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LONDON NEWSPAPER SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 18, 1983.

IN THE BRITISH PRESS TODAY: CHAD RECEIVES WIDESPREAD COVERAGE WITH COLUMNS ON INCREASED FRENCH AID AND REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT MITTERAND IS IRRITATED AT ALLEGED US PRESSURE.

ANDROPOV'S APPEAL YESTERDAY TO THE US TO REACH AN "HONEST AGREEMENT" WITH MOSCOW OVER ARMS CONTROL IS CARRIED IN THE TIMES, GUARDIAN AND FINANCIAL TIMES. THE TIMES ALSO CARRIES A BRIEF COLUMN ON CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE STUDY WHICH SUGGESTS THERE ARE WEAKNESSES IN THE POSITION THAT BRITISH AND FRENCH N-WEAPONS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM THE INF TALKS.

THE TIMES REPORTS THAT FRANCE HAS ACCEPTED THE APOLOGY MADE BY WASHINGTON FOR THE US ARMY'S HELP IN HELPING **KLAUS BARBIE** ESCAPE. THE GUARDIAN CARRIES AN EDITORIAL ON THIS AND THE FINANCIAL TIMES A COLUMN.

THE TELEGRAPH AND FINANCIAL TIMES CARRY COLUMNS REPORTING REMARKS BY GEN. ALVAREZ, HEAD OF HONDURAN ARMED FORCES. HE WARNED THAT THE US MAY HAVE TO "INTERVENE MILITARILY OR LOSE CENTRAL AMERICA." THE TIMES REPORTS THAT THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION HAS DECIDED AGAINST A LARGE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ADVISERS TO EL SALVADOR.

THE FINANCIAL TIMES RUNS AN EDITORIAL ON SHULTZ/CLARK. FRONT-PAGE STORY OF THE DAILY EXPRESS THIS MORNING CONCERNS "A BID TO APPOINT A SPECIAL US ENVOY TO NORTHERN IRELAND...LED BY NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMAN JOHN DEARIE..." HEADLINES:

CHAD:

THE TIMES: NEUB "MITTERAND ANGERED BY WHITE HOUSE PRESSURE"

THE GUARDIAN (REUTERS): "AMERICA 'DID NOT PRESS PARIS'"

THE GUARDIAN: "FRANCE PUTS 2,000 MORE TROOPS ON CHAD AL

THE GUARDIAN: "EXTRA FORCES COULD TIP BALANCE"

THE TELEGRAPH: "2,000 FRENCH PARAS JOIN CHAD FORCE"

THE TELEGRAPH: "US REGRET CHAD 'MISUNDERSTANDING'"

THE FINANCIAL TIMES: "FRANCE STEPS UP MILITARY PRESENCE IN CHAD"

ANDROPOV/MISSILES:

THE TIMES: "ANDROPOV HOLDS OUT HAND OF FRIENDSHIP UNTIL DECEMBER"

THE GUARDIAN: "ANDROPOV IN NEW MISSILE WARNING"

THE FINANCIAL TIMES: "WARNING ON MISSILE TALKS"

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE STUDY:

THE TIMES: "STUDY FINDS MERIT IN SOVIET CASE"

BARBIE:

THE TIMES: "US APOLOGY ACCEPTED"

THE GUARDIAN EDITORIAL: "HOW MANY BESIDES THE BUTCHER?"

THE FINANCIAL TIMES: "REPORT FUELS ANTI-US SENTIMENT"

CENTRAL AMERICA/GEN. ALVAREZ:

THE TELEGRAPH: "WARNING BY HONDURAS TO REAGAN"

THE FINANCIAL TIMES: "NICARAGUA 'THREATENING HONDURAN USIA

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EL SALVADOR ADVISERS:

THE TIMES: "REAGAN HOLDS BACK ON SALVADOR ADVISERS"

SHULTZ/CLARK:

THE FINANCIAL TIMES EDITORIAL: "MR SHULTZ IN DECLINE"

NORTHERN IRELAND/US ENVOY:

THE DAILY EXPRESS: "BRITAIN SPURNS US ENVOY PLAN"

TEXT:

CHAD:

ROGER BEARDWOOD, TIMES' CORRESPONDENT IN PARIS:

"FRANCE IS SENDING MORE TROOPS TO CHAD, TAKING THE TOTAL TO MORE THAN 1 000..."

REPORTS HERE, SO FAR NOT CONFIRMED OFFICIALLY, INDICATE THAT FRENCH UNITS HAVE MOVED NORTH...TO SUPPORT CHADIAN TROOPS AGAINST AN EXPECTED REBEL DRIVE THROUGH THE DESERT. ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO INSIST THAT ITS TROOPS ARE IN CHAD IN AN ADVISORY ROLE, THEIR GROWING NUMBER AND THE REBELS' SOUTHWARD MOVEMENT CONVINCES POLITICAL AND MILITARY OBSERVERS HERE THAT AN ARMED CLASH IS ALMOST INEVITABLE...

LE MONDE, IN A LONG POLITICAL ANALYSIS BY ONE OF ITS MOST SENIOR COMMENTATORS, ERIC ROULEAU, CONFIRMS THAT PRESIDENT MITTERAND IS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF US PRESSURE ON FRANCE.

THE ANALYSIS, APPARENTLY BASED ON AN INTERVIEW WITH HIM, SAYS M MITTERAND HAS BEEN IRRITATED BY PRESIDENT REAGAN'S MANY MISSIVES ON CHAD, AND EMPHASIZES THAT FRENCH POLICY IS MADE IN PARIS...

LE MONDE'S ANALYSIS CONFIRMS M MITTERAND'S RELUCTANCE TO ALLOW FRANCE TO BE DRAWN INTO THE CIVIL WAR AND, AT THE SAME TIME, HIS CONCERN THAT IF LIBYA IS ALLOWED TO PLAY A FREE HAND THE WHOLE REGION WILL BE DESTABILIZED...

MOHSIN ALI ADDS: THE STATE DEPARTMENT...SAID: 'IF THIS STORY IS ACCURATE WE REGRET THIS APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING...'"

THE GUARDIAN (REUTERS):

"THE WHITE HOUSE YESTERDAY REJECTED AN ASSERTION BY PRESIDENT MITTERAND OF FRANCE THAT THE US PRESSURED FRANCE TO INTERVENE IN CHAD'S CIVIL WAR..."

PAUL WEBSTER, GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT IN PARIS:

"ANOTHER 2,000 FRENCH SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN PUT ON STAND-BY TO FLY TO CHAD..."

IAIN GUEST, GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT IN N'DJAMENA:

"THE LAST FEW WEEKS OF SAVAGE FIGHTING IN THE NORTHERN USIA

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WAR OF WORDS BETWEEN FRANCE AND CHAD.

PRESIDENT HABRE'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FRENCH - NEVER EXACTLY EASYGOING - CAME PERIOUSLY CLOSE TO OUTRIGHT COLLAPSE 10 DAYS AGO, JUST AS LIBYAN BOMBERS WERE REDUCING ...FAYA-LARGEAU TO RUBBLE..."

VALERIE ELLIOTT, TELEGRAPH CORRESPONDENT IN PARIS:

"ANOTHER 2,000 FRENCH PARATROOPERS AND A NUMBER OF FIGHTER BOMBERS ARE TO BE DRAFTED INTO CHAD..."

THE NEWS COMES AFTER MISLEADING STATEMENTS BY M CHARLES HERNU, THE FRENCH DEFENCE MINISTER, WHO SINCE THE WEEKEND HAS REPEATED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT FRANCE'S MILITARY AID TO CHAD WAS NOW COMPLETE..."

RICHARD BEESTON, TELEGRAPH WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT:

"THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION SAID YESTERDAY IT REGRETTED AN 'APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING' OVER REPORTS OF MAJOR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PRESIDENT REAGAN AND M MITTERAND OVER THE CRISIS IN CHAD..."

DAVID MARSH, FINANCIAL TIMES' CORRESPONDENT IN PARIS:

"FRANCE APPEARS TO BE ESCALATING ITS MILITARY PRESENCE IN WAR-TORN CHAD..."

PRESIDENT MITTERAND SENT A PERSONAL ENVOY, M ROLAND DUMAS, TO TRIPOLI ON TUESDAY FOR TALKS WITH COL GADAFI...OFFICIALS WERE MAINTAINING SILENCE YESTERDAY ABOUT THE CONTENT OF THE DISCUSSIONS..."

ANDROPOV/MISSILES:

RICHARD OWEN, TIMES' CORRESPONDENT IN MOSCOW:

"PRESIDENT ANDROPOV YESTERDAY APPEALED TO THE US TO REACH AN 'HONEST AGREEMENT' WITH MOSCOW OVER ARMS CONTROL AT GENEVA BEFORE RUSSIA WAS FORCED TO RESPOND TO THE DEPLOYMENT OF NEW NATO MISSILES.

HE MADE HIS REMARKS DURING A MEETING WITH MR WILLIAM WINPISINGER, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE AFL-CIO TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION..."

...ANDROPOV SAID THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE IN EUROPE WAS THE 'NERVE CENTRE' OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS, AND THAT MOSCOW WAS WILLING TO MEET WASHINGTON HALF WAY 'ON MANY POINTS.' RUSSIA WOULD PURSUE A CONSTRUCTIVE AND FLEXIBLE LINE AT GENEVA UNTIL DECEMBER..."

HELLA PICK, GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT:

"PRESIDENT ANDROPOV SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD BE COMPELLED TO CONCENTRATE ON DEFENSIVE COUNTER-MEASURES AND DISPELLED HOPES THAT THE RUSSIANS WOULD STAY AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE IF NATO BEGINS...DEPLOYMENT..."

