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1. JIAP NEWS

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2) MEMBER NEWS

“Koizumi and Bush: Marriage of Convenience,” By Avako Doi, Forum, Daily Japan Digest, 10/20/03. “The question is where this marriage of convenience is taking their countries. Bush, leading the world's only superpower, faces growing criticism of his foreign policy not only abroad but at home. Unable to overthrow the power of its politically potent farm lobby, Japan, despite its economic power, seems increasingly isolated as the rest of Asia moves toward free trade. In the end, that may make it yet another loveless bargain for the Bushes.”

Rein In at the Brink of the Precipice: American Policy Toward Taiwan and U.S.-PRC Relations by Alan Romberg (Stimson Center) October 2003. “Today, U.S.-PRC relations are touted as “the best ever.” Nevertheless, the “Taiwan question” remains a potential time bomb that could do grave damage to that relationship and to Taiwan, with regional and even global ramifications. Though unlikely, such an explosion is not impossible, and American leaders have an obligation to understand the issue in depth before taking decisions that could affect whether the world travels along such a tragic path.” <http://www.stimson.org/china/pubs.cfm?ID=85>

3) CRITICAL REPORTS

“Text: U.S. Reiterates Support for Taiwan Democracy, One-China Policy (Notes that Taiwan will hold third democratic presidential election in 2004),” US State Dept, 10/20/03. “In an October 18 statement, the United States stressed its support for free and fair elections as Taiwan approaches its third democratic election for president in 2004. At the same time, the U.S. said that it continues to adhere to its one-China policy and insist on a peaceful resolution of differences between Taiwan and the People's Republic of China.” <http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0310c&L=WF-EASIA&P=R12137>

Preventing Nuclear Terrorism: A Progress Report by Prof Matthew Bunn (Harvard), Nuclear Threat Initiative, Safer World, 10/22/03, 19pp. “While progress has been made in securing vulnerable nuclear material stockpiles around the world, there remains a dangerous gap between the pace of progress and the scope and urgency of the threat. Only 41 percent of Russia’s nuclear materials have received U.S.-funded “rapid” security upgrades or more comprehensive upgrades to date.” The *Safer World* campaign is a nonpartisan public awareness campaign designed to elevate this key national security issue and make it a higher priority for elected officials and policy makers.

Press Release: http://www.saferworld.org/pdfs/release_cnwmupdate_102203.pdf

Report: http://www.saferworld.org/pdfs/analysis_cnwmupdate_102203.pdf

Harvard: <http://www.ksg.harvard.edu/bcsia>

CHINA'S EU POLICY PAPER, October 13, 2003 - *China's first regional foreign policy document.*
<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/wjb/zjg/xos/dqzzywt/t27708.htm>

4) OPINION, REPORTS & STATEMENTS

COVER STORIES

NATIONAL JOURNAL – “Hillary Inc.” 10/18/03,
<http://nationaljournal.com/members/news/2003/10/1017nj1.htm>

ECONOMIST – “Congratulations, China: Having put a man into space, China presumably has no further need for foreign aid,” 10/18/03, <http://www.economist.com/printedition/index.cfm?d=20031018>

FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW – “PRIVATIZATION: Hong Kong's Big Sell-Off: Spurred by persistent budget deficits and unable to find alternative sources of revenue, the government has announced a far-

reaching divestment programme that could generate more than \$40 billion over the next 10 years,” 10/23/03, http://www.feer.com/articles/2003/0310_23/p046money.html

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JAPAN-BUSINESS

“Ripplewood Plans Japan Growth,” FT10/21/03, P20. “US investment fund Ripplewood is to boost its investments in Japan, encouraged by signs that the country is on the cusp of a major turnaround, its chief executive [Tim Collins] said.”

