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1. SHULTZ LETTER TO MOCK:

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TODAY'S DIE PRESSE QUOTED MFA SOURCES AS SAYING SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ HAD SENT A LETTER TO FM MOCK ON THE BARTESCH CASE. IN THE LETTER, THE SECRETARY REPORTEDLY CALLED THE CASE A "REGRETTABLE INCIDENT" AND STRESSED THAT, IN THE FUTURE, SUCH MATTERS WOULD BE HANDLED DIFFERENTLY. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THIS STATEMENT CONFIRMED THAT BARTESCH'S DEPORTATION HAD NOT BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT. (IND. DIE PRESSE, JUNE 11) - AT THE CONCLUDING PRESS CONFERENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CAUCUS TODAY, FM MOCK INFORMED JOURNALISTS THAT, IN THE LETTER, SECRETARY SHULTZ HAD SAID THAT THE DETERIORATION OF AUSTRO-U.S. RELATIONS WERE A REALITY, BUT THAT THE U.S. WAS INTERESTED IN IMPROVING THE RELATIONSHIP. COMMENTING ON THE BARTESCH CASE, SECRETARY SHULTZ PROMISED THAT THE U.S. WOULD PROCEED IN A MORE ORDERLY FASHION IN THE FUTURE, SAID MOCK. ACCORDING TO THE FM, THE LETTER WAS "A SIGN OF GOOD WILL". (ORF RADIO NEWS, JUNE 11)

2. BARTESCH CASE:

THE INTERIOR MINISTRY HAS INSTRUCTED AUSTRIAN BORDER POLICE TO ENFORCE CURRENT ENTRY REGULATIONS STRICTLY IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE ENTRY OF UNDESIRABLE PERSONS TO AUSTRIA. ACCORDING TO KURIER, THREE CASES OF PERSONS WHO COULD BE SENT BACK TO AUSTRIA ARE STILL PENDING IN THE U.S., ONE OF THEM CONCERNING A LIBYAN. MEANWHILE, BARTESCH'S LAWYER HAS INDICATED THAT HE WILL CONTEST THE PROHIBITION AGAINST HIS CLIENT'S STAYING IN AUSTRIA. TODAY'S KRONENZEITUNG ACCUSED OSI CHIEF NEIL SHER OF HAVING REFUSED TO RESPOND TO AUSTRIAN TELEVISION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS HE DID NOT WANT TO ANSWER "IN AN EAST-BLOC" MANNER. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, IND. KURIER, IND. KRONENZEITUNG, JUNE 11)

3. WEIZSAECKER/WALDHEIM:

THE AUSTRIAN MEDIA ALSO CARRIED REPORTS ON THE CONTROVERSY OVER FRG PRESIDENT RICHARD VON WEIZSAECKER'S SPEECH AT HARVARD TODAY. IN AN ARTICLE IN THE "BOSTON GLOBE", HISTORIAN FRANCIS LOEWENHEIM ACCUSED WEIZSAECKER OF HAVING PLAYED DOWN THE CRIMES OF HIS FATHER WHO WAS CONVICTED AS NAZI WAR CRIMINAL. COMPARING WEIZSAECKER WITH WALDHEIM, AND ALSO **KLAUS BARBIE**, LOEWENHEIM CONCLUDED BY STRESSING THAT PERSONS LIKE WEIZSAECKER OR WALDHEIM "MAY BE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF COUNTRIES LIKE GERMANY OR AUSTRIA, BUT SHOULD NOT LECTURE AT HARVARD". - SPO CENTRAL SECRETARY HEINRICH KELLER SAID YESTERDAY AT A MEETING OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY SENIOR CITIZENS' ORGANIZATION THAT "THE SPO DOES NOT DEMAND WALDHEIM'S RESIGNATION". WALDHEIM HIMSELF MUST DECIDE IF HE SHOULD REMAIN PRESIDENT. HE WOULD HAVE TO WEIGH SUCH A DECISION WITH GREAT CARE, STRESSED KELLER. (IND. KRONENZEITUNG, IND. DIE PRESSE, IND. KURIER, JUNE 11)

4. U.S. DELEGATION TO UN NARCOTICS CONFERENCE:

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THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE VIENNA UN NARCOTICS CONFERENCE JUNE 17-26 IS REPORTEDLY REGARDED AS A "TOP TEAM". THE PRESS NOTED THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWIN MEESE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN WHITEHEAD AND UN AMBASSADOR VERNON WALTERS. MEESE HAS ALREADY INDICATED THAT HE DOES NOT WANT TO DISCUSS THE WATCHLIST DECISION ON PRESIDENT WALDHEIM WHILE IN VIENNA. (IND. KURIER, JUNE 11 UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 03 VIENNA 08758

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5. "SPECIAL AMBASSADORS" NOMINATED:

