Subject: NORTH KOREA FEED-BACK

ADVISORY - please check the mobile number you have for me - the correct mobile number - Justines is 852 945 26172 - seems that one of the messages sent to you/press releases had the wrong number. You can also get hold of me on my UK mobile 00 44 171 713 5600, or at the Hong Kong office.

Dear all,

First of all a BIG BIG THANK-YOU to all of Hong Kong office who really worked hard translating the press releases into Chinese, running around making copies of tapes and helping to get the tapes back from the journalists - especially to Ann, Suzanna, Chrystal and Flora. Also to the volunteers who spent all morning photocopying and stapling all the press releases.

Here is the break-down of what happened today at the press conference:

FEEDBACK
Please could you send me a list of the coverage/interviews you got from the North Korea press conference - also what angle most of the coverage is taking - please try and send me something tomorrow at the latest.

- Please send it to me at Justines email and to my own in London and I will put it all together so we can see what we got in total. Also, if you could fax through copies of articles that would be great.
Went really well despite the fact that we arrived at 3pm on the dot in a sweat thanks to Hong Kong traffic and the driver getting lost!

All participants were really clear and stuck to their brief which was worked out between everyone this morning.

There were a lot of questions and in the end they had to be cut short.

The leak in the International Herald Tribune got some of the journalists irritated, especially the US - Boston Globe (but calmed down when MSF was equally irritated by leak) as their papers picked the story up off the Washington Post news service and not from them.

However, the secretary of the FCC said that many told him that they had been alerted by called up by their editors because of the Post and Libe and were told to go and get the story as it was news. Some correspondents who I didn't even know were in HK turned up because of this.

The Liberation leak was disappointing because it took hours to negotiate each word of the press release and then too much went out before, prompting other journalists to leak and to get angry, making it difficult to get anything organised on an international level. A lot of people are upset and say there is no point in keeping embargos despite the fact that overall the impact of what we have done as been very high so far. Also, Marine is worried that the priest mentioned by name and location is going to have his life in danger.

Never the less, so far the coverage has been better than expected

TV

- CNN - interview this morning with Eric and Marie Rose went well, plus the footage - it has been playing all day, although Marie Rose was upset they sub-titled her English!

- We made dubs of the Betacam tapes of footage and also gave them to: AP TV, REUTERS, FOX/SKY TV, MBC (Korean TV), ATV, and NBC US

- CNBC - Singapore TV - in addition, Marie Rose did a camera studio interview tonight, which ties in well with John and Paula from the HK office going to Singapore tomorrow to help set up office

- Reuters, AP and AFP also took some of MSFs still photos - courtesy of Corien Swaan

PRESS WHO ATTENDED THE PRESS CONFERENCE

- AFP - print
- AP - print, TV and photo
- Reuters - Davison
- BBC World Service - Jill McGivering
- VOA - Chris Simkins and Iman Cheng
- EPA - Sabine Heingartner
- Axel Springer - German news agency - Nina Gerstenberg & Olaf Jahn
- CNN - Rebecca MacKinnon
- Radio France - Pierre Cayrol
- Le Monde/El Pais - Valerie Brunswig
- Le Temps - Corinne Bagot
- IL Sole/24 Ore - I M Sala
- The Daily Telegraph - Diane Stormont
- The Independent - Stephen Vines
- NBC News - TV US - Audrey Kolina & Ned Colt
- Fox TV News - Vivian McGrath and Linda Duberley
DIPLOMATS
- Russian Consulate - Igor Lobanov - Press Attaché
- Korean Consulate - Consul - Song Hae Yong
- Korean Consulate - Culture and information - Sung, Chang-Kee
- Belgian Consulate - Consul General - G Van Den Bergh
- Swedish Consulate - Consul General - Ingol F Kiesow
- German Consulate - Political Officer - Henriettta Rieck

OTHERS
- Mott Macdonald Group - Tim Marshall
- Renaissance Technomic - Consultant - Brian A Wong

ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS BY PHONE OR IN PERSON OUT OF HONG KONG

- APP Tokyo - Marine
- BBC World Service Radio and TV News - at least 5 today - also
  MSP/Korea running as second main news head-line world-wide
  throughout the day - Eric Goemaere x4 and 1 SB
- BBC "East Asia Today" - World Service - Eric
- BBC Radio 5 tomorrow am - Marie Rose
- Le Monde - Eric
- Washington Post yesterday - Dominique Lafontaine
- ABC Oz Radio - national morning show and news - Eric
  - Melbourne - Eric
- SBS Radio Australia - Eric
- Stern Magazine - Marie Rose and Dominique
- RTL Radio France - Marine
- Deutsche Welle - SB
- Belgian TV - Eric
- NPR - tonight SB

OTHER NEWS

The fact that a lot of journalists (including the DC Post) wrote about
how the US congress has just approved another huge shipment of food
has also been picked up by others.

MSF Denmark's chairman is on a TV panel interview tomorrow night
discussing this and our statements have generated interest in the US

Everyone I have spoken to reports having a lot of calls even if it is
with some difficult questions etc

That is all for now, please give me feed-back and tell me how it went
in your country - it is important to get a global view as from here we
can only see what leaves Hong Kong, and not what is published

Thanks and glad it is over for today!