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### 前 言

改革开放以来,我国的新闻传播业及国际新闻传播蓬勃发展,这就给新闻教育事业提出了新的要求,同时也带来巨大的机遇和激烈的挑战。培养出高级合格的国际新闻传播人才将是我们从事高等国际新闻教育不可推卸的、义不容辞的责任。

《高级新闻英语视读教程》就是应时代要求而推出的一本国际新闻专业的重点教材。教材立足于建立一个平台,从理论到实践把新闻英语视、读知识有机转化为新闻报道与写作知识。该教材将国际交流的工具——英语语言、国际交流的方式——大众媒介、新闻实践的本领——新闻基础知识合理安排,巧妙处理,使它们相互交叉、渗透和交融,对完善外语教学和实际应用的结合,起到一个积极的推动作用。

本教材的特点:

1. 形式和框架

教材分文本和影像两个部分。

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第一板块为课文,共四课内容。第一、二课为报刊新闻,第三课为广播新闻,第四课为电视新闻。

第二板块为新闻理论和新闻写作知识。

第三板块为实践联系。

2. 教材的内容

教材中所选内容都是根据中国的新闻价值取向来进行筛选,有较高的思想性,同时也不失趣味性和实用性。教材的语言力求体现

新闻语言的特色,抓住了"新"、"精"二字。每篇课文都是经过精心筛选出来的。其中有优秀的新闻作品,有新闻史上的经典之作,如美国"普利策"获奖作品、世界名牌广播、电视节目,中央电视台"彩虹奖"获奖作品等。

课文内容广泛,主要涉及时事政治、经济文化、科学教育、卫生环保等方面。另外对世界热点新闻也有所关注,如西方校园枪杀案件、伊拉克战争、朝核问题、中东和平进程。

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编者

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### Unit One

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Part One

Lesson 1

Text A

#### Leaders Ponder Failed Missile Test

By Brigitte Greenberg

WASHINGTON (AP) — Clinton Administration officials said on Sunday they expect the president will decide whether to go ahead with the next phase of a national missile defense system and not leave it up to his successor.

Senators raised concerns about spending billions on the proposed system, which failed an important test early Saturday, and some suggested the United States faced more potential threats from terrorists on the ground than missiles in the air.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said it would be "irresponsible" for the administration to put off the decision, as suggested by Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb. Such a delay, she said on ABC's "this week", would give countries such as North Korean and Iran more time to develop missiles that could threaten the United States.

"I think the president will be making his decision later this summer," she said, based on recommendations from her, Defense Secretary William Cohen and Sandy Berger, the national security adviser.

"There are four criteria that the president is going to be looking

at: the threat, the technology, the cost and what it does to overall American security," Albright said.

The missile defense project on early Saturday had its second failed intercept in the three tries. The warhead-busting "kill vehicle" failed to separate from its booster rocket and passed harmlessly by the target missile.

Berger said Saturday's failure does not necessarily mean the president will scrap the plan.

"Obviously, this does go to the question of technical feasibility or how far along the system is, but we need an assessment." He said.

Hagel contended the next president should decide whether to continue. He supports a missile defense plan by Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush that is more extensive than that proposed by Clinton.

"We can't hold America's national security interests hostage to any threats from some other nation," Hagel, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said on CBS's "Face the Nation".

Bush has said he would be willing to violate the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, which forbids such systems. The Clinton administration, including Vice President Al Gore, the Democratic presidential candidate, has not ruled that out but would prefer to see the treaty amended to allow a national defense system.

Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., questioned the administration's premise that North Korea, Iran and other countries threaten U.S. National security when the United States has such an edge in the number of missile.

"The threat is not at all clear to me number one. And the response to the threat seems to me to be adequate where we are now," Biden, ranking member of the Foreign Relations Committee, told CBS.

Biden also questioned whether investing in a missile defense system was prudent, given the cost by some estimates \$36 billion to \$60 billion when the country might be more vulnerable to a nuclear, chemical or biological weapon delivered on a pickup truck.

"We are clearly more vulnerable to a terrorist attack with a

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weapon of mass destruction than we are from an intercontinental ballistic missile coming out of the blue with a return address on it," Biden said.

But Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn, insisted that an anti-missile defense system is vital and that the United States is aware of the potential for other treats.

"People overlook the fact that we're talking about for a missile defense program on anti-terrorism programs in this country ... We've got to do both," Thompson, chairman of the senate Governmental Affair Committee, said on "Fox News Sunday".

Sen Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., noted that Congress has authorized some 16 more tests. "Too much has been made of this one test over the weekend," Lieberman, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said on Fox.

"And I think President Clinton, notwithstanding this disappointment on Saturday morning, ought to decide to at least keep the process moving forward," he said.

(From New York Post, July 9, 2000)

#### Text B

### German Students Stunned by School Shooting Spree

By Erik Kirschbaum and Fiona Shaikh

ERFURT, Germany (Reuters) —— Frightened students in the German town of Erfurt strove to overcome the slaughter of their teachers and classmates by a disgruntled former pupil who killed 17 people and himself in a cold-blooded shooting spree.