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GENEVA FOR USIS; PARIS FOR USIS AND PLEASE PASS OVP FOR  
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SUBJECT: DAILY MEDIA REACTION REPORT  
LONDON NEWSPAPER SUMMARY FOR 8 FEB. 1983.  
ALL FOUR QUALITY PAPERS AND  
ALSO IN ONE POPULAR PAPER, THE DAILY MAIL (THOUGH THIS WAS  
EXTREMELY SHORT). THE ONLY MENTION OF THE RESUMPTION OF  
THE CSCE WAS APPENDED TO A COLUMN ON BUSH. SHULTZ RECEIVED  
ONLY MINOR ATTENTION IN THE TELEGRAPH. THE TWO OTHER MAIN  
STORIES: THE MIDDLE EAST AND EEC-US RELATIONS.  
IN THE BRITISH PRESS TODAY: BUSH; MIDDLE EAST; EEC-US;  
CSCE; SHULTZ/KOREA; BARBIE/US AGENCY.  
HEADLINES:

BUSH:

THE TIMES: "RUSSIA IGNORES BUSH HINTS"  
THE TIMES: "SHIFTS IN THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP"  
THE GUARDIAN: "BUSH TO HEAR NEW APPEAL TO TRIM ZERO OPTION  
IN PARIS"  
THE TELEGRAPH: "BUSH DENIES TAKING 'POPE PLOT' MESSAGE TO  
ROME"

THE FINANCIAL TIMES: "N-TALKS FOR POPE AND BUSH"

THE DAILY MAIL: "BUSH TALKS TO THE POPE"

MIDDLE EAST:

THE TIMES: "RELEVANCE OF KHALDE TALKS FADES"

THE GUARDIAN: "ISRAEL BRINGS SHOUF PACT TO ITS AID IN  
NEGOTIATIONS"

THE FINANCIAL TIMES: "REAGAN ACCUSES ISRAEL OF DELAYING  
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EEC-US:

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THE GUARDIAN: "EEC MAY USE LATIN AMERICAN MARKETS TO FIGHT  
WASHINGTON"

THE TELEGRAPH: "EGYPTIAN 'BUTTER DEAL' THREATENS TEN'S  
RIFT WITH US"

CSCE:

A SHORT PIECE ON THE CSCE CAME UNDER THE HEADLINE "RUSSIA  
IGNORES BUSH HINTS"

SHULTZ/KOREA:

THE TELEGRAPH: "ARMS AID PLEDGE BY SHULTZ"

BARBIE/US AGENCY:

THE TIMES: "GUEST OF US AGENTS FOR MONTHS"

TEXT:

RICHARD OWEN, TIMES CORRESPONDENT IN MOSCOW:

"THE SOVIET UNION HAS IGNORED HINTS BY VICE-PRESIDENT BUSH  
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THAT THE US IS PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE OVER ARMS CONTROL  
AND IS INSISTING THAT THE GENEVA TALKS ON MEDIUM RANGE  
MISSILES IN EUROPE MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE BRITISH AND  
FRENCH DETERRENTS...

...MR BUSH LEAVES FOR PARIS TODAY ON WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS  
A NOTE OF OPTIMISM. 'THE ALLIANCE' HE SAID LAST NIGHT, 'IS  
ALIVE, WELL STRONG AND UNITED' (PETER NICHOLS WRITES).

HIS THREE DAYS IN ROME APPARENTLY CONVINCED HIM OF TOTAL  
ITALIAN SUPPORT FOR THE AMERICAN POSITION. ASKED  
SPECIFICALLY IF HE HAD NOTICED ANY RECENT TENDENCY ON THE

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ITALIAN SIDE TOWARDS FAVOURING POSTPONEMENT OF THE STATIONING OF CRUISE MISSILES AT COMISO IN SICILY, HE REPLIED: 'NO SIR, I DETECTED NO SUCH THING'. HE SPOKE OF HIS CALL ON THE POPE YESTERDAY MORNING AS 'AN INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT.' HE ADDED: 'I FELT HIS COMPELLING COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND HIS COMPELLING COMMITMENT TO PEACE.'"

