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REF: A) 58927 PARIS, B) 0024, C) 0331 PARIS
 FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT PARIS FROM STRASBOURG, DATED
 FEBRUARY 19, 1987, REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION/INFO:

QUOTE:

>BEGIN SUMMARY<
 1. SUMMARY: THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE IS TAKING ON INCREASED
 VITALITY AS AN INSTRUMENT OF EUROPEAN UNIFICATION. THE
 21 MEMBER COUNTRY ORGANIZATION GROUPS ESSENTIALLY ALL
 WESTERN EUROPEAN DEMOCRACIES (EXCEPT FINLAND). IT SERVES
 AS A FORUM TO STIMULATE EUROPEAN COOPERATION AND TO
 ACHIEVE HARMONIZATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS. THE
 GROWTH OF THE EC COMMUNITY TO 12 MEMBERS, ITS INCREASING
 SUPRA-NATIONAL AUTHORITY AND RATIFICATION OF THE UNIQUE
 ACT HAVE FORCED COMMUNITY AND NON COMMUNITY STATES TO
 REASSESS THE ROLE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, AND ITS
 RELATION TO THE COMMUNITY. A NEW BLUEPRINT FOR THE
 ORGANIZATION WAS PRESENTED LAST SUMMER BY A COMMISSION
 OF EMINENT STATESMEN UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF FORMER
 ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER EMILIO COLOMBO. (THE COLOMBO
 COMMISSION REPORT). IT SEEMS TO PREVENT A NEW DIVISION
 OF EUROPE BY BINDING COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
 CLOSER TOGETHER. NON COMMUNITY MEMBER'S ALSO WANT TO
 USE THE COUNCIL AS A VEHICLE TO DEAL WITH COMMUNITY
 MEMBERS ON AN EQUAL FOOTING. COMMUNITY MEMBER'S
BELIEVE THE COUNCIL OFFERS THEM A SOMETIMES NEEDED,
ALTERNATIVE TO THE SUPRA NATIONAL AUTHORITY OF THE
COMMUNITY. BOTH GROUPS AGREE THAT MANY ISSUES SHOULD
BE RESOLVED WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF 21 RATHER THAN 12
EUROPEAN STATES. A VIGOROUS SECRETARY GENERAL (MARCELINO
OREJA OF SPAIN) HAS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THESE ATTITUDES
TO EXPAND COE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
ACTIVITIES. NEW AREAS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE
UNITED STATES INCLUDE EAST-WEST EUROPEAN RELATIONS,
COMBATTING TERRORISM, INTERNATIONAL PROMOTION OF
DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS, EUROPEAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS

MEDIA POLICY, DRUG INTERDICTION AND ABUSE, INTERNATIONAL
LEGAL COOPERATION, AND SCIENTIFIC AND HEALTH COOPERATION.
 THE COUNCIL HAS ALSO EXPANDED ITS OWN "POLITICAL DIALOGUE"
 ON EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS. END SUMMARY.
 >END SUMMARY<

2. THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE IS THE GRANDFATHER OF EUROPEAN
 UNIFICATION ORGANIZATIONS. IT WAS FOUNDED IN 1949 TO
 BRING ABOUT GREATER EUROPEAN UNITY AND COOPERATION AND TO
 STIMULATE PLURALISTIC DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS. THE
 ORGANIZATION NOW GROUPS TOGETHER THE 12 MEMBERS OF THE

COMMUNITY, AUSTRIA, SWITZERLAND, NORWAY, SWEDEN, TURKEY,
 CYPRUS, MALTA AND ICELAND. FINLAND, ALTHOUGH NOT A
 MEMBER PARTICIPATES REGULARLY IN COUNCIL OF EUROPE
 ACTIVITIES. THE COE'S ORGANS INCLUDE A COMMITTEE OF
 MINISTERS, PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY, AND A COMMISSION AND
 COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THESE ACTIVITIES ARE SUPPORTED
 BY AN 870 MEMBER INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT. EACH COE
 MEMBER STATE IS REPRESENTED ON THE COMMITTEE OF
 MINISTERS (CM) BY AN AMBASSADOR RANK PERMANENT
 REPRESENTATIVE. THE CM MEETS REGULARLY (TWO WEEKS EACH
 MONTH) TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF COMMON CONCERN TO WESTERN
 EUROPE. MEETINGS ARE HELD AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL
 TWICE PER YEAR. THE CM HAS CREATED A LARGE NUMBER OF
 EXPERTS COMMITTEES WHICH SEEK TO HARMONIZE EUROPEAN LAWS
 AND REGULATIONS. THESE EXPERT GROUPS ALSO FORMULATE
 EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS ON A VARIETY OF
 SUBJECTS. THE UNITED STATES PARTICIPATES IN MANY OF
 THESE COMMITTEES.

3. THE COE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY (NOT TO BE CONFUSED
 WITH THE EC EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT) HOLDS FOUR PLENARY
 SESSIONS AND NUMEROUS COMMITTEE MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE
 YEAR. THE ASSEMBLY IS COMPOSED OF 340 NATIONAL
 PARLIAMENTARIANS SELECTED BY THE LEGISLATURES OF MEMBER
 COUNTRIES. THE ASSEMBLY DEALS WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF
 EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. WHILE IT HAS NO MAJOR
 DECISION-MAKING POWER, ITS RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
 CARRY SIGNIFICANT PRESTIGE WITHIN EUROPE. ITS
 MEMBERSHIP IS ALSO COMMITTED TO LOBBYING IN NATIONAL
 PARLIAMENTS IN FAVOR OF ASSEMBLY POSITIONS. IN RECENT
 YEARS THE ASSEMBLY HAS TAKEN A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN

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 EUROPEAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS, EAST-WEST QUESTIONS AND
 MIDDLE EAST ISSUES. CONSIDERATION IS NOW BEING GIVEN
 TO EXTENDING ASSEMBLY DEBATES ON OECD, EFTA, ECMT AND
 EUREKA RELATED MATTERS.

4. THE COMMISSION AND COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS SERVES AS A
 SUPRA-NATIONAL SUPREME COURT FOR SAFEGUARDING EUROPEAN
 CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS. MEMBER STATES CAN BE SUED
 BY OTHER STATES OR BY INDIVIDUALS TO ASSURE PROTECTION
 OF GUARANTEED RIGHTS. THE COMMISSION RECEIVES OVER
 5000 APPLICATIONS PER YEAR OF WHICH ABOUT 400 ARE

ACTUALLY ACCEPTED FOR CONCILIATION OR ADJUDICATION. THESE
 MAY INCLUDE MAJOR POLITICAL CASES SUCH AS THE FIVE NATION
 CASE AGAINST TURKEY FINALLY SETTLED EARLIER THIS MONTH,
 AND THE CURRENT CYPRUS COMPLAINT AGAINST TURKEY.

5. THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY HAS HAD
 A RADICAL EFFECT ON THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE. THE COUNCIL
 WAS PUT ON A SLOW TRACK BY THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO
 SPED AHEAD WITHIN THE EC TOWARD FULLER EUROPEAN
 INTEGRATION. THE EXPANSION OF THE COMMUNITY TO 12
 MEMBERS AND ITS INCREASED AUTHORITY OVER A RANGE OF
 ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL AND POLITICAL MATTERS, SPARKED
 SERIOUS CONCERNS THAT EUROPE WAS AGAIN DIVIDING ITSELF
 BETWEEN COMMUNITY AND NON COMMUNITY STATES. FOR THE
 FIRST TIME A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE COE
 WERE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. BOTH THE COUNCIL
 AND THE COMMUNITY DECIDED THAT EFFORTS WERE WARRANTED
 TO HALT A WIDENING GAP BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS.
 A SPECIAL COMMISSION OF EMINENT EUROPEAN STATESMEN WAS
 CREATED IN 1985 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF FORMER ITALIAN

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PRIME MINISTER EMILIO COLOMBO. EC MEMBER STATES PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN FORMULATING RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN THE COLOMBO COMMISSION MANDATE. THE COLOMBO COMMISSION PUT FORTH TWO PARALLEL APPROACHES: STRENGTHENING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE COUNCIL, AND REINFORCING THE COUNCIL'S OWN ACTIVITIES AMONG COE COUNTRIES. IT ALSO PROPOSED INCREASED CONTACT BETWEEN THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AND BETWEEN THE COUNCIL AND THE UNITED STATES.

6. RELATIONS BETWEEN COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ORGANS AND SECRETARIATS HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED OVER THE LAST YEAR. IN APRIL 1985 THE COE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS DIRECTED THE SECRETARY GENERAL "TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH A VIEW TO STRENGTHENING BOTH INSTITUTIONAL AND FUNCTIONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY." BOTH SIDES ALSO PLACED GREATER RELIANCE ON ARTICLE 230 OF THE TREATY OF ROME WHICH DIRECTS THE COMMUNITY "TO ESTABLISH ALL FORMS OF COOPERATION WITH THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE." THE COMMISSION OF THE COMMUNITY IS NOW CONSIDERING POSSIBLE ACCESSION TO SEVERAL COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONVENTIONS, AND THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE SECRETARIAT HAS PRESENTED THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS WITH A PRELIMINARY STUDY ON COMMUNITY DIRECTIVES WHICH MIGHT BE EXTENDED TO COVER THE COE TWENTY-ONE STATES AS A WHOLE. SECRETARIAT STAFF EXCHANGES ARE NOW IN FULL SWING. THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE HAS ALSO BEEN INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO EC COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND EC REPRESENTATIVES NOW ROUTINELY ATTEND COE EXPERT MEETINGS. CONSIDERATION IS ALSO BEING GIVEN TO CREATION OF A NEW SEAT ON THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS FOR AN EC COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE.

