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SUBJECT: DAILY MEDIA REACTION REPORT
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SUMMARY:

CHAD IS THE ONLY INTERNATIONAL ISSUE ON THE FRONT PAGES
OF THE FRENCH PRESS TODAY. COVERAGE IS GIVEN TO HABRE'S
PRESS CONFERENCE, THE CONCLAVE IN BRAZZAVILLE AND THE
ATTEMPTS TO ENCOURAGE NEGOCIATIONS. LE MONDE CARRIES A
LONG STORY BY ELYSEE CORRESPONDENT ERIC ROULEAU ON
MITTERRAND'S STRATEGY IN CHAD AND HIS DIFFERENCES AND
PROBLEMS WITH THE US ADMINISTRATION. ALTHOUGH NOT
IDENTIFIED AS SUCH, IT IS KNOWN TO BE AN INTERVIEW
WITH THE FRENCH PRESIDENT. STORY WAS MENTIONED ON
EVENING TELEVISION NEWS PROGRAMS AND ALSO PICKED UP BY
LIBERATION. (FULL FRENCH TEXT IS BEING REPORTED SEPTEL
BY EMBASSY POLITICAL SECTION). LE MATIN CARRIES A FRONT
PAGE REPORT ON THE 'UNOFFICIAL' VISIT TO LIBYA OF
ROLAND DUMAS, A FRIEND OF MITTERRAND.

POLAND AND CHILE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE INSIDE PAGE
COVERAGE DRAWN FROM WIRE SERVICE DISPATCHES.

THE US JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT ON **KLAUS BARBIE** WAS
WIDELY COVERED, WITHOUT MUCH COMMENTARY, ON LAST
NIGHT'S TELEVISION AND RADIO NEWS. REPORT WAS QUOTED,
ESPECIALLY APOLOGY TO FRENCH GOVERNMENT. TREATMENT WAS
MUTED IN WRITTEN PRESS. (EMBASSY POLITICAL SECTION
REPORTING FULL PRESS COVERAGE BY SEPTEL).

FIGARO CARRIES ARTICLE BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT
LAMBROSCHINI ON HIS VISIT TO A US ARMY JUNGLE WARFARE
TRAINING SCHOOL IN PANAMA AND AN INTERVIEW WITH
AMBASSADOR KIRKPATRICK. POST POUCHING COPIES TO AGENCY.
HEADLINES:

CHAD:

"MR. MITTERRAND'S STRATEGY IN CHAD"--LE MONDE
"CHAD BETWEEN WAR AND PEACE" "HABRE: MY ADVERSARY IS
LIBYA"--FIGARO

"HABRE: 'OUR ONLY INTERLOCUTOR IS LIBYA"--QUOTIDIEN

"THE DIPLOMATS RELIEVE (THE TROOPS)"--LE MATIN

"CHAD DIVIDED" "HALF OF CHAD OCCUPIED BY
LIBYA"--PARISIEN

"HABRE TREATS FRANCE TACTFULLY" "INDIRECT CALL FROM
MITTERRAND TO KADDAFI"--LIBERATION

"IN CHAD, EVERYONE WANTS TO NEGOCIATE" "HABRE
COMPLIMENTS HIS 'FRENCH FRIENDS'"--FRANCE SOIR
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REPORT ON BARBIE:

"WASHINGTON REGRETS HAVING PROTECTED BARBIE"--FRANCE
SOIR

"BARBIE: AMERICAN AGENT: WASHINGTON

CONFESSES"--LIBERATION

"IT WAS THE AMERICANS WHO HELPED BARBIE TO ESCAPE"--LE
MATIN.

