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PARIS -- WEDNESDAY JUNE 9, 1993

(A) SUMMARY OF TYPE OF COVERAGE:

THE PRESS FOCUSES ON THE ASSASSINATION OF RENE BOUSQUET, A PROMINENT OFFICIAL IN FRANCE'S COLLABORATIONIST VICHY REGIME WHO WAS FACING CHARGES OF CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY FOR SENDING THOUSANDS OF JEWS TO THEIR DEATHS IN NAZI DEPORTATION CAMPS IN WORLD WAR II. BOUSQUET WAS SHOT AT HIS HOME IN PARIS BY A LONE GUNMAN, WHO IN THE PAST HAD TRIED TO KILL **KLAUS BARBIE** AND ALSO TRIED BIZARRE PUBLICITY STUNTS. AFTER KILLING BOUSQUET, HE CALLED THE PRESS TO A HOTEL ROOM AND DESCRIBED THE KILLING AT A NEWS CONFERENCE, BROADCAST ON TV TF-L'S EVENING NEWSCAST. HE WAS THEN ARRESTED. FRENCH JEWISH LEADERS, AS WELL AS MANY POLITICIANS, CONDEMNED THE KILLING, EXPRESSING REGRET THAT THERE WILL BE NO TRIAL FOR BOUSQUET DURING WHICH TO DEBATE PUBLICLY THE RECORD OF THE VICHY PERIOD IN FRENCH HISTORY.

AS COMMENTATORS HAD PREDICTED, FRANCE OKD THE OILSEED PART OF THE BLAIR HOUSE ACCORD YESTERDAY IN LUXEMBOURG. THIS IS A MAJOR STORY IN THE PRESS TODAY. THE PRESS REPORTS THAT FRANCE'S ACCEPTANCE, FOLLOWED BY THE 12 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS' RATIFICATION OF THE ACCORD, PUTS AN END TO "AN OLD U.S.-EC DISPUTE": AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE WRITES THAT THIS ACCORD "WILL IN PRINCIPLE BURY A 20-YEAR-OLD DISPUTE WITH THE AMERICANS"; RADIO EUROPE 1 SAID AT 7:00AM: "THE TRADE WAR WITH THE UNITED STATES IS PERHAPS AVERTED".

MANY NOTE THAT PARIS HAS COME OUT OF ITS ISOLATION ON GATT: FINANCIAL LA TRIBUNE FRONT PAGES: "PARIS COMES OUT OF THE TRAP". ECONOMIC LES ECHOS SAYS ON ITS FRONT PAGE THAT "PARIS HAD NO CHOICE ANYMORE AND...UNDERSTOOD THAT ONLY A MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE COULD MAKE IT COME OUT OF THE IMPASSE."

FOREIGN MINISTER JUPPE SAID: "IT IS FALSE TO SAY WE HAVE GIVEN IN. FRANCE HAS OBTAINED THE GUARANTEES WHICH IT WANTED" (LA TRIBUNE QUOTES).

THE PRESS ALSO FOCUSES ON THE REACTION OF FRENCH FARMERS: SOME (FNSEA UNION, THE BIGGEST) ARE RATHER MODERATE, SAYING THEY WILL "WAIT AND SEE"; OTHERS HAVE STRONGER REACTIONS: CNJA UNION (YOUNG FARMERS) SPEAKS OF "A HISTORIC ERROR"; LEFTIST CONFEDERATION PAYSANNE SPEAKS OF "A BLANK CHECK GIVEN TO THE UNITED STATES" AND COORDINATION RURALE, SPEAKS OF "BETRAYAL", AND THREATENS TO BLOCKADE PARIS.

AT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY YESTERDAY, SOCIALIST DEPUTIES SPOKE OF "CAPITULATION TO AMERICAN INTERESTS". PHILIPPE DE VILLIERS, PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL AND DEPUTY OF VENDEE, WROTE A LETTER TO EDOUARD BALLADUR SAYING THAT THE FRENCH ACCEPTANCE WAS "A REAL ABANDONMENT OF FRENCH AGRICULTURE"; "THE

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ACCORDS...SIGNED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GATT INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS CARRY SERIOUS THREATS FOR OUR AGRICULTURE," DE VILLIERS ADDED (AFP QUOTES). (SEE PART D OF REPORT).