GEOFFREY SMITH, TIMES CORRESPONDENT:

"WHEN MR GEORGE BUSH ARRIVES IN LONDON TOMORROW ON THE LAST STAGE OF HIS EUROPEAN TOUR HE MAY BE AWARE THAT THERE HAS BEEN A SUBTLE CHANGE IN THE BRITISH ATTITUDE TO THE UNITED STATES...

...BRITAIN HAS BECOME A MORE INDEPENDENT-MINDED AND A MORE SCEPTICAL ALLY. BOTH THESE ATTITUDES HAVE BEEN MUCH STRENGTHENED BY THE CONCLUSIONS DRAWN FROM THE FALKLANDS CONFLICT...

...WE ARE NOW LOOKING CRITICALLY UPON THE QUALITY OF AMERICUAN LEADERSHIP, AND ACCORDING TO ONE RECENT POLL, MOST OF US FIND IT LACKING IN SOUND JUDGEMENT...

...ALL THE POLLS SHOW THAT WHILE A MAJORITY OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE ARE NOT UNILATERALISTS, THEY ARE OPPOSED TO HAVING CRUISE MISSILES IN THIS COUNTRY. THEY WILL NOT CHANGE THAT VIEW SIMPLY BECAUSE MR BUSH TELLS THEM TO. THEY WILL HAVE TO BE PERSUADED BY THE LOGIC OF THE ARGUMENT."

JONATHAN STEELE, GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT IN PARIS:

"THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WILL TODAY GIVE VICE-PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH THE SAME MESSAGE OF PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR WASHINGTON'S ZERO-OPTION PROPOSALS, BUT PRIVATE APPEALS FOR A COMPROMISE, THAT HE HAS HEARD ON THE REST OF HIS EUROPEAN TOUR...

...FRANCE IS HOPING THAT THE GENEVA TALKS WILL PRODUCE AN AGREEMENT. FRENCH OFFICIALS REGARD THE ZERO-OPTION AS PROBABLY UNATTAINABLE, AND THEY ALSO WANT TO FEND OFF PRESSURE WITHIN WEST GERMANY FOR UNILATERAL ABDICATION OR DILUTION OF NATO'S DECISION TO DEPLOY THE NEW MISSILES FROM THE END OF THE YEAR...

...FRENCH SOCIALISTS ARE AFRAID THAT IF THE US TAKES TOO HARD A LINE, IT COULD ENCOURAGE THE GROWING WEST GERMAN PEACE MOVEMENT.

FRANCE'S COMMUNISTS TAKE A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT LINE ON THIS POINT. THEY WELCOME THE STRONG PEACE PRESSURE IN WEST GERMANY AND SAY IT SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED. THEY ALSO DO NOT ACCEPT THAT NATO'S MISSILES DEPLOYMENT DECISION WAS JUSTIFIED BY THE RUSSIAN SS20 ARSENAL..."

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ALAN COPPS, TELEGRAPH CORRESPONDENT IN ROME:

"MR BUSH...DENIED IN ROME YESTERDAY THAT HE HAD EXCHANGED DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION ABOUT THE 'BULGARIAN CONNECTION' WITH THE VATICAN OR HIS ITALIAN HOSTS.

HE ATTENDED A PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER A 45-MINUTE PRIVATE AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE, AND ANSWERED 'NONE' WHEN ASKED IF SUCH EXCHANGES HAD TAKEN PLACE.

MR BUSH WOULD GIBVE NO DETAILS OF HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE POPE, BUT SAID HE FOUND IT AN 'INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT'.

