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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 9, 1983 - SUMMARY

MAJOR STORIES IN THE FRENCH PRESS TODAY:

EXCEPT FOR LE MONDE, THERE IS NO EDITORIAL COMMENTARY ON BUSH'S MEETINGS WITH FRENCH OFFICIALS IN PARIS. OTHER PAPERS CARRY INSIDE-PAGE REPORTS AND PHOTOS. REPORTS EMPHASIZE FULL AGREEMENT ON DEFENSE ISSUES BUT REMAINING ECONOMIC DIFFERENCES. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REMARKS DURING PRESS CONFERENCE ARE WIDELY QUOTED. HIS REMARK THAT U.S. ECONOMY WILL IMPROVE THIS YEAR IS NOTED.

THE PUBLICATION OF REPORT ON BEIRUT MASSACRE OF PALESTINIANS DOMINATES THE FRENCH PAPERS. (9 PAGES IN LE MATIN, 10 PAGES IN LIBERATION). COMMENTATORS SEE REPORT AS "VICTORY OF DEMOCRACY" AND "MORAL VICTORY" FOR ISRAEL. PRESIDENT REAGAN'S RECENT TELEVISED REMARKS BLAMING ISRAEL FOR DELAYING PULLOUT ARE QUOTED. FIGARO CARRIES REPORT FROM WASHINGTON ON OUTCOME OF SECRETARY SHULTZ'S FAR EASTERN VISIT. LES ECHOS AND HUMANITE REPORT US-EC AGRICULTURAL DIFFERENCES. THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS RECEIVES SIGNIFICANT INSIDE-PAGE ATTENTION.

WRITTEN PRESS COMMENT - HEADLINES

VICE-PRESIDENT BUSH'S VISIT TO PARIS:

"U.S. VICE-PRESIDENT TO MITTERRAND: "WE SHARE YOUR ANXIETY CONCERNING SOVIET THREAT"--FRANCE-SOIR

"MITTERRAND-BUSH: ENTENTE ON EUROPEAN SECURITY"--FIGARO/AUORE

"COMMON VIEWS ON EUROMISSILES BUT DIFFERENCES ON TRADE"--PARISIEN

"AGREEMENT ON EUROMISSILES"--QUOTIDIEN

"BUSH SUPPORTS INDEPENDENCE OF FRENCH NUCLEAR FORCE"--LE MATIN

"BUSH IN PAAS: FLOUR AND MISSILES"--LIBERATION

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"CHINA-U.S.: A HALF FULL OR HALF EMPTY

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"BEGIN GUILTY OF INDIFFERENCE"--QUOTIDIEN

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"SHARON INVITED TO RESIGN, BEGIN

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STATE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS:

"GOOD MARKS FOR FRANCE"--PARISIEN

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"WASHINGTON GRANTS GOOD MARKS TO FRANCE"--QUOTIDIEN

"WHEN WASHINGTON IS CONCERNED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS"--LE MATIN

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.C. AGRICULTURAL CONSULTATIONS:

"PARIS AHEAD IN RESPONSE TO WASHINGTON"--LES ECHOS

"U.S. BLACKMAIL"--HUMANITE

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WRITTEN PRESS COMMENT - EXCERPTS

VICE-PRESIDENT BUSH'S VISIT TO PARIS:

LE MONDE FRONTPAGE ARTICLE BY COMMENTATOR MICHEL TATU :

"BUSH'S MISSION TO PARIS IS CLEARLY EASIER THAN HIS FORMER ONE IN JUNE 1981. ... NOW, FRANCE IS PROBABLY THE 'EASIEST' STOP IN THE EXPLANATION TOUR UNDERTAKEN BY THE U.S. VICE-PRESIDENT TO SEVEN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. EXCEPT FOR DIFFERENCES ON TRADE POLICIES THAT CHEYSSON RECALLED IN RATHER SHARP TERMS TUESDAY--BUT FRANCE IS NOT THE ONLY ONE TO COMPLAIN--HARMONY IS ALMOST TOTAL ON THE EUROMISSILES ISSUE AND ON AGREEMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE DECISION MADE BY NATO ON DECEMBER 1979.....

