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PARIS -- FRIDAY APRIL 8, 1994

(A) SUMMARY OF TYPE OF COVERAGE:

THE UNPRECEDENTED PRIME-TIME "ALL AGAINST AIDS" GALA BROADCAST SIMULTANEOUSLY ON FRANCE'S SIX NATIONWIDE TV NETWORKS LAST NIGHT MAKES THE HEADLINES IN THE PRESS THIS MORNING. ENTERTAINMENT CELEBRITIES JOINED GOVERNMENT MINISTERS, SCIENTISTS AND AIDS VICTIMS IN THE PROGRAM.

ANOTHER LEAD STORY IS THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION STRIKE WHICH PARALYZED THE PARIS REGION YESTERDAY WITH TRAINS, BUSES AND METROS BARELY FUNCTIONING AND ROAD TRAFFIC CRAWLING IN 300 KILOMETERS (188 MILES) OF TRAFFIC JAMS.

A THIRD MAJOR DOMESTIC STORY, THE SUICIDE OF FRANCOIS DE GROSSOUVRE, A 76-YEAR-OLD FRIEND AND AIDE TO PRESIDENT UNCLASSIFIED

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PAGE 03 PARIS 09491 01 OF 06 080958Z FRANCOIS MITTERRAND, AT HIS PRESIDENTIAL ELYSEE PALACE OFFICE YESTERDAY. THE ELYSEE ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING THAT THE POLICE WERE INVESTIGATING.

PRIME MINISTER EDOUARD BALLADUR'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO CHINA IS STILL A MAJOR STORY. THE PRESS REPORTS THAT THE FRENCH AND CHINESE PRIME MINISTERS ADDRESSED THE HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION FOR 20 MINUTES YESTERDAY. THE VISIT IS PRIMARILY POLITICAL, COMMENTATORS REPORT, EXPLAINING THAT ITS AIM IS THE "NORMALIZATION" OF FRANCO-CHINESE RELATIONS.

THE DEATHS OF RWANDA'S AND BURUNDI'S PRESIDENTS IN A PLANE CRASH ON WEDNESDAY IS A MAJOR FOREIGN STORY. COMMENTATORS EXPECT INCREASED "PASSIONS" IN THE TWO COUNTRIES; LE MONDE SPEAKS OF THE RISK OF "A NEW TERRIBLE TRAGEDY; " LE FIGARO OF A RISK OF "ETHNIC MASSACRES AND CIVIL WAR."

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SOUTH AFRICA IS ALSO IN THE NEWS, AS A QUADRI-PARTITE SUMMIT WILL TAKE PLACE TODAY WITH PRESIDENT DE KLERK, ANC LEADER MANDELA, ZULU LEADER BUTHELEZI AND ZULU KING GOODWILL. CATHOLIC LA CROIX SPEAKS OF "THE SUMMIT OF THE LAST CHANCE."

BOSNIA IS STILL IN THE NEWS. FOCUS IS ON THE SITUATION IN THE MUSLIM ENCLAVE OF GORAZDE. SPEAKING TO JOURNALISTS YESTERDAY, FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTER FRANCOIS LEOTARD SAID HE WAS IN FAVOR OF USING FORCE TO HALT THE SERBIAN AGGRESSION IN GORAZDE. AIR STRIKES ARE "TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE IF WEATHER CONDITIONS ALLOW" THEM, UNCLASSIFIED

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HE SAID, ADDING THAT "POLITICAL WILL" WAS THE ONLY THING
NEEDED (AFP QUOTES). MFA SPOKESMAN RICHARD DUQUE SAID
YESTERDAY: "NATO FORCES ARE IN PLACE. IT IS UP TO
UNPROFOR TO DECIDE WHETHER IT IS OPPORTUNE FOR IT TO
CALL FOR (NATO) AIRPLANES" TO DEFEND THE MUSLIM ENCLAVE
(AFP).

