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1. CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR JAMES W. PARDEW, EUR/TMS.  
REASON: 1.5(D).
2. (C) THIS MESSAGE IS TO UPDATE DONORS AND POTENTIAL  
DONORS ON THE STATUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRAIN AND EQUIP  
PROGRAM FOR THE BOSNIAN FEDERATION. THE MESSAGE ALSO  
FOLLOWS UP ON ASSISTANCE COMMITMENTS MADE AT THE ANKARA  
DONORS1 CONFERENCE IN FEBRUARY 1996, BUT NOT YET REALIZED.
3. (C) INFO ADDRESSEES MAY USE THE INFORMATION IN THIS  
MESSAGE AT THEIR DISCRETION TO BRIEF HOST GOVERNMENTS ON  
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THE STATUS AND DIRECTION OF THE PROGRAM AND PROBE FOR  
WILLINGNESS TO CONTRIBUTE.

4. (C) FOR RABAT, CAIRO, ISLAMABAD, DHAKA AND JAKARTA:  
PLEASE APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENT AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL  
AND MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED THE LAUNCHING OF THE BOSNIA  
TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM ON JULY 9. THE TRAINING AND

ADVISORY CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY THE FEDERATION AND THE U.S. CIVILIAN CONTRACTOR, MILITARY PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES, INC. (MPRI) IN SARAJEVO ON JULY 16.

-- THE BOSNIANS HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES, BY PASSING THE FEDERATION DEFENSE LAW, TO CREATING AN INTEGRATED MILITARY FORCE. ALL THE MILITARY FORCES IN THE FEDERATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA COME UNDER THE FEDERATION MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND THE JOINT COMMAND ESTABLISHED BY THE DEFENSE LAW.

-- THERE ARE NO LONGER SEPARATE ARMIES AND THEREFORE NO POSSIBILITY OF SEPARATE, BILATERAL PROGRAMS. MPRI HAS BEEN CONTRACTED BY THE FEDERATION MINISTRY OF DEFENSE TO BE THE POINT OF CONTACT FOR ALL MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA.

-- WE ARE COMPLETING PREPARATIONS FOR THE SHIPMENT OF U.S. DEFENSE EQUIPMENT TO THE FEDERATION AND HOPE TO COMPLETE DELIVERY OF ALL OF THE U.S. EQUIPMENT BY DECEMBER 15.

-- AT THE ANKARA DONORS' CONFERENCE IN FEBRUARY 1996 YOUR  
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REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED YOUR GOVERNMENT'S WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

-- WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO LEARN WHAT SPECIFIC PLANS YOU MAY HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM. (FOR DHAKA: BANGLADESH WAS AMONG THE FIRST COUNTRIES TO MAKE A CONCRETE OFFER OF TRAINING. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRAINING PROGRAM.)

-- AS ALL OF US WHO ARE ENGAGED IN THIS ENTERPRISE TAKE STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM, WE MUST ENSURE OUR EFFORTS ARE COORDINATED AND COMPREHENSIVE. WE URGE YOU, THEREFORE, TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE FEDERATION MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND MPRI IN SARAJEVO, AND WITH THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MILITARY STABILIZATION IN THE BALKANS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

-- NOW THAT THE U.S. TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM HAS STARTED, WE LOOK FORWARD TO COOPERATE WITH YOU TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF OUR COMMON EFFORTS.

5. (C) FOR CAIRO: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE PERRY HAS WRITTEN TO EGYPTIAN DEFENSE MINISTER TANTAWI REQUESTING A SUBSTANTIAL ARTILLERY DONATION. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEND TO CAIRO THE U.S. SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MILITARY STABILIZATION IN THE BALKANS, AMBASSADOR JAMES PARDEW, TO DISCUSS THIS AND OTHER POSSIBLE MILITARY COOPERATION WITH THE PROGRAM.

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6. (U) FOR RIYADH, KUWAIT, ABU DHABI, KUALA LUMPUR, BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, AND ANKARA: PER REFTEL, DEPARTMENT REQUESTED EMBASSIES IN MAJOR DONOR COUNTRIES TO BRIEF HOST GOVERNMENTS ON STATUS OF PROGRAM AND CONTRIBUTIONS. IN FUTURE DISCUSSIONS OF TRAIN AND EQUIP WITH HOST GOVERNMENT, EMBASSIES MAY DRAW FROM POINTS IN PARA 4 ABOVE REGARDING THE CREATION OF AN INTEGRATED MILITARY STRUCTURE IN THE FEDERATION AND MFRI'S ROLE AS POINT OF CONTACT ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA. POSTS MAY ALSO MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- WE RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT YOUR COUNTRY HAS PLAYED AS ONE OF THE STRONGEST SUPPORTERS OF THE TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM. MONEY DEPOSITED BY SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT AND THE UAE HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL IN LAUNCHING THE PROGRAM. MALAYSIA AND BRUNEI DEPOSITS ARE NOW NEEDED.

-- WE REGRET THAT YOU DID NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY IN SARAJEVO ON JULY 16.

-- THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, AMBASSADOR JAMES PARDEW, REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO YOUR COUNTRY IN HIS REMARKS. (TEXT AT PARA 7 BELOW).

-- (FOR RIYADH) WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE FEDERATION'S TRAINING/ADVISORY CONTRACT (AS

REQUESTED THROUGH THE SAUDI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ON JULY 22).

7. (U) TEXT OF AMBASSADOR PARDEW'S STATEMENT AT SARAJEVO  
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ON JULY 16.

BEGIN TEXT. ONE WEEK AGO PRESIDENT CLINTON ANNOUNCED THE BEGINNING OF THE U.S.-LED, INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM TO TRAIN AND EQUIP THE ARMED FORCES OF THE FEDERATION OF BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA. PRESIDENT CLINTON SAID, "THE BOSNIAN GOVERNMENT HAS MADE GOOD ON ITS COMMITMENTS. NOW WE CAN MAKE GOOD ON OURS; THE U.S.-LED, INTERNATIONAL TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY."

TODAY IS THE OFFICIAL BEGINNING OF THE TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM. THIS BEGINNING IS A SIGN OF THE STRONG COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE FEDERATION AND TO THE STRENGTHENING OF JOINT FEDERATION INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING THE MILITARY.

THIS COMMERCIAL CONTRACT SIGNED BY YOUR LEADERS WITH MPRI THIS AFTERNOON WILL IMMEDIATELY BRING TO BOSNIA SKILLED AND EXPERIENCED FORMER LEADERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO ASSIST THE FEDERATION IN BUILDING A WELL-TRAINED AND WELL-EQUIPPED MILITARY FORCE.

SEVERAL KEY LEADERS FROM MPRI ARE HERE TODAY. LET ME ACKNOWLEDGE THEM:

MAJOR GENERAL (RETIRED) VERNON B. LEWIS, MPRI'S PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WHO WILL SIGN THE CONTRACT FOR THE COMPANY.

GENERAL (RETIRED) CARL E. VUONO, VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER OF MPRI'S DEFENSE GROUP. GENERAL VUONO IS  
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ALSO A FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE U.S. ARMY AND FORMER  
COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE U.S. ARMY TRAINING AND DOCTRINE  
COMMAND.

GENERAL (RETIRED) CROSBIE E. SAINT, VICE PRESIDENT FOR  
MPRI'S EUROPEAN OPERATIONS. GENERAL SAINT IS THE FORMER  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, UNITED STATES ARMY EUROPE.

MAJOR GENERAL (RETIRED) WILLIAM M. BOICE, PROGRAM MANAGER  
OF THE MILITARY STABILIZATION PROJECT FOR MPRI. GENERAL  
BOICE IS A FORMER COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE FIRST ARMORED  
DIVISION IN GERMANY. HE WILL RESIDE IN SARAJEVO FOR THE  
DURATION OF THE PROJECT.

GENERAL BOICE WILL BE JOINED HERE IN BOSNIA BY ABOUT 170  
MEMBERS OF THE MPRI TEAM TO WORK ON THIS CONTRACT.

THE PURPOSE OF THE TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM IS TO HELP THE  
FEDERATION BUILD AN INDEPENDENT, UNIFIED AND PROFESSIONAL  
MILITARY UNDER CIVILIAN CONTROL WHICH IS CAPABLE OF  
DEFENDING THE PEOPLE AND TERRITORY OF THE FEDERATION.

THE WAR IN BOSNIA WAS NOT A FAIR FIGHT. ONE SIDE HAD THE  
OVERWHELMING PREPONDERANCE OF HEAVY WEAPONS, ORGANIZATION,  
EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING. THE OTHER SIDE HAD COURAGE AND  
DETERMINATION. BUT TODAY WE SHALL BEGIN THE PROCESS OF  
CREATING A MILITARY BALANCE FOR THE LONG TERM SECURITY OF

BOSNIA, SO THAT THE FEDERATION CAN ENSURE THAT THERE IS:

-- NO MORE SHELLING OF SARAJEVO OR THE POPULATION OF ANY  
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OTHER CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE IN THE FEDERATION' AND

-- NO MORE SREBRENICAS.

THE UNITED STATES HAS TWO COMMITMENTS IN BOSNIA.

ONE IS THE EVEN-HANDED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DAYTON PEACE AGREEMENT. OUR MILITARY AS PART OF NATO'S IMPLEMENTATION FORCE IS DOING THAT VERY WELL AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE EVEN-HANDED IN FULFILLING ITS DUTIES.

THE SECOND COMMITMENT--COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM THE FIRST--IS TO CREATE A MILITARY BALANCE IN BOSNIA TO SECURE A LASTING PEACE AFTER IFOR DEPARTS. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE UNITED STATES IS NOT NEUTRAL. THE WAR HAD AN AGGRESSOR, AND IT HAD A VICTIM. THE PROGRAM STARTING TODAY IS TO ENSURE THAT THERE WILL BE NO FUTURE VICTIMS AND NO EASY PREY FOR PARTISANS OF WAR.

THE MILITARY STABILIZATION PROGRAM WILL HELP BRING A LASTING PEACE IN BOSNIA. IT WILL BE FULLY TRANSPARENT, IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND IN FULL COOPERATION WITH IFOR.

OUR GOAL IS AN ADEQUATELY SIZED, HIGH-QUALITY FORCE--WELL TRAINED AND WELL EQUIPPED. WE DO NOT SEEK AN OFFENSIVE FORCE, BUT IN THE FUTURE, IF SOMEONE WANTS A FIGHT, IT WILL BE MORE THAN FAIR.

FINALLY, LET ME MAKE CLEAR THAT THIS IS AN INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM, NOT JUST A U.S. PROGRAM. THE FUNDS USED FOR THIS

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CONTRACT ARE PROVIDED BY INTERNATIONAL DONORS WHO WANT TO HELP CREATE PEACE THROUGH MILITARY BALANCE IN BOSNIA. THOSE COUNTRIES WHO STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS CONCEPT ARE TURKEY, SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, MALAYSIA AND BRUNEI. WE HOPE OTHERS WILL JOIN US AS THIS PROJECT MOVES FORWARD.

NOW, LET US SIGN THE CONTRACT AND BEGIN THE PROGRAM. END TEXT.

SARAJEVO MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.  
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