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THE NEW YORK TIMES
Editorial
What France Can Do
April 1, 2010 - President Nicolas Sarkozy of France got nearly everything he could have hoped for from his visit to the United States this week. … Mr. Sarkozy scored additional political points by telling a Columbia University audience that America needs to “reflect on what it means to be the world’s No. 1 power” and be a country “that listens.” That is true. And France needs to be a country that does more than lecture.

FINANCIAL TIMES ONLINE
Clive Crook's Blog
Sarkozy's visit
April 1, 2010 - The visit of the French president was happily timed to draw headlines at home away from the regional election results. It seemed to go well. Nicolas Sarkozy spoke to a packed house at Columbia University.
THE NEW YORK TIMES
Obama Expects U.N. Sanctions on Iran to Be Approved Soon
March 31, 2010 - In a speech on Monday at Columbia University, [Mr. Sarkozy] said that America “should reflect on what it means to be the world’s No. 1 power” and that the world needed “an America that listens.” … Mr. Obama passed off Mr. Sarkozy’s comments at Columbia with a joke. “I listen to Nicolas all the time,” he said. “I can’t stop listening to him.”

FINANCIAL TIMES
Sarkozy brings regulation case to White House dining room
March 31, 2010 - Nicolas Sarkozy tried to galvanise US support for a co-ordinated international push to tighten financial regulation, during a private dinner with Barack Obama in Washington yesterday. … In a speech to New York's Columbia University on Monday, he exhorted the world's biggest power to "share, listen and discuss" and help Europe "reinvent the world economy".

UK DAILY MAIL
Holy Presidents! Obama and Sarkozy's Batman and Robin impression as they leap from press conference
March 31, 2010 – They went to extraordinary lengths last night to appear inseparable - now this picture proves that Barack Obama and Nicolas Sarkozy are the new Dynamic Duo…Under the watchful gaze of his supermodel wife in the front row, Mr Sarkozy spoke of his admiration for President Obama in a speech at Columbia University.

FOX NEWS
White House View Blog
Sarkozy Offers Glimpse Into Strains in U.S.-European Relations
March 31, 2010 - French President Nicolas Sarkozy was asked to elaborate on his Tuesday comments in New York that the world needs an America "that listens."…”We cannot afford to have the world's number one power not being open to the rest of the world," Sarkozy said Monday at Columbia University. "The world does not stop at the East Coast, the world does not stop at the West Coast."

FINANCIAL TIMES
Sarkozy heads to US to build bridges
March 30, 2010 - … In a particularly pointed remark in his Columbia speech, Mr Sarkozy referred to the failure of the Copenhagen summit on climate change – where Mr Obama sidelined Europe to negotiate directly with China – as the “caricature of a failure of the method” of global governance. … But he still cannot resist the odd dig. Speaking at Columbia, he congratulated Mr Obama on prevailing with healthcare reform, before appearing to belittle the achievement: “Welcome to the club of states that do not abandon their sick people. It is only 50 years since we solved that problem.”

ASSOCIATED PRESS
Obama Set To Ask Visiting Sarkozy For Afghan Help
March 30, 2010 - France's President Nicolas Sarkozy leaves behind a romantic sojourn in New York for an encounter he's long been waiting for: talks Tuesday with President Barack Obama in
the White House. … "We will remain by your side in Afghanistan," Sarkozy said in a speech at Columbia University on Monday. "In the face of terrorism, we cannot be divided."

TIME MAGAZINE ONLINE
Quotes of The Day
March 30, 2010 – “We will remain by your side in Afghanistan. In the face of terrorism, we cannot be divided.” … Nicolas Sarkozy, President of France, in a speech at Columbia University; Sarkozy and his wife Carla Bruni will join the Obamas for a private dinner at the White House on Tuesday.

THE DAILY BEAST
A Presidential Double Date
March 30, 2010 – When Nicolas and Carla Sarkozy sit down with the Obamas on the evening of March 30 in the private White House dining room, the portions had better be big—France’s president has been hungry for this intimate encounter for quite some time…But exactly how badly did Sarkozy, who is under siege at home, want this week’s dinner? Sitting French presidents don’t normally fly to the U.S. just to speak at Columbia University or announce that their wife’s foundation is creating a $2 million French-American art student exchange scholarship at the French Institute Alliance Française—and especially not two weeks before they return to the U.S. for a formal visit.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
Nicolas Sarkozy for a permanent UNSC seat for India
March 30, 2010 - French President Nicholas Sarkozy today made a strong pitch for India's inclusion as a permanent member of the UN Security Council, which he said needs to be expanded to make it more inclusive…Speaking at the prestigious Columbia University, Sarkozy said emerging voices like India, Africa and the Arab world need to find a place in the UNSC, as he slammed the present structure of the world body.

[Also featured in ONE INDIA: Sarkozy backs permanent UNSC seat for India]

NY1 NEWS
Sarkozy Urges U.S. To Keep Global Markets In Check
March 29, 2010 - French President Nicolas Sarkozy urged the U.S. on Monday to lead the charge for global financial regulation. Sarkozy, who made the remarks during a speech at Columbia University, said the U.S. must join Europe to remake the world economy in order to avoid future financial crises.