INFLUENTIAL LIBERATION REPORTS THAT THE 12 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS ADOPTED COUNTER-RETALIATORY MEASURES AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. THESE SANCTIONS, ALTHOUGH "SYMBOLIC", ALLOWED "THE EC TO SHOW ITS COHESION", JEAN QUATREMER WRITES (SEE PART D OF REPORT).

LE MONDE MENTIONS THAT THE 12 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL MEET WITH U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE WARREN CHRISTOPHER TODAY.

ON BOSNIA, FOCUS IS ON THE FIGHTING BETWEEN CROATS AND MUSLIMS IN TRAVNIK. LIBERATION'S BELGRADE CORRESPONDENT HELENE DESPIC-POPOVIC WRITES: "AN INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S RESIGNATION: THE WAR IS HEATING UP IN BOSNIA, WHERE EVERYONE IS FIGHTING AGAINST EVERYONE ELSE."

LIBERATION PUBLISHES AN INTERVIEW WITH JOSE-MARIA MENDILUCE, WHO JUST QUIT HIS JOB AS UNHCR COORDINATOR IN BOSNIA. MENDILUCE EXPRESSES HIS "FRUSTRATION": "WE DID A LOT, BUT I FEEL GREAT FRUSTRATION FOR NOT HAVING BEEN ABLE TO DO MORE". SPEAKING ABOUT THE WASHINGTON JOINT ACTION PROGRAM, HE SAYS IT "HAS BEEN INTERPRETED BY THE SERBS AS DE FACTO RECOGNITION OF THEIR TERRITORIAL CONQUESTS."

LE FIGARO AND LE QUOTIDIEN REPORT ON THE U.S. EFFORTS TO CONVINCING NORTH KOREA NOT TO RENOUNCE THE NUCLEAR NON PROLIFERATION TREATY. STEPHANE MARCHAND SAYS IN FIGARO: "THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION REMAINS DISCRETE (ON THE QUESTION), BUT THE UNITED STATES...HAS INCREASING WORRIES ABOUT NORTH KOREA'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM". (SEE PART D OF REPORT).

AFP IN AN ARTICLE WHICH IS REPRINTED IN ITS ENTIRETY IN LE QUOTIDIEN TODAY (FIRST PAGE) REPORT THAT FRANCE IS SEEKING TO REDUCE ITS OVERSEAS MILITARY ENGAGEMENTS IN CAMBODIA, LEBANON, EX-YUGOSLAVIA, AND ELSEWHERE INCLUDING DJIBOUTI. LE QUOTIDIEN AND AFP SAY THAT MITTERAND AGREES WITH THE PRIME MINISTER'S DETERMINATION TO DO THIS, BECAUSE " 5,8 BILLION FF FOR THESE OPERATIONS (IN 1993) IS TOO MUCH".

FINANCIAL LA TRIBUNE REPORTS ON WHAT IT VIEWS AS NEW U.S. ATTACKS AGAINST AIRBUS, FOLLOWING RECENT STATEMENTS BY THE U.S. COMMERCE DEPARTMENT'S SALLY BATH.

(B) STORIES COVERED IN REPORT:

1. BOSNIA
2. GATT: OILSEEDS; EC RETALIATION AGAINST THE U.S.
3. AFRICA
4. NORTH KOREA

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(C) HEADLINES:

OILSEEDS:

"PARIS COMES OUT OF THE TRAP" (LA TRIBUNE-FRONT PAGE)

"PARIS ENDORSES THE OILSEED ACCORD" (LES ECHOS-FRONT PAGE)

"GATT: THE FRENCH MOVE" (LE FIGARO-FRONT PAGE)

"OILSEEDS: FIRE IN THE FIELDS?" (LE QUOTIDIEN-FRONT PAGE)

"FARMERS RESUME WAR" (LE PARISIEN-PAGE 8)

"TRADE TALKS GET A BOOST AS PARIS ALTERS ITS STANCE" (INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE-PAGE 9)

(D) SUPPORTING TEXT:

