIR SAID:

THERE IS STILL DANGER IN AFGHANISTAN AND POCKETS OF RESISTANCE. THE WAR IS NOT OVER. AL QAEDA AND TALIBAN DETAINEES ARE VERY DANGEROUS PEOPLE, AND MUST BE TREATED AS SUCH.

BUT, OF COURSE, ALL THE CAPTURED SHOULD BE TREATED HUMANELY -- AS THE US HAS ASSURED THEY ARE BEING -- AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENEVA CONVENTION. A BRITISH TEAM WILL SEE THE UK DETAINEES IN CUBA. RATHER THAN BELIEVE WHAT IS SAID IN THE MEDIA, PEOPLE SHOULD HOLD JUDGMENT

UNTIL THEY HEAR WITH THE ICRC AND THE UK TEAM LEARN ON VISITING THE DETAINEES.

LIBDEM LEADER CHARLES KENNEDY PRESSED HIM FURTHER ON UK CITIZENS BEING SHACKLED, HOODED, ETC. BLAIR REPEATED THAT WE SHOULD WAIT TO SEE FROM THOSE WHO VISIT THEM WHAT HAS  
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REALLY HAPPENED. HE REPEATED THAT THE US HAS ASSURED THE UK THAT THEY ARE BEING HUMANELY TREATED.

HE WAS THEN ASKED BY LABOR STALWART TAM DALYELL WHY THE BOMBING IS CONTINUING, AND BLAIR SAID BECAUSE RESISTANCE IS CONTINUING.

5. (C) TURKISH PM ECEVIT WAS IN TOWN TODAY (AND YESTERDAY).

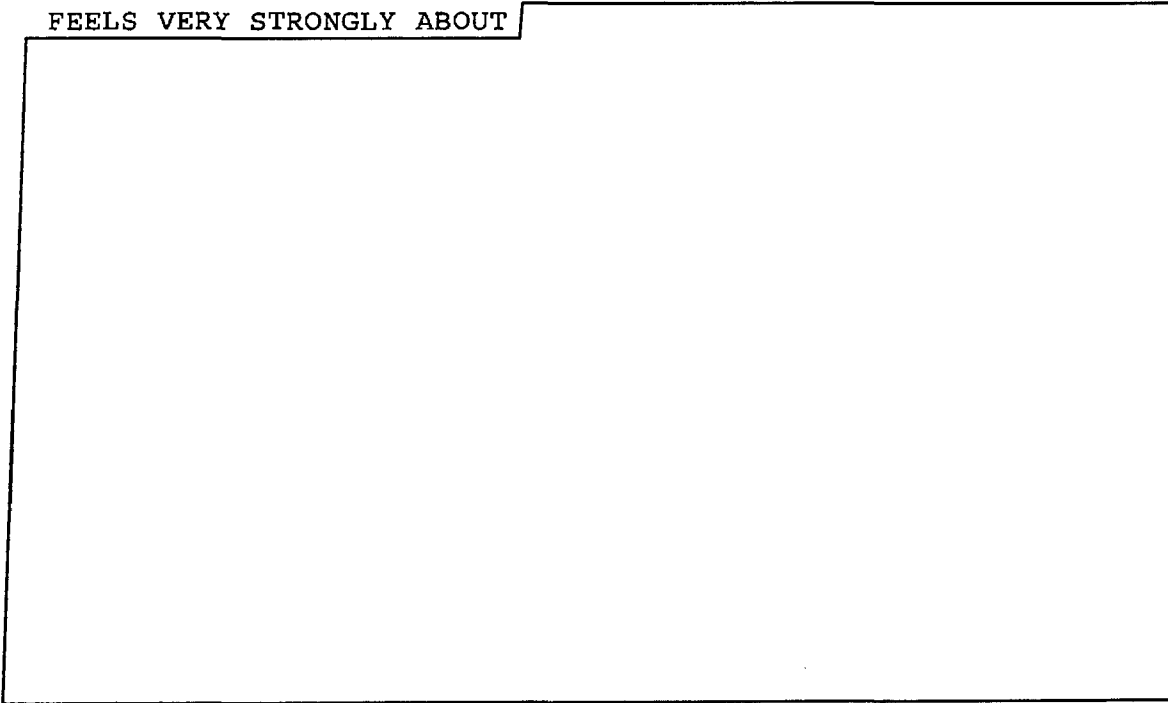
6. (U) BETH WAS INTERVIEWED ON CNN'S Q AND A WITH JIM CLANCY TODAY ON HER FORTHCOMING CENTRAL ASIA TRIP.

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8. (U) M PROMISES AN ALDAC CABLE (COORDINATED WITH AFSA) BY THE END OF THE WEEK WITH AN UPDATE ON MAIL SERVICES TO POUCH POSTS, INCLUDING THE ALL-IMPORTANT ESTIMATES FOR HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE BEFORE PACKAGE AND OTHER SERVICES APPROACH NORMALITY.

9. (U) SECRETARY POWELL WILL DO A 90 MINUTE "GLOBAL FORUM" WITH KIDS ALL AROUND THE WORLD ON MTV. HE WILL BE ON A SATELLITE LINK UP WITH HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM SOUTH ASIA, THE MIDDLE EAST, EUROPE (UK AND IRELAND SO FAR), AND LATIN AMERICA. THE KIDS WILL ASK THE SECRETARY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WAR ON TERRORISM, AND OTHER WORLD ISSUES.

10. (U) TWO WORDS ON BUREAU OPERATIONS THAT WE PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE PASSED ALONG DURING THE COM CONFERENCE. BETH FEELS VERY STRONGLY ABOUT



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THAT'S ALL FOR NOW. C

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