THE ECONOMIC PRESS DEVOTES WIDE COVERAGE TO THE COMPROMISE REACHED IN GENEVA YESTERDAY ON THE "SOCIAL CLAUSE" ON GATT. LA TRIBUNE AND LES ECHOS MAKE THEIR FRONT-PAGE HEADLINES WITH THIS STORY. ALL COMMENTATORS

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STRESS THAT THIS COMPROMISE WILL PREVENT THE APRIL 12-15 MARRAKESH MEETING FROM BECOMING "A NORTH-SOUTH CONFRONTATION. " WHILE LA TRIBUNE SPEAKS OF "A RETREAT" FOR PARIS AND WASHINGTON, WHICH HAD STRONGLY ADVOCATED THE INCLUSION OF A SOCIAL CLAUSE IN THE MINISTERIAL DECLARATION, LIBERATION SAYS THAT THE COMPROMISE REACHED -- A "VERY DIPLOMATIC. SOLUTION" -- ALLOWS ALL TO "SAVE FACE."

STILL ON GATT, LE FIGARO'S FIG-ECO REPORTS ON THE U.S.-EUROPEAN DISPUTE ON THE AUDIOVISUAL, SPEAKING OF "A CONFLICT OF INTERPRETATION" BETWEEN EUROPEANS AND AMERICANS.

LIBERATION REPORTS ON THE "GREEN BOOK" ON AUDIOVISUAL WHICH THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION ADOPTED ON WEDNESDAY, AND ITS CALL FOR "AUDIOVISUAL RESISTANCE" TO THE PENETRATION OF U.S. AUDIOVISUAL PRODUCTS IN THE EU MARKET.

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- (C) HEADLINES:

AFRICA:

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"NORTH-SOUTH COMPROMISE ON THE SOCIAL CLAUSE IN GATT"

(LES ECHOS-FRONT PAGE)

"THE SOCIAL CLAUSE IS POSTPONED" (LA TRIBUNE-FRONT PAGE)

(D) SUPPORTING TEXT:

1. AFRICA:

A--RWANDA-BURUNDI:

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PARIS 09491 02 OF 06 080959Z INFLUENTIAL LE MONDE FRONT-PAGE UNATTRIBUTED EDITORIAL: "...THE GREAT LAKES REGION, CALLED 'A GUNPOWDER KEG' SINCE THE OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER MASSACRES IN BURUNDI, DESERVES MORE THAN EVER THIS SAD NAME. IN THE TWO COUNTRIES (BURUNDI AND RWANDA), DISPLACED POPULATIONS...MAY INCREASE THE RISKS OF ETHNIC VIOLENCE. HUTU AND TUTSI EXTREMISTS MAY TRY TO BENEFIT FROM THE FEARS IN EACH COMMUNITY."

PHILIPPE GELIE IN CONSERVATIVE LE FIGARO: "...TODAY THE PEACE PROCESS SEEMS JEOPARDIZED: THE ASSASSINATION OF THE (RWANDAN) PRESIDENT MAY TRIGGER PASSIONS, AT A

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MOMENT WHEN HUTU NATIONALISM SEEMS TEMPTED TO IMPLEMENT A 'RADICAL' SOLUTION TO THE TUTSI QUESTION."

B--SOUTH AFRICA:

CONSERVATIVE LE FIGARO'S JOHANNESBURG CORRESPONDENT CAROLINE DUMAY: "...IF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT REPUSES TO GIVE IN TO BUTHELEZI (RECOGNITION OF THE ZULU KINGDOM), WILL THE ZULUS RESORT TO THEIR WEAPONS AS THEY PROMISE THEY WILL DO? NO ONE CAN PREDICT WHO WILL FOLLOW THE INKHATA LEADER. NELSON MANDELA IS MORE POPULAR THAN BUTHELEZI IN NATAL, AND AT LEAST HALF OF THE ZULUS BELONG TO THE RANKS OF THE ANC. BUT THE PARTISANS OF (BUTHELEZI'S) INKHATA FREEDOM PARTY HAVE ALREADY SHOWN THEY CAN KILL."

HENRI VERNET IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE QUOTIDIEN: "...THE ONLY WEAK HOPE IS THAT THE FOUR LEADERS WILL PERHAPS UNCLASSIFIED

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MARIA MALAGARDIS IN CATHOLIC LA CROIX: "THIS IS THE LAST-CHANCE SUMMIT IN ORDER TO AVOID INCREASED CONFRONTATION, EVEN A GENERAL EXPLOSION IN SOUTH AFRICA BEFORE THE APRIL 27 ELECTIONS."

