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1. FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF AN ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE FEBRUARY 25 EDITION OF "THE AUSTRALIAN." THE ARTICLE WAS ENTITLED "U.S. READY TO CUT INTELLIGENCE FLOW TO NEW ZEALAND" AND APPEARED UNDER THE BY-LINE OF DEFENSE CORRESPONDENT PETER YOUNG.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

THE UNITED STATES IS ABOUT TO GIVE NOTICE TO NEW ZEALAND THAT IT WILL CUT OFF THE FLOW OF INTELLIGENCE UNDER THE ANZUS TREATY, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCES.

NOTICE MAY BE SERVED ON WELLINGTON AS EARLY AS TODAY. THIS WOULD PLACE NEW PRESSURE ON THE ANZUS ALLIANCE AND POSE MAJOR POLITICAL PROBLEMS FOR THE HAWKE GOVERNMENT IN HAVING TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND NEW ZEALAND.

WHEN CONFRONTED WITH THIS POSSIBILITY IN CANBERRA LAST WEEK, THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR. HAYDEN, SAID AUSTRALIA WOULD RETAIN ITS RIGHTS TO DEAL WITH NEW ZEALAND ON A UNILATERAL BASIS, EMPHASIZING THAT AUSTRALIA HAD ITS OWN INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITY.

AUSTRALIA, HOWEVER, HAS ONLY A REGIONAL CAPABILITY AND IS DEPENDENT ON THE FLOW OF INFORMATION FROM THE U.S. SYSTEM FOR ANY WIDER ASSESSMENTS.

IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW THE TWO COULD BE SEPARATED AND WHETHER THE AMERICANS WOULD CONTINUE TO ALLOW FULL ACCESS TO AUSTRALIA IN THE EVENT OF A SEPARATE ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

ANOTHER PROBLEM IS THAT NEW ZEALAND INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS ARE CLOSELY INTEGRATED INTO THE ACQUISITION AND ANALYTICAL AREAS OF THE DEFENSE SIGNALS DIRECTORATE (DSD) WHICH IS THE MAIN CONDUIT FOR U.S. ELECTRONIC INTELLIGENCE. NEW ZEALAND ALSO HAS CLOSE TIES WITH THE AUSTRALIAN HUMAN INTELLIGENCE (HUMINT) ORGANIZATIONS; ASIS, AUSTRALIA'S SECRET INTELLIGENCE SERVICE; AND ASIO.

IF AUSTRALIA CHOSE TO MAINTAIN THESE LINKS OR TO PROVIDE SEPARATE ACCESS, THE AMERICANS COULD EITHER SCALE DOWN THE LEVELS OF INTELLIGENCE, AS IT IS BELIEVED THEY DID TO THE WHITLAM GOVERNMENT, OR CUT OFF AUSTRALIA COMPLETELY.

INTELLIGENCE ANALYSTS IN CANBERRA BELIEVE THE LAST COURSE IS UNLIKELY BECAUSE OF THE VALUE OF THE AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL INTELLIGENCE EXPERTISE AND THE INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF THE U.S. BASES IN AUSTRALIA. THE U.S., HOWEVER, HAS CONTROL OF THE OVERALL WESTERN INTELLIGENCE "CAKE" AND COULD QUITE EASILY IMPOSE A SELECTIVE LESSENING OF THE IMPORTANCE AND VALUE OF THE FLOW OF INFORMATION.

THE MOVE IS SEEN AS RETALIATION FOR NEW ZEALAND'S REFUSAL TO ACCEPT VISITING NUCLEAR ARMED OR POWERED WARSHIPS AND WOULD THREATEN THE FUTURE OF THE ALLIANCE WHICH DEPENDS ON THE FREE FLOW OF INTELLIGENCE BETWEEN MEMBER NATIONS.

NO OFFICIAL COMMENT WAS MADE OVER THE WEEKEND EITHER IN CANBERRA OR IN WELLINGTON BUT IT IS KNOWN BOTH GOVERNMENTS ARE AWARE OF THE POLITICAL PENALTIES OF EVEN A PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL OF SUPPORT BY THE U.S. FROM THE ALLIANCE.

THIS LAST WEEK SAW AN ORCHESTRATED DEMONSTRATION OF SUPPORT FOR THE ALLIANCE BY THE NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN MINISTERS FOR DEFENSE IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE HASTILY PREPARED JOINT NEW ZEALAND-AUSTRALIAN BT



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