JAPAN-FOREIGN POLICY

Press Conference By The Prime Minister Of Japan At The Apec Summit

> <http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/apec/2003/press1021.html>

Statement by Permanent Representative of Japan Koichi Haraguchi on ITEM 85: Comprehensive Review of the Whole Question of PKO in All Their Aspects

> <http://www.mofa.go.jp/announce/speech/un0310-10.html>

Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting (Prime Minister of Japan and his Cabinet Official Web Site)

> http://www.kantei.go.jp/foreign/koizumiphoto/2003/10/17usa_e.html

“Japan, Mexico leave FTA issue to later negotiations, with time out due to differences on agricultural products; Japan has limits to concessions, reflecting upcoming election, while Mexico aims at soliciting "advantages" with delay tactics,” NIHON KEIZAI 10/17/03, p3, US Embassy Translation, 10/20/03.

“Kazamidori (Weathercock) column: Koizumi's acrobatic diplomacy,” By Akihiko Miyamoto, senior staff writer NIHON KEIZAI 10/20/03, p3, US Embassy Translation, 10/21/03. “All the recent events might be the product of Mr. Koizumi's diplomatic acrobatics. When the rope is about to break, he jumps to another rope that comes out in front of him. But this does not mean that his U.S. policy has successfully worked, but rather, in my analysis, it is because he has been blessed with a series of good fortune.”

“Japan-China talks clouded by Yasukuni shrine visits; Reciprocal visits put on hold,” MAINICHI 10/21/03, p3, US Embassy Translation 10/22/03.

Japan's Assistance for the Reconstruction of Iraq (Assistance to meet the medium-term reconstruction needs of Iraq) MOFA 10/24/03, http://www.mofa.go.jp/region/middle_e/iraq/issue2003/assist0310-2.html

JAPAN-POLITICS

“Follow-up of 6 political parties' campaign pledges on foreign, security policies: Differences seen in distancing from U.S.; Opposition parties against SDF dispatch,” ASAHI 10/17/03, p4, US Embassy Translation, 10/20/03.

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6 Parties' Main Campaign Pledges On Foreign And Security Policies

		Iraq reconstruction, cooperation with U.S.	North Korea policy	Security
Ruling parties	LDP	Conduct peace offensives, such as assistance to Iraq's reconstruction, in cooperation with the international community. Lay emphasis on international cooperation based on the Japan-U.S. alliance.	Normalize diplomatic relations with an early, comprehensive settlement of abduction, nuclear, missile issues. Make every possible effort for a solution to the abduction issue.	Establish a "defense ministry." Legislate public protection measures in 2004's ordinary Diet session. Introduce ballistic missile defense systems.
	NK	Increase human resources for international peace to 10,000 in 3 years, and set up an international peace service center.	(No description)	Promote disarmament and antipersonnel landmine removal. Revamp readiness for war on drugs.
	NCP	Decide on Japan's appropriate cooperation. Carry out support and cooperation as an ally of the U.S., UK.	No diplomatic normalization without a solution to the abduction issue. Demand North Korea scrap its nuke program, etc., thru 6-way talks, other channels	Enact a "defense ministry" establishment law in 2004's ordinary Diet session. Strengthen the security of the prime minister's official residence and atomic energy facilities.
Opposition parties	DPJ	No SDF dispatch under the Iraq special measures law. Set about revising the Japan-U.S. Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA), reach a conclusion in 3 years.	It's important to settle the abduction issue at the earliest possible time. Work on the issue of North Korean defectors. Beef up maritime security.	Work out a new defense initiative in 2005 to downsize the SDF, and carry it out in 5 years.
	JCP	Opposed to SDF dispatch to Iraq. Abrogate the Japan-U.S. security treaty, conclude a friendship treaty for ties on an equal footing.	Work to prevent U.S.-DPRK military confrontation. Settle the abduction issue in a rational way.	Opposed to the U.S. missile defense strategy. Call off Japan's participation at once.
	SDP	Opposed to SDF dispatch to Iraq, SDF participation in multinational forces. Drastic revisions to SOFA.	Support a peaceful settlement of the nuke issue thru multilateral dialogue. Resolve the abduction issue at the earliest possible time thru talks.	Downscale the SDF and its hardware. Reduce defense spending and increase its transparency. Divert defense industries to public welfare.