7. THE INCREASED POLITICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAS STIMULATED THE NON EC NINE TO PUSH FOR AN EXPANDED POLITICAL DIALOGUE IN THE COE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS AS WELL. THE COLOMBO COMMISSION STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE COE "STRENGTHEN THE LINKS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY'S 'EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE." POLITICAL DIALOGUE IS NOW A REGULAR AGENDA ITEM FOR ALL CM MEETINGS. ITS STATED PURPOSES IS "HARMONISATION OF THE POSITIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF MEMBER STATES ON MAJOR

ISSUES OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS." THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS HAS CONCENTRATED MUCH OF THIS ACTIVITY ON EAST-WEST ISSUES, PARTICULARLY THE CSCE PROCESS. DISCUSSIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN HELD ON TERRORISM, NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS, SOUTH AFRICAN SANCTIONS, CENTRAL AMERICA AND

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8. THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE HAS ALSO EXPANDED ITS OWN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL AND LEGAL ACTIVITIES. MOST

NOTABLE WAS THE CONVENING LAST NOVEMBER OF A WESTERN EUROPEAN-WIDE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON TERRORISM. THE WORK OF THIS CONFERENCE (REPORTED REFTEL) IS TO BE FOLLOWED UP BY A NEW PERMANENT COE HIGH LEVEL GROUP CHARGED WITH FORMULATING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EUROPEAN COOPERATION AGAINST TERRORISM. THE GROUP IS ALSO TO SERVE AS A LINK BETWEEN THE EC TREVI GROUP AND THE NON EC NINE. THE COUNCIL ALSO INSTRUCTED SECRETARY GENERAL

OREJA TO MAKE CONTACT WITH EUROPEAN PRESS ASSOCIATIONS TO ENCOURAGE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TERRORISM REPORTING CODE OF PRINCIPLES. HE HAS ALSO BEEN AUTHORIZED TO KEEP THE UNITED STATE CONSULATE GENERAL IN STRASBOURG INFORMED OF COE ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA. CONSIDERATION IS NOW BEING GIVEN BY THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS TO WIDENING COOPERATION TO THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES.

9. THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE HAS SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED ITS DRUG INTERDICTION AND ABUSE PROGRAM. THE COE SPONSORED "POMPIDOU GROUP" DECIDED LAST MONTH DURING ITS LONDON MINISTERIAL MEETING TO EXPAND INTRA-EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL DRUG INTERDICTION ACTIVITY AND TO SEEK INCREASED CONTACTS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN PREPARATION FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON DRUG ABUSE (SEE REFTEL 0024). PARTICIPATING EC MEMBER'S AGREED THAT THE POMPIDOU GROUP SHOULD PROVIDE THE PRINCIPLE EUROPEAN FORUM FOR THIS WORK.

10. THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE HAS ALSO BECOME THE FORUM OF CHOICE FOR DEVELOPING A WESTERN-EUROPEAN WIDE TELECOMMUNICATION MEDIA POLICY. A COE SPONSORED MINISTERIAL MEETING IN VIENNA, DECEMBER 10-11 INSTRUCTED THE COE TO PREPARE A SERIES OF CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES, HIGH RESOLUTION TELEVISION, TRANS-FRONTIER BROADCASTING AND PROGRAM FORMAT AND CONTENT. THE EC MEMBER'S INDICATED A STRONG DESIRE TO TRANSFER ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA FROM THE COMMUNITY TO THE COUNCIL. (SEE REFTEL 0031) SEVERAL EC MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE CONCERNED THAT EC SUPRA-NATIONAL AUTHORITY IN THIS AREA WOULD BE HARMFUL TO THEIR INTERESTS. THEY PREFER MAINTAINING THE GREATER NATIONAL AUTHORITY IN THIS AREA PERMITTED IN THE COE FORUM.

11. THE COE HAS SIGNIFICANTLY EXPANDED ITS INVOLVEMENT IN

EAST-WEST EUROPEAN RELATIONS. THIS INTEREST SO FAR HAS GENERALLY BEEN FOCUSED ON CSCE RELATED ISSUES AND CULTURAL RELATIONS. HOWEVER, THE COLOMBO REPORT STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE COE INFORM "NON MEMBER EUROPEAN STATES" OF ITS "READINESS TO ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE" AND THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL APPROACH EASTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS TO DETERMINE THE FIELDS IN WHICH SUCH COOPERATION MIGHT BE ENVISAGED. THE COE AND ASSEMBLY LEADERSHIP HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO CONSTRUCT SPECIAL TIES WITH YUGOSLAVIA (85 PARIS 41033). THE ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY GENERAL ALSO PLAN TRIPS TO ROMANIA AND HUNGARY THIS YEAR.

12. THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTER IS ALSO BEGINNING A MAJOR EFFORT TO STIMULATE NORTH SOUTH DIALOGUE. THEIR OBJECTIVE IS "TO ENGAGE EUROPE MORE ACTIVELY IN BRINGING ABOUT A VERIFIABLE INCREASE IN EUROPE'S JOINT, PUBLIC AND POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE NORTH - SOUTH RELATIONS." THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE LED BY EUROPEAN ORGANIZING COMMITTEE DRAWING MEMBERSHIP FROM THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEMBER COUNTRIES. THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND VARIOUS NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS. AS PART OF ITS NORTH-SOUTH ROLE THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE HELD A HIGH LEVEL COLLOQUY LAST SPRING ON EUROPEAN-LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS AND THE EUROPEAN YOUTH CENTER HOSTED A CONTROVERSIAL SYMPOSIUM ON NICARAGUA.

13. THE COE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY HAS TAKEN ON A PARTICULARLY ACTIVE ROLE IN FOSTERING WORLDWIDE DEVELOPMENT OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE ASSEMBLY IS SPONSORING

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A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN STRASBOURG ON
PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY FOR SEPTEMBER 1987. THE UNITED
STATES IS ALSO AN ACTIVE ORGANIZING PARTNER. THE
CONFERENCE WILL BRING TOGETHER SOME 65 COUNTRIES,
INCLUDING THE INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES AND CLOSE TO
FORTY OTHER DEVELOPING DEMOCRACIES TO ADDRESS VITAL
DEMOCRATIC ISSUES. VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH HAS BEEN
INVITED AS A KEYNOTE SPEAKER. THE CONFERENCE SHOULD
PROVIDE THE UNITED STATES, AND ITS OTHER CONFERENCE
ORGANIZING PARTNERS, A MAJOR OPPORTUNITY TO STIMULATE
THE INTERNATIONAL GROWTH OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS DURING
OUR OWN U.S. CONSTITUTION BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.
14. THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONTINUES TO BE A PRINCIPAL
EUROPEAN FORUM FOR SOCIAL, LEGAL, HEALTH, HUMAN RIGHTS,
AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS. THE MEDIUM TERM PLAN FOR
1987-1991 LAYS OUT A VERY ACTIVE PROGRAM DEALING WITH
EUROPEAN HUMAN RIGHTS, COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND THE IMPACT
"IS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE POLITICAL REFLECTION ON CURRENT
SOCIAL, AND COMMUNITY PROBLEMS AND MANAGEMENT OF THE
WORK IN PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW, JUDICIAL AND
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE, AND HARMONIZATION OF CRIMINAL

AND CIVIL LAW AND REGULATION. SPECIAL WORK IS PLANNED
IN THE AREAS OF PENAL CODE COVERAGE OF DRUG ABUSE AND
TRAFFICKING, CIVIL LIABILITY AND COMPENSATION FOR
DAMAGE TO THE ENVIRONMENT, AND LEGAL RESTRAINTS ON
TERRORISM. THE COE IS ALSO DEVELOPING AN IMPORTANT
EUROPEAN-WIDE REFUGEE PROGRAM.

15. COUNCIL OF EUROPE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES
ARE EXPANDING RAPIDLY. THE UNITED STATES NOW
PARTICIPATES ACTIVELY IN A WIDE RANGE OF COUNCIL OF
EUROPE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING LEGAL, SOCIAL AND HEALTH
EXPERTS GROUPS, AND ON FOSTERING HUMAN RIGHTS AND
DEMOCRACY. UNITED STATES CONGRESSMEN REGULARLY ATTEND
COE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY SESSIONS. COE SECRETARY
GENERAL MARCELINO DRELA VISITED THE UNITED STATES IN
MARCH 1986, AND A LARGE DELEGATION OF COE PARLIAMENTARIANS
IS EXPECTED IN WASHINGTON IN EARLY MAY. U.S. RELATIONS
WITH THE COUNCIL ARE MAINTAINED PRINCIPALLY THROUGH THE
CONSULATE GENERAL IN STRASBOURG. THESE RELATIONS ARE
MAINTAINED ON AN INFORMAL BASIS SINCE THE COUNCIL HAS
DEVELOPED NO FORMULA AS YET FOR ACCREDITATION OF NON
MEMBER COUNTRIES. THERE IS SOME RETICENCE TO DO SO SINCE
THE GROUP IS VERY SENSITIVE TO DESIRES FROM NORTH
AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EAST STATES TO ESTABLISH MORE FORMAL
TIES. NEVERTHELESS THE COUNCIL CONSCIOUSLY SEEKS CLOSER
RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THE OTHER OECD
COUNTRIES THAT ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE.
THE CONSULATE WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE COE SECRETARIAT,
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY MEMBERS AND THE 21 ACCREDITED
MISSIONS TO CONTRIBUTE TO COE CONSIDERATION OF
INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND TO MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE LIAISON
WITH THE COUNCIL'S OTHER ACTIVITIES.

