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Dear []

Granada TV Programme on WALDHEIM

To follow up my talk with Bob Brown on 28 March and with you on 29 March, I attach a summary of the contents of the above programme. When the recording arrives I will make arrangements for you to see it.

Yours

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GRANADA TV PROGRAMME ON WALDHEIM

1 Dec 1989

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS IN PROGRAMME AS FOLLOWS:-

- WALDHEIM AND HIS WIFE WERE NAZIS.
- IN 1972 AUSTRIAN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE CONCEALED HIS WAR RECORD.
- YUGOSLAV UNWCC CHARGES LARGELY FABRICATED TO ENABLE YUGOSLAVIA TO APPLY PRESSURE ON AUSTRIANS DURING LONDON CONFERENCE, 1946/47, ON BORDER DISPUTE.
- YUGOSLAVIA HAD A RELIABLE ACCOUNT OF WALDHEIM'S WARTIME ACTIVITIES BY 1967, SOME INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM US NATIONAL ARCHIVES.
- NOT POLITICALLY CONVENIENT FOR YUGOSLAVIA TO REVEAL TRUTH AT THE TIME OF WALDHEIM'S UNSG CANDIDATURE IN 1972.
- SOVIET UNION WERE SHOWN YUGOSLAV FILES. PLAYED A ROLE IN WALDHEIM'S APPOINTMENT AS SECRETARY GENERAL AND SUBSEQUENTLY PROSPERED UNDER HIS TENURE.
- THE SIME DOCUMENT ON KIRCHNER WAS OF BRITISH ORIGIN AND WAS PASSED TO THE OSS.
- FIRST FILE WALDHEIM OPENED BY UK IN 1945 (THE SIME DOCUMENT).
- US OPENED THEIR OWN FILE SHORTLY AFTERWARDS.
- US ENQUIRIES AT TIME OF CANDIDATURE AS UNSG FAILED TO UNCOVER INFORMATION ABOUT WALDHEIM'S SERVICE IN THE BALKANS.
- US AUTHORITIES, UNCRITICALLY ACCEPTED INFORMATION FROM AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES, WHICH SUPPRESSED WALDHEIM'S WARTIME SERVICE (CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ WAS INTERVIEWED ELