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1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY: AMBASSADOR ROBERT E. HUNTER.
REASON: 1.5(B) AND (D).

SUMMARY

2. (C) THE NATO POLITICAL COMMITTEE (PC) HELD ITS FIRST "INFORMAL MEETING" WITH EXPERTS OCTOBER 29 TO DISCUSS THE ARMS CONTROL AND CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES OF THE DAYTON AGREEMENT (ARTICLES II AND IV) AND TRAIN AND EQUIP EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA FEDERATION TO IMPROVE ITS SELF-DEFENSE CAPABILITY. AMBASSADOR JAMES W. PARDEW, U.S. SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MILITARY STABILIZATION IN THE BALKANS, AND A [REDACTED] EXPERT BRIEFED THE PC AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AMBASSADOR PARDEW EXPLAINED THAT THE U.S. PROGRAM IS FULLY IN LINE WITH THE DAYTON GOALS OF BRINGING PEACE AND STABILITY TO THE BALKANS AND WILL BE IMPLEMENTED WITHIN THE ARMS CONTROL CEILINGS. HE OUTLINED THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE U.S. PROGRAM AND STRESSED THAT THE EUROPEANS NEED TO DO MORE TO PUSH THE REPUBLIKA SRPSKA TO COMPLY WITH THE ARMS CONTROL PROVISIONS. PARDEW ALSO ASKED THE EUROPEANS TO JOIN TRAIN-AND-EQUIP AND TO REMOVE THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU) ARMS EMBARGO ON BOSNIA.

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3. (C) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SINCE NO REPS HAD ANY PRELIMINARY REMARKS TO MAKE, THE CHAIRMAN TURNED TO AMBASSADOR PARDEW.

4. (C) PARDEW EXPLAINED THAT THE CREATION OF A MILITARY BALANCE IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE DAYTON AGREEMENT, AND A KEY TO LONG-TERM PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION. THE EFFORT HAS TWO COMPONENTS: ARMS CONTROL AND IMPROVING FEDERATION SELF-DEFENSE CAPABILITIES TO REACH A MILITARY BALANCE AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE LEVEL. PARDEW WENT ON TO UPDATE THE PC ON THE STATUS OF THE TRAIN-AND-EQUIP PROGRAM AND STRESSED THAT IT IS IN EUROPE'S INTEREST. HE ASKED THE GROUP TO PRESSURE THE BOSNIAN SERBS ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT, AND ALSO ASKED THE PC TO SUPPORT THE T-AND-E PROGRAM, AND REMOVE THE EU ARMS EMBARGO ON BOSNIA.

5. (C) PARDEW EXPLAINED THAT TURKEY IS THE ONLY OTHER NATO MEMBER NOW ASSISTING FEDERATION DEFENSE FORCES, WITH 300 FEDERATION SOLDIERS -- MUSLIM AND CROATIAN -- NOW RECEIVING ARTILLERY AND ARMOR TRAINING THERE. PARDEW SUMMARIZED THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SAUDI ARABIA, THE UAE, MALAYSIA, BRUNEI, AND EGYPT. HE EMPHASIZED THAT IF THE WEST DOES NOT HELP THE FEDERATION, IT WILL TURN ELSEWHERE, AND IT IS IN NATO'S INTEREST TO HELP. THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU) ARMS EMBARGO ON THE FEDERATION, CROATIA, AND SERBIA IS HURTING THE FEDERATION AND DISCOURAGES CENTRAL AND EAST EUROPEAN

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COUNTRIES FROM PROVIDING ARMS AND EQUIPMENT TO THE FEDERATION. PARDEW ASKED PC MEMBERS TO ENCOURAGE THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO REASSESS THE EU ARMS EMBARGO ON THE FEDERATION, OR AT LEAST RELAX IT SO NON-EU EUROPEAN MEMBERS COULD SUPPLY THE FEDERATION. FINALLY, PARDEW NOTED THE U.S. IS COMMITTED TO COMPLETE TRANSPARENCY IN THE T-AND-E PROGRAM, ON WHICH HE RECENTLY BRIEFED THE RS LEADERSHIP IN PALE AND THE GOVERNMENT IN BELGRADE. PARDEW NOTED THAT -- AT ASSISTANT SECRETARY KORNBUM'S DIRECTION -- HE WILL SOON VISIT BANJA LUKA TO BRIEF THE SERBS THERE ON THE PROGRAM.