C-SPAN TV
French Pres. Nicolas Sarkozy Remarks at Columbia University
March 29, 2010 - President Nicolas Sarkozy of France made remarks at Columbia University in New York about U.S.-French relations.

THE NEW YORK TIMES ONLINE
City Room
At Columbia, Sarkozy Calls for Change at U.N.
March 29, 2010 - President Nicolas Sarkozy of France presented ideas on a new world governance structure on Monday to students at Columbia University. Mr. Sarkozy’s address was part of the university’s World Leaders Forum, which since 2003 has attracted several heads of state, among them Iran’s president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. The visit from Paris was far less controversial, but the message nonetheless relatively radical.

THE HUFFINGTON POST
Photos
Sarkozys Snuggle, Speak In Rainy New York
March 29, 2010 - On the second day of their amorous tour through New York, France's first couple--who were caught kissing at Central Park's Boat House on Sunday--snuggled under an umbrella after Sarkozy delivered a speech at Columbia University on Monday.

ASSOCIATED PRESS
Sarkozy urges world finance rules in US speech
March 29, 2010 - French President Nicolas Sarkozy on Monday urged the United States to champion global financial regulations to avoid future crises — and says Americans should pay more attention to the rest of the world. Sarkozy, in a frank speech at Columbia University in New York, said the United States "should reflect about what it means to be the world's No. 1 power." … The 200-year-old French-American friendship, including its ups and downs from the World Wars to the U.S.-led Iraq invasion, anchored Sarkozy's speech at Columbia on Monday. … Columbia President Lee Bollinger introduced Sarkozy, and asked the audience to stand and offer first lady Carla Bruni "a special welcome." … Hundreds of people had lined up more than two hours before Sarkozy's speech at the elite university's Low Library to pass through stringent airport-style security for the event.

[Also featured on YAHOO NEWS: Sarkozy urges world finance rules in US speech]

ASSOCIATED PRESS
Sarkozy in US for talks on Afghanistan, Iran
March 29, 2010 - Nicolas Sarkozy takes the podium at Columbia University on Monday determined to remind the United States that France is a crucial ally - sometimes a noisy one, but a friend nonetheless.

ASSOCIATED PRESS
French president, first lady take on New York
March 29, 2010 - With a lectern flown in from France and his fingers firmly entwined with those of his smiling wife, French President Nicolas Sarkozy made a splash Monday even before he opened his mouth for a no-holds-barred speech at Columbia University. … Columbia President Lee Bollinger introduced Sarkozy, but before the French leader could utter a single word, Bollinger asked the audience to give the French first lady "a special welcome."

[Also featured in THE HUFFINGTON POST: President Sarkozy, Carla Bruni-Sarkozy Take New York]
March 29, 2010 - Speaking to students at Columbia University in New York, Sarkozy said Obama should be praised for the healthcare overhaul, which will extend coverage to an estimated 32 million uninsured Americans. "But if you want me to be really honest, when we see the U.S. debate on the healthcare reform from Europe, it's difficult to believe," he said.

March 29, 2010 – France's president discusses a wide range of topics during a speech in New York. CNN's Richard Roth reports. President Sarkozy appeared before a select group of students at New York’s Columbia University.

March 29, 2010 – Despite the rain, hordes of students turned out to see French President Nicolas Sarkozy speak at Columbia's World Leaders Forum.

March 28, 2010 - President Nicolas Sarkozy of France travels to the United States on Monday for a two-day trip designed to underscore his close cooperation with President Barack Obama on Afghanistan, Iran and other issues, and apparently to make a statement about their personal relationship. … Mr. Sarkozy is to open his trip with a speech Monday at Columbia University in New York.

March 26, 2010 - Nicolas Sarkozy is shedding friends in the French electorate and within his own party, and now his father and wife are nudging him not to run for a second term. … Sarkozy is not taking any French executives with him on this trip, but is bringing French thinkers and university deans. He gives a speech at Columbia University in New York on Monday about 200 years of Franco-American relations.

March 30, 2010 - A call to America in the form of remonstrance. Leaving behind an ode to the values and American culture he made in November 2007 before Congress in Washington, Nicolas Sarkozy asked, on Monday, March 29, the United States not to withdraw into themselves and to work more with Europe to address global challenges, primarily the financial crisis. The French president spoke under the dome of Columbia University in New York, where Barack
Obama studied political science. M. Sarkozy made his first bilateral visit to the United States since the election of the American President and will be received Tuesday at the White House for an interview, then dinner.

LIBERATION
Sarkozy to the United States, Large Pride and Small Tackles
March 30, 2010 - Nicolas Sarkozy is not only a "friend" of Barack Obama, he is also a very committed VRP. Yesterday, the first day of his visit to the United States, the French president surprised students of Columbia University in New York a bit by calling for greater support of their head of state. "Do not be slow to compare your president on matters of financial regulation, defense of the environment, or listening to others", he exhorted. During their phone conversations, Obama says he may be "slightly ahead" of America, disclosed Sarkozy, thus inviting young Americans to unite behind their president.

