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REF: CANBERRA 3283

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY JAMES H. HALL, EST MINISTER COUNSELOR.
REASON: 1.5(D).

2. (C) SUMMARY: OES ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY MELINDA
KIMBLE ENGAGED IN A LIVELY, WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION

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SEPTEMBER 5 WITH TAKAYUKI KIMURA, GOJ AMBASSADOR FOR GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS. SUBJECTS DISCUSSED INCLUDED HER CLIMATE-CHANGE FOCUSED TRIP TO CHINA AND KOREA AND COORDINATION BETWEEN THE USG AND GOJ IN THE RUN UP TO COP-4 IN BUENOS AIRES. KIMBLE NOTED THAT CHINA AND KOREA WERE WILLING TO ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE ON THESE ISSUES BUT HAD PRESENTED NO IDEAS FOR ACTUALLY MOVING FORWARD. SHE EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND JAPAN, WHOM SHE AND KIMURA AGREED ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT PLAYERS OVERALL, TO REJECT SUCH UNHELPFUL PROPOSALS AS THE EUROPEAN PROPOSAL FOR CAPS ON EMISSION TRADING. BOTH NOTED THE COMPLEXITIES OF DOMESTIC POLITICAL FACTORS IN THE U.S., JAPAN AND THE EU, AS WELL AS OTHERS, AND THE NEED TO MOVE THE COP PROCESS DELIBERATELY FORWARD TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE OFTEN CONFLICTING DYNAMICS INVOLVED. BOTH AGREED THAT THE MAJOR GOAL FOR COP-4 SHOULD BE TO SET A WORK PLAN WITH A

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CONCRETE TIMETABLE FOR COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS ON
IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF A GLOBAL IMPLEMENTING ARRANGEMENT FOR
THE KYOTO PROTOCOL. END SUMMARY

U.S. OVERVIEW ON EVE OF MINISTERIAL MEETING

3. (C) AS KIMBLE BEGAN WITH A DISCUSSION OF HER TRIP TO CHINA AND KOREA. SHE NOTED THE WILLINGNESS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE ON CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUES AND OBSERVED THAT CHINA'S SENDING A VICE FOREIGN MINISTER TO TOKYO FOR THE UPCOMING TALKS WAS POSITIVE AS WAS, SHE HOPED, THE DESIGNATION OF THE STATE DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COUNCIL AS THE LEAD WITH A VICE MINISTER TO LEAD THE PRC DELEGATION TO BUENOS AIRES. SHE TOLD KIMURA THAT HER MESSAGE THAT ECONOMIC GROWTH WAS NOT INCOMPATIBLE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS RESONATED BETTER IN KOREA THAN IT DID IN CHINA. STILL, THE MOOD IN CHINA HAD IMPROVED SINCE LAST YEAR, WITH THE CHINESE AT LEAST WILLING TO ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE. KIMBLE SAID THE CHINESE HAD WANTED TO TALK ABOUT ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED JOINTLY DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY HAD "KILLED" JOINT IMPLEMENTATION (JI) AT KYOTO. THE TOPIC NOW TO BE ADDRESSED, SHE TOLD THEM WAS THE CLEAN DEVELOPMENT MECHANISM (CDM). SHE ALSO NOTED THAT CHINA AND KOREA HAD AGREED TO SET UP WORKING GROUPS OF EXPERTS WITH THE U.S. TO EXAMINE THESE ISSUES AND THEIR EFFECT ON THEIR ECONOMIES. SHE ALSO NOTED THAT AN UPCOMING CLIMATE CHANGE SEMINAR IN MONTANA WOULD BE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS IDEAS WITH THE CHINESE IN PARTICULAR, AS WOULD THE LATER OTTAWA MEETING.

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6. (C) A VITAL IMMEDIATE TASK, AS KIMBLE TOLD KIMURA, FOR
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PRESSED CAPS DURING HIS VISIT TO CHINA PRIOR TO HERS. THE U.S. AND JAPAN NEED TO WORK CLOSELY TO PERSUADE G-77 NATIONS AS WELL AS POTENTIAL ALLIES WITHIN EUROPE ITSELF SUCH AS GREECE, PORTUGAL AND SPAIN WHERE SUCH LIMITS WILL DEPRIVE THEM OF OPPORTUNITIES TO ATTRACT INVESTMENT AS WELL AS MEET DOMESTIC EMISSION GOALS (FOR THOSE WHO HAVE MADE THE COMMITMENT). POLITICS, SUCH AS THE GERMAN AND AUSTRALIAN ELECTIONS, WERE COMPLICATING FACTORS.

7. (C) THAT BEING SAID, AS KIMBLE EMPHASIZED THAT MUCH NEEDS TO BE DONE IN MANY AREAS SUCH AS CREATING THE NEEDED FLEXIBLE MECHANISMS FOR TRADING, CDM AND JI AS WELL AS SETTING AND MEASURING APPROPRIATE BASELINES. LOOKING TO COP-4, SHE SAID THAT A REALISTIC GOAL WOULD BE TO COME OUT OF THE MEETING WITH A WORK PLAN, INCLUDING AN OUTLINE OF TASKS TO BE COMPLETED BY COP-5 AND COP-6. SHE AGREED WITH KIMURA THAT THERE WAS LITTLE TO BE GAINED BY CONFRONTATION WITH EITHER THE LDOS OR THE EUROPEANS. A "LET'S-GET-SOMETHING-DONE" APPROACH MADE MUCH MORE SENSE.

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11. (U) OES AA/S KIMBLE HAS CLEARED THIS MESSAGE.

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2.(C) FOLLOWING IS A DRAFT REPORT ON HER 9/5 MEETING WITH
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