16. COMMENT: THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE IS A UNIQUE WORLD
FORUM. ITS ASSEMBLY, WHICH JOINS OFTEN WITH
PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM OTHER OECD COUNTRIES, COMES AS CLOSE
AS ANY ORGANIZATION TO A PARLIAMENT OF INDUSTRIALIZED
DEMOCRACIES. ITS COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS PROVIDES AN
IMPORTANT WESTERN EUROPEAN-WIDE FORUM TO DISCUSS EUROPEAN
AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. ITS MANDATE CONCENTRATES ON
PROBLEMS AND ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH BASIC WESTERN
VALUES. THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE OFFERS A FORUM FOR US
FOR BOTH LONG RANGE POLICY DISCUSSION WITH EUROPEAN STATES
AND A TARGET FOR OUR PUBLIC DIPLOMACY EFFORTS. THERE ARE
FEW SUCH FORA WHERE DISCUSSION OF ATTITUDES AND LONG
RANGE POLICIES CAN BE HANDLED WITH LIKE-MINDED STATES,

FREE OF THE CONTENTIOUSNESS SURROUNDING CURRENT DAY
DISPUTES. AT THE SAME TIME IT PROVIDES A VERY USEFUL
WINDOW ON INTRA-EUROPEAN ISSUES AND CONFLICTS WHICH OFTEN
CONCERN US, I.E. TURKEY'S RELATIONS WITH EUROPE, THE
CYPRUS PROBLEM, YUGOSLAVIA'S MOVEMENT TOWARDS THE WEST,
ETC. WE SHOULD TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE OPENESS OF THE
COUNCIL OF EUROPE TO US TO PROMOTE OUR COMMON VALUES
AND TO SOLIDIFY EUROPEAN - AMERICAN RELATIONS.
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March 3, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR FRANK C. CARLUCCI

FROM: ROBERT DEAN

SUBJECT: Breakfast Item: American Consulate Strasbourg

It is my understanding that the Department of State's review of its overseas installations, in the light of Gramm-Rudman, has resulted in the decision to close the Consulate at Strasbourg, France. If this is not locked in concrete, it is virtually a done deal. I have worked closely with the Council of Europe (COE) and the European Parliament for the past several years and believe that the American diplomatic presence is extremely important in maintaining our on-going relationship with these increasingly important European institutions. A detailed description of the growing importance of the COE is described in the cable at Tab I from Paris.

I strongly believe that at a time when we can anticipate increased effort by European countries to develop more active regional strategies and policies that it would be very worthwhile for the U.S. to remain in active contact. It is interesting to note that the Soviets recognize this and have recently begun exploring contacts with the COE in Strasbourg. Further, a major conference on Parliamentary democracy designed to knit together the world's democracies is coming in September in Strasbourg, and the American presence in the plans for this program have been active and eagerly sought by the COE members. This comes as a result of the direct contact by our Consulate.

I recommend strongly that you note our concerns about this development and encourage the Department to reconsider and maintain its Consulate in Strasbourg.

RECOMMENDATION

That you raise this at your Shultz-Weinberger Breakfast Meeting.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Ty Cobb concurs.

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SUBJECT: SOVIET DIPLOMAT VISIT COE AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT PARIS FROM STRASBOURG, DATED
FEBRUARY 20, 1987, REPEATED FOR ACTION/INFO:

QUOTE:

1. VLADIMIR VASSUDENSKI, A FIRST SECRETARY AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN PARIS VISITED STRASBOURG FEBRUARY 19 TO ATTEND A SOCIALIST PARTY SPONSORED COLLOQUY ON "EUROPE BETWEEN THE EMPIRES" (REPORTED SEPTEL) AND TO MAKE INTRODUCTORY CALSS ON THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT.
2. VASSUDENSKI SCHEDULED MEETINGS WITH COE HUMAN RIGHTS DIRECTOR PETER LEUPRECHT (AUSTRIAN) TO DISCUSS COE HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVITIES. HE EXTENDED LEUPRECHT AN OPEN INVITATION TO VISIT MOSCOW AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE COE WOULD PARTICIPATE IN A FORTHCOMING HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE IN MOSCOW. HE ASKED NUMEROUS QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COE AND ITS HUMAN RIGHTS OPERATIONS.
3. COMMENT- THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN RECENT MEMORY THAT A SOVIET DIPLOMAT HAS VISITED THE COE. PREVIOUSLY THE SOVIET UNION HAD BEEN VERY WAIRY OF CONTACT WITH THE COE BECAUSE OF ORGANIZATIONS COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS. COE OFFICIALS BELIEVE THIS VISIT MAY BE PRECURSOR FOR EXPANDED CONTACT BY SOVIET UNION WITH COE AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. COMRAS. DECL: OADR. RODGERS