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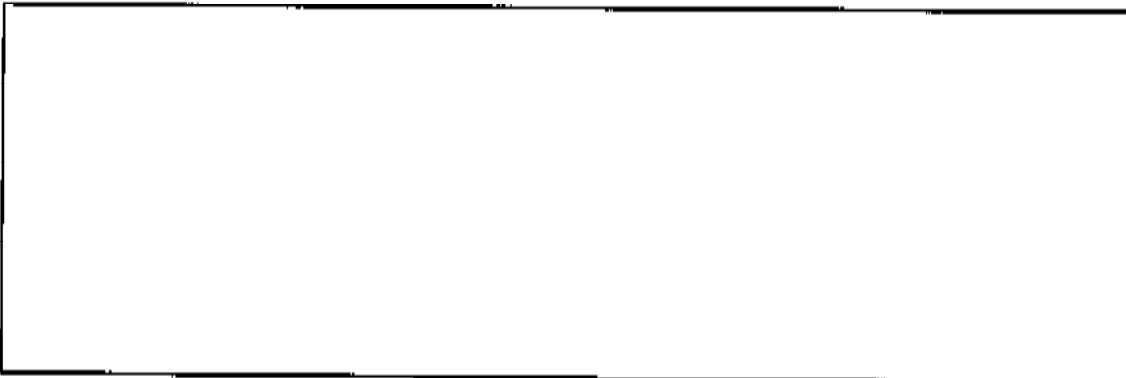
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7. (C) PARDEW RESPONDED THAT THE U.S. HAS VERY CAREFULLY STRESSED THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN IFOR AND THE TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM. THE IFOR MISSION IS THE EVEN-HANDED IMPLEMENTOR OF THE DAYTON AGREEMENT, BUT DESPITE DIRE PREDICTIONS THE PROGRAM HAS NOT AFFECTED IFOR IMPARTIALITY. HE EMPHASIZED THE U.S. IS NOT NEUTRAL; THE TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO HELP THE VICTIM OF AGGRESSION, AND THE U.S. DOES NOT ACCEPT THE UNPROFOR ATTITUDE THAT ALL PARTIES ARE EQUALLY GUILTY. THE FEDERATION HAS PROVIDED DATA ON ITS WEAPONS AND IS PREPARED TO DESTROY ARTILLERY, THE ONLY WEAPONS CATEGORY IN WHICH IT EXCEEDS THE ARMS CONTROL CEILING. THE SERBS, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAVE GIVEN "PHONEY NUMBERS" ON WEAPONS AND ARE PLAYING GAMES WITH ARMS CONTROL PROCEDURES, BUT HAVE THOUSANDS OF TONS OF AMMUNITION AND EVEN TANKS AT HAN PISEJAK IN VIOLATION OF ARMS CONTROL

AGREEMENT ON CEILINGS.

8. (C) PARDEW EXPLAINED THAT THE FEDERATION IS IN THE
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PROCESS OF DEVELOPING ITS FORCE STRUCTURE, AND, AT THE END
OF THE DAY, IT WILL NOT BE ABOVE THE ARMS CONTROL CEILINGS.
ON INTEGRATION, THE FEDERATION PARTIES ARE COMMITTED TO
CREATING A SINGLE ARMED FORCE. HE SAID THAT WE ARE ASKING
FOR REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE. PARDEW CONTINUED THAT WE HAVE
MADE DRAMATIC PROGRESS, ALTHOUGH IT HAS NOT BEEN AS RAPID
AND PERFECT AS WE WOULD LIKE. THERE SHOULD BE ONE MEANS OF
BRINGING ARMS INTO THE COUNTRY. THE U.S. HAS AN AGREEMENT
WITH CROATIA TO ALLOW HEAVY WEAPONS TO ENTER BOSNIA VIA
PLOCE, AND WHILE IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR SOME LIGHT WEAPONS
TO ENTER BOSNIA WITHOUT U.S. KNOWLEDGE, THE U.S. IS
CONFIDENT THAT IFOR AND THE U.S. CAN DETECT MOVEMENT OF
HEAVY WEAPONS INTO BOSNIA. ON ELECTIONS AND COMMON
INSTITUTIONS, HE SAID THAT DEVELOPMENT OF UNIFIED FEDERATION
DEFENSE FORCES DOES NOT CONFLICT WITH THESE EFFORTS.

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10. (U) AMBASSADOR PARDEW HAS CLEARED THIS CABLE.

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