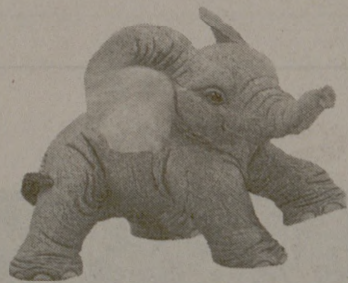


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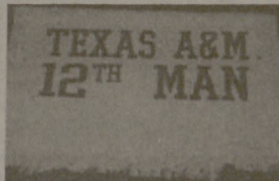
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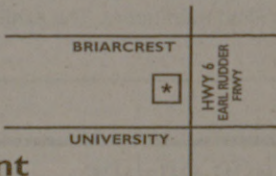
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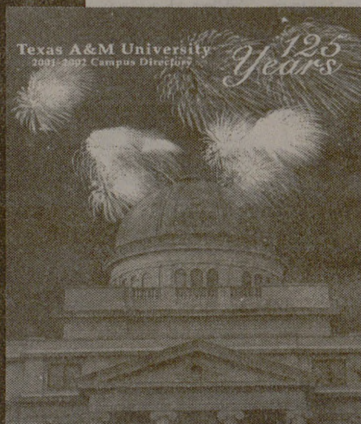
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Cuba seeks food, supplies from U.S.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Cuba's foreign minister said Thursday a U.S. offer of assistance after Hurricane Michelle was Washington's first positive gesture toward the communist island in 40 years, and he hoped it signaled a change in policy.

Felipe Perez Roque told The Associated Press that while Cuba turned down the proffered U.S. aid, it has opened talks with Washington for a one-time cash purchase of food and medicine to replenish stocks depleted by the hurricane.

"The government of the United States offered assistance to us. They offered to send some people from the United States to make an assessment on the damage, and then provide assistance," the foreign minister said.

"We replied that it was very positive that for the first time ever after 40 years, the United States was going to have a gesture of this nature towards

Cuba," Perez Roque said.

Cuba has been under a U.S. embargo for 40 years, though purchases of medical supplies have been allowed since 1992. Exports of food to Cuba were authorized by Congress last year. However, Cuban President Fidel Castro had ruled out food purchases because no American financing was permitted.

But Castro has made an exception because of the devastation of Hurricane Michelle, which destroyed hundreds of thousands of houses and vast tracts of farmland. Perez Roque called it the worst hurricane to hit Cuba in a half century.

Perez Roque said a next positive step from Washington should be "to allow Americans to travel freely to Cuba." U.S. citizens, unless granted waivers, are banned from Cuban travel.

Perez Roque said the fact that the highest levels of the Bush administration must be called on to authorize a special dispensa-

tion for the shipments "how irrational the blockade the United States against is, and how pointless to maintain the current restrictions."

He said he was "totally optimistic" that an agreement would be reached to allow the shipments of food and medicine.

Perez Roque said Cuban officials have presented a goods for examination by officials. Cuba also has received 15 agricultural and pharmaceutical companies in the States, he said.

U.S. sources estimate the value of the products range at between \$3 million and \$5 million, but Perez Roque n't confirm the figures.

The foreign minister said that if approved, the goods will be shipped on U.S. country vessels. The United States rejected a Cuban request that the goods be transported

Northern alliance captures some Taliban leaders, others defected

BANGI, Afghanistan (AP) — Northern alliance forces and Pashtun tribesmen encircled two of the Taliban's last remaining strongholds at opposite ends of the country Thursday. The Taliban's supreme leader vowed to fight to the death and to seek the "extinction of America."

Backed by U.S. warplanes, the alliance laid siege to the northern city of Kunduz, where the defenders include an estimated 2,000 to 3,000 foreigners loyal to Osama bin Laden.

In the south, the Taliban clung to tenuous control of its birthplace, Kandahar. Opposition leader Hamid Karzai said his sources told him there was "turmoil" in the city; other sources said local Pashtun tribesmen had surrounded the city.

A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there were spurts of fighting near the city center as the Pashtun fighters advanced. Most of Kandahar province, outside of the city, is in the hands of anti-Taliban rebels, he said.

Gen. Tommy Franks, the U.S. commander of the Afghanistan campaign, said American special forces were operating near Kandahar. Inside the city, Franks said, "we do see signs of some fracturing" within the Taliban ranks. Pashtuns are Afghanistan's largest ethnic group, and served as the backbone of the Taliban's harsh five-year regime.

Pakistan strengthened its border defenses closest to Kandahar with tanks and extra troops, worried that unrest — and bin Laden supporters — could spill across the frontier.

In other developments:

- Eight international aid workers arrested three months ago for preaching Christianity in Afghanistan were reported in good condition in Pakistan after being helicoptered to safety by U.S. special forces. The women in the group, including two Americans, signaled to their rescuers by burning the body-covering burqas they had been forced to wear.
- U.S. Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge confirmed that documents that would be helpful in making a nuclear device were found in a building in Kabul, described as an al-Qaida safe house. But Ridge said the documents contained information taken off the Internet that could have been widely

available to people other than terrorists.

British troops arrived at the Bagram air base north of Kabul, on what the Ministry of Defense said was a mission to prepare the facility for a future humanitarian mission.

In Washington, the Pentagon said some Taliban and al-Qaida leaders were killed in airstrikes this week, but had no evidence bin Laden was among them. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told a news conference that the United States will find bin Laden even if he escapes to Afghanistan.

The northern alliance has captured senior Taliban military leaders, said a U.S. official speaking on the condition of anonymity. Senior Taliban officers also have defected, the official said. The official declined to say whether U.S. officials had interviewed the prisoners.

President Bush launched airstrikes against Afghanistan on Oct. 7 after the Taliban refused to surrender bin Laden, wanted in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The Taliban supreme leader, Mullah Mohammed Omar, sought to portray the Taliban's recent retreats from urban centers as part of a strategy aiming to destroy America.

"If God's help is with us, this will be within a short period of time — keep in mind prediction," he said in an interview with the Taliban conducted over satellite phone. "The real enemy is the extinction of America, and God willing, we will fall to the ground."

Omar ruled out taking part in a multi-party government like the one the United Nations proposed for Afghanistan.

"The struggle for a broad-based government has been going on for the last 20 years, but it came of it," he said. "We will not accept government of wrongdoers. We prefer death to be a part of an evil government."

Kandahar came under heavy bombardment Thursday, the Pakistan-based Afghan Press said. It said eight civilians were killed and 22 injured, a report that could not be independently verified.

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