FORMER FM KARL GRÜBER, EDITOR FRITZ MOLDEN, AND FORMER AMBASSADOR HANS REICHMANN HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN NOMINATED BY FM ALOIS MOCK AS "SPECIAL AMBASSADORS" WHOSE TASK WILL BE THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE AUSTRIAN IMAGE. THE THREE DIPLOMATS, KNOWN FOR THEIR ANTI-FASCIST ACTIVITIES, ARE, ACCORDING TO MOCK, "ADMIRABLE REPRESENTATIVES OF A GENERATION OF HEROES". (IND. KURIER, JUNE 11)

6. JANKOWITSCH ON AUSTRO-U.S. CONTACTS AT PARLIAMENTARY LEVEL:

FORMER FM PETER JANKOWITSCH, WHO IS CURRENTLY IN THE U.S. FOR THE MEETING OF THE UN SPACE COMMISSION, HAS RECOMMENDED THE EXPANSION OF CONTACTS BETWEEN AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS AND U.S. CONGRESSMEN. "NEW LEVELS OF RELATIONS HAVE TO BE ESTABLISHED", ARGUED JANKOWITSCH, ADDING THAT THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM WAS ONE AREA OF COMMON INTEREST. JANKOWITSCH ALSO INDICATED THAT AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENTARY PRESIDENT LEOPOLD GRATZ WOULD SOON CONTACT HOUSE SPEAKER JIM WRIGHT ON THIS SUGGESTION. (IND. DIE PRESSE, JUNE 11)

7. KLESTIL MEETING WITH IRANIAN DEPUTY FM:

AT HIS MEETING WITH MFA SECRETARY GENERAL THOMAS KLESTIL, IRANIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER JAVAD MANSOURI, WHO IS CURRENTLY IN AUSTRIA ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT, WELCOMED THE "ACTIVE EFFORTS OF COUNTRIES LIKE AUSTRIA TOWARD THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE CRISIS IN THE PERSIAN GULF". KLESTIL STRESSED AUSTRIA'S COMMITMENT TO PERMANENT NEUTRALITY. KLESTIL EMPHASIZED THE "STRICT AUSTRIAN LAWS WHICH PROHIBIT ARMS DELIVERIES TO CRISIS AREAS", AND CONFIRMED AUSTRIA'S INTEREST IN CONTRIBUTING TO A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF CONFLICTS. ACCORDING TO INFORMED SOURCES, IRANIAN FM VELAYATI IS EXPECTED TO VISIT AUSTRIA AT THE END OF JUNE. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, IND. DIE

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8. CZECH REFUGEE:

CZECH CITIZEN ZDENEK DOLEZAL FLED TO AUSTRIA ON JUNE 5 NEAR THE TOWN OF KATZELSDORF, PRESS REPORTS NOTED TODAY. ALTHOUGH FIRED UPON BY CZECH BORDER CONTROL GUARDS, DOLEZAL SUCCEEDED IN ESCAPING TO AUSTRIA BY FOOT. A SECOND PERSON, JAN BACHMANN, WHO HAD ATTEMPTED TO FLEE WITH DOLEZAL WAS WOUNDED DURING THE SHOOTING AND DID NOT MAKE IT ACROSS THE BORDER. (ALL PAPERS, JUNE 11)

9. AUSTRIAN UN TROOPS TO REMAIN IN CYPRUS:

ACCORDING TO MFA SOURCES, AUSTRIA WILL NOT FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF SWEDEN IN WITHDRAWING ITS UN CONTINGENT FROM CYPRUS. REFERRING TO AUSTRIA'S CURRENT IMAGE PROBLEMS, THE MFA HAS REPORTEDLY STRESSED THAT AUSTRIAN POLICY WAS TO CONTINUE INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS RATHER THAN REDUCE THEM. (IND. DIE PRESSE, JUNE 11)

10. AUSTRIANS ELECTED INTO ILO FUNCTIONS:

AT THE CURRENT ILO CONFERENCE IN GENEVA, AUSTRIAN WORKER REPRESENTATIVE HERIBERT MAIER WAS ELECTED AS ONE OF THE THREE VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE CONFERENCE, WHILE THE HEAD OF THE GOA DELEGATION, OSWIN MARTINEK, WAS NOMINATED CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 03 VIENNA 08758

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11. GOVERNMENT CAUCUS:

THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT AT ITS CAUCUS YESTERDAY ADOPTED A PLAN TO CONSTRUCT TWO HYDROELECTRIC PLANTS ALONG THE DANUBE EAST OF VIENNA, AS WELL AS TO CREATE A NATIONAL PARK IN THE AREA. ENVIRONMENTALISTS HAVE ALREADY VOICED OPPOSITION TO THE PROJECT, WHICH WOULD LEAVE ONLY HALF OF THE FOREST LAND IN THE AREA UNTOUCHED. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, CHANCELLOR FRANZ VRANITZKY EMPHASIZED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL POLICY WAS BASED ON THE NEED FOR BUDGET CONSOLIDATION, ON MEASURES TOWARD "OFFENSIVE EXPANSION OF THE ECONOMY, AND ON THE INTRODUCTION OF A TAX REFORM PROGRAM BY JANUARY 1989. VRANITZKY ALSO CALLED FOR "BROAD AND LARGE-SCALE

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