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OFFICIAL INFORMAL - ALMATY FOR MONICA OKEEFE

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL FOR A/S JONES

CLASSIFIED BY EUR ACTING A/S STEVEN PIFER FOR REASONS 1.5 B AND D.

1. (U) PLEASE PASS TO KAREN DECKER AND A/S JONES.

2. (S) STAFF MEETING NOTES

BUREAU OF EUROPEAN AND EURASIAN AFFAIRS

STAFF MEETING NOTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2002

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ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY STEVE PIFER
ASSISTANT SECRETARY JONES IS ERT ALMATY.

- THE SECRETARY WAS AT THE WHITE HOUSE SO THE DEPUTY
SECRETARY PRESIDED AT THE 0830 EST MEETING:
- THE DEPUTY SECRETARY DISCUSSED AN "IN THE LOOP" ARTICLE
REGARDING DELAYS IN PREPARING THE UN MISSION GENEVA
BUILDING AND UNDERScoreD THAT

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: SHARON E AHMAD
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[REDACTED]

- PER THE DEPUTY SECRETARY, THE BUDGET COMES OUT TODAY.

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- G U/S DOBRIANSKY SAID AN ALDAC IS GOING OUT RE TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

- THERE'S A DC MEETING TODAY; WE MAY HAVE A SOP FOR REQUESTING ACCESS TO DETAINEES.

PPD

- BIG ISSUE: STATUS OF DETAINEES.

- ACTING A/S PIFER ASKED IF THE ALDAC WENT OUT. IT DID NOT.

[REDACTED]

DAS PASCOE

- ONE ISSUE HEATING UP: CENTRAL ASIAN GAS.

[REDACTED]

DAS CONLEY

- MEETING WITH H DAS POLT TO DISCUSS

[REDACTED]

AGS

- EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS AND FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE NOW TAKING PUBLIC POSITION ON THE DETAINEE ISSUE. ON THE F16S:

[REDACTED]

- UPDATED ON AUSTRIAN OPPOSITION TO

[REDACTED]

- AUSTRIAN VICE CHANCELLOR RIESS-PASSER IS COMING TO WASHINGTON; TRYING TO ARRANGE AN APPROPRIATE PERSON TO MEET WITH HER.

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- MINI POLITICAL CRISIS: SLOVAK

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- THE KASYANOV ADVANCE TEAM MIGHT ARRIVE TODAY.

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- NEW GOVERNMENT IN ESTONIA.

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ERA

- PDAS RIES REMAINS IN MADRID TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC ISSUES WITH THE EU.

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- JANUARY 28/29, OAS MINISTERIAL ON CT. AG ASHCROFT TO LEAD ON OUR SIDE.

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- UPDATED ON JACKSON-VANIK.

- PER THE ACTING A/S,

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- THE MOLDOVAN GOVERNMENT HAS SUSPENDED A POLITICAL PARTY.

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- [REDACTED] CONSULTATIONS WITH THE CANADIANS.

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- DISCUSSIONS AT NATO ON ESDP, NATO-RUSSIA.

- THE MISSION IS FOCUSED ON THE VISIT MONDAY OF S/CT AMBASSADOR TAYLOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PJC AND ON A

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MISSION PROGRAM OFFSITE ON FRIDAY.

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- A [REDACTED] DELEGATION ARRIVES THIS AFTERNOON, LOOKING FOR A RIDE TO GTMO.
- PUBLIC REACTION RE DETAINEES IS TURNING VERY NEGATIVE.

SCE

- IN BOSNIA: [REDACTED]

PRA

- [REDACTED] UZBEK ISSUE; [REDACTED] B5

- DETAINEES: OFFICES SHOULD COME TO PRA RATHER THAN GO STRAIGHT TO CENTCOM.
- WORKING WITH S/WCI AMBASSADOR PROSPER AND PM DAS SUCHAN

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- PERINA IS BRIEFING THE HOUSE [REDACTED] B1

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3. (S) DAILY ACTIVITY REPORT

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2002

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(U) ARMENIA/AZERBAIJAN - BRIEFING ARMENIAN CAUCUS STAFFERS
ON [REDACTED] B5

(T. GRENCIK, X7-9677)

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(C) CYPRUS -

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(C) TURKEY - KARZAI AND CODEL HOBSON MAY COINCIDE AT INCIRLIK: EUCOM D/POLAD ALERTED US THAT AIA PRESIDENT KARZAI WILL BE PASSING THROUGH INCIRLIK LATE 1/24 ENROUTE TO WASHINGTON DC FOR HIS 1/28 MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, POSSIBLY AT THE SAME TIME CODEL HOBSON WOULD BE VISITING INCIRLIK.

