## CALLING ROBERTO V. ONGPIN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST : YOU ARE WANTED IN NEW YORK

An arrest warrant has been issued for Mr Roberto V. Ongpin, the Deputy Chairman of South China Morning Post (Holdings) Ltd (Code: 583, Main Board, The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd).

South China Morning Post is the largest-selling, English-language daily newspaper, published in the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC).

Should Mr Roberto V. Ongpin set forth on US soil, he is liable for immediate arrest and detention.

The Arrest Warrant has been in place for more than 14 months, TARGET has just discovered.

On July 5, 2000, The Honorable Richard Owen, District Judge, Southern District of New York, ordered that 'a bench warrant is issued on the criminal contempt on this Court's Orders'.

Mr Roberto V. Ongpin has been found to have committed both criminal contempt and civil contempt in New York.

Mr Roberto V. Ongpin was found to have sold an apartment in Manhattan, New York, an apartment, said to have been worth about \$US1 million (about \$HK7.90 million) in the beginning of the year 2000 – about 2 months after the restraining order had been served.

The Manhattan apartment, Court documents show, declare that the apartment was jointly owned by Mr Roberto V. Ongpin and his wife.

In short, in spite of the Court, ordering that there be no removal of Mr Roberto V. Ongpin's assets from the jurisdiction, he sold his \$US1-million apartment and left the United States.

Mr Roberto V. Ongpin was one of the Defendants in United States District Court 93 Civ. 1591 (RO), a case in which Messrs Alfred Flug, Robert Flug, Erich H. Hemmerich, Karl H. Hemmerich and Alfar Imports Ltd sued Messrs Antonio C. Carag, Senior, and Roberto V. Ongpin, Mart Hover Ltd and Philippine Apparel Incorporated for more than \$US3 million.

In that Action, the Court ruled, on October 26, 1999, that the Plaintiffs were entitled to a Judgment as follows: ...

In last Friday's <u>TARGET Intelligence Report, Volume III, Number 163</u>, this medium exclusively reported that Mr Roberto V. Ongpin had been sued in the High Court of the HKSAR: High Court Action Number 3865.

Mr Alfred Flug and Mr Robert Flug sought, in the HKSAR, to try to recover, from Mr Roberto V. Ongpin, ... <u>CLICK TO ORDER FULL ARTICLE</u>

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