“Japan Opposition Raises Stakes In Resona Row,” FT10/20/03, P4. Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) officials accuse Koizumi administration of ‘state-sponsored window dressing and fraud’ in Resona Bank bailout.

JAPAN-SECURITY

“Ex-defense bureaucrats against SDF dispatch to Iraq, speaking for SDF members' innermost feelings; Justification left vague; Defense Agency officials disappointed at premier,” TOKYO SHIMBUN 10/21/03, p26, US Embassy Translation, 10/23/03. “Fujishima and Koike both presume that the entire Defense Agency is against the SDF dispatch to Iraq. Fujishima said, "They can't say anything. I'm speaking for their feelings.””

JAPAN-SOCIETY & CULTURE

10/16 - Food Safety Committee of the Cabinet Office releases results of its "Survey of Awareness of Food Safety." In listing one's fears regard food safety, multiple choices were allowed, with 67.7 percent choosing

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agricultural chemicals, 66.4 percent picking imported foods, 64.4 percent selecting additives, and 60.7 percent choosing pollution contaminants -- all over 60 percent. As a result of analyzing the results, it was learned that consumers were more concerned about maintaining safety in the upstream process, such as at the growing or production stage, rather than in distribution and sales channels. “**Survey of Awareness of Food Safety**” by the Food Safety Committee of Japanese Cabinet, [食の安全性に関する意識調査; *Shoku no anzen ni kan suru ishiki chousa*], released on October 16, 2003. 29 pages (Japanese only).

<http://www8.cao.go.jp/shokuhin/monitor/1509moni-chousakekka.pdf>

JAPAN-RELEVANT

AUSTRALIA

Country Analysis Brief on Australia from the US Dept of Energy. Included in the report are the latest estimates of Australia's energy statistics, plus an up-to-date discussion of the country's energy sector developments. See:

<http://www.eia.doe.gov/cabs/australia.html>

“Australia Moves To Centre Stage; Prime Minister John Howard’s Focus On Foreign Affairs Is Paying Off With This Week’s Visits By Bush And Hu,” FT10/22/03, P8.

“Australia And China In A\$30bn Gas Accord,” FT10/25-26/03, P5. “...an agreement between [Australia’s] Gorgon gas field [run by ChevronTexaco] and the China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) ... would involve the supply of up to 100m tones of liquefied natural gas to China over 25 years ... one of the world’s largest LNG deals.”

CNOOC Press Release: http://www.cnooltd.com/cnooltd/template/Template011.jsp?Wc_Id=364&Wg_Id=19

CHINA-ECONOMY

“China: Cold Water for Overheated Commodities?” Stratfor 10/24/03. “Concerned by industrial overheating, Chinese authorities aim to slow down lending and investment in key sectors. Though the pullback is not likely to be immediate, a concerted effort by Beijing to cool the economy could stabilize commodity prices and shipping rates next year.” <http://www.stratfor.biz/Story.neo?storyId=223956>

“China Gives Go-Ahead For First Foreign Stake In Domestic Bank,” FT10/21/03, P1. Stake in Minsheng Bank goes to World Bank-private sector branch the International Finance Corporation (IFC).

“Power Sector ‘To Need \$10,000 Bn In Next 30 Years,’” FT10/20/03, P15.

Press Release: <http://library.iea.org/dbtw-wpd/bookshop/pressrel.aspx?id=109>

“Power Generation Investment in Electricity Markets” Report: <http://library.iea.org/dbtw-wpd/bookshop/add.aspx?id=147>

“The Power to Choose: Demand Response in Liberalised Electricity Markets” Report: <http://library.iea.org/dbtw-wpd/bookshop/add.aspx?id=146>

CHINA-FOREIGN POLICY

“Is China a Status Quo Power?” By [Alastair Iain Johnston](#), *International Security*, Vol. 27, Issue 4 - Spring 2003, pp. 5 – 56. <http://mitpress.mit.edu/catalog/item/default.asp?sid=CA0F1A4F-E4B4-4869-9844-86DAA982C462&ttype=6&tid=11043>

CHINA-HONG KONG

“Getting It Right in Hong Kong” by James R. Keith *U.S. Consul General in Hong Kong*, Heritage Lecture #803:

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CHINA-POLITICS

“**Hu Wrestles With Political-Economic Mismatch; China’s Transformation Of Markets and Society Feeds Democratic Desires,**” WST10/20/03, A16.

“**Hu Wrestles With Political-Economic Mismatch; In Taiwan, as Investment With Mainland Expands, Idea of Independence Thrives,**” WST10/20/03, A16.

CHINA-TRADE

U.S.-China Ties: Reassessing the Economic Relationship, House International Relations Committee, 10/21/03. [Hearing Notice](#), [Hon. Henry J. Hyde](#), [Hon. Grant D. Aldonas \[no prepared text\]](#), [Mr. Franklin J. Vargo](#), [Nicholas R. Lardy, Ph.D.](#), [Ms. Thea Lee](#), [Mrs. Jonna Bianco](#)

“**Text: China Still Needs Work on Export Controls, Official Says (Commerce Dept.'s Juster also describes India, transshipment hub initiatives)**” US State Dept, 10/20/03. “In October 20 remarks to a Commerce Department conference and to reporters afterwards, Under Secretary Kenneth Juster said that a number of Chinese entities were still exporting sensitive items to countries where the manufacture of weapons of mass destruction is a concern.” <http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0310c&L=WF-EASIA&P=R12211>

”**U.S.: The Case for Trade Sanctions Against China,**” Stratfor Report 10/23/03. “With the campaign to force China to free up its pegged currency yielding little, the United States is building a multifaceted case for trade sanctions against China. U.S. officials are delivering the first salvos personally this week, heralding the rising trade tensions between the two countries. This strategy is not without risk to the Bush administration.” <http://www.stratfor.biz/Story.neo?storyId=223908>

“**Chinese President to Consider Revaluing His Nation’s Currency,**” NYT10/22/03, A7. Study group to analyze “how Beijing could move toward a floating exchange rate.”

FOREIGN POLICY

“**Bush Tries To Embrace Challenge Of Emerging Superpower Competitor,**” FT10/22/03, P8. “Mr. Bush’s response to the signs of an emerging rival has not been to confront China, but to embrace its leader, even to burnish Mr. Hu’s reputation.” US official says: “We don’t think this has to be competitive. It does not need to be an ‘either-or’.”

“**U.S. Reaches Deal To Limit Transfers Of Small Missiles,**” NYT10/21/03, A1. “call for all Asian and Pacific Rim nations, including the United States, to adopt formal controls over their inventories of small surface-to-air missiles and to ban any transfer of the weapons to “nonstate end-users,” like guerilla groups or terrorists ... also calls for ‘strong national regulations on the production, transfer and brokering of these systems,’ and for joint research on the feasibility of a new generation of lightweight missiles with ‘launch control features that preclude their unauthorized use.’”

“**Take the Fight to the Terrorists,**” Donald H. Rumsfeld (Secretary of Defense), Op-Ed, WP10/26/03, B7. “The task is to stop terrorists before they can terrorize. And even better, we must lean forward and stop them from becoming terrorists in the first place. That is a lesson we learned two decades ago in Beirut.”

Defenselink: www.defenselink.mil/

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“Fact Sheet: U.S. Actions at the APEC Summit -- Day One (APEC Leaders agree to re-energize Doha negotiations),” US State Dept, 10/20/03, <http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0310c&L=WF-EASIA&P=R10421>.