"BARBIE: AMERICAN PROTEGE" "BARBIE: WASHINGTON
ADMITS"--HUMANITE

POLAND:

"WALESA JOINS THE WORKERS OF GDANSK"--LE MONDE

"GDANSK UNDER SURVEILLANCE"--FIGARO, LE MATIN

"A GENERAL FACED WITH AN ULTIMATUM"--QUOTIDIEN

"EXCEPTIONAL (NEW) RULES IN GDANSK"--LIBERATION

CHILE:

"THE ARMY AND THE CRISIS"--LE MONDE

"'THE ONLY THING LEFT TO TAKE IS OUR LIVES'"--HUMANITE
CENTRAL AMERICA:

"THE AMERICAN ARMY TRAINS FOR JUNGLE WAR" "PATROL IN
THE ARTIFICIAL GREEN HELL OF PANAMA"--FIGARO

FIGARO INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR KIRKPATRICK:

"MILITARY PROBLEMS MUST BE TREATED MILITARILY"

WRITTEN PRESS COMMENTS:

CHAD:

LE MONDE FRONT PAGE BY ERIC ROULEAU, SUBTITLED: "THE
FRENCH PRESIDENT IS DETERMINED, DESPITE AMERICAN
PRESSURE, TO ALLY FIRMNESS AND FLEXIBILITY TO OBTAIN
THE DEPARTURE OF LIBYIAN FORCES." EXCERPTS READ: "MR.
MITTERRAND'S SILENCE (...) ON CHAD ASTONISHED A NUMBER
OF OBSERVERS. WITHOUT A DOUBT HE DID NOT WANT TO
PREMATURELY PLAY HIS HAND, COMPROMISING DISCREET
DEMARCHES (...) FEEDING STERILE POLEMICS, NOTABLY
WITH THE US. THE RESERVE (...) DID NOT PREVENT CERTAIN
POLITICAL CIRCLES AND PART OF THE PRESS, IN FRANCE
AND ABROAD, FROM MAKING INTERPRETATIONS JUDGED
INCONSIDERATE, EVEN ABUSIVE, DEFORMING HIS POLICIES.
(...) THINGS WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH LESS COMPLICATED IF

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THE US HAD NOT WEIGHED IN HEAVILY, BOTH BEFORE AND
AFTER THE ACTUAL CRISIS. FRANCE IS NOT IGNORANT OF THE
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (...) THAT THE US FURNISHED TO
HABRE IN SUDAN TO CONQUER N'DJAMENA. IN PARIS THE
QUESTION IS ASKED ABOUT WHAT INTEREST AMERICA COULD
HAVE TO ENCOURAGE A REBEL TO OVERTHROW A GOVERNMENT
FRIENDLY TO FRANCE.

FIRST THE AMERICAN PRESS AND THEN PRESIDENT REAGAN

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EVOKED THE 'COOPERATION' BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND PARIS. (...) OTHERS, NOTABLY SOVIET COMMENTATORS, TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACCUSE THE FRENCH OF BEING 'SUPPLETIVES' OF 'AMERICAN IMPERIALISM'. (...)

WHAT IS MORE NATURAL THAN SUCH CONTACTS? THE COMMON AIM OF THE TWO CAPITOLS IS TO OBTAIN THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE LIBYIAN FORCES. HOWEVER, ABOVE AND BEYOND THIS OBJECTIVE, THE TWO COUNTRIES DIVERGE ON ALMOST ALL ASPECTS: THE MEANS TO THE END, THEIR ANALYSES AND THEIR MOTIVATIONS. MR. MITTERRAND'S STRATEGY (...) DOES NOT INCLUDE OVERTHROWING KADDAFI, FOR WHOM HE NOURISHES NO HOSTILITY OR HATE. IF MR. REAGAN SEES (KADDAFI) AS A REDOUBTABLE MONSTER THAT MUST BE SLAIN, PARIS FEELS THAT HE IS FREE TO TAKE HIS OWN STEPS.

THE (AMERICAN) LEADER PUSHES THE PARADOX TO ITS LIMIT WHEN HE CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDES A US MILITARY INTERVENTION, GENEROUSLY GIVING US THIS ROLE, BECAUSE CHAD, HE SAYS, 'IS IN FRANCE'S SPHERE OF INFLUENCE' (...) MR. REAGAN IS NOT AFRAID TO USE THE LANGUAGE OF THE NEO-COLONIALIST ERA.