1. BOSNIA:

PHILIPPE LEMAITRE REPORTS FROM BRUSSELS IN INFLUENTIAL LE MONDE THAT "THE TWELVE BURY THEIR DIFFERENCES ON SAFE HAVENS": "THE TWELVE WILL NOT HENCEFORTH BE DIVIDED ON EX-YUGOSLAVIA, CONTRARY TO WHAT ONE MAY HAVE THOUGHT AFTER THE VERY NEGATIVE REACTIONS (OF SOME EC MEMBERS) LAST WEEK TO THE JOINT ACTION PLAN REACHED BY THE U.S., RUSSIA, FRANCE, BRITAIN AND SPAIN. THE 12 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS WERE TO ADOPT...A COMMON POSITION ... IN LUXEMBOURG, REAFFIRMING THEIR WILLINGNESS TO PROMOTE A POLITICAL SOLUTION BASED ON THE VANCE-OWEN PLAN, WITH THE CREATION OF SAFE HAVENS BEING ONLY A FIRST STEP. THIS MEETING WILL CERTAINLY ERASE THE BITTERNESS OF SOME (EC) MEMBER STATES WHICH WERE NOT PRESENT IN WASHINGTON (AND WERE IRRITATED BECAUSE) THEY HAD NEITHER BEEN CONSULTED, NOR EVEN INFORMED BY THE EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL.... ONE THING IS CERTAIN: THE TWELVE, AND A FORTIORI THE AMERICANS AND THE RUSSIANS, DEFINITELY DO NOT INTEND TO IMPOSE A SOLUTION MILITARILY."

2. GATT:

A--OILSEEDS:

MICHEL DARMON SAID ON TV TF-1 AT 8:00PM: "THE SUNFLOWER WAR WILL NOT TAKE PLACE. WITHOUT RECOURSE TO VETO...FRANCE FINALLY ACCEPTED A FREEZE OF EUROPEAN LANDS DEVOTED TO OILSEEDS.... THIS IS THE END OF A LONG U.S.-EUROPEAN CONFLICT, AND THE PRICE TO PAY TO BREAK FRANCE'S ISOLATION IN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS."

TV FRANCE 2'S ECONOMIC SPECIALIST PHILIPPE SASSIER SAID LAST NIGHT: "FRANCE AVOIDED A TRADE WAR WITH THE UNITED STATES AND A DISPUTE WITH GERMANY.... THE SITUATION IS NOT AT AN IMPASSE ANYMORE. BUT TRADE TALKS ARE FAR FROM OVER. FRANCE IS NO LONGER ISOLATED, BUT ITS POSITION IS FAR FROM UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED: BRITAIN AND EVEN GERMANY STILL SUSPECT US OF WANTING TO DRIVE THEM TOWARDS

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PROTECTIONISM."

A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FNSEA FARMERS' UNION SAID ON TV FRANCE 2 LAST NIGHT: "UNFORTUNATELY, EUROPE HAS UP TO NOW TOO OFTEN BOWED TO THE AMERICANS."

ANOTHER UNION REPRESENTATIVE, FROM THE CNJA, SAID--STILL ON FRANCE 2: "TONIGHT THERE IS A FEELING OF BITTERNESS AND DISARRAY IN THE FRENCH COUNTRYSIDE."

TV FRANCE 2 AT 7:00AM THIS MORNING: "...FRANCE, WHICH LED THE RESISTANCE AGAINST THE UNITED STATES, HAS FINALLY GIVEN IN. HOWEVER, IT KEEPS A MARGIN FOR MANOEUVERING ON THE OTHER ISSUES WHICH POISON INTERNATIONAL TRADE. FRENCH RESISTANCE WAS NOT IN VAIN: PARIS GOT A FFL BILLION EXTRA COMPENSATIONS FOR ITS FARMERS."

ECONOMIC LES ECHOS ON ITS FRONT PAGE: "...IN REALITY, PARIS HAD NO LONGER A CHOICE.... AFTER DRAGGING ITS FEET BEFORE THE (MARCH LEGISLATIVE) ELECTIONS, FRANCE UNDERSTOOD THAT ONLY A MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE COULD ALLOW HER TO COME OUT OF THE DEADLOCK.... FRANCE SHOULD NOW TRY TO CONVINCE ITS EUROPEAN PARTNERS TO TAKE A TOUGH STANCE VIS-A-VIS THE UNITED STATES."

