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SUBJECT: ARA GUIDANCES, THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 1995

1. ARA PRESS STATEMENT AND GUIDANCES OF AUGUST 24, 1995:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE AUGUST 24, 1995 STATEMENT BY JOHN DINGER, ACTING SPOKESMAN

-- GUATEMALA: U.S. WELCOMES TEMPORARY CEASE-FIRE --

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THE AUGUST 22 ANNOUNCEMENT BY GUATEMALAN NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY UNITY (URNG) OF A CEASE-FIRE DURING NOVEMBER 1-13, COINCIDING WITH SCHEDULED NATIONAL ELECTIONS. A CEASE-FIRE WILL HELP ENSURE THAT THESE ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE IN A CLIMATE FREE OF VIOLENCE AND INTIMIDATION.

WE ALSO WELCOME THE COMMITMENT BY LEADERS OF GUATEMALAN POLITICAL PARTIES TO IMPLEMENT ANY ACCORDS REACHED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE URNG. AN END TO THE ARMED STRUGGLE IS A CRUCIAL STEP TOWARD RESTORING FULL RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN GUATEMALA AND PERMITTING ALL GUATEMALANS TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF PEACE, DEVELOPMENT AND DEMOCRACY.

- -- CLOSURE OF CUBAN AIRSPACE --
- Q: ARE REPORTS THAT THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT WILL CLOSE CUBAN AIRSPACE TRUE?
- A: THE GOC HAS INDICATED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNNELS THAT IT IS CONSIDERING CLOSING THE GIRON CORRIDOR OF CUBAN AIRSPACE ON SEPTEMBER 2, THE DATE OF A PLANNED FLOTILLA ORGANIZED BY CUBAN EXILES.

THE GOC INDICATED IT MAY TAKE THIS MEASURE DUE TO CONCERN THAT AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATED WITH THE FLOTILLA MAY ATTEMPT TO ENTER CUBAN AIRSPACE WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION, AS OCCURRED DURING A PREVIOUS FLOTILLA ON JULY 13, 1995.

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2. L PRESS GUIDANCE OF AUGUST 24, 1995:

- -- ARGENTINA: DENIAL OF EXTRADITION OF NAZI PRIEBKE --
- Q: DOES THE U.S. HAVE ANY VIEWS ON THE RECENT DECISION BY AN ARGENTINE APPEALS COURT TO OVERTURN AN ORDER TO EXTRADITE ERICH PRIEBKE, A FORMER CAPTAIN IN THE NAZI SS ACCUSED OF COMMITTING WAR CRIMES IN ITALY?

A: WE ARE NOT YET FULLY INFORMED ON THE DETAILS OF THIS CASE. WE NOTE THAT THE ARGENTINE PROSECUTOR REPORTEDLY WILL APPEAL THE DECISION TO THE ARGENTINE SUPREME COURT. WE WILL BE FOLLOWING CLOSELY ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

WITHOUT KNOWING OR COMMENTING ON THE DETAILS OF THIS CASE, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE US BELIEVES PERPETRATORS OF WAR CRIMES SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.

TALBOTT

ADMIN END OF MESSAGE

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