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(SBU) AUSTRIA - GOVERNING COALITION AT LOGGERHEADS OVER CZECH ACCESSION: THE RIGHT-OF-CENTER FREEDOM PARTY (FPV) IS USING TWO ISSUES TO OPENLY OPPOSE CZECH EU ACCESSION: THE ANTI-TEMLIN PETITION AND DEMANDS THAT THE CZECH

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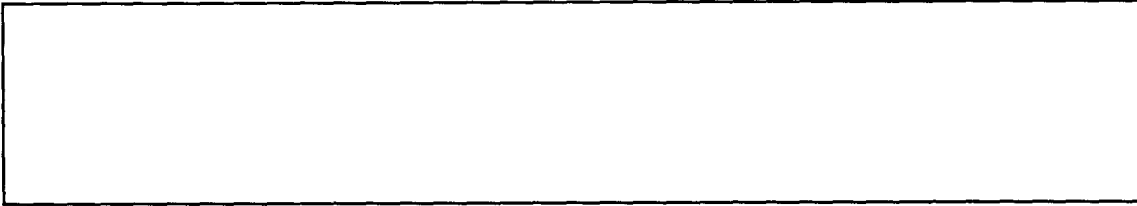
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 REPUBLIC ABOLISH THE BENES DECREES. (THE POST WORLD-WAR II DECREES LED TO THE EXPROPRIATION AND EXPULSION OF THE SUDETEN GERMAN POPULATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.) THE FPV GOT 915,000 SIGNATURES ON ITS ANTI-TEMLIN PETITION. UNDER AUSTRIAN LAW, THIS BRINGS THE MATTER TO PARLIAMENT FOR DISCUSSION. (IT IS NOT EXPECTED TO PASS. THE PETITION DOES NOT REQUIRE SCHUESSEL OR THE GOA TO DO ANYTHING. THE MOST LIKELY OUTCOME IS THAT IT WILL BE IGNORED, BUT THIS ACTION SLIGHTLY INCREASE THE FPO'S VOTER BASE TO THE RIGHT. CHANCELLOR WOLFGANG SCHUESSEL CALLED EU ENLARGEMENT A CORE ISSUE, AND QUESTIONED WHETHER THE COALITION COULD CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER. (VIENNA 392) (BARBARA YODER, X 7-2448)

EUR/NCE

(C) SLOVAKIA - SLOVAK FINANCE MINISTER RESIGNS: FOLLOWING A JANUARY 23 MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER DZURINDA, FINANCE MINISTER BRIGITA SCHMOGNEROVA ANNOUNCED THAT SHE WOULD RESIGN EFFECTIVE JANUARY 28.

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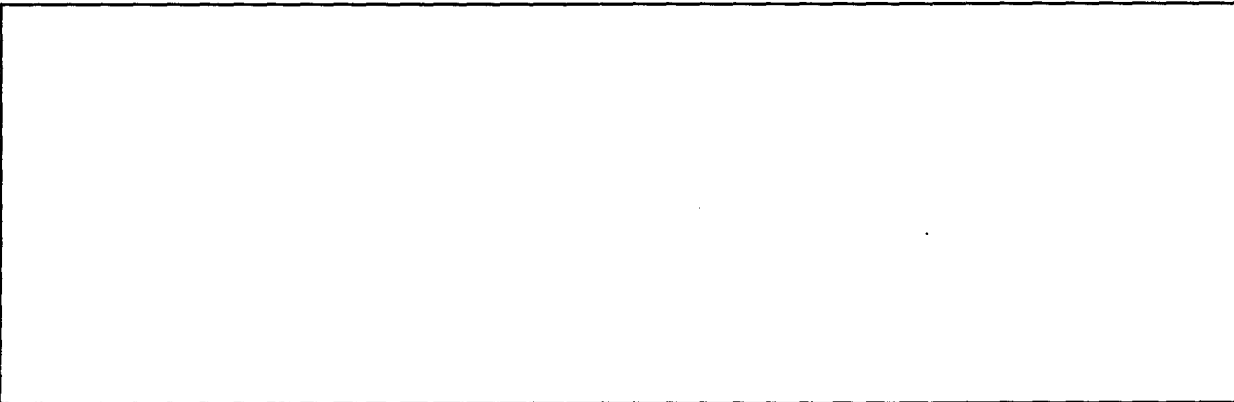
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(U) ITALY - SUCCESSFUL U.S.-ITALIAN MEETING ON CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH: ON JANUARY 22 AND 23, EMBASSY ROME HOSTED A MEETING OF ITALIAN AND U.S. SCIENTIFIC DELEGATIONS TO DISCUSS JOINT CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH. THIS CONFERENCE FOLLOWS UP ON THE JOINT STATEMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH ISSUED BY PRESIDENT BUSH AND PM BERLUSCONI IN JULY 2001. AS A RESULT OF THE MEETING, MORE THAN 20 JOINT PROJECTS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENTED; THE TWO SIDES ALSO IDENTIFIED PROMISING TOPICS FOR FURTHER STUDY. THE CONFERENCE HAS DRAWN VERY POSITIVE MEDIA COVERAGE IN ITALY. (EUR/WE: ELEANORE FOX, 7-2632; EMBASSY ROME-DESK EMAIL)