2. NORTH KOREA:

PATRICK WASJMAN AUTHORS AN OP-ED PIECE IN CONSERVATIVE LE FIGARO: "...THE NORTH KOREAN REGIME IS DETESTABLE. ONE DAY OR ANOTHER, IT WILL DISAPPEAR JUST LIKE MOST COMMUNIST REGIMES WHICH ONE THOUGHT WERE ETERNAL. HOWEVER, THIS CRISIS MUSTN'T BE HANDLED WITH BRUTALITY.... FOR THE TIME BEING, IT WOULD BE WISE FOR THE U.S. TO: -CONTINUE TO REINFORCE THE DEFENSIVE SYSTEM OF ITS SOUTH

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KOREAN ALLY, BUT WITHOUT ANNOUNCING IT.

-CONVINCE BEIJING TO BRING PYONGYANG BACK TO REASON.

AFTER ALL, THE CHINESE HAVE ALWAYS CONSIDERED THIS ZONE
AS BELONGING TO THEIR AREA OF INFLUENCE.

-SECRETLY GET IN TOUCH WITH NORTH KOREAN OFFICIALS AND

CLEARLY EXPLAIN TO THEM THAT WASHINGTON REMAINS OPEN TO
A GENEROUS COMPROMISE; THAT THIS COMPROMISE IMPLIES

PYONGYANG'S RENUNCIATION OF ITS NUCLEAR ARSENAL; AND

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THAT THE NUMBER ONE WORLD POWER WILL NOT LET ITSELF BE
INTIMIDATED BY A DICTATORSHIP....
WHEN A CRISIS IS VERY SERIOUS, AND WHEN A SINGLE MISTAKE
CAN HAVE INCALCULABLE CONSEQUENCES, SECRET DIPLOMACY IS
OFTEN GOOD, BECAUSE IT ALLOWS FOR CONCESSIONS NOT TO BE
MADE INTO HUMILIATIONS. IN THE PAST, NIXON AND
KISSINGER USED IT (SECRET DIPLOMACY), IN A SUCCESSFUL
WAY. WHO REMEMBERS THAT IN 1970 THE WHITE HOUSE MANAGED
TO CONVINCE THE SOVIETS TO DISCREETLY DISMANTLE THE
NUCLEAR SUBMARINE BASE THEY WERE BUILDING IN CIENFUEGOS,
CUBA? THE PRESS DID NOT EVEN KNOW ABOUT IT."

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3. RUSSIA:

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ECONOMIC LES ECHOS BACK-PAGE UNSIGNED EDITORIAL:
"...RUSSIA'S DESIRE NOT TO HAVE ITS MILITARY COOPERATION
WITH NATO PLACED ON THE SAME LEVEL AS THAT OF COUNTRIES
LIKE ALBANIA OR MOLDOVA IS PROBABLY JUSTIFIED. IT IS
ALSO PROBABLY JUSTIFIED THAT THE SIXTEEN NATO COUNTRIES
RESERVE FOR RUSSIA A RANK WHICH IS CONMESURATE WITH ITS
AMBITIONS INSIDE THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE PROGRAM.
NOTHING WOULD BE WORSE FOR THE WEST THAN TO HUMILIATE
THE RUSSIANS AND DESTABILIZE BORIS YELTSIN. HOWEVER, IT
WOULD BE DANGEROUS FOR THE WEST TO DEAL WITH RUSSIA AS
IT USED TO DEAL WITH THE USSR. IT IT TIME TO TELL THAT
COUNTRY THAT ITS AREA OF INFLUENCE NOW STOPS ON ITS
WESTERN BORDERS."

IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE QUOTIDIEN, PAUL CAMBON COMMENTS ON RUSSIAN OFFICIALS' "CONTRADICTORY STATEMENTS" ABOUT UNCLASSIFIED

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THEIR INTENTION TO JOIN THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE
PROGRAM: "...WESTERN DIPLOMATS IN MOSCOW PUT FORWARD A
SURPRISING HYPOTHESIS TO ACCOUNT FOR MOSCOW'S
HESITATIONS (ON PFP). ACCORDING TO THEM, THE RUSSIANS
ARE IRRITATED NOT TO HAVE BEEN INVITED TO THE JUNE 6 DDAY CEREMONIES, AND ARE THUS EXERTING SUBTLE PRESSURE SO
THAT RUSSIAN OFFICIALS WILL FINALLY BE INVITED TO
NORMANDY. BE IT ONLY SYMBOLICALLY."