“Fact Sheet: U.S. Accomplishments at the APEC Summit, Day Two (U.S. urged decisive action to ensure prosperity, security),” US State Dept 10/21/03. <http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0310c&L=WF-EASIA&P=R17025>

“Transcript: Official Briefs on Bush Meetings with China's Hu, Thailand's Thaksin (Background briefing at JW Marriott, Bangkok October 19),” US State Dept 10/20/03, <http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0310c&L=WF-EASIA&P=R12720>

GLOBAL ECONOMY

“Treasury Says Snow Was Not Pushing Fed; Agency Plays Down Forecast of Rate Hike,” WP10/21/03, E1. Snow states in interview that interest rates will rise in coming months. Treasury says Snow “not predicting or forcing Fed policy.”

“Snow Sets A Puzzle Over Interest Rates; The US Treasury Secretary Should Beware Of Loose Talk,” Editorial, FT10/21/03, P14. “The world economy is in a volatile enough state without a loose cannon at the US Treasury.”

“Knowledge Gap ‘Holds Back’ Arab Societies,” FT10/21/03, P5. Report provides “blueprint for a ‘knowledge society’ while criticising a growing lack of freedom in the Arab world.”

Arab Human Development 2003 Report: <http://www.undp.org/rbas/ahdr/>

INDONESIA

“Officials Correct Bush on Indonesia,” WP10/22/03, A19. “President Bush misspoke when he said ... the United States was ready to ‘go forward with’ a new package of military training programs with Indonesia ... No new programs are currently planned or have been approved...”

“Transcript: Indonesia a "Vital Partner" to U.S., Bush Says (Bush, Megawati press availability October 22),” US State Dept 10/22/03. <http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0310d&L=WF-EASIA&P=R622>

INTELLIGENCE

“Naming Of CIA Agent ‘Aimed To Discredit The Service,” FT10/25-26/03, P3. “for [intelligence agencies’] failure to support White House claims that Saddam Hussein was reconstituting Iraq’s nuclear weapons programme, former agency officials said...”

“Ashcroft Briefed Regularly On Inquiry Into C.I.A. Leak,” NYT10/22/03, A21. “Mr. Ashcroft’s regular, detailed briefings suggest that he has taken a more hands-on role in the politically charged investigation than the [Justice] department had acknowledged.”

“The CIA And the WMD,” David Ignatius, Op-Ed, WP10/21/03, A25. “To guarantee [its] credibility, the CIA should ... disclose more of its pre-war intelligence about Iraqi weapons of mass destruction so people can understand why it reached its judgments; and it should convene an outside board to analyze that evidence and assess whether the CIA’s warnings were sound.”

“Let Someone Else Do the Talking,” Alton Frye (presidential senior fellow and counselor, Council on Foreign Relations), Op-Ed, NYT10/22/03, A27 “Reporters could themselves assume the status of confidential sources and

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share [names of leakers] with other journalists ... Not only would counterleaking resolve the present commotion, it would also deter future leakers from trying to turn reporters into tools of political combat.”

IRAQ ISSUES

“Speak Up, Mr. Rumsfeld,” Editorial, WP10/25/03, A22. Rumsfeld internal memo leak reveals doubts over Iraq. “Congress and the country would benefit from a thorough discussion of such substance.”

“Intelligence Problems In Iraq Are Detailed,” WP10/25/03, A1. “The U.S. military intelligence gathering operation in Iraq is being undercut by a series of problems in using technology, training intelligence specialists and managing them in the field...”

Following Washington Post article, **Center for Army Lessons Learned report removed, says Slate:**

<http://slate.msn.com/id/2090585/>

Subsequently reposted by GlobalSecurity.org: http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/report/2003/03-27_call_op-outreach.pdf

“Inquiry Faults Intelligence on Iraq; Threat From Saddam Hussein Was Overstated, Senate Committee Reports Find,” WP10/24/03, A1.