EUR/RPM

(U) CODEL TO BRUSSELS, PARIS, AND LONDON: REPS. BEREUTER AND PETRI WILL LEAD A COMBINED HOUSE DELEGATION OF U.S. MEMBERS OF THE NATO PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY AND THE BRITISH AMERICAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP TO BRUSSELS, PARIS, AND LONDON FROM FEBRUARY 17-26. THE CODEL WILL ATTEND THE JOINT MEETINGS OF THE NATO PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLYS POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND DEFENSE AND SECURITY COMMITTEES WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION IN BRUSSELS. THE CODEL WILL ALSO ATTEND MEETINGS AT THE OECD IN PARIS AND THE SCHEDULED BIENNIAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH AMERICAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP IN LONDON. (STEELE MEANS X6-7293)

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(U) COVERAGE OF DEPUTY SECRETARY ARMITAGE'S PRESS ROUNDTABLE: D STAFF WAS PLEASED WITH THE 1/22 EUROPEAN PRESS ROUNDTABLE WITH THE DEPUTY SECRETARY. FIVE PAPERS COVERED THE EVENT ON 1/23. MOST FOCUSED ON ARMITAGE'S DEFENSE OF U.S. HANDLING OF DETAINEES AT GUANTANAMO AND HIS STATEMENT THAT MANY WILL BE RETURNED TO THEIR HOMELANDS AFTER INTERROGATION. ALSO PICKED UP WERE HIS COMMENTS ON WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN AFGHANISTAN, AND DISCUSSION OF SOMALIA, IRAQ, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THE PHILIPPINES. (EUR/PPD:ROBERT HILTON, 647-5252)

(U) BETH JONES INTERVIEW: SPAIN'S EL PAIS RAN AN INTERVIEW WITH A/S JONES IN ITS JANUARY 23 EDITION. HEADLINE READS: "ELIZABETH JONES, U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS: THE SITUATION OF THE PRISONERS CONCERNS US AS MUCH AS IT CONCERNS YOU." KEY QUOTES:

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- "JONES DOESN'T EXPECT THAT THE SUBJECT OF PRISONERS WOULD POSE ANY DIFFICULTY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TIES BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND WASHINGTON, IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM HAS BECOME A NEW INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIC PRIORITY."

- "'ALTHOUGH WE DON'T REGARD THEM AS PRISONERS OF WAR, THE WAY THEY ARE BEING TREATED COMPLIES WITH THE GENEVA CONVENTION,' SAID JONES."

- "THE USE OF THE DEATH PENALTY IN THE U.S. AND THE NEW MILITARY TRIBUNALS, ON THE OTHER HAND, ARE ACKNOWLEDGED BY JONES AS A DIFFICULTY IN ORDER FOR EUROPE AND HER COUNTRY TO REACH AN AGREEMENT ON EXTRADITION, WHICH THE SPANISH PRESIDENCY IS PROMOTING. BUT JONES IS NOT PESSIMISTIC. SHE EXPLAINED THAT EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN JUDGES HAVE ALREADY PROVEN THAT SUCH DIFFICULTIES CAN BE OVERCOME BY AGREEING -- ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS -- THAT THE DEATH PENALTY WILL NOT BE APPLIED IN THE CASE OF THE EXTRADITED PERSON."

(EUR/PPD:ROBERT HILTON, 647-5252)

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EUR PRESS ISSUES

GUANTANAMO DETAINEES.

ITALY: LEFT-LEANING, INFLUENTIAL LA REPUBBLICA: "BETWEEN U.S. RESENTFUL PUBLIC OPINION AND THE SENSATION (RESOUNDING) IN EUROPE, WHICH FEELS QUITE RIGHT, THE 158
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 PRISONERS, LOCKED IN THE 'HENCOOPS' IN GUANTANAMO BAY, REPRESENT THE FIRST, IMPORTANT SPLIT WITHIN THE ANTI-TERROR COALITION. WHAT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE BATTLEFIELD TO DO--SPLITTING THE COALITION--X-RAY CAMP...IS NOW RISKING TO ACHIEVE."

FRANCE: LEFT-OF-CENTER LE MONDE: "IN WAR AS IN POLITICS, THE VICTOR'S BEHAVIOR TOWARDS THE VANQUISHED IS OF THE ESSENCE: IT IS A QUESTION OF VALUES...AMERICA'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE PRISONERS FROM AFGHANISTAN IS VERY MUCH A DENIAL OF THE VALUES WHICH GUIDED WASHINGTON'S INTERVENTION IN AFGHANISTAN...."

GERMANY: RIGHT-OF-CENTER DIE WELT: "IF THE ALLIANCE IS FIGHTING A WAR AND IF MILITARY COURTS ARE TO DECIDE THE FATE OF THE TALIBAN FIGHTERS, WHY ARE THE DETAINEES NOT GRANTED THE STATUS OF POWS? AND IF THE REASON WHY THE ALLIANCE TOOK UP ARMS IS THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, WHY ARE THE DETAINEES NOT GRANTED THE LEGAL PROTECTION THAT GOES HAND IN HAND WITH HUMAN RIGHTS? ...MAKING THINGS PUBLIC IS THE ONLY WAY OF PREVENTING EXCESS AND ARBITRARINESS."

CZECH REPUBLIC: CENTER-RIGHT LIDOVI NOVINY: "WHAT ONE COUNTRY CLAIMS AS A FIGHT FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION ANOTHER CALLS TERRORISM... THE MAIN PROBLEM, WHICH SHOULD BE DEALT WITH ON THE LEVEL OF UNITED NATIONS, IS TO ELIMINATE ASSESSMENTS MADE ACCORDING TO DOUBLE STANDARDS. THIS IS JUST AS IMPORTANT IN THE ANTI-TERRORIST AGENDA AS LIQUIDATING AL QAEDA."

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4. (S)THE BROAD COALITION JANUARY 23 (DRAFTED BY AMBASSADOR PASCOE).

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GITMO DETENTIONS: THIS CONTINUES TO OCCUPY A FAIR AMOUNT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TIME. WE NOW HAVE REQUESTS FROM

[REDACTED] FOR ACCESS TO THEIR NATIONALS ON GITMO. [REDACTED]

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AFGHAN RECONSTRUCTION: [REDACTED]

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THE BUDGET IS DUE OUT TODAY WITH DOD AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT DOING FAIRLY WELL. MANY DOMESTIC PROGRAMS WILL BE CUT.

HERE IS THE LATEST CODEL UPDATE FROM CAROL THOMPSON:
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- REP DAVID HOBSON (R-OH) 1/24-28 GERMANY/ITALY/TURKEY/(MILITARY CONSTRUCTION).
- *SEN. CHRISTOPHER DODD (D-CN) 1/24-28 IRELAND (PEACE PROCESS IMPLEMENTATION)
- SEN. JOSEPH LIEBERMANN (D-CN) 1/30-2/3 W/MCCAIN GERMANY (WERKUNDE CONF)
- *REP. JAMES INHOFE (R-OK) 1/31-2/5 GERMANY/BOSNIA/KOSOVO/(MILCON)
- REP. JIM SAXTON (R-NJ) 2/15-25 RUSSIA/GERMANY
- REP. DOUG BEREUTER (R-NE) 2/16-26 W/PETRI BELGIUM/FRANCE/UK (NPA/BAPG)
- *REP BOB GOODLATTE (R-VA) 2/15-25 RUSSIA/BELGIUM/

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GERMANY (INTERNET
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*REP TIM ROEMER (D-IN) 2/17-22

GERMANY/RUSSIA
(TERRORISM)

STAFFDELS

*HELWIG (CSCE)

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