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TO AMEMBASSY BISHKEK IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY DUSHANBE IMMEDIATE

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OFFICIAL INFORMAL

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL FOR A/S JONES

CLASSIFIED BY EUR ACTING A/S STEVEN PIFER FOR REASONS 1.5
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BISHKEK FOR DEBORAH KLEPP

DUSHANBE FOR JAMES BOUGHNER

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

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2. (C) STAFF MEETING NOTES

BUREAU OF EUROPEAN AND EURASIAN AFFAIRS

STAFF MEETING NOTES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2002

ASSISTANT SECRETARY JONES AND PDAS RIES ARE ON OFFICIAL
TRAVEL.

ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY STEVE PIFER

- ACCESS TO THE DETAINEES: HAVEN'T HEARD BACK FROM DOD ON

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FINALIZING PROCEDURES. HOPE TO GET THE [REDACTED] DOWN THERE,
FOLLOWED BY THE [REDACTED] THE [REDACTED] HAVE ALSO ASKED FOR
ACCESS. APPROVAL IS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

- THREE CODELS ARE AT GTMO TODAY.
- THE ICRC [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ICRC HAS MADE SOME TECHNICAL RECOMMENDATIONS,
[REDACTED]

- HOMELAND SECURITY BUDGET: AROUND USD 30 BILLION,
PARCELED OUT TO VARIOUS USG AGENCIES.

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY IS IN BISHKEK, GOES TO TAJIKISTAN
TOMORROW (WEATHER PERMITTING), THEN ON TO TASHKENT SUNDAY.

IF OFFICE DIRECTORS INTEND TO SUBMIT REQUESTS FOR PMIS,
PLEASE HAVE THEM IN BY JANUARY 30.

DAS BRADTKE

- THE [REDACTED] ARE GOING TO GTMO TOMORROW, PRESUMABLY AFTER
THE DEFENSE SECRETARY'S VISIT.

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DAS CONLEY

- SHE AND DAS BRADTKE WENT TO THE HILL YESTERDAY; [REDACTED]

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DAS PASCOE

- THIS AFTERNOON A SUB-PCC ON [REDACTED] TO REACH A MORE
COHERENT GOVERNMENT-WIDE VIEW.
- THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S TRIP IS GOING WELL; SHE'LL
RAISE HUMAN RIGHTS WITH KARIMOV WHILE IN UZBEKISTAN
(SENATOR DASCHLE DID AS WELL).

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AGS

- GERMAN TRADE ISSUE: THE GOVERNMENT HAS HEAVILY
SUBSIDIZED DEUTSCHE POST. UPS HAS A LONG-STANDING
COMPLAINT.
- THE AUSTRIAN COALITION DECIDED TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME
ON THE ISSUE OF [REDACTED]

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RUS

- MFA CALLED IN THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR RE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] RELATIVELY PRO-FORMA PROTEST.
- PLANS MOVING FORWARD ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING.

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- DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS QUESTION IN MOLDOVA: POLITICAL PARTY

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SUSPENDED.

- DURING AN INTERVIEW, THE UKRAINIAN ECONOMIC MINISTER
REAFFIRMED THE GOVERNMENT'S BAN ON U.S. POULTRY.

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- THE POLDIRS AND TASK FORCE MEETINGS WENT WELL; TWO
REPORTING CABLES FROM MADRID CAME YESTERDAY.
- ASSISTANT SECRETARY JONES MET WITH ALL 15 POLDIRS -

[REDACTED]

ACE

- AMBASSADOR TAYLOR'S MEETINGS ARE GOING WELL.

PRA

- DIRECTOR MET WITH NP A/S WOLF - DISCUSSED THE INDIAN
[REDACTED] SOME DISCUSSION WITH SA RE MAKING ANY
PUBLIC STATEMENTS, AS THE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
- UZBEK [REDACTED] TALKING THIS MORNING WITH THESSIN.

PPD/PRESS

- DUST-UP RE CHECHNYA CONTINUES - GETTING LOTS OF
QUESTIONS.
- FINANCIAL TIMES HAS ASKED TO SPEAK WITH DAS CONLEY.

RPM

- ON THE ENLARGEMENT FRONT: SUB-PCC NEXT WEEK TO REFIN
TALKING POINTS - WORKING ON BASIC CORE POINTS FOR
ASPIRANTS.

[REDACTED]

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WHA

- NO [REDACTED] PRISONERS AT GTMO.

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- THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN
BISHKEK; WORKING ON TRANSLATION.

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- EXPECT OSD TO PROVIDE A PACKAGE OF OPTIONS ON



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- TO KIEV TOMORROW, THEN ON TO ATHENS.

3. (C) DAILY ACTIVITY REPORT

DAILY ACTIVITY REPORT
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2002

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(U) UNITED KINGDOM - UK DECLINES TO NEGOTIATE OPEN SKIES:
THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED NOT TO MOVE FORWARD
WITH OPEN SKIES NEGOTIATIONS NEXT WEEK. THE DECISION
FOLLOWED BY A FEW MINUTES AMERICAN AIRLINES' (AA) AND
BRITISH AIRWAYS' (BA) PUBLIC REJECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION'S CONDITIONS FOR ANTITRUST IMMUNITY
(ATI) FOR THE AIRLINES' ALLIANCE. THIS MORNING DOT
TENTATIVELY APPROVED ATI FOR THE ALLIANCE PROVIDED THAT
AA AND BA RELINQUISH SUFFICIENT SLOTS FOR THEIR

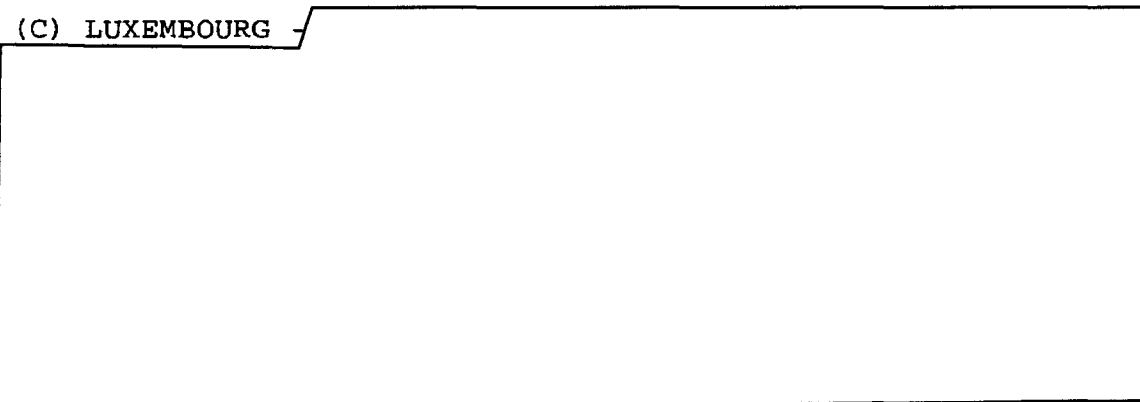
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COMPETITORS TO OPERATE 16 NEW DAILY ROUND TRIP SERVICES TO
HEATHROW. OUR PUBLIC REACTION WILL BE THAT WE REGRET THAT
THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS ONCE AGAIN DECIDED NOT TO
PROCEED WITH OPEN SKIES NEGOTIATIONS. (TELCON WITH
EB:MATT FINSTON, CHRYS HERNANDEZ, X76587)

(C) UNITED KINGDOM - ANOTHER LORD LEVY MISSION TO MIDDLE
EAST: LORD LEVY, WHOM PRIME MINISTER BLAIR HAS USED AS A
PERSONAL ENVOY TO THE MIDDLE EAST, WILL VISIT BERLIN AND
PARIS JANUARY 29 AND 30 FOR MEETINGS WITH FISCHER AND
VEDRINE AND THEN WILL TRAVEL AGAIN TO ISRAEL. (LONDON E-
MAIL, CHRYS HERNANDEZ, X76587)

(C) LUXEMBOURG -

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(C) TURKEY - PRESIDENT SEZER OBJECTS TO BANKING LAW:
PRESIDENT SEZER SENT THE DRAFT BANKING LAW BACK TO
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PARLIAMENT 1/25, CITING CONSTITUTIONAL CONCERNS

