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SUBJECT: CANADA RESPONDS POSITIVELY TO WHITE HOUSE

ANNOUNCEMENT ON DETAINEES

REF: (A) STATE 24988 (B) OTTAWA 307 (NOTAL)

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1. (C) AFTER TWO WEEKS OF INTENSIVE DEBATE IN CANADA OVER THE STATUS OF DETAINEES IN AFGHANISTAN/GUANTANAMO BAY, CANADIAN

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GOVERNMENT LEADERS SEIZED ON THE FEBRUARY 7 WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT (REF. A) AS SATISFYING INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STANDARDS. PRIME MINISTER JEAN CHRETIEN TOLD REPORTERS THAT PRESSURE FROM THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAD SWAYED THE USG TO "FOLLOW THE GENEVA CONVENTION." DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER JOHN MANLEY, IN RESPONSE TO CRITICISM FROM BLOC QUEBECOIS MPS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, SAID THAT "WE HAVE THE CLARIFICATION WE REQUESTED" FROM THE USG. EMBATTLED DEFENSE MINISTER ART EGGLETON - WHO FACES A 4-WEEK COMMONS INQUIRY OVER HIS CONFLICTING STATEMENTS ON THE TIMING OF DETENTIONS BY CANADIAN FORCES - TOLD REPORTERS THAT "MR. BUSH HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY ARE ABIDING BY THE GENEVA CONVENTION, AND THAT'S ALL WE WANTED."

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