ACTUALLY, IT'S ON THE GENERAL PHILOSOPHY OF THE UNDERTAKING THAT THE ACCORD IS TOTAL. FRENCH AND U.S. OFFICIALS ARE ON THE SAME WAVE LENGTH CONCERNING A MAINTAINING OF THE 'SPIRIT OF DEFENSE' IN THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, ON THE FEELING THAT PEACE IS ONLY POSSIBLE IF THERE IS A BALANCE OF FORCES AND ON FEELING THAT THIS BALANCE HAS BEEN GRAVELY COMPROMISED BY THE DEPLOYMENT OF HUNDREDS OF SS-20S IN THE SOVIET UNION IN RECENT YEARS. THE FRENCH ARE AS WORRIED AS THE AMERICANS AT THE IDEA THAT WEST GERMAN OPINION COULD DRIFT TOWARD A PACIFIST NEUTRALISM WHICH WOULD DEPRIVE THIS COUNTRY OF ITS RELIABILITY. EVEN IF IT HAS ITS OWN NUCLEAR SYSTEM, FRANCE'S INTEREST IS TO PRESERVE ITS WEST GERMAN 'RAMPART'.

THIS COMMON CONCERN DOES NOT MEAN HOWEVER THAT ALL VIEWS ARE IDENTICAL. MITTERRAND, WHO CLAIMS HE HAD DISCOVERED THE SLOGAN OF 'ZERO OPTION' (NEITHER PERSHING NOR SS-20S) WELL BEFORE REAGAN, CONSIDERS THAT THIS 'IDEAL' SOLUTION CAN AND MUST BE THE FINAL POINT OF A SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION BUT THAT IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE ITS DEPARTING POINT AS U.S. OFFICIALS HAVE LONG BEEN SUGGESTING.

ALSO, PARIS DID NOT WAIT FOR MR. BUSH TO SAY THAT THE ZERO OPTION IS NOT A 'TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT' PROPOSITION TO TALK OF A MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD SOLUTION BETWEEN THE POSITIONS OF THE TWO SUPERPOWERS. MR. MITTERRAND SEEMS TO UNDERSTAND THE SOVIET ARGUMENT ACCORDING TO WHICH THE DEPLOYMENT OF PERSHING IN WEST GERMANY... WOULD PLACE MOSCOW IN A DIFFICULT POSITION.

THIS IS WHY THE FRENCH POSITION IS IN REALITY LESS RIGID THAN IT APPEARED AFTER MITTERRAND'S SPEECH AT THE BUNDESTAG ON JANUARY 20, AT LEAST LESS 'ATLANTIC' THAN HAS BEEN SAID. SIMPLY, PARIS IS FAVORABLE TO A

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COMPROMISE INCLUDING AT LEAST THE THREAT OF A LIMITED WESTERN DEPLOYMENT--EVEN OF A DEPLOYMENT--IF THE USSR DOES NOT ACCEPT A SUFFICIENT REDUCTION OF THE NUMBER OF SS-20S AND IF THE PRESENCE IN WESTERN EUROPE OF

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ILES CAPABLE OF STRIKING THE SOVIET TERRITORY PROMISES A LESS 'FLEXIBLE' ANSWER CONSEQUENTLY MORE DETERRANT AGAINST AN AGGRESSION AND 'RECOUPLES' THE U.S. STRATEGIC ARSENAL WITH THE EUROPEAN 'THEATRE'.

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THIS IS WHERE THE FRENCH SOCIALISTS DISAGREE WITH THEIR WEST-GERMAN, DUTCH AND BRITISH COUNTERPARTS.... THIS BEING SAID, AND AS MITTERRAND SAID IN BONN, 'FRANCE INTENDS TO LET THE NEGOTIATORS ACT FREELY'. FRENCH OFFICIAL CIRCLES SEEM AWARE OF THE INCONVENIENCES OF 'DOING TOO MUCH' MAINLY OF TAKING PUBLICLY POSITIONS ON THE SOLUTIONS WHICH COULD BE DISCUSSED IN GENEVA. BUSH WILL PROBABLY REPEAT TO MITTERRAND THAT WASHINGTON REFUSES TO ACCOUNT FOR THE FRENCH MISSILES IN THIS NEGOTIATION. BUT WHAT WILL BE SAID IN FRANCE IF THESE FORCES ARE IMPLICITLY ACCOUNTED FOR ELSEWHERE, FOR EXAMPLE IN THE START CONVERSATIONS? THIS IS ONE OF THE QUESTIONS WHICH COULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE ELYSEE TUESDAY BUT WE SHOULD NOT EXPECT TOO MUCH PUBLIC DECLARATIONS ON THIS ISSUE."

