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1. CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR JAMES W. PARDEW, EUR/TMS.  
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2. (C) GERMAN EMBASSY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CALLED ON THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MILITARY STABILIZATION IN THE BALKANS, AMBASSADOR JAMES W. PARDEW, JULY 22, TO DISCUSS GERMAN INVOLVEMENT IN TRAINING OF FEDERATION FORCES. THE U.S. SIDE PROPOSED STAFF-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON THE WEEK OF JULY 29 OR AUGUST 5.

3. (C) PARDEW REFERRED TO THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN TRAIN AND EQUIP-RELATED COOPERATION (REF A). HE RAISED SOME OPTIONS FOR THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT'S CONSIDERATION. ONE OF THESE OPTIONS WAS UH-LH UTILITY HELICOPTER PILOT AND MAINTENANCE TRAINING. PARDEW SAID WE

WERE PLANNING TO BRING IN THE HELICOPTERS IN THE FALL, BUT THAT A TRANSITION PROGRAM WAS NEEDED FOR PILOTS AND TECHNICIANS. [REDACTED] CONFIRMED THAT THE GERMANS HAVE A HELICOPTER SCHOOL. PARDEW EMPHASIZED THAT THE U.S.-CONTRIBUTED HELICOPTERS WERE UTILITY, NOT COMBAT, HELICOPTERS, AND THAT THE GERMANS COULD HELP MEET A REAL NEED BY PROVIDING THE TRAINING.

4. (C) ANOTHER POSSIBILITY, PARDEW ADDED, WAS TRAINING IN M-113 APC MAINTENANCE. PARDEW STRESSED THAT HE WAS NOT SUGGESTING TRAINING IN COMBAT OPERATIONS. IF THE TRAINING WERE DONE IN BOSNIA, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE BY NON-UNIFORMED PERSONNEL, TO MAINTAIN THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN IFOR AND T AND E. HOWEVER, IF DONE IN GERMANY, IT COULD BE DONE BY MILITARY PERSONNEL.

5. (C) [REDACTED] PROMISED TO PASS ON PARDEW'S SUGGESTIONS,  
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AND OUTLINED GERMAN THINKING ON TRAINING. A MEMO HAD GONE TO DEFENSE MINISTER RUEHE FOR APPROVAL, HE SAID, THAT LISTED FIVE AREAS FOR BOSNIAN TRAINING. THESE WERE: MEDICAL, MINE CLEARING, CSEM'S, CIVILIAN COMMAND, AND SEARCH AND RESCUE. A DECISION WAS EXPECTED ON JULY 24.

6. (C) AMBASSADOR PARDEW'S DEPUTY FOR INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION, AMBASSADOR JON GLASSMAN, INDICATED THAT WE

HAVE ASKED EMBASSY BONN TO PROPOSE THE WEEKS OF JULY 29 OR AUGUST 5 FOR STAFF-LEVEL TALKS IN WASHINGTON. [REDACTED] RESPONDED THAT THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT SEES A NEED TO COORDINATE THESE EFFORTS, AND ADDED THAT IT WOULD MAKE SENSE TO HAVE THE COORDINATING MEETING IN WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, THE DECISION ON TRAINING WILL NOT BE TAKEN BEFORE JULY 24, SO JULY 29 MIGHT BE A LITTLE EARLY. PARDEW SAID THAT ONCE THE GERMANS HAD MADE THEIR DECISION, THERE NEEDED ALSO TO BE FULL COORDINATION WITH MPRI IN SARAJEVO. A WASHINGTON MEETING WOULD PERMIT PARTICIPATION BY MPRI.

7. (C) ASKED FOR THE REACTION IN GERMANY TO THE LAUNCHING OF THE T AND E PROGRAM, [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS STRENGTHENING THE FEDERATION. GERMAN PUBLIC OPINION BELIEVES ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION IS MORE IMPORTANT, BUT THE FACT THAT THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE TRAINING TO THE FEDERATION FORCES SHOWS THAT WE SHARE THE SAME BASIC PHILOSOPHY. PARDEW TOLD HIS INTERLOCUTORS THAT THE FEDERATION DEFENSE LAW WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT AGREEMENT BY THE BOSNIAN PARTIES SINCE THE WASHINGTON AGREEMENT. IF GERMANY WISHES TO SUPPORT THE FEDERATION, THE DEFENSE LAW WAS A FUNDAMENTAL BUILDING

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