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6. STRASBOURG CARRIES OUT AN ACTIVE POLICY IMPLEMENTATION ROLE.

-- UNLIKE MOST CONSTITUTIONAL POLICY IMPLEMENTATION ROLE. THE POST HAS SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING INTER ALIA, THE REINTEGRATION OF TURKEY INTO EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS, COE INVOLVEMENT IN THE CYPRUS DISPUTE, ANTI-TERRORISM ACTIVITIES, EUROPEAN INTEREST IN NICARAGUA AND CENTRAL AMERICA, THE UPCOMING STRASBOURG CONFERENCE ON PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY, TELECOMMUNICATION MEDIA POLICY, BORDER MOVEMENTS AND THE TREATMENT OF REFUGEES, EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL LAW AND TAX COOPERATION MATTERS.

-- THE POST REGULARLY DEALS WITH THE 21 AMBASSADOR LEVEL PERMANENT MISSIONS ON A VARIETY OF U.S. INTERESTS BEING TREATED DURING MONTHLY SESSIONS OF THE COE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS AND WITH THE 340 NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS ATTENDING COE ASSEMBLY SESSIONS.

-- STRASBOURG MAINTAINS A VERY ACTIVE PUBLIC DIPLOMACY PROGRAM VIS A VIS THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS IN STRASBOURG. THIS INCLUDES PARTICIPATION IN THE STRASBOURG CONFERENCE ON PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY, A MAJOR U.S. POLICY INITIATIVE TO STIMULATE GROWTH OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE THIRD WORLD. STRASBOURG IS THE ONLY CONSTITUENT POST IN FRANCE THAT REGULARLY PARTICIPATES IN WORLDWIDE INTERACTIVE PROGRAMS.

7. CLOSING STRASBOURG WOULD HARM U.S. -- EUROPEAN RELATIONS.

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-- EUROPEAN UNIFICATION ORGANIZATIONS ARE IN VOGUE. VIRTUALLY EVERY MAJOR FRENCH, GERMAN, ITALIAN AND BRITISH LEADER HAS COME TO STRASBOURG RECENTLY TO PLEDGE SUPPORT FOR A GREATER EUROPEAN UNIFICATION EFFORT IN BOTH THE COMMUNITY AND THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONTEXT. WHAT A TIME TO PULL OUT OF STRASBOURG!

-- THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE IS MAKING A CONCERTED EFFORT TO BROADEN ITS TIES AND IS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO SIGNS

OF SIMILAR INTEREST FROM THE UNITED STATES. THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INCREASING RANGE OF COE ACTIVITIES, AND COE SECRETARIAT AND PARLIAMENTARY VISITS TO THE UNITED STATES ARE INCREASING.

-- EUROPEANS ARE ALREADY SUSPICIOUS THAT THE UNITED STATES IS DROPPING ITS LONG HELD POLICY TENET OF SUPPORT FOR EUROPEAN UNIFICATION. CLOSING STRASBOURG WOULD BE TAKEN AS A FURTHER INDICATION OF SUCH A SHIFT IN U.S. POLICY.

-- U.S.-EUROPEAN RELATIONS ARE ALREADY SHOWING STRAINS FROM DIFFERENCES OVER MILITARY STRATEGIC AND TRADE ISSUES. WE SHOULD BE BUILDING BRIDGES TO EUROPE RATHER THAN DESTROYING THEM.

-- THE SOVIET UNION HAS LAUNCHED A VERY OBVIOUS EFFORT TO WOO WESTERN EUROPE WITH THE NOTION OF "A EUROPE TO THE URALS." SOVIET AND EASTERN EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVES HAVE INCREASED CONTACTS WITH THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IN STRASBOURG. IT IS IRONIC THAT THE U.S. WOULD CHOOSE THIS MOMENT TO PULL BACK ITS OWN RELATIONSHIPS WITH KEY EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS IN STRASBOURG. -- THIS IS A PARTICULARLY ACKWARD MOMENT TO CLOSE DOWN OUR STRASBOURG OPERATION, GIVEN THE LARGE NUMBER OF COMMON PROJECTS WE ARE UNDERTAKING THIS YEAR INCLUDING THE STRASBOURG CONFERENCE ON PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY. THE U.S. HAS TAKEN A LEADING ROLE IN PROMOTING THIS ACTIVITY. VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH HAS BEEN INVITED TO THE CONFERENCE AS A KEYNOTE SPEAKER. A MAJOR DELEGATION OF U.S.