FRANCE-SOIR ON PAGE 7 UNSIGNED REPORT: "...THIS DIALOGUE--20 MINUTES LONGER THAN EXPECTED--MAINLY POINTED UP THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE ELYSEE AND THE WHITE HOUSE.... MR. BUSH SEEMS PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH HIS BRIEF VISIT TO PARIS. HE UNDERLINED THAT HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH MITTERRAND AND CHEYSSON HAD 'CLEARLY STRENGTHENED WHAT HE HAD NOTED IN THE FIVE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HE VISITED BEFORE FRANCE: ATLANTIC ALLIANCE IS UNITED IN ITS EFFORTS TO PRESERVE PEACE IN EUROPE AND MAINTAINING THE EAST-WEST BALANCE OF FORCE...."

FIGARO/AUORE ON PAGE 2 UNSIGNED REPORT ILLUSTRATED WITH PHOTO OF BUSH SHAKING HANDS WITH MITTERRAND: "ENTENTE ON EUROPEAN SECURITY BUT DISAGREEMENT ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE. THIS IS THE ESSENTIAL OF THE FRANCO-U.S. CONVERSATIONS IN PARIS YESTERDAY. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE, BUSH INSISTED ON THE ISSUES THAT BRING FRANCE AND THE U.S. TOGETHER. ...."

PARISIEN ON PAGE 5: " THE PURPOSE OF BUSH'S EUROPEAN TOUR IS TO INFORM U.S. ALLIES OF WASHINGTON'S POLICIES ON DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS AND ON THE EFFORT TO PROTECT THE WEST.... IN BONN, THE HAGUE, BRUSSELS, GENEVA, ROME, PARIS TODAY AND LONDON TOMORROW, REAGAN WILL NOTE AN OVERALL ACCORD ON THE DEPARTING POSITION OF 'ZERO OPTION' FOR THE EUROMISSILES WHICH DOES NOT EXCLUDE AN EVENTUAL COMPROMISE, BUT ALSO A DETERMINATION TO AVOID SACRIFICING WESTERN EUROPEAN SECURITY TO SUCH A COMPROMISE. BUSH UNDERLINED IT YESTERDAY DURING HIS PRESS CONFERENCE...."

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LES ECHOS BRIEF ITEM ON BACK PAGE: "...THE BALANCE OF FORCES IN EUROPE DOMINATED THE CONVERSATIONS IN PARIS. ON THIS POINT, THE ENTENTE BETWEEN PARIS AND WASHINGTON IS TOTAL.... BUT THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED BY THE VICE-PRESIDENT WHO MET WITH MR. DELORS (FRENCH FINANCE MINISTER). THE VICE-PRESIDENT HIMSELF ACKNOWLEDGED THE PERSISTING 'DIFFERENCES'

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BETWEEN EUROPEANS AND AMERICANS MAINLY IN THE AGRICULTURAL DOMAIN".

QUOTIDIEN UNSIGNED REPORT ON PAGE 22: "...BUSH SAID HE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE ATTITUDE OF THE EUROPEANS.... IN PARIS, REAGAN'S ENVOY FOUND INTERLOCUTORS WHO FULLY SHARE HIS VIEWS ON THE 'ZERO OPTION' AND WHO, AS MITTERRAND SAID SEVERAL TIMES, ALSO EXPECT A SIGNIFICANT GESTURE FROM THE SOVIETS TO SETTLE THE EUROMISSILE PROBLEM. ... OBSERVERS FEEL THAT WASHINGTON SHOULD BE PLEASED WITH PARIS POSITION. ..."

