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SUBJECT: S/NIS PRESS GUIDANCE - APRIL 18, 1995

1. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED AND APPROVED BY THE OFFICE OF THE AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE FOR THE NEW INDEPENDENT STATES FOR THE DEPARTMENT BRIEFINGS. QUESTIONS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO ANNE JOHNSON, S/NIS, PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

RUSSIA: CHECHNYA

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Q: WHAT ABOUT CONTINUING REPORTS OF ATROCITIES IN SAMASHKI? UNCLASSIFIED

- A: -- WE ARE DEEPLY DISTURBED BY THE REPORTS OF ATROCITIES AGAINST CIVILIANS IN SAMASHKI.
- THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION OF ITS OWN TO CONFIRM THESE REPORTS, BUT REPRESENTATIVES FROM RUSSIAN HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS, THE ICRC AND OTHERS ARE CONSISTENT LEADING US TO BELIEVE THE REPORTS ARE CORRECT.
- OUR EMBASSY HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO RAISE THE ISSUE WITH THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT.
- WE ARE APPALLED AT THE APPARENT LACK OF RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN NORMS AND HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLES.
- THESE ACTIONS APPEAR TO US TO BE THE RESULT OF INADEQUATE MILITARY DISCIPLINE.
- WE CALL ON THE RUSSIAN TROOPS TO EXERCISE FULL RESPECT FOR THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AND THE ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF THEIR HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS.
- WE URGE THE RUSSIAN TROOPS TO RESPECT INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAWS SUCH AS THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS ON THE PROTECTION OF THE
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VICTIMS OF ARMED CONFLICT AND PROTOCOL II ON
INTERNAL ARMED CONFLICTS.

- SPECIFICALLY, WE URGE THEM TO RESPECT THE REQUIREMENTS OF COMMON ARTICLE 3 TO THE 1949 CONVENTIONS ON HUMANE TREATMENT FOR CAPTURED INDIVIDUALS AND THE REQUIREMENT IN PROTOCOL II THAT CIVILIANS NOT BE MADE THE OBJECT OF ATTACKS.

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- WE ALSO CALL UPON THEM TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE CODE OF CONDUCT, SIGNED BY ALL OSCE PARTICIPATING STATES, INCLUDING RUSSIA, LAST DECEMBER.

- SPECIFICALLY, WE URGE RUSSIA TO RESPECT THE COMMITMENT TO USE FORCE "COMMENSURATE WITH THE NEEDS FOR ENFORCEMENT," AND TO "TAKE DUE CARE TO AVOID INJURY TO CIVILIANS OR THEIR PROPERTY."

- WE BELIEVE EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE BY ALL CONCERNED TO STOP THE FIGHTING AND IMMEDIATELY BEGIN TO WORK WITH THE OSCE TO START THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING A MECHANISM FOR PEACEFULLY RESOLVING THIS DISPUTE.

UKRAINE: U.S. ASSISTANCE FOR CHORNOBYL

Q: WHAT IS THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHORNOBYL
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SHUTDOWN FUND?

- A: -- THE UNITED STATES IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH UKRAINE, OUR G-7 PARTNERS, THE EU AND THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE NAPLES ACTION PLAN FOR COMPREHENSIVE REFORM OF UKRAINE'S ENERGY SECTOR. THE PLAN ENVISIONS CLOSING CHORNOBYL, DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES AND PROMOTING ENERGY EFFICIENCY.
- AT THE NAPLES SUMMIT, THE G-7 PLEDGED A TOTAL OF \$200 MILLION IN SUPPORT OF THE ACTION PLAN. THE U.S. COMMITTED TO PROVIDE \$38 MILLION AS OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THIS MULTILATERAL EFFORT.
- IN ADDITION TO OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE G-7 EFFORT, THE U.S. HAS PROVIDED A TOTAL OF NEARLY

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\$48 MILLION IN NUCLEAR SAFETY ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT ENERGY
SECTOR RESTRUCTURING AND IMPROVED ENERGY EFFICIENCY, WHICH SHOULD FACILITATE THE EARLY
CLOSURE OF CHORNOBYL.

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