Declassified Excerpts from October 2002 National Intelligence Estimate:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/h072103.html

“Nations Pledge Billions For Iraq; Reconstruction Aid Falls Far Short Of Projected Need,” WP10/25/03, A1. International donors promise \$9 billion in loans, \$4 billion in grants. With Bush administration pledging \$20 billion, still short of World Bank-UN estimated \$56 billion needed.

“Search in Iraq Fails to Find Nuclear Threat; No Evidence Uncovered Of Reconstituted Program,” WP10/26/03, A1.

IRAN ISSUES

“Iran Will Allow U.N. Inspections of Nuclear Sites; Accepts Europeans’ Plan; Agrees to Halt Production of Enriched Uranium for ‘Interim Period’,” NYT10/22/03, A1.

“Iran To Halt Uranium Programme; Europe’s Diplomatic Breakthrough On Nuclear Sites Wins Tentative Welcome From White House,” FT10/22/03, P1. White House “emphasised that ‘the value of the agreement will depend not just on the words in the communiqué but, above all, on the implementation of what’s agreed.’”

“Iran Still Under Pressure To Give Arms Assurance; Despite Yesterday’s Agreement, Tehran Has Yet To Prove It Has Not Diverted Nuclear Material For Weapons,” FT10/22/03, P3. “‘The fact they’ve suspended uranium enrichment is very significant. It creates diplomatic space for a deal in which Iran would abandon the programme altogether,’ said Gary Samore, non-proliferation expert at London’s International Institute for Strategic Studies. ‘The question now is: how will the Europeans follow up on the diplomatic space they’ve created?’”

“Iran’s European Bargain,” Editorial, WP10/24/03, A24. “There is little chance of really preventing Iran from getting nuclear weapons-as opposed to getting it to make promises to the IAEA-unless Europe, the United States and Russia effectively combine in seeking verifiable action going well beyond what so far has been promised.”

“Nuclear Diplomacy; Iran’s Concessions Will Still Not Stop It Making A Bomb,” Editorial, FT10/22/03, P16. “The ultimate aim of the European Union trio was to get Iran to abandon-not just halt-uranium enrichment, a wish Tehran shows no sign of granting.”

“Iran’s Pact: ‘Full Cooperation’,” NYT10/22/03, A10. Reaffirms peaceful intent in nuclear projects, pledges to cooperate with IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency).

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IAEA Statement by Iranian Government and Visiting European Foreign Ministers:

http://www.iaea.org/NewsCenter/Focus/IaeaIran/statement_iran21102003.shtml

“Encouraging Words From Iran,” Editorial, NYT10/22/03, A26. “...only one sure way for Iran to persuade others to trust its repeated promises not to build nuclear weapons. It must not only suspend uranium enrichment, but also dismantle, with international verification, all of its enrichment plants.”

LEADERSHIP

“Wrong and Divisive,” Editorial, WP10/21/03, A24. “The president ought to be forthright about comments that are wrong and divisive—whether they’re uttered by a foreign leader [Mahathir] or by one of his own generals [Gen. Boykin].”

NORTH KOREA

“North Koreans, In Shift, to Mull Security Offer,” NYT10/26/03, A1.

North Korean statement: <http://www.kcna.co.jp/item/2003/200310/news10/27.htm#21>

10/20 - North Korea test-fires an antiship missile as part of an annual military exercise as President Bush and other leaders open the 18th APEC summit

“Japan, South Korea Differ Over Possible Second North Korean Missile Test,” Global Security Newswire, 10/21/03. http://www.nti.org/d_newswire/issues/2003_10_21.html#2605DE39

“Transcript: North Korea Security Assurances Will Not Be Formal Pact, Powell Says (Interview on CBS's Face the Nation October 19),” US State Dept, 10/20/03. <http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0310c&L=WF-EASIA&P=R11335>

“Bush Proposes North Korea Security Plan to China,” NYT10/20/03, A1. Formal nonaggression treaty “off the table” but 5-nation security guarantee possible.