LE MATIN WITH PHOTOGRAPH OF VP BUSH: "... ANSWERING A QUESTION ON TRADE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE EC CONCERNING WHEAT SALES TO EGYPT, BUSH IMPLICITLY ADMITTED THAT EUROPE HAD REASON TO COMPLAIN. BEFORE INVITING THE EUROPEANS TO FIND THE APPROPRIATE PLACE TO 'NEGOTIATE AND ELIMINATE THESE DIFFERENCES', HE ADDED THAT THE U.S. TOO HAS GRIEVANCES. IN A BRIEF BALANCE SHEET OF HIS EUROPEAN TOUR, BUSH GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT HE IS A HAPPY VICE-PRESIDENT AND THAT HE IS CONVINCED OF HAVING REACHED HIS OBJECTIVES: TO SHOW THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS ONLY TRYING TO MAINTAIN A MONOPOLY ON THE EUROMISSILES AND THAT WHILE REMAINING OPEN TO ALL PROPOSALS CONTRIBUTING TO A BALANCE OF FORCES IN EUROPE, REAGAN'S PROPOSALS ARE CURRENTLY THE BEST PROPOSALS, BEST SERVING THE ALLIES INTERESTS."

HUMANITE UNSIGNED REPORT ON PAGE 8: "THE U.S. VICE PRESIDENT RENEWS HIS ANTI-SOVIET DECLARATIONS AND ADDS: 'THE ZERO OPTION IS NOT A TAKE-IT-OR-LEAVE-IT PROPOSITION'... . THE U.S. VICE PRESIDENT DID NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LAUNCH HIS USUAL ANTISOVIET REFRAIN...."

LIBERATION UNSIGNED REPORT ON PAGE 13 WITH PHOTO OF VICE PRESIDENT: "...THIS VISIT ALSO DEALT WITH DIFFERENCES--MAINLY BETWEEN PARIS AND WASHINGTON-- CONCERNING U.S. TRADE PRACTICES. MONDAY, CHEYSSON (FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER) HAD INDICATED HIS INTENTION OF RAISING THIS PROBLEM WITH MR. BUSH...."

OUTCOME OF SECRETARY SHULTZ'S FAR EASTERN TOUR:  
FIGARO/AUORE ON PAGE 2 BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT CHARLES LAMBROSCHINI. CONCLUSION READS: "... WHAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN IS IF WHETHER THE CURRENT DIFFERENCES ARE THE REAL REASON THAT THE CHINESE REFUSE STRATEGIC COOPERATION WITH THE U.S., OR IF THEY ARE ONLY AN PRETEXT. THAT IS, A WAY TO SHOW USIA

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MOSCOW AND THE THIRD WORLD THAT CHINA EFFECTIVELY REMAINS EQUALLY DISTANT FROM EACH OF THE TWO BIG POWERS. IF SUCH IS THE CASE, SACRIFICING TAIWAN WOULD DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD. FAR FROM SERVING U.S. INTERESTS, THIS ABANDONMENT WOULD RISK CONFIRMING TO THE EUROPEANS AND THE JAPANESE THAT THE U.S. IS TRULY NOT A RELIABLE ALLY."

REPORT BY ISRAELI COMMISSION ON MASSACRES OF

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PALESTINIANS:

FIGARO EDITORIAL BY FOREIGN EDITOR SERGE MAFFERT UNDER TITLE: "THE CEMENT OF A PEOPLE": "...THE PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT CAME AS A THUNDERSTROKE ON THE ALREADY CLOUDED ISRAELI POLITICAL SKY. WHATEVER THE DECISION OF THE PRIME MINISTER, HIS ALREADY WEAK GOVERNMENT WILL BE AGAIN WEAKENED AND MORE UNABLE THAN EVER TO MAKE THE DECISIONS REQUESTED INSISTENTLY BY MR. REAGAN CONCERNING LEBANON. ... JERUSALEM IS CONFRONTED WITH INCREASINGLY STRONG AND PUBLIC CRITICISM FROM WASHINGTON. A LETTER FROM THE U.S. PRESIDENT MADE PUBLIC MONDAY IS AN UNPRECEDENTED ACCUSATION AGAINST ISRAELI PRESENCE IN LEBANON. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION WILL ALLOW REAGAN TO INCREASE HIS PRESSURES AGAINST JERUSALEM. BEGIN'S AND SHARON'S DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN A TIGHT CONTROL ON LEBANON HAS FOILED REAGAN'S PLANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST....ISRAEL'S MILITARY VICTORY IN LEBANON IS NOW BECOMING A POLITICAL DEFEAT. BUT IT REMAINS THAT ISRAEL HAS A DEEP SENSE OF DEMOCRACY AND THE WEIGHT OF MORAL LAW IS IMPOSED ON LEADERS, AS WELL AS ON MERE CITIZENS...."