SENATE AND HOUSE LEADERS IS ALSO EXPECTED.

8. WE CANNOT COVER THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE LONG DISTANCE FROM BRUSSELS.

-- THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, ITS SECRETARIAT, COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS, PERMANENT REPRESENTATION, PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY AND HUMAN RIGHTS COURT ARE SITED IN STRASBOURG. THE ORGANIZATION MAINTAINS NO OFFICES OR OPERATIONS IN BRUSSELS WHICH IS ABOUT AS FAR AWAY FROM STRASBOURG AS BERLIN.

-- THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE ARE VERY SEPARATE INSTITUTIONS, EACH PROTECTIVE OF ITS OWN MANDATE AND TURF. THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE WOULD VIEW OUR CLOSING IN STRASBOURG AS A DEMONSTRATION OF TOTAL LACK OF INTEREST IN THE ORGANIZATION, WHETHER OR NOT WE CHOSE TO COVER IT FROM BRUSSELS.

-- WE ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE. OUR KNOWLEDGE OF CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE ACTIVITIES EFFECTING U.S. INTERESTS AND OUR ABILITY TO EFFECT THEIR OUTCOMES, STEEM FROM COURTING A DAILY (AND EVENING SOCIAL) RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ORGANIZATION'S SECRETARIAT, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHER OPERATING ARMS. OUR RELATIONSHIPS HAVE PERMITTED US TO EFFECTIVELY COUNTERACT A SANDANISTA SPONSORED EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON NICARAGUA, GET THE COE TO OPEN THE DOOR TO US ON ANTI-TERRORISM COOPERATION, PROVIDE DETAILS ON A CLOSED MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON TELECOMMUNICATION MEDIA POLICY AND DETER COE INVOLVEMENT IN THE CYPRUS QUESTION. THROUGH CLOSE CONTACT WE WERE ABLE TO TRANSFORM THE DEMOCRACY CONFERENCE INTO A MAJOR JOINT INITIATIVE TO STIMULATE DEMOCRACY IN THE THIRD WORLD. THIS COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED LONG DISTANCE.

-- REMOTE HANDLING OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE WILL LIMIT OUR CONTACT TO THAT OF A POST BOX IN BRUSSELS TO

RECEIVE ROUTING COE DOCUMENTATION AND MAIL. THIS CAN
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JUST AS WELL BE DONE FROM WASHINGTON, WITHOUT THE
ADDITIONAL POSTAGE OF FORWARDING MAIL VIA BRUSSELS.

-- RECOGNIZING THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, JAPAN HAS TAKEN INITIAL STEPS TO OPEN REPRESENTATION IN STRASBOURG. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IS EXPECTED DURING NAKASONE'S VISIT TO STRASBOURG MAY 5. CANADA IS ALSO CONSIDERING REOPENING AN OFFICE HERE. THE YUGOSLAV, MOROCCAN, ALGERIAN, AND TUNISIAN CONSULATES IN STRASBOURG HAVE ALL ADDED ADDITIONAL OFFICERS TO HANDLE THEIR COE LIAISON EFFORTS.

9. CLOSING STRASBOURG WOULD ALSO ENTAIL SERIOUS COSTS TO OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH FRANCE.

-- THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT ATTACHES CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO A U.S. PRESENCE IN STRASBOURG. CHIRAC RECENTLY PLEDGED THAT STRASBOURG WOULD RETAIN ITS CURRENT INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND THAT FURTHER EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE TO ATTRACT NEW ONES. GREAT IMPORTANCE IS PLACED ON THE PRESENCE OF THE U.S. CONSULATE WHICH "DEMONSTRATES" U.S. RECOGNITION OF STRASBOURG'S STATUS AS A EUROPEAN CAPITAL.

