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SUBJECT: ARA GUIDANCES, TUESDAY, MAY 3, 1994

1. ARA PREPARED PRESS GUIDANCE OF 5/3/94:

-HAITI: DISPATCH OF U.S. MILITARY TRAINERS-

Q: IS IT TRUE THAT THE U.S. IS CONSIDERING THE DISPATCH OF MILITARY TRAINERS TO HAITI? WHAT WOULD THEIR

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OBJECTIVES BE? WITH WHOM WOULD THEY WORK IN HAITI? HOW WOULD THE U.S. PREVENT "HARLAN COUNTY, PART II"?

A: AS WE INDICATED SEVERAL DAYS AGO, ONE ELEMENT IN OUR NEW HAITI INITIATIVE IS A RECONFIGURED U.N. MISSION IN HAITI. WE WOULD EXPECT THIS TO HAVE SOME ELEMENT OF TRAINING.

IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO DISCUSS WHAT THE MISSION MANDATE MIGHT BE.

-HAITI: U.N. MONITORING TEAM-

Q: WILL THE U.S. PARTICIPATE IN THE PROPOSED U.N. MONITORING TEAM WHICH WILL HELP ENFORCE SANCTIONS AT THE HAITIAN-DOMINICAN REPUBLIC BORDER? ANY IDEA WHEN THIS U.N. MONITORING TEAM WILL START OPERATIONS?

A: WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN WHATEVER ROLE IS AGREED TO BETWEEN THE U.N. AND THE DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT. AS YOU KNOW WE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE LEAKAGE OF FUEL ACROSS THE DOMINICAN BORDER IN CLEAR VIOLATION OF THE U.N. SANCTIONS AGAINST HAITI. DETAILS OF THE TYPE OF U.N. ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HAVE YET TO BE WORKED OUT.

-HAITI/DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: STATUS OF TALKS WITH BALAGUER-

Q: WHAT'S THE STATUS OF TALKS WITH D.R. PRESIDENT BALAGUER ON STRENGTHENING CONTROL OF THE BORDER TO PREVENT FUEL ENTERING HAITI?

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A: THE COMMISSION ESTABLISHED BY PRESIDENT BALAGUER REQUESTED THE U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL LAST WEEK TO SEND A 2-3 PERSON TEAM TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO UNDERTAKE AN OFFICIAL ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE TYPE OF ASSISTANCE NEEDED TO ENFORCE THE SANCTIONS. WE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR TO THE UN THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO SUPPORT EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD.

WE ARE ENCOURAGING A RAPID RESPONSE FROM THE U.N. TO THE DOMINICAN REQUEST.

-HAITI: MASSACRE AT GONAIVES-

Q: A U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORING TEAM PLACES BLAME ON THE ARMED FORCES FOR THE MASSACRE OF CIVILIANS IN GONAIVES. HAS THE U.S. EMBASSY TEAM, WHICH VISITED GONAIVES TO INVESTIGATE THE MASSACRE, COME TO THE SAME CONCLUSION?

A: YES. AS WE ANNOUNCED ON APRIL 28, THE EMBASSY TEAM DID CONFIRM THE MASSACRE AT GONAIVES, BUT HAS YET BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DEATHS.

WE CONFIRMED THAT LOCAL MILITARY PERSONNEL VIOLENTLY CONDUCTED A "SEARCH AND SWEEP" OPERATION AGAINST UNARMED HAITIAN CIVILIANS EARLY ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 22.

WHILE LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES CLAIMED THE OPERATION WAS AN "ANTI-TERRORIST" SWEEP MADE NECESSARY BY A "SHOOTING ATTACK" ON AN AREA ARMY POST, THE U.S. EMBASSY TEAM FOUND

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NO EVIDENCE OF SUCH AN ATTACK ON THE MILITARY.

OUR AMBASSADOR HAS WRITTEN TO ARMY COMMANDER IN CHIEF CEDRAS TO VEHEMENTLY PROTEST THE VIOLENCE, EXPRESS OUR OUTRAGE AT THE DEATHS AND INJURIES AND STRONGLY URGE THAT CEDRAS APPOINT A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY IMMEDIATELY TO INVESTIGATE THE MILITARY'S ROLE IN THIS INCIDENT AND BRING TO JUSTICE THE PERPETRATORS.

2. IO PREPARED PRESS GUIDANCE OF 5/3/94:

-HAITI: SANCTIONS RESOLUTION-

Q: WHEN WILL THE SECURITY COUNCIL VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION?

A: INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WILL CONTINUE IN NEW YORK TODAY. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO FORECAST WHEN EXACTLY A

VOPE WILL TAKE PLACE.

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