THE OFFICE OF SIGNOR FANFANI, ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER, WHO HAS HAD TWO MEETINGS WITH MR BUSH, ISSUED A STATEMENT

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SAYING THE 1981 ATTEMPT ON THE POPE'S LIFE WAS NOT MENTIONED IN THE MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN WHICH MR BUSH DELIVERED TO THE ROME GOVERNMENT. BOTH DENIALS CONTRADICTED REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON THAT MR BUSH HAD BEEN GIVEN SECRET INSTRUCTIONS BY THE PRESIDENT TO URGE THE ITALIANS TO PRESS AHEAD WITH THEIR INQUIRIES INTO ALLEGED BULGARIAN COMPLICITY IN THE ATTACK. OBSERVERS NOTED THAT DESPITE THE DENIALS, ALL REPORTS OF MR BUSH'S MEETINGS WITH POLITICAL LEADERS IN ROME SAID THEY COVERED THE BROAD ASPECTS OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS, AS WELL AS THE SUBJECT OF EURO-MISSILES, WHICH IS THE MAIN THEME OF HIS EUROPEAN TOUR..."

FINANCIAL TIMES ROME CORRESPONDENT:

"THE OUTSPOKEN ANTI-NUCLEAR STANCE OF THE US BISHOPS' CONFERENCE WAS DISCUSSED YESTERDAY AT A MEETING BETWEEN POPE JOHN PAUL AND MR GEORGE BUSH..."

THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION HAS EXPRESSED DISPLEASURE AT A STRONGLY-WORDED DRAFT PASTORAL LETTER PUBLISHED BY THE US ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS IN NOVEMBER. MR BUSH IS LIKELY TO HAVE SOUGHT TO PERSUADE THE POPE TO PRESS FOR A MORE MODERATE VERSION WHEN THE FINAL DRAFT COMES UP FOR APPROVAL IN MAY.

THE POPE IS A STRONG OPPONENT OF THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE BUT HAS STATED THAT DISARMAMENT MUST BE BY BOTH SUPERPOWERS IN EQUAL MEASURE AND CANNOT BE UNILATERAL...

...MR BUSH YESTERDAY ALSO MET ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND POLITICAL LEADERS AS PART OF HIS 12-DAY TOUR OF EUROPEAN NATIONS DESIGNED TO REASSURE THEM THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS SINCERE IN DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS. AT A NEW CONFERENCE YESTERDAY, MR BUSH SAID THE US GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE ON NEGOTIATIONS BUT, AS THE SOVIET UNION HAD REJECTED THE SO-CALLED 'ZERO-OPTION,' IT WAS UP TO MOSCOW TO MAKE NEW PROPOSALS..."

A DAILY MAIL CORRESPONDENT:

"US VICE-PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH SPENT 45 MINUTES WITH THE POPE YESTERDAY IN WHAT VATICAN SOURCES SAID WERE DISCUSSIONS ON NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL.

NEITHER THE VATICAN NOR MR BUSH WOULD RECORD WHAT PRECISELY WAS SAID, BUT, HOLY SEE COMMENTATORS SAY: 'IT IS INCONCEIVABLE THAT THE POPE DID NOT URGE HIS GUEST TOWARDS USIA

SPECIAL EFFORTS AT THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS.'"

MIDDLE EAST:

ROBERT FISK, TIMES CORRESPONDENT IN BEIRUT:

"ISRAELI, LEBANESE AND AMERICAN NEGOTIATORS MET AGAIN AT KHALDE YESTERDAY TO DISCUSS AN ISRAELI MILITARY WITHDRAWAL BUT EVENTS ARE FAR OUTDISTANCING THEIR RELEVANCE. AS DRUZE MILITIAMEN YESTERDAY CELEBRATED THEIR CAPTURE FROM PHALANGISTS OF THE HILL TOWN OF ALEY SCARCELY SEVEN MILES FROM WHERE THE TALKS WERE TAKING PLACE, A NEW ISRAELI-SPONSORED MILITIA BEGAN TO CONSOLIDATE ITSELF IN THE SOUTH OF THE COUNTRY.