4. GATT:

NICOLAS BEYTOUT ON RADIO RTL THIS MORNING: "...IT (SOCIAL CLAUSE) IS A DIFFICULT ISSUE, WHICH IS FAR FROM RESOLVED. IT WAS JUST PUT IN PARENTHESIS BY GATT COUNTRIES YESTERDAY. SOMETIMES, DIPLOMATS' WISDOM SUITS THE ECONOMY."

FRANCOIS ROCHE AUTHORS AN EDITORIAL ON THE BACK PAGE OF FINANCIAL LA TRIBUNE: "...TO INTRODUCE A SOCIAL CLAUSE INTO INTERNATIONAL TRADE TALKS IS TO RUN THE RISK OF A DOUBLE DRIFT: THAT OF AN ABUSIVE USE OF THE CLAUSE IN ORDER TO PROTECT ONE'S BORDERS; AND THAT OF A PROLIFERATION OF BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN PARTNERS WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN AGREEING, TO THE DETRIMENT OF A THIRD COUNTRY. WHY RUN THE RISK OF DISPLEASING CHINA--

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ONE OF THE FIRST COUNTRIES CONCERNED BY LOW SALARIES AND LACK OF SOCIAL GUARANTEES--WHEN ONE WANTS TO SELL BEIJING NUCLEAR PLANTS, PLANES OR WEAPONS? THIS EXPLAINS WHY THE LEADERS OF INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS, DESPITE THEIR PUBLIC STATEMENTS, ARE VERY CAUTIOUS ON THIS QUESTION.... THE U.S. AND FRENCH RETREAT (THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PAGE 04 PARIS 09491 04 OF 06 081000Z SOCIAL CLAUSE WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE MINISTERIAL DECLARATION) IS EASILY ACCOUNTED FOR. AND ONE BETS THAT THE TALKS ON THE SUBJECT, IN THE FUTURE WTO FRAMEWORK, WILL BE MODELS OF LINGUISTIC CONTORSION. CHINESE, PAKISTANI, MADAGASCAN AND SRI-LANKAN WORKERS WILL NOT BE BETTER PAID, AND PROTECTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE."

MARC DEGER AND DANIEL VIGNERON REPORT FROM GENEVA IN LA TRIBUNE: "THE U.S. AND FRANCE, WHICH HAD DEVOTED INSTENSE DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY FOR INCLUDING A SOCIAL CLAUSE INTO THE MINISTERIAL DECLARATION, HAVE NOT WON.... BUT THE DOOR IS NOT COMPLETELY CLOSED. BUT THE

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LINKAGE BETWEEN SOCIAL STANDARDS AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS WILL NOT BE ESTABLISHED IN MARRAKESH, AS FRANCE AND THE U.S. WANTED, BUT DURING THE LONG AND DIFFICULT TALKS ABOUT THE MANDATE OF THE WTO (WORLD

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TRADE ORGANIZATION). THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL HAVE TO FIGHT IN ORDER TO INCLUDE THIS QUESTION INTO THE WTO'S MANDATE."

CATHERINE CHATIGNOUX IN ECONOMIC LES ECHOS: "...FINALLY, A MIDDLE OF THE ROAD VERSION WAS ADOPTED (BY GATT COUNTRIES) IN GENEVA YESTERDAY, IN AN EFFORT NOT TO CAST A SHADOW ON THE SIGNING CEREMONY NEXT WEEK IN MARRAKESH.... THE SOLUTION ADOPTED YESTERDAY WILL PREVENT THE MARRAKESH MEETING FROM BECOMING A NEW DIPLOMATIC BATTLEFIELD. COUNTRIES LIKE INDIA ALREADY HAVE A HARD TIME CONVINCING A RELUCTANT PUBLIC OF THE BENEFITS THAT IT WILL DRAW FROM THE URUGUAY ROUND TRADE ACCORDS. TOO CONSTRAINING A SOCIAL CLAUSE WOULD HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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PARIS 09491 05 OF 06 081000Z PAGE 03 BEEN INTERPRETED (BY LDC'S) AS A REAL DECLARATION OF WAR BY THE UNITED STATES. HOWEVER, THE SOLUTION ADOPTED REMAINS FORMAL, AND THE ISSUE IS NOT RESOLVED. IT MAY EVEN PIT THE NORTH AGAINST THE SOUTH, BUT DIVIDE NORTHERN COUNTRIES."