LES ECHOS EDITORIAL: "JUDGE KAHANE WAS UP TO THE TASK.... THE FACT THAT BEGIN HIMSELF IS CALLED INTO QUESTION WILL PROBABLY NOT DISPLEASE WASHINGTON. PRESIDENT REAGAN JUST ACCUSED JERUSALEM OF 'USELESSLY DELAYING' ITS WITHDRAWAL FROM LEBANON.... FINALLY, U.S.'S BAD TEMPER VIS-A-VIS ISRAEL AND THE KAHANE REPORT CAN IMPROVE THE TASK OF ARAFAT WHO IS DUE TO CONFRONT A TOUGH OPPOSITION NEXT WEEK."

STATE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS: LE MATIN UNSIGNED REPORT ON PAGE 17. INTRODUCTION READS: "THE STATE DEPARTMENT JUST PUBLISHED A REPORT THAT IS CAREFUL TO NOT CRITICIZE TOO OPENLY THE COUNTRIES HAVING FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE U.S.". EXCERPTS READ: "... THIS REPORT SEEMS TO BE BASED MORE ON THE INTEREST OF THE (U.S.) GOVERNMENT THAN ON THE REAL SITUATION IN CERTAIN PRO-WESTERN COUNTRIES, MAINLY CONCERNING LATIN AMERICA WHERE PRO-CASTRIST REGIMES ARE ON THE BLACK LIST WHILE COUNTRIES SUCH AS EL SALVADOR, HAITI, GUATEMALA, CHICLI AND URUGUAY ARE REPORTEDLY ON THE GOOD PATH. THE MAIN BLACK BEAST OF THIS 1,300-PAGE REPORT REMAINS THE SOVIET UNION.... IN LATIN AMERICA, THE SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS IMPROVING IN ALL THE COUNTRIES WHO HAVE FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. WHILE IT IS

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DETERIORATING IN CUBA AND IN THE PRO-CASTRIST COUNTRIES, MAINLY IN NICARAGUA.... IN NORTH AFRICA, THE REPORT ACCUSES KADHAFI OF 'HAVING TRIED TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENTS OF SEVERAL STATES AND OF HAVING SUPPORTED A LARGE NUMBER OF TERRORIST GROUPS'.... ON THE REST OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENT, THE REPORT NOTES INCREASED VIOLENCE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA,

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BUT MAKES NO REFERENCE TO THE TORTURE INFLICTED ON BOTH BLACKS AND WHITES IN SOUTH AFRICA...."

U.S.-EEC DIFFERENCES:

LES ECHOS ON PAGE 3 BY REPORTER JACQUES DOCQUIERT: "ALL THE AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS MEETING IN BRUSSELS MONDAY AND TUESDAY CALLED FOR FIRMNESS WITH THE U.S. FOLLOWING WASHINGTON'S DECISION TO DELIVER TO EGYPT--A TRADITIONAL E.C. MARKET--ONE MILLION TONS OF FLOUR AT DUMPING PRICES. THIS FIRMNESS, FIRST REQUESTED BY FRANCE, SEEMS INCREASINGLY SUPPORTED BY THE OTHER MEMBER STATES, SINCE WASHINGTON'S FLOUR OPERATION RISKS BEING FOLLOWED BY A BUTTER OPERATION UNDER SMILAR CONDITIONS.... WHILE FOR THE TIME BEING, THE 10 ARE CONTENT WITH BRINGING THIS CASE BEFORE THE GATT, THE FRENCH SIDE REPORTEDLY IS CONTEMPLATING STRONGER RETALIATION MEASURES IF THE U.S. CONTINUES ITS ESCALATION IN A WAR OF FARM SUBSIDIES WHICH IT APPEARS DETERMINED TO START AGAINST THE E.C. .... EDITH CRESSON'S (FRENCH AGRICULTURAL MINISTER) ADVISERS INDICATE THAT THESE MEASURES COULD BE POLITICAL ONES: RUPTURE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE WITH WASHINGTON, OR ECONOMIC ONES. IN THAT CASE, THE MOST EFFICIENT COUNTER-ATTACK WOULD CONSIST--ACCDRDING TO PARIS--OF LIMITING IMPORTS OF U.S. CEREAL SUBSTITUTES ...."

