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SUBJECT: WMINTEL JLSIGHT WALDHEIM REPORTS/DOCUMENT

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1. FYI AND FURTHER TO REF, REUTERS REPORTER ARTHUR SPIEGELMAN IN STORY DATE-LINED 2 MAR NEW YORK CLAIMS THAT BRITS ARE PREVENTING PNWORLD FROM RELEASING 26 APR 45 BRITISH ARMY REPORT NAMING WALDHEIM AS "WANTED GERMAN ARMY INTEL OFFICER." STORY IS SOURCED TO MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL HISTORIANS COMMISSION. BRITISH REFUSAL TO RELEASE ARMY REPORT IS SAID TO BE BASED ON RELUCTANCE TO SET PRECEDENT FOR RELEASE OF INTEL INFO.

2. REUTERS STORY ALSO CITED 24 FEB 88 LETTER FROM FOREIGN SEC GEOFFREY HOWE TO SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC MP DAVID OWEN ACKNOWLEDGING THAT HMG STUDYING 26 APR 45 DOC AS WELL AS OTHER MATERIAL TO SEE IF WALDHEIM IMPLICATED IN EXECUTION OF BRITISH COMMANDOS IN GREECE IN 1944.

3. AFTERNOON OF 4 MAR WE WERE INFORMED BY [] THAT BRITISH FCO AND MOD ARE NOW INCLINED TO QUOTE FROM AND POSSIBLY EVEN RELEASE 26 APR 45 S.I.M.E. DOCUMENT AS PART OF COMMANDO INVESTIGATION AND TO COUNTER INCREASINGLY FANTASTIC PRESS CLAIMS AS TO ITS CONTENT. FURTHER TO PARA 3 REF, WE HAVE NOW TOLD [] THAT WE CANNOT STRONGLY OBJECT TO BRITISH RELEASE, AND THAT COPY BEING RELEASED CAN EVEN BE SOURCED TO USG (OR IF NECESSARY PNWORLD) ARCHIVES SINCE PNWORLD HAS ALREADY BEEN SURFACED IN PRESS AS HOLDER OF DOC.

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