FINANCIAL TIMES MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT:

"...ANDROPOV INDICATED TODAY THAT THE KREMLIN WOULD REGARD THE DISARMAMENT TALKS IN GENEVA...AS EFFECTIVELY OVER ONCE NEW US MEDIUM-RANGE MISSILES ARE DEPLOYED IN WESTERN EUROPE..."

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CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE STUDY:

NICHOLAS ASHFORD, TIMES' CORRESPONDENT IN WASHINGTON:
"THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION HAS REACTED SHARPLY TO AN
INDEPENDENT STUDY WHICH SUGGESTS THERE ARE WEAKNESSES IN
THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE US AND ITS ALLIES THAT BRITISH
AND FRENCH NUCLEAR WEAPONS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM THE INF
TALKS..."

BARBIE:

TIMES' FOREIGN STAFF:

"THE APOLOGY MADE BY WASHINGTON TO FRANCE FOR THE US
ARMY'S PART IN HELPING FORMER GESTAPO OFFICER **KLAUS BARBIE**
TO ESCAPE...WAS WELCOMED YESTERDAY BY THE FRENCH
GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, M MAX GALLO..."

THE GUARDIAN EDITORIAL:

"THE SUDDEN EXPRESSION OF REGRET FOR HAVING HELPED **KLAUS
BARBIE**...MUST SURELY STAND AS ONE OF THE MOST UNUSUAL
DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS EVER DELIVERED...TO APOLOGISE
FOR THIS SINGLE SHABBY DEAL BECAUSE BARBIE HAS BEEN CAUGHT
ONLY BEGS THE QUESTION: WHAT ABOUT ALL THE OTHERS ?"
"...TEMPERS BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND US GOVERNMENTS ARE
ALREADY STRAINED OVER A SERIES OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL
ISSUES. THIS IS ADDING TO THE PERCEPTIBLE FEELING OF
ANTI-AMERICANISM IN FRANCE..."

CENTRAL AMERICA/ALVAREZ:

TONY ALLEN-MILLS, TELEGRAPH CORRESPONDENT IN TEGUCIGALPA:
"AMERICAN FAILURE TO SUPPLY MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID TO
DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES LIKE HONDURAS COULD MEAN THE LOSS OF
CENTRAL AMERICA TO COMMUNISM, THE HEAD OF THE HONDURAN
ARMED FORCES SAID YESTERDAY..."

ANATOLE KALETSKY, FINANCIAL TIMES' CORRESPONDENT IN
WASHINGTON:

"THE HEAD OF THE HONDURAS ARMED FORCES HAS ACCUSED
NICARAGUA AND CUBA OF ATTEMPTING TO DESTABILISE HIS
GOVERNMENT AS US TROOPS CONTINUED TO POUR INTO HONDURAS
FOR THE LARGEST MILITARY EXERCISES EVE CONDUCTED IN THE
AREA..."

EL SALVADOR/US ADVISORS:

TIMES' CORRESPONDENT IN WASHINGTON:

"THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION, FACED WITH WIDESPREAD
HOSTILITY TO FURTHER US INVOLVEMENT IN CENTRAL AMERICA,
HAS DECIDED AGAINST A LARGE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF
ADVISERS TO EL SALVADOR.

THE PENTAGON AND STATE DEPARTMENT ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE
ADVISED PRESIDENT REAGAN TO HOLD THE NUMBER TO ABOUT THE
PRESENT LEVEL OF 55..."

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SHULTZ/CLARK:

FINANCIAL TIMES EDITORIAL:

"...THERE IS NO BLINKING AWAY THE MOUNTING EVIDENCE THAT INFLUENCE OVER AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY HAS BEEN SLIPPING INEXORABLY IN THE DIRECTION OF JUDGE WILLIAM CLARK... THE MORE MR CLARK SUCCEEDS IN ASSERTING HIS INFLUENCE OVER MR SHULTZ, THE GREATER THE GROUNDS FOR CONCERN... IF MR CLARK CONTINUES TO DISPLACE MR SHULTZ AS THE PRESIDENT'S MAIN FOREIGN POLICY ADVISER, HE IS LIKELY TO REINFORCE MR REAGAN'S SIMPLE VIEWS OF THE WORLD AND HIS TENDENCY TO PUT EXCESSIVE EMPHASIS ON THE MILITARY DIMENSION..."

NORTHER IRELAND/US ENVOY:

MICHAEL EVENS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT FOR THE DAILY EXPRESS:

"A BID TO APPOINT A SPECIAL US ENVOY TO BRING PEACE TO NORTHERN IRELAND WAS FIRMLY REJECTED BY BRITAIN LAST NIGHT. A GROUP OF AMERICAN POLITICIANS SAID THEY PLANNED TO PUSH THE ULSTER CONFLICT 'INTO THE WORLD SPOTLIGHT' DURING NEXT YEAR'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

THE POLITICIANS, LED BY NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMAN JOHN DEARIE, URGED PRESIDENT REAGAN TO BEGIN A 'SHUTTLE DIPLOMATIC MISSION' AS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND CENTRAL AMERICA..."-ARNOLD

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