STILL IN LES ECHOS, JACQUES DOCQUIERT REPORTS FROM BRUSSELS: "...YESTERDAY, FRANCE UNQUESTIONABLY MANAGED TO BREAK ITS ISOLATION ON GATT.... THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT--PARTICULARLY EDOUARD BALLADUR IN BRUSSELS ON THURSDAY--NOW HAS TO CONVINCE OUR PARTNERS THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY MUST NOT ONLY BE A BIG MARKET BUT ALSO A REAL POWER WITH FOREIGN TRADE AND CURRENCY POLICIES, WHICH ARE INDEPENDENT AND EFFECTIVE."

MARC PAOLINI REPORTS FROM LUXEMBOURG IN FINANCIAL LA TRIBUNE: "(FOREIGN MINISTER) ALAIN JUPPE, (MINISTER FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS) ALAIN LAMASSOURE AND (FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER) GERARD LONGUET WERE APPARENTLY MORE THAN SATISFIED FOR BIDDING THEMSELVES, ON JUNE 8, OF THE EMBARRASSING QUESTION OF THE U.S.-EC OILSEED ACCORD. FOR THE THREE MINISTERS, THE ELIMINATION OF THIS BONE OF CONTENTION OPENS UP ROOM FOR MANOEUEVER."

JEAN QUATREMER AND PASCAL RICHE REPORT IN INFLUENTIAL LIBERATION: "...THAT IS THE STORY OF A REALISTIC ABOUT-FACE: FRANCE IS BREAKING ITS ISOLATION AND PUTS AN END TO LOOKING LIKE THE TROUBLE-MAKER IN INTERNATIONAL FREE TRADE. ALSO--MOST EXPERTS SAY, THIS OILSEED ACCORD IS NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF. SINCE YESTERDAY, THE GOVERNMENT MUST PAINSTAKINGLY ACCOUNT FOR ITS ABOUT-FACE.... EDOUARD BALLADUR WILL TRAVEL TO BRUSSELS TO DEFEND HIS 'GATT MEMORANDUM' TOMORROW FROM A STRONGER POSITION."

GUILLAUME ROQUETTE IN FIGARO'S FIG-ECO: "...HAVING SHOWN

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ITS GOOD WILL ON THE OILSEED QUESTION, PARIS NOW HOPES TO GET SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN THE BLAIR HOUSE ACCORD. THIS IS ONE OF THE CHAPTERS OF THE FRENCH MEMORANDUM ON THE URUGUAY ROUND WHICH EDOUARD BALLADUR WILL DEFEND BEFORE THE EC COMMISSION TOMORROW IN BRUSSELS."

RENAUD DE CHAZOURNES IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE QUOTIDIEN: "...BY LIFTING ITS HOSTILITY TO THE OILSEED ACCORD, THE GOVERNMENT IS ALSO GETTING OUT OF AN UNCOMFORTABLE SITUATION VIS-A-VIS ITS EUROPEAN PARTNERS."

JOEL AUBERT SAYS IN REGIONAL SUD-OUEST: "THE FRENCH ROOSTER COULD NOT INDEFINITELY DELAY PROGRESS ON GATT. HE CROWED ONE LAST TIME AND DREW IN ITS SPURS."

TOM BUERKELE IN THE INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE: "...ALAIN LAMASSOURE, FRANCE'S MINISTER FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, REITERATED PARIS' OPPOSITION TO THE OVERALL TRANS-ATLANTIC ACCORD ON AGRICULTURE REACHED LAST YEAR IN WASHINGTON, AS WELL AS FRANCE'S VIEW THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS ABUSING A LONGSTANDING DEAL THAT ALLOWS IT TO EXPORT CORN GLUTEN ANIMAL FEED TO THE COMMUNITY. SIR LEON BRITTAN...SAID HE SAW NO LIKELIHOOD OF WINNING FRENCH SUPPORT FOR THE WASHINGTON AGREEMENT IN THE SHORT TERM AND ADDED THAT FRANCE COULD NOT HOPE TO ACHIEVE ALL ITS OBJECTIVES ON AGRICULTURE.... EC SOURCES SAID THEY STILL HOPED FRANCE WOULD RELAX ITS POSITION ON AGRICULTURE IF AN OVERALL GATT ACCORD CAME INTO VIEW THIS YEAR."