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, TELEVISION NEWS:

TF-1 EVENING NEWS COVERAGE OF VICE PRESIDENT BUSH'S VISIT TO PARIS:

ANCHORMAN JEAN-PIERRE BERTHET: "VICE PRESIDENT BUSH'S VISIT WAS AIMED AT PROMOTING U.S. DEFENSE POLICY. THE VICE PRESIDENT WAS RECEIVED FOR LUNCH BY PRESIDENT MITTERRAND, WHOSE RECENT DECLARATION ON THE EUROMISSILE QUESTION WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED IN WASHINGTON. DURING THE PRESS CONFERENCE THAT FOLLOWED, FOREIGN AFFAIRS & DEFENSE EDITORIALIST THIERRY DE SCITIVAUX ASKED MR. BUSH WHETHER THE U.S. SHOULD NOT RECKON WITH EUROPEAN PUBLIC OPINION AND IN PARTICULAR WITH PACIFIST MOVEMENTS WHICH ARE HOSTILE TO THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE NEW NUCLEAR MISSILES IN EUROPE. MR. BUSH'S ANSWER: "...MY PERCEPTION IS THAT WHEN ZERO OPTION FIRST CAME OUT, IT CAPTURED THE IMMGINATION OF MANY MANY PEOPLE IN EUROPE, MANY IN THESE PEACE MOVEMENTS AND OTHERS. THEY WERE SAYING: IT IS MORALLY CORRECT TO ELIMINATE AN ENTIRE GENERATION OF THESE WEAPONS. THEM SOMETHING HAPPENED. THERE WAS TOO LONG A DELAY. THE SOVIETS CAME FORWARD AND GENERAL

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SECRETARY ANDROPOV WITH SOME OTHER TALK OF PEACE AND PROPOSALS, MOST OF WHICH AFTER BEING ANALYZED SEEMED TO BE A REHASH OF OLD PROPOSALS AND THE MORAL GROUND GAVE WAY TO A PROPAGANDA OFFENSIVE FROM THE OTHER SIDE. SO I GUESS THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION IS TO GO OUT THERE AND REPEAT A COUPLE OF THINGS: ONE, WE ARE CONVINCED WE HAVE A SOUND PROPOSAL. TWO, THE ALLLIES

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ARE TOGETHER AND ARE GOING TO REMAIN FIRMLY TOGETHER IN TERMS OF DEPLOYMENT, IN TERMS OF DATES, IN TERMS OF CONVICTION THAT IT IS UNFAIR TO HAVE A MONOPOLY. BUT THREE, TO HOLD OUT THE HAND TO THE OTHER SIDE AND SAY: WE WANT TO SERIOUSLY NEGOTIATE THE QUALITY AND MIND AND ALL OF THIS. THAT IS OUR POSITION AND I FIND IT IS A COMFORTABLE POSITION. I FIND OUR ALLIES AGREE WITH IT. I SAW NOTHING IN OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH ANY OF THE FRENCH LEADERS TO DETER US FROM THIS OBJECTIVE." ANCHORMAN BERTHET COMMENTED: "IN AGREEMENT ON EUROMISSILES, FRENCH AND AMERICAN ARE LESS SO ON (THE QUESTION) OF ECONOMIC EXCHANGES. VICE PRESIDENT BUSH WAS ASKED BY FRENCH FINANCE MINISTER JACQUES DELORS TO DO EVERYTHING TO AVOID A WAR ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS." ANTENNE-2 EVENING NEWS STARTED WITH THE ISRAELI REPORT OF THE INQUIRY ON MASSACRES OF CHATILLA. ANCHORWOMAN CHRISTINE OCKRENT WENT ON TO SAY: "TOMORROW, THE ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER WILL SEE THE AMERICAN SPECIAL ENVOY, PHILIP HABIB, AND THIS, IN AN UNPRECEDENTED CLIMATE OF TENSION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES. LAST NIGHT, AS YOU KNOW, PRESIDENT REAGAN ACCUSED ISRAEL OF OCCUPYING LEBANON AND OF WILLINGLY DELAYING THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES... OCKRENT THEN REPORTED: "THE BALANCE OF FORCES IN EUROPE, THE EUROMISSILES, BUT ALSO COMMERCIAL DISPUTES BETWEEN FRANCE AND UNITED STATES, WERE THE SUBJECTS OF THE MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE DAY BETWEEN VICE PRESIDENT BUSH AND THE FRENCH PRESIDENT AND THEIR ENTOURAGES. MR. BUSH . . . WAS PLEASED WITH THE FRENCH POSITION ON EUROMISSILES.