“Bush Woos China In Search For N Korea Nuclear Solution; US Opens Possibility Of Multilateral Security Deal To Gain Beijing’s Help In Dismantling Pyongyang Programme,” FT10/20/03, P1.

“North Korea Rebuffs U.S. Security Offer,” NYT10/22/03, A7. “Laughable.”

“Questions Linger on Plan for N. Korea; Bush Seeks Support For Security Pledge,” WP10/21/03, A19.

“Administration officials said basic questions about the new plan were unresolved, including what the agreement would say and how compliance would be verified.”

“Trying Diplomacy on North Korea,” Editorial, NYT10/21/03, A24. “In offering security guarantees to the North, Mr. Bush wisely overruled hawkish administration officials who preferred moving directly toward coercive economic and military steps.”

“Rights Group Exposes Conditions in North Korean Prison Camps,” NYT10/22/03, A7. “Hard labor with starvation food rations is the charge.”

“The Hidden Gulag: Exposing North Korea’s Prison Camps”: <http://www.hrnk.org/pr-oct2103.html>

U.S. Committee for Human Rights in North Korea website: <http://www.hrnk.org/>

“N Korea Test-Fires Missile Amid Peace Effort,” FT10/21/03, P6. Anti-ship missile off its east coast.

“A Multilateral Deal For N Korea,” Victor Cha (professor at Georgetown University’s School for Foreign Service), Comments, FT10/22/03, P17. Security guarantee offers “a welcome step” in North Korea nuclear crisis.

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“Could things in Asia be better or could things have been done differently? Critics should be careful not to allow the perfect to be the enemy of the good.”

“North Korea’s Turn To Talk Peace; Pyongyang And Beijing Should Respond To The US Overture,” Editorial, FT10/22/03, P16. “A hostile response from Pyongyang or a lukewarm reaction in Beijing would be bad for Mr. Kim, bad for US-China relations and bad for the security of north-east Asia.”

OBITUARY

“Chinese Beauty Symbolized A Rigid Regime,” Obituary, FT10/25-26/03, P5. Chiang Soong May-ling, widow of Chiang Kai-shek, dies at 105.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

“Experts Urge Tightening Of Safeguards In SARS Labs,” NYT10/22/03, A12. “Fears that a laboratory could be the source of a dangerous outbreak.”

SARS Conference Summary: <http://www.who.int/csr/sars/archive/research/en/>

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“Preparing for SARS,” Editorial, NYT10/26/03, A10. “Should SARS return, [Health authorities] will presumably temper their [response] with the recognition of the costs of any large-scale shutdown of normal activities.”

“Will the Space Race Move East?,” Jacqueline Newmyer (graduate student, Oxford University), Op-Ed, NYT10/20/03, A19. “[China’s] Sending a man into space ... should not obscure the important political differences that continue to divide China from the United States ... Washington should consider what kind of cooperation is appropriate with a regime that does not share the United States’ tradition of freedom and respect for human rights.”

“Access Grid Status in Asia Pacific Countries,” ATIP03.055, 10/03. “The Access Grid (AG) is an open-source software tool kit for group-to-group collaboration, using the Grid infrastructure. The present report summarizes the deployment and development status of AG technology in a number of Asian countries as reported in the Asia-Pacific Advanced Network Consortium’s (APAN) 16th meeting, held in August 2003 in Korea. Some key institutions involved in the deployment and development of AG are identified, along with common deployment issues and development activities.” Summary including a table of contents:

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SOUTH ASIA

“India To Hold Kashmir Talks With Separatists,” FT10/25-26/03, P5. New Delhi “willing to discuss more autonomy for the disputed state...”

SOUTH KOREA

“Crisis Widens for S. Korean Leader; Aide’s Arrest in Bribery Scandal is Latest Problem in Roh’s Brief Tenure,” WP10/24/03, A21.