LA VOIX DU NORD
France World in Brief
March 30, 2010 - Telex France ECOLOGY. The Nicolas Hulot Foundation has decided to suspend its participation in the "Grenelle Environment"(could also translate as Grenelle environmental committee) following the government's abandonment of the carbon tax.

Nicolas Sarkozy and Carla VU U.S. President Nicolas Sarkozy made remarks yesterday to Americans urging them to join Europe's financial regulators and global governance, the first day of his visit to the United States during an improvised speech and exchange of students agreed with Columbia University in New York. Today, the presidential couple is invited to a private dinner at the White House in Washington.

LE MONDE
Sarkozy-Columbia:"We are your allies"
March 29, 2010 - In his speech to students at Columbia University, Monday, Nicolas Sarkozy reiterated his desire to cooperate closely with Washington. "In Europe we want the United States that listens to us", introduced the president of the Republic, defending the idea that the political hegemony of one country was inconceivable. "Europe alone cannot impose its ideas, the U.S. alone cannot impose their ideas (...) this is the reason for my trip." added Nicolas Sarkozy, affirming his solidarity vis-à-vis the U.S. government: "We are your allies (...) You have nothing to fear from this point of view."

LE JDD
"Sarkozy Gave a Speech Demonstrating Autonomy"
March 29, 2010 - "Afghanistan virtually did not figure into Nicolas Sarkozy's speech to students at Columbia University, New York, said Nathalie Nougayrede, special correspondent to the "World".

LE PARISIEN
Nicolas Sarkozy Before New York Students
March 29, 2010 - Today and tomorrow offer Nicolas Sarkozy a short international interlude in the United States. Accompanied by Carla, the head of state began his official visit on Monday
(10 AM local time) at the very select Columbia University. His speech on Franco-American relations will be followed by a discussion with 400 students who volunteered. Barack Obama will host Nicolas Sarkozy in the Oval Office in Washington on Tuesday. Barack and Michelle Obama have asked his wife to conclude their visit with a dinner for four in their private apartment in the White House. A "first", "a special gesture of friendship", emphasizes the Elysee Palace, which wants to see an end to tensions that have plagued the start of collaboration between the two leaders.

**LE MONDE**

**At Columbia University, Nicolas Sarkozy Calls for Stronger International Cooperation**

March 29, 2010 - One week after the breaking up of his majority in regional elections, Nicolas Sarkozy gave himself Monday, March 29, an international interlude in addressing students at Columbia University in New York. The French President's speech was marked by economic issues. Facing an audience of 400 hundred students, Nicolas Sarkozy has praised the strengthening of international cooperation. "There is no country in the world in the twenty first century that can manage the world alone" launched Mr. Sarkozy to the students and professors. He asked the U.S. to "think more about what it means to be the leading world power. (...) The world needs an open America, a generous America, an America that leads the way, an America that listens."

**FRANCE 24 (AFP)**

Video

[Sarkozy and Obama break bread to mend ties](http://www.france24.com/en/20100330-sarkozy-obama-break-bread-to-mend-ties)

March 30, 2010 – A private dinner with US President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle on Tuesday will be the highlight of French President Nicolas Sarkozy's visit to the United States, as the two leaders aim to repair their differences...Sarkozy has generally worked hard to rebuild ties with Washington, but his comments to Columbia University students on Monday recalled a more prickly past.

**FRANCE 24 (AFP)**

Video


March 30, 2010 – French President Nicolas Sarkozy aimed to overcome years of strained Franco-American ties as he prepared Tuesday for talks and an intimate dinner with US President Barack Obama... Sarkozy has generally worked hard to rebuild ties with Washington, but his comments to Columbia University students on Monday recalled a more prickly past.

**FRANCE 24 (AFP)**

Video


March 30, 2010 – French President Nicolas Sarkozy warned the United States that it cannot "run the world alone" as he warmed up for a summit on Tuesday with Barack Obama by echoing Franco-American spats of the past... Sarkozy has generally worked hard to rebuild ties with Washington, but his comments to Columbia University students on Monday recalled a more prickly past.
March 30, 2010 - In a speech at New York's Columbia University, French President Nicolas Sarkozy urged the US to support new rules for global finance and referenced healthcare reform by welcoming the US into "the club of countries that does not dump its sick people"… The French leader used a visit to New York, where he met with students at Columbia University, to deliver what he called "home truths" to his hosts… Sarkozy has generally worked hard to rebuild ties with Washington, but his comments to Columbia students recalled a more prickly past.

March 29, 2010 – French President Nicolas Sarkozy praised Barack Obama's pushing through of US healthcare reform during a speech at Columbia University in New York on Monday, ahead of a visit with the US president himself on Tuesday… "Welcome to the club of countries that does not dump its sick people," Sarkozy said at a forum at Columbia University in New York, reacting to the legislation which brings America close to universal health coverage for the first time.

March 29, 2010 – French President Nicolas Sarkozy (left) arrives in the United States for a visit on Monday and Tuesday where he will meet with US President Barack Obama at the White House…Monday the French president will have a discussion with and give a speech to students at Columbia University in New York, and then meet with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon.