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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN MEDIA REACTION ON CLINTON'S FOREIGN

POLICY

1. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM A COMMENTARY BY FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS WRITER ANDREAS SCHWARZ IN THE AUGUST 2 EDITION OF  
THE INDEPENDENT DAILY DIE PRESSE (CIRCULATION 100,000),  
IN WHICH HE CRITICIZES THE LACK OF A CONCEPT BEHIND  
CURRENT AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY AND ACCUSES THE CLINTON  
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ADMINISTRATION OF NOT HANDLING FOREIGN POLICY CRISES VERY  
WELL. HIS EDITORIAL IS ENTITLED "AMERICA HAS BECOME  
SMALL." FOLLOWING ARE SIGNIFICANT EXCERPTS:

2. "AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY IS IN HIGH DEMAND THESE  
SUMMER DAYS FROM HAITI TO BOSNIA, FROM ASIA TO AFRICA.  
AND IF ONE -- IGNORING ALL PAST EXPERIENCES -- APPLIES  
THE STANDARD OF A WORLD POWER, THEN ONE CAN TRULY AND  
CONVINCINGLY STATE THAT US FOREIGN POLICY IS OVERTAXED

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AND THAT ITS ROLE AS THE WORLD POWER IN THE CLINTON ERA

IS SINKING BENEATH THE POTOMAC.

FIRST EXAMPLE: PRESSED BY THE UNITED STATES, THE UN HAS

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GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT FOR A MILITARY INTERVENTION AGAINST  
THE COUP LEADERS IN HAITI. IT WILL MOST LIKELY TAKE  
PLACE, SINCE THE AMERICANS HAVE ALWAYS EXERCISED THEIR  
RIGHTS IN THEIR OWN BACKYARD....

BUT DIFFERENT FROM HIS PREDECESSORS IN THE CASES OF  
GRENADA OR PANAMA, BILL CLINTON THIS TIME GOT THE BACKING  
OF THE WORLD ORGANIZATION. MAINLY BECAUSE THE POLITICAL  
MOOD IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE CARRIBEAN OVER AN  
INTERVENTION TO REINSTATE A WEAK HAITIAN PRESIDENT  
ARISTIDE IS NOT VERY POSITIVE. BUT THE BACKING OF THE UN  
ALLOWS ONE TO GAIN LAURELS ON THE CHEAP IF ONE IS  
SUCCESSFUL. AND THAT IS WHAT BILL CLINTON, WHOSE  
DOMESTIC POLICY HOPES, ACCORDING TO RECENT POLLS, HAVE  
BEEN WRECKED, URGENTLY NEEDS.

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IS IT RIGHT THAT THE AMERICANS ARE SEEKING TO RESTORE  
ORDER AT THEIR OWN FRONT DOOR? THEN THE SECOND EXAMPLE  
IS PROBABLY ALSO O.K., WHICH IS THAT THEY ARE THREATENING  
THE JAPANESE WITH A TRADE WAR IN ORDER TO HAVE THEIR  
PRODUCTS NOT TOTALLY DISAPPEAR IN THE LAND OF THE RISING  
SUN?....

IN SHORT, PUNISH YOUR FRIENDS AND STROKE YOUR ENEMIES OR,  
TO PUT IT INTO TRIVIAL AMERICAN LANGUAGE, MONEY TALKS.

AND, THIRD, WHO COULD BLAME BILL CLINTON FOR NOT ONLY  
SAVING THE RWANDAN REFUGEES BUT ALSO HIS OWN SKIN WITH  
OPERATION "SUPPORT HOPE?"...THE FACT THAT THE STATE  
DEPARTMENT AND THE WHITE HOUSE CONTRADICTED EACH OTHER  
OVER THE WEEK-END ON THE RECOGNITION OF THE NEW  
GOVERNMENT IN KIGALI IS PROBABLY AN EXPRESSION OF THE  
LACK OF ORIENTATION IN FOREIGN POLICY, (BUT) IN  
WASHINGTON IT PASSED BY IN THE GENERAL UPROAR AS A  
FOOTNOTE...

THE SEARCH FOR HISTORICAL GREATNESS IS UNDERSTANDABLE,

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THE HELP FOR AFRICA AT LEAST HONORABLE, THE WORRY OVER  
ITS OWN TRADE PERMISSIBLE, AND THE RESONSIBILITY FOR THE  
CARRIBBEAN (AND NOT FOR BOSNIA) EXPLANATORY FROM A NARROW  
AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE. BUT A CONCEPT FOR A WORLD POWER'S  
FOREIGN POLICY THIS IS CERTAINLY NOT. THE UNITED STATES  
STILL HAS, WITHOUT ANY DOUBT, INFLUENCE THROUGH ITS

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MILITARY MIGHT AND ABILITY TO PROJECT POWER. BUT  
OTHERWISE AMERICA HAS BECOME--THANKS TO ITS PRESIDENT--  
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VERY SMALL." (END COMMENTARY)  
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