10. STRASBOURG IS A VERY LOW COST OPERATION OFFERING NO GRAMM-RUDMAN SAVINGS.

-- TOTAL OPERATING COST AT POST IS LESS THAN \$190,000 PER YEAR. STATE PERSONNEL INCLUDE ONE AMERICAN OFFICER, ONE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, ONE CONSULAR SPECIALIST, AND ONE PIT SECRETARY. U.S.I.S. MAINTAINS THREE FSN POSITIONS AND COMMERCE ONE. THERE IS ALSO A MAINTENANCE PERSON AND SECURITY CHAUFFEUR. BOTH THE

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2. MY MISSION AND I VIEW WITH GREAT CONCERN THE
PROPOSAL TO CLOSE CONGEN STRASBOURG DETAILED IN REF
A. THIS MISSION, AS A PRIME CONSUMER OF CONGEN
STRASBOURG'S EXCELLENT, TIMELY REPORTING, FEELS
STRONGLY THAT CLOSURE OF STRASBOURG WOULD HAMPER OUR
POLICY-MAKING, AND REPRESENT TOO GREAT A SACRIFICE IN
THE NAME OF ECONOMY.

3. BOTH OF YOU -- AMBASSADOR SPIERS AS FORMER
AMBASSADOR HERE, AND AMBASSADOR RIDGWAY FROM HER
CURRENT POSITION -- ARE AWARE OF TURKEY'S ENORMOUS
EFFORTS TO BECOME PART OF EUROPE. THESE EFFORTS WILL
BE CROWNED BY TURKEY'S UPCOMING APPLICATION FOR FULL
EC MEMBERSHIP. RIGHT NOW, THE COE IS TURKEY'S
POLITICAL DOOR TO EUROPE, AND RECENT PROGRESS THERE
IS THE SPRINGBOARD FOR TURKEY'S EC APPLICATION.

4. CONGEN STRASBOURG'S REPORTING OF THESE
DEVELOPMENTS -- THE FRIENDLY SETTLEMENT OF THE FIVE
NATION HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLAINT IN DECEMBER, 1985; THE
APRIL, 1986 DEBATES ON TURKEY CULMINATING IN THE
ACCEPTANCE OF TURKEY'S COE VICE-PRESIDENCY (REFS B
AND C); THE JUNE 30 COE MINI-SESSION IN ISTANBUL
(REF D); AND FONMIN HALEFOGLU'S CURRENT CHAIRMANSHIP
OF THE COE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS (REFS E AND F) --
HAS BEEN CRUCIAL TO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THIS
DELICATE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. WE FOUND REF G, ON
COE HEARINGS ON THE TRADE UNION SITUATION IN ADVANCE
OF THE ISTANBUL MINI-SESSION, ESPECIALLY USEFUL IN
HEADING OFF A CHALLENGE TO TURKEY'S LEGITIMATE
PARTICIPATION IN THE COE.

5. WE SEE ALSO THAT CONGEN STRASBOURG'S REPORTING
HAS BEEN CRUCIAL TO THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY MAKING:
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ON TURKISH VICE-CHAIRMANSHIP, CITES STRASBOURG'S REPORTING AS ITS GENESIS. WE FIND THIS CALIBER OF ANTICIPATORY REPORTING SOMETHING THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD THINK TWICE BEFORE DECIDING TO DO WITHOUT.

6. WE ALSO BELIEVE THE COE HAS PROVEN ITSELF TO BE A DURABLE AND IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL BODY WHICH WILL BE THE SCENE OF MUCH POLITICAL FERMENT IN THE FUTURE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE FUTURE OF TURKEY'S EC APPLICATION MAY DEPEND UPON EUROPEAN PERCEPTIONS OF TURKEY'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD, ON WHICH THE COE AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION REPORT.

7. IN SHORT, WE FIND THAT AMERICA'S CONCERNS AND PLACE IN THE WORLD DEMAND THAT IT MAINTAIN LINKS WITH THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, THAT A REPRESENTATION BE PRESERVED IN STRASBOURG, AND THAT THE USG CONTINUE TO BENEFIT FROM ITS ON-THE-SPOT REPORTING. WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT IN CLOSING CONGEN STRASBOURG WE WOULD SACRIFICE LONG-TERM USG INTERESTS FOR RELATIVELY INSIGNIFICANT SHORT-TERM BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS. HENCE, WE CONCUR WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH STRASBOURG/PARIS' DISSENT MESSAGE.
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I SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE A FILE FOR YOUR PRIVATE OFFICE INCLUDING THE PROGRAM, THE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS, THE PROCEDURE AND THE THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE.

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I REMAIN, YOURS SINCERELY, LOUIS JUNG, PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE. END TEXT.
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2. I AM NOT CERTAIN THAT THIS MESSAGE BELONGS IN THE
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3. I MERELY WISH TO SUPPORT THE STRASBOURG CONSUL
GENERAL'S STATEMENT (REFTEL) THAT HIS POST HAS PLAYED
A HELPFUL ROLE IN DEALING WITH COE INVOLVEMENT IN THE
CYPRUS DISPUTE. HE HAS ON OCCASION BEEN THE FIRST TO
ALERT INTERESTED PARTIES TO INITIATIVES IN THE COE
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VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT. THIS ROLE WOULD IN ALL LIKELIHOOD
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