B--EC RETALIATION AGAINST U.S.:

JEAN QUATREMER REPORTS FROM LUXEMBOURG: "AFTER BLOWING HOT ON TRANS-ATLANTIC TRADE RELATIONS BY RATIFYING THE OILSEEDS ACCORD, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY BLOWED COLD BY ADOPTING, AT THE SAME FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING, COUNTER-RETALIATION MEASURES AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.... THE TWELVE UNANIMOUSLY RESPONDED, WITH UNUSUAL RAPIDITY, TO THE SANCTIONS AGAINST THE EC DECIDED UPON BY THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION ON MAY 27. THIS IS A FIRST, BECAUSE THE COMMUNITY HAD UP TO NOW ALWAYS REACTED TO U.S. MOVES BY 'PROMISES TO ACT OR RECOURSE TO A GATT PANEL' AS A FRENCH DIPLOMAT SAYS IRONICALLY. FOR THE TIME BEING HOWEVER...NO ONE WANTS, ON EITHER SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC, TO TRIGGER A GENERAL TRADE WAR.... THESE (EC) SANCTIONS ARE VERY TARGETED, AND SYMBOLIC. HOWEVER, THEY ALLOWED THE COMMUNITY TO SHOW ITS COHESION. THESE...MEASURES ARE A POLITICAL PRECEDENT WITH SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL MEANING, IN THOSE TIMES OF GATT NEGOTIATIONS WHEN THE AMERICANS REGULARLY SHOW THEIR POWER."

3. AFRICA:

INFLUENTIAL LE MONDE FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL: "...SOMALIA, LIBERIA, ANGOLA: THESE THREE AFRICAN COUNTRIES...ARE

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CURRENTLY UNDERGOING THE RAVAGES OF...WARLORDS. FOR THIS REASON, THEY HAVE BECOME...THE FIELD OF FOREIGN INTERFERENCE.... ALTHOUGH IT DOES NOT HAVE THE MEANS TO AVERT BLIND SLAUGHTERS, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST ACT WHEREVER IT CAAL: "...SOMALIA, LIBERIA, ANGOLA: THESE THREE AFRICAN COUNTRIES...ARE CURRENTLY UNDERGOING THE RAVAGES OF...WARLORDS. FOR THIS REASON, THEY HAVE BECOME...THE FIELD OF FOREIGN INTERFERENCE.... ALTHOUGH IT DOES NOT HAVE THE MEANS TO AVERT BLIND SLAUGHTERS, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST ACT WHEREVER IT CAN. IN SOMALIA, IT IS URGENT TO FORCEFULLY NEUTRALIZE CLAN LEADERS BY DISARMING THEIR SUPPORTERS--A TASK TO WHICH THE U.S. SOLDIERS HAD NOT GOTTEN DOWN. TO BRING THESE ENEMIES OF PEACE INTO LINE...IS THE NECESSARY PROLOGUE TO A REBIRTH OF THIS STATE AND A THRUST IN CIVILIAN SOCIETY. BY MASSIVELY INVOLVING ITSELF IN THIS MARTYR-COUNTRY, WHERE NO ONE DIES OF HUNGER ANYMORE, THE UN GAMBLED ITS CREDIBILITY. IT HAS NO RIGHT TO FAIL."

4. NORTH KOREA:

CONSERVATIVE LE FIGARO'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT STEPHANE MARCHAND: "THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION REMAINS DISCRETE (ON THE QUESTION). HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES, WHICH HAS DEPLOYED 36.500 SOLDIERS IN SOUTH KOREA, HAS INCREASING WORRIES ABOUT NORTH KOREA'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM.... IF NORTH KOREA ACQUIRES NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THIS WOULD CHANGE THE GEO-STRATEGIC SITUATION IN ASIA. JAPAN WOULD BE INCLINED TO GET NUCLEAR WEAPONS TOO. CHINA WOULD CONSIDER IT AS A SERIOUS REGIONAL THREAT. THE ARMS RACE IN ASIA, ALREADY FRENZIED, WOULD GET OUT OF CONTROL. IVEN ITS PRESENCE IN SOUTH KOREA, THE UNITED STATES COULD NOT REMAIN A SPECTATOR." KORENGOLD

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END OF MESSAGE

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