LE FIG-ECO GENEVA CORRESPONDENT LAURENT MOSSU: "...IN A WAY TO CALM THINGS DOWN, THE U.S. AND FRANCE HAVE GIVEN UP THEIR DEMANDS FOR FORMALLY INCLUDING THE SOCIAL CLAUSE INTO THE DOCUMENTS SIGNED IN MARRAKESH. IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE FROM BECOMING A VIRULENT NORTH-SOUTH CONFRONTATION, A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION HAS BEEN WORKED OUT IN GENEVA.... IT REMAINS THAT THE MINISTERS WILL OBVIOUSLY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS ALL THE QUESTIONS IN WHICH THEY ARE INTERESTED. GERARD LONGUET AND HIS U.S. COUNTERPART MICKEY KANTOR WILL UNDOUBTEDLY USE THIS OPPORTUNITY, AND TRY TO PUSH THEIR MESSAGE (ON LABOR STANDARDS) ALONG."

LE FIG-ECO BRUSSELS CORRESPONDENT BAUDOUIN BOLLAERT: "ONE WEEK BEFORE THE OFFICIAL SIGNING OF THE URUGUAY ROUND ACCORDS IN MARRAKESH, THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION REACTED WITH MODERATION AND VIGILANCE TO THE ANNUAL REPORT BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (ON TRADE BARRIERS). THE (EUROPEAN) MODERATE REACTION IS JUSTIFIED BY SEVERAL REASONS: FIRST BECAUSE THE REPORT IS ALWAYS PUBLISHED BEFORE MARCH 31. THERE IS THUS NO

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ATTEMPT AT INTIMIDATION ON THE PART OF WASHINGTON, A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE MARRAKESH CONFERENCE; RATHER, IT IS 'AN ORDINARY EVENT' AND A COINCIDENCE OF DATES. ON THE OTHER HAND, ACCORDING TO THE COMMISSION SPOKESMAN, THE UNCLASSIFIED

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1994 REPORT IS 'MUCH BETTER' FOR THE TWELVE EU COUNTRIES
THAN THAT OF LAST YEAR.... FINALLY, BECAUSE THERE IS A
'DIALOGUE' BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND THE TWELVE....
HOWEVER, EU AUTHORITIES REMAIN CONCERNED BY THE
UNILATERAL SANCTIONS WHICH WASHINGTON MAY DECIDE TO
IMPOSE ON THE EU IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLES 301 AND
SUPER 301 OF ITS TRADE LEGISLATION."

BLANDINE HENNION IN INFLUENTIAL LIBERATION: "...THE COMPROMISE REACHED YESTERDAY ALLOWS ALL (GATT COUNTRIES) TO SAVE FACE. AS THEY WANTED, THE POOREST COUNTRIES DON'T HAVE TO SIGN A FINAL TEXT WHICH INCLUDES A

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REFERENCE (TO SOCIAL STANDARDS). FRANCE AND THE U.S. CAN BE SATISFIED FOR HAVING PUSHED THIS IDEA (SOCIAL CLAUSE) FORWARD."

LIBERATION'S BRUSSELS CORRESPONDENT JEAN QUATREMER REPORTS ON THE EU "GREEN BOOK" ON AUDIOVISUAL: "EUROPE

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HAS ONLY A FEW YEARS LEFT TO PREVENT ITS AUDIOVISUAL SECTOR FROM BECOMING A U.S. SUBSIDIARY. IN THE 'GREEN BOOK' WHICH IT ADOPTED WEDNESDAY, THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION IS CALLING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A REAL INDUSTRIAL POLICY BASED ON SUBSIDIES AND WELL-UNDERSTOOD PROTECTIONISM.... AT A TIME WHEN THE UNION HAS 18 MILLION UNEMPLOYED, ONE UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS CALL FOR MOBILIZATION AGAINST THE YANKEE INVADER IS NOT ONLY THE RESULT OF ILL-PLACED EUROPEAN PRIDE." KORENGOLD

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