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MYANMAR: DISSENTER SAID TO BE WELL Officials from the Red Cross said they had been allowed to visit the pro-democracy leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in detention for the first time and that they found her to be in good health and high spirits. Her detention by the military government since May 30 has drawn international condemnation, including tougher American penalties signed by President Bush on Monday. The detention of Mrs. Aung San Suu Kyi is the symbolic center of a harsh crackdown under way to crush the pro-democracy movement. Seth Mydans (NYT)