PHILIPPE GASSOT (AN-2 FOREIGN AFFAIRS EDITORIALIST): "FRANCE IS THE SIXTH EUROPEAN COUNTRY VISITED BY THE AMERICAN VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH, WHO HAS DECIDED TO EXPLAIN THE OPTION DEFENDED BY THE UNITED STATES A PROPOS EUROMISSILES, WHICH CAN BE SUMMED UP IN THESE WORDS: NO PERSHING, NO SS-20--ZERO OPTION. A MEETING OF ALMOST AN HOUR, FOLLOWED BY A LUNCHEON, WITH PRESIDENT MITTERRAND ALLOWED THE AMERICAN NUMBER TWO TO "FAIRE LE TOUR" OF THE FRENCH POSITION, KNOWN FOR SOME TIME AND WHICH GOES IN THE SENSE RECOMMENDED BY WASHINGTON. FOR THE FRENCH, PEACE DEPENDS ON THE BALANCE OF FORCES. THE QUESTION THAT REMAINS IS HOW ONE CAN ACHIEVE THIS RESULT. THE TWO MEN HAVE AGREED NOT TO RELEASE THE DETAILS OF THEIR CONVERSATIONS. IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, VICE PRESIDENT BUSH REPEATED ALMOST WORD FOR WORD WHAT HE HAD SAID IN ROME (ACTUALITY): "IF THE SOVIETS DO NOT AGREE WITH THE ZERO OPTION, WHY AREN'T THEY COMING WITH ANOTHER

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PROPOSAL? WHAT HE ALSO REPEATED - AND THIS SEEMS TO TAKE UP THE FRENCH POSITION - IS THAT ZERO OPTION IS NOT A RIGID TAKE-IT-OR-LEAVE-IT POSITION. BESIDES STRATEGIC PROBLEMS AND A WORD ON **KLAUS BARBIE**, THE



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VICE PRESIDENT QUICKLY DEALT WITH ECONOMIC PROBLEMS BY SAYING THAT THE UNITED STATES HAVE DECIDED TO FIGHT AGAINST A PROTECTIONIST TENDANCY AND THAT HE WAS HOPING FOR BETTER ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH EUROPE..."

ANCHORWOMAN OCKRENT ADDED: "MR. BUSH ALSO TALKED WITH THE FRENCH MINISTER OF FINANCE, JACQUES DELORS, WHO UNDERLINED THE ABSOLUTE LINK BETWEEN ECONOMIC AND STRATEGIC PROBLEMS AND ASKED HIS INTERLOCUTOR THAT THE U.S. BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES."

INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE - WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 9  
FRONTPAGE ARTICLES: WP FROM JERUSALEM: "SHARON'S OUSTER URGED IN REPORT ON MASSACRE"; NYT FROM WASHINGTON: "U.S. STRATEGIC PANEL STUDYING NEW ICBM, ARMORED LAUNCHERS"; NYT FROM NEW YORK: "POSSIBLE U.S. LINK TO BARBIE CITED"; L.A.TIMES FROM TUCSON: "U.S. CHURCHES OFFERING SALVADORANS SANCTUARY".

EDITPAGE: NYT: "THE RIGHT KIND OF GUNS"; WP: "IMF'S JOBS PROGRAM";

EDITPAGE: UNGER: "DOUBTS HANG OVER POPE'S POLAND VISIT"; EAGLEBURGER: "HOW U.S. COUNTS THE MISSILES"; BRODER: "U.S. PARTIES ARE FINE, THANK YOU"; KRAFT: FIDDLING WITH THE MUSIC OF RECOVERY".

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