“S Korea Promises More Troops For US-Led Iraq Force,” FT10/20/03, P3. “Delayed deciding how many and what sort of soldiers.”

“Seoul Wants Its Currency To Weaken Against Yen,” FT10/22/03, P8. Move “could help exports and kickstart the country’s depressed economy.”

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SOUTHEAST ASIA

“APEC Leaders In Search For A Purpose; The Forum’s Only Real Role Is To Keep Multilateralism Alive,” FT10/20/03, P12.

APEC Website: www.apec.org

“Summit Approves New Anti-Terror Schemes,” FT10/22/03, P8. APEC “array of anti-terrorist measures, including controls on shoulder-launched missiles ... [indicate] security remains a dominant concern for the world’s biggest economies.”

Fact Sheet on Free Trade and Thailand: President Bush Announces United States Intends to Negotiate a Free Trade Agreement with Thailand. <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/10/20031020-27.html>

“Transcript: Bush Says U.S. Considers Thailand "Major Non-NATO Ally" (Remarks in joint photo opportunity with Thai Prime Minister), US State Dept, 10/20/03. <http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0310c&L=WF-EASIA&P=R13102>

“Text: U.S., Philippines Strengthen Security Ties in Joint Statement (Bush Praises President Arroyo's leadership in war against terrorism), US State Dept, 10/20/03. <http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0310c&L=WF-EASIA&P=R14342>

“The Philippines Struggles to Cope With Deficits and Insurgents,” NYT10/26/03, A6.

“Listening to Mahathir,” Paul Krugman, Op-Ed, NYT10/21/03, A25. “tells you ... just how strong anti-Americanism and anti-Semitism among Muslims in Southeast Asia has become ... Thanks to its war in Iraq and unconditional support for Ariel Sharon, Washington has squandered post-9/11 sympathy...”

TAIWAN

“100,000 March in Taiwan for Chen's Referendum Call,” Reuters 10/26/03. “Over 100,000 marched in Taiwan on Saturday to demand the right to hold referendums, in what some see as a step towards the island making a formal declaration of its de facto independence from mainland China. The rally in the southern city of Kaohsiung was a strong show of support for President Chen Shui-bian, who has called for a referendum law and constitutional change, ahead of elections next year.” <http://taiwansecurity.org/Reu/2003/Reuters-261003.htm>

“Taiwan Hunts Ex-Council Speaker,” FT10/21/03, P6. Former Taipei city council speaker Chu An-hsuing wanted by authorities for vote-buying.

TRADE

“Trade And The Global Economy” By Rep. Dick Gephardt, October 18, 200, Cedar Rapids, IA. <http://www.dickgephardt2004.com/plugin/template/gephardt/8/2729>

“Mahathir’s Call For New Trade Agenda Angers US,” FT10/21/03, P3. “...demand that could scuttle a US-led effort to revive the stalled negotiations if picked up by other countries.” [We were unable to locate the text of this speech.]

5) WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

JAPANDER

A most amusing site of Western movie stars humiliating themselves in the Japanese media. Among the *must-see* items is the site for **Arnold Schwarzenegger**, <http://www.japander.com/japander/schwarz.htm>

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6) KEY & QUICK NEWS LINKS

*****Many are by subscription*****

- *Asahi Shimbun (AS): <http://www.asahi.com>
- *BBC Online: <http://news.bbc.co.uk>
- *Economist (EC): <http://www.economist.com>
- *Far Eastern Economic Review (FEER): <http://www.feer.com>
- *Financial Times (FT): <http://www.FT.com>
- *Inside U.S. Trade (IUST): <http://www.insidetrade.com>
- *Japan Digest (JD): <http://www.japandigest.com>
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- *Nikkei (NK): <http://www.nni.nikkei.co.jp>
- *Oriental Economist (OE): <http://www.orientaleconomist.com>
- *Wall Street Journal (WSJ): <http://www.wsj.com>
- *Washington Post (WP): <http://www.washingtonpost.com>
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