MR. MITTERRAND KNOWS BETTER THAN ANYONE WHAT MR. REAGAN IS PUSHING FOR. HE HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL LETTERS (FROM REAGAN) THESE PAST WEEKS. SEVERAL OF THEM HAVE REMAINED UNANSWERED: OTHERS WERE MERELY ACKNOWLEDGED. IRRITATED BY THE CONSTANT ATTEMPTS AT PRESSURE, ALMOST INTOLERABLE, MITTERRAND SIGNALLED, ONCE AGAIN, THAT FRENCH POLICIES ARE NOT MADE IN WASHINGTON, MOSCOW OR ANYWHERE ELSE.

THIS GOES TO SHOW HOW MUCH THIS WORD 'COORDINATION' THAT THE AMERICANS ARE ALWAYS USING IS FALLACIOUS. (...) MR. MITTERRAND LEARNED OF THE AWAKS ARRIVAL IN EGYPT FROM THE PRESS, AND HE INFORMED WASHINGTON OF HIS MOVE TO SEND FRENCH TROOPS AFTER THE DECISION WAS MADE. (...)

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PRESIDENT MITTERRAND HAS RESISTED THE PRESSURE FROM THE AMERICANS AS WELL AS FROM CERTAIN SO CALLED MODERATE AFRICAN STATES (...).

THE BALL IS IN THE LIBYAN COURT. IF KADDAFI REALLY WISHES (...) TO REMOVE THE AMERICAN SPECTOR FROM HIS BORDERS, HE LOGICALLY HAS TO GIVE NEGOCIATION A CHANCE (...). IN PARIS, IT IS HOPED THAT THE LATEST SUCCESS OF HIS ARMY (...) HAS BEEN FACE SAVING ENOUGH FOR HIM TO BE REALISTIC."

FIGARO ON PAGE 3, FROM SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN CHAD, THIERRY DESJARDINS: "...THE LAST TIME HABRE

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SPOKE IT WAS TO INSULT MITTERRAND'S AFRICAN ADVISER, GUY PENNE. (...) THIS TIME, HIS TONE HAD CLEARLY CHANGED. WE ARE AGAIN 'CHAD'S FRIENDS'. (...) BUT IS HE READY TO NEGOCIATE WITH HIS ADVERSARIES? HERE HE WAS QUITE FRANK. HIS ADVERSARY IS KADDAFI'S LIBYA."

LIBERATION: "MR. ROLAND DUMAS, PERSONAL FRIEND OF MITTERRAND, HAD A MEETING MONDAY IN TRIPOLI WITH KADDAFI ABOUT THE SITUATION IN CHAD AND THE WAYS TO END THE CRISIS, WE LEARNED FROM THE ELYSEE LAST NIGHT. IT WAS NOT AN 'OFFICIAL MISSION', SAID THE SAME SOURCE. DUMAS RETURNED TO PARIS YESTERDAY MORNING. CONTACTS BETWEEN FRANCE AND LIBYA HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE CONFLICT IN CHAD. BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT PRECISE INFORMATION HAS BEEN FURNISHED. (...) MR. DUMAS HAS BEEN CLOSE TO THE PRESIDENT FOR MANY YEARS AND OFTEN SENT ON 'DELICATE' MISSIONS...." INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1983

FRONT PAGE HEADLINES: WP FROM WASHINGTON: "US ADMITS ITS AGENTS SHIELDED **KLAUS BARBIE**"; WP FROM TEL AVIV: "ISRAELIS SET A PULLBACK IN 'DAYS'"; REUTERS FROM BEIJING: "HU SAYS CHINA WILL WAIT UNTIL 1997 BEFORE TAKING POWER IN HONG KONG"; DISPATCHES FROM CHAD: "HABRE IS WILLING TO MEET QADHAFI BUT NOT REBELS"; REUTERS FROM PARIS: "FRENCH POLL FINDS 53 PERCENT OPPOSE ROLE"; WP FROM CHICAGO: "US PHYSICISTS PROPOSE HUGE ATOM ACCELERATOR"; NYT FROM NEW YORK: "IN US, PART-TIME WORK IS SPREADING BY NECESSITY AND CHOICE".

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NYT - "FULL CIRCLE IN CHILE?"; WP - "RUNAWAY, SOVIET STYLE".

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