THE 'COUNCIL OF THE UNIFIED SOUTH' IS BEING ARMED BY THE ISRAELIS, WHO CLEARLY INTEND THE MAINLY MUSLIM SHIA

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VILLAGE GUNMEN TO SUPPLEMENT MAJOR HADDAD'S ISRAELI-SUPPLIED PRIVATE ARMY SOUTH OF SIDON. THE NEW MILITIAS PRESENT YET ANOTHER OBSTACLE TO THE RETURN OF SOUTHERN LEBANON TO THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT'S AUTHORITY, ALTHOUGH THE MATTER WAS NOT EVEN DISCUSSED AT YESTERDAY'S KHALDE TALKS..."

DAVID HIRST, GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT IN BEIRUT:

"THE 13TH ROUND OF AMERICAN-SPONSORED LEBANESE-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH TOOK PLACE AT KHALDE YESTERDAY, WERE OVERSHADOWED BY THE GROWING VIOLENCE OF THE PAST WEEK - AND BY A WELL-TIMED DEMONSTRATION OF THE INFLUENCE WHICH ISRAEL CAN EXERT.

LEBANESE HAVE LONG ACCUSED ISRAEL OF MANIPULATING THEIR DOMESTIC DIVISIONS FOR ITS OWN ENDS - AND IN PARTICULAR TO BREAK PRESIDENT GEMAYEL'S RESISTANCE TO ITS CONDITIONS FOR WITHDRAWAL. FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE ACCUSATION WAS MADE AT THE NEGOTIATIONS YESTERDAY..."

REGINALD DALE, FINANCIAL TIMES US EDITOR IN WASHINGTON:

"PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN YESTERDAY EXPRESSED INCREASING FRUSTRATION OVER ISRAEL'S CONTINUED MILITARY PRESENCE IN LEBANON AND SUGGESTED THAT ITS FAILURE TO WITHDRAW ITS ARMY WAS HOLDING UP THE BROADER MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS. HE ACCUSED THE BEGIN GOVERNMENT OF "UNNECESSARILY DELAYING" THE WITHDRAWAL OF ITS TROOPS..."

... (THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT WAS FEATURED AS FIRST ITEM ON THIS MORNING'S 6.00AM BBC WORLD NEWS).

EEC-US:

TIMES NEWS SUMMARY COLUMN:

"MR POUL DOLSAGER, THE EEC AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER, WHO ISSUED A STERN WARNING YESTERDAY THAT EUROPE WILL RETALIATE 'IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER' IF THE US MAKES ANY MORE SUBSIDIZED SALES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE. HE WAS SPEAKING IN BRUSSELS ABOUT THE AMERICAN DECISION TO SELL 1M TONNES OF CUT-PRICE FLOUR TO EGYPT."

LEONARD DOYLE, GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT IN BRUSSELS:

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"THE EEC IS CONSIDERING SELLING SUBSIDISED FARM PRODUCE TO LATIN AMERICA IN RETALIATION AGAINST US ATTACKS ON ITS TRADITIONAL EXPORT MARKETS.

MRS EDITH CRESSON, THE FRENCH AGRICULTURE MINISTER, YESTERDAY ADVOCATED SUCH ACTION IF THE US WENT AHEAD WITH THE SALE OF SUBSIDISED BUTTER TO EGYPT. WASHINGTON HAS ALREADY ANGERED THE COMMUNITY BY TAKING OVER ITS TRADITIONAL FLOUR MARKET IN EGYPT WITH A SALE OF ONE MILLION TONS TWO WEEKS AGO.

INCREASED FOOD SALES BY THE EUROPEANS IN LATIN AMERICA R WHICH THE MARKET IS

LEFT MAINLY TO US EXPORTERS. IT WOULD SHARPLY INCREASE THE CHANCES OF A FULL TRADE WAR BREAKING OUT BETWEEN THE TWO BLOCS...

... BRITAIN IS ANXIOUS TO PLAY DOWN ANY MOVE TO ESCALATE THE TENSION WITH THE US. THE DEPUTY AGRICULTURE MINISTER, MR ALICK BUCHANAN-SMITH, URGED MODERATION, SAYING THAT 'NO ONE COULD WIN THAT KIND OF TRADE WAR.'