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(U) GREECE - TRAFFICKING SEMINAR IN THESSALONIKI: CONGEN
THESSALONIKI IS HELPING TO COORDINATE A SECI-SPONSORED
REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, DESIGNED FOR
BORDER GUARDS FROM GREECE, BULGARIA, AND MACEDONIA
(FYROM), WILL TAKE PLACE IN THESSALONIKI AND OTHER PARTS
OF NORTHERN GREECE, JANUARY 29 TO 31. INS IS PROVIDING
INSTRUCTION AS WELL AS PARTIAL FUNDING. EUR/ACE'S JOHN
MARKEY AND SOME NGOS ALSO WILL PARTICIPATE. (GOLLNER-
SWEET, X76113)

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(C) HLTF - THE ALLIES:

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(U) FREEDOM HOUSE FELLOWS BRIEFED ON REGIONAL POLICIES, DEMOCRACY ISSUES: SEVENTEEN FREEDOM HOUSE VISITING FELLOWS, REPRESENTING GOVERNMENT, PRESS, AND NGOS FROM BULGARIA, ALBANIA, UKRAINE, ROMANIA, AND THE FRY, WERE WELCOMED AT THE DEPARTMENT FOR BRIEFINGS BY DRL AND THE STABILITY PACT OFFICE IN EUR/ACE. . ISSUES ADDRESSED INCLUDED U.S. POLICY IN THE BALKANS, ECONOMIC INTEGRATION, AND THE EFFECT OF THE WAR AGAINST TERRORISM ON THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE AND PURSUIT OF HUMAN RIGHTS OBJECTIVES. (EUR/PPD JEFF JAMISON, 75615)

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(U) U.S. GENERAL TELLS POLISH MEDIA WHY F-16 IS THE BEST CHOICE: USAF GENERAL TOME WALTERS EXPLAINED ON JANUARY 25 TO A ROUND-TABLE OF POLANDS LEADING DEFENSE JOURNALISTS WHY POLAND SHOULD PURCHASE AMERICAN F-16S TO UPGRADE ITS AIR FORCE. WALTERS EMPHASIZED THAT THE F-16 WAS REALLY THE ONLY CHOICE, SINCE AS A NATO MEMBER POLAND SHOULD FLY
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NATO COMPATIBLE AIRCRAFT, . BEYOND THAT, THE F-16 LEADS EVENTUALLY TO THE JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER, WHILE THE COMPETITION OFFERS A DEAD END. IN ADDITION TO THE ROUND-TABLE WITH PRINT JOURNALISTS, POLANDS TWO LARGEST PRIVATE TELEVISION NETWORKS AND NATIONWIDE RADIO ALSO INTERVIEWED GENERAL WALTERS. (EUR/PPD - ANNA ROMANSKI, X 75648)

(U) U.S. AMBASSADOR GREET'S LATVIAN OLYMPIC TEAM: DURING A RECEPTION FOR THE LATVIAN OLYMPIC TEAM AT THE U.S. EMBASSY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR CARLSON, THE AMBASSADOR WISHED THE ATHLETES SUCCESS AT NEXT MONTH'S OLYMPIC GAMES IN SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH. HE TRACED THE HISTORY OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES AND CONGRATULATED THE OLDEST LATVIAN PARTICIPANT IN THE OLYMPIC, ALBERTS RIEKSTINS, WHO HAD REPRESENTED HIS COUNTRY IN THE 1936 OLYMPIC GAMES. AMBASSADOR CARLSON'S REMARKS WERE REPORTED BY THE MAIN LATVIAN NEWS AGENCY. (EUR/PPD - GREG ELTFMANN, X 78519)

EUR PRESS ISSUES

GUANTANAMO DETAINEES; U.S. DEFENSE SPENDING; COUNTER-TERRORISM IN THE PHILIPPINES.

TURKEY: MASS APPEAL DAILY MILLIYET: THE U.S. STANCE REGARDING MEMBERS OF THE TALIBAN AND AL QAIDA COMPLIES NEITHER WITH LEGAL NOR HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS.... THE MOST NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCE WOULD BE NOT ONLY THE HARMING OF SPIRITUAL VALUES AND FAITH IN JUSTICE, BUT ALSO THE HARMING OF TRUST AND RESPECT FOR THE U.S. AS WELL. IN FACT, THIS SUPPORT AND TRUST ARE THE MOST ESSENTIAL THINGS
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IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM.