HE SAID THAT THE US WAS IN A BETTER POSITION TO FIGHT

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SINCE IT HAD LARGE SURPLUSES IN PUBLIC STOCK. ALTHOUGH HE CRITICISED THE RECENT US MOVES, HE SAID, 'THE RIGHT WAY TO SETTLE THIS IS BY FURTHER TALKS .'

ON POSSIBLE EEC EXPORTS TO LATIN AMERICA, HE SAID THAT SUCH SALES NEED NOT BE CONSIDERED RETALIATION IF THE PROPER TENDERING SYSTEM WERE ADHERED TO. TRADITIONAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE US ON AREA WHERE PRODUCTS ARE SOLD 'COULD GO BY THE BOARD' IN A TRADE WAR."

TELEGRAPH COMMON MARKET CORRESPONDENT IN BRUSSELS:  
"THE PROSPECT OF A SERIOUS AGRICULTURAL WAR BETWEEN THE COMMON MARKET AND AMERICA GREW YESTERDAY AFTER REPORTS THAT THE US WAS PREPARING TO SELL SUBSIDISED BUTTER TO EGYPT...

...TALKS BETWEEN THE EEC AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS ON AGRICULTURE ARE DUE TO TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, BUT EEC OFFICIALS YESTERDAY RAISED THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE EEC MIGHT WALK OUT ON THEM IF REPORTS OF A NEW BUTTER DEAL WERE CONFIRMED...

THE REPORT SUGGESTS THAT AMERICA IS NEGOTIATING TO SELL 20,000 METRIC TONS OF BUTTER TO EGYPT UNDER SUBSIDY. THE DEAL WOULD PLACE CONSIDERABLE STRAINS ON EEC EXPORTERS OF DAIRY PRODUCTS ANXIOUSLY SEARCHING FOR MARKETS IN THE FACE OF THE POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES PLACED ON EXPORTS TO THE SOVIET UNION.

IF CONFIRMED, THE BUTTER DEAL WOULD APPEAR TO ESTABLISH THAT AMERICA IS BENT ON A MAJOR RETALIATION AGAINST THE COMMON MARKET, WHICH IT HAS ACCUSED OF UNFAIRLY SUBSIDISING AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO THIRD COUNTRIES..."

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RICHARD WIGG, TIMES CORRESPONDENT IN MADRID:  
"WESTERN DELEGATES WILL BE LISTENING KEENLY TODAY AT THE EUROPEAN SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE, AS IT RESUMES HERE, TO SEE JUST HOW THE COMMUNIST BLOCK'S TACTICS ARE INFLUENCED BY THE NON-AGGRESSION PROPOSALS MADE AT THE

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WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES' SUMMIT MEETING LAST MONTH IN PRAGUE. THE PRAGUE 'PEACE PROPOSALS' ADDRESSED CHIEFLY TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, IMPINGE ON SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS OF THE 35-NATION HELSINKI CONFERENCE, PARTICULARLY OVER PLANS FOR A FUTURE EUROPEAN DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE."

SHULTZ/KOREA:

THE TELEGRAPH(Reuters):  
"MR GEORGE SHULTZ VISITED THE DEMILITARISED ZONE BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA YESTERDAY AND TOLD THE SEOUL GOVERNMENT THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION WOULD TRY TO INCREASE MILITARY AID..."

BARBIE/US AGENCY:

CHRISTOPHER THOMAS, TIMES CORRESPONDENT IN NEW YORK:  
"KLAUS BARBIE SPENT AT LEAST SIX MONTHS IN A PLEASANT MIDDLE-CLASS HOUSE IN GERMANY IN 1948 AT THE EXPENSE OF AN AMERICAN SECURITY AGENCY WHILE HE WAS QUESTIONED ABOUT THE NAZIS. HE WAS PAID DOLS 1,700 A MONTH AND LATER ALLOWED TO GO FREE.

THIS HAS BEEN DISCLOSED BY ONE OF HIS INTERROGATORS,

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PROFESSOR ERHARD DABRINGHAUS, WHO NOW LECTURES IN GERMAN  
AT WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY, DETROIT."-ARNOLD

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