GERMANY: CENTER-LEFT SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG: "BY REFUSING TO TREAT THE DETAINEES AS PRISONERS OF WAR, THE UNITED STATES IS VIOLATING HUMANITARIAN INTERNATIONAL LAW AS DEFINED IN THE GENEVA CONVENTION.... IF THE ONLY SUPERPOWER, WITH ITS UNRIVALED MILITARY POTENTIAL, REFUSES TO ACKNOWLEDGE

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INTERNATIONAL LAW, IT IS ENDANGERING THE SIGNIFICANT
CIVILIZING PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE SINCE WORLD WAR
II....."

NETHERLANDS: CENTRIST HAAGSCHE COURANT: "A VICTOR
DEMONSTRATES THE VALUES HE STANDS FOR BY THE WAY HE TREATS
HIS PRISONERS....THE AMERICANS ARE NOW GIVING THE
IMPRESSION THAT THE WAR ON TERRORISM JUSTIFIES THE USE OF
ANY MEANS. FOR IT IS STILL UNCLEAR WHAT KIND OF TRIAL THE
AL-QAIDA FIGHTERS ARE FACING. FOR NOW, IT HAS ONLY BEEN
DECIDED THAT MILITARY TRIBUNALS WILL DEAL WITH THEM. THIS
HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH A REGULAR TRIAL WITH AN INDEPENDENT
JUDGE AND IN WHICH THE SUSPECT GETS AN ATTORNEY.

GERMANY: CENTER-RIGHT FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE: "PRESIDENT
BUSH IS AIMING TO BOOST HIS COUNTRY'S DEFENSE SPENDING IN
THE COMING YEAR BY 14 PERCENT TO \$379 BILLION. ANYONE
PROPOSING SUCH AN INCREASE IN EUROPE WOULD BE DECLARED
INSANE...WASHINGTON IS TAKING A GIGANTIC STEP IN
MODERNIZING ITS MILITARY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY, WHICH WILL
LEAVE THE REST OF THE WORLD -- INCLUDING ITS ALLIES --
FAR, FAR BEHIND."

HUNGARY: TOP CIRCULATION DAILY NEPSZABADSAG: "POLITICAL
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OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT DEVELOPMENTS MAY TURN DRAMATIC IN A
REGION WHERE THE ABU-SAJJAF TERRORIST GROUP AND OTHERS ARE
ACTIVE, AND WHERE MILLIONS OF MUSLIMS LIVE.... IF
WASHINGTON, AND THE CIA, CHECKED IT OUT THEMSELVES, THEY
WOULD REALIZE THAT THE MORO (PHILIPPINE-MUSLIM) LIBERATION
FRONT AND TERRORIST LEADER ABU SAJJAF HAVE BOTH BEEN
'CREATED' WITH AMERICAN MONEY."

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BETH'S TRIP: JUST A QUICK UPDATE ON BETH'S TRIP IN
CENTRAL ASIA. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN REPORTS ON HER PRESS
CONFERENCE. AFTER A STOP IN ALMATY, SHE IS IN BISHKEK
TODAY WITH PLANS (WEATHER PERMITTING) TO BE IN DUSHANBE
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TOMORROW AND THEN ON TO TASHKENT TO CHAIR A LARGE INTER-
AGENCY MEETING WITH THE UZBEKS ON MONDAY.

CENTRAL ASIAN POLICY: AT A SUB-PCC TODAY, THERE WAS BROAD
AGREEMENT [REDACTED]

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AFGHANISTAN: THE VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF FM ABDULLAH TODAY
WENT VERY WELL. HE [REDACTED]

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SECURITY WAS HIGH ON THE LIST OF ISSUES, PARTICULARLY THE
EXPANSION OF THE ISAF AND THE CREATION OF A NATIONAL
AFGHAN POLICY AND ARMY.

DETAINEES. AT THIS WRITING, WE ARE STILL WORKING WITH OSD
TO GET [REDACTED] ACCESS TO THEIR DETAINEES IN GUANTANAMO

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[REDACTED]
NEGOTIATIONS ARE ALSO STILL CONTINUING BETWEEN
STATE AND OSD ON PROCEDURES FOR ACCESS BY OTHER COUNTRIES
TO THEIR NATIONALS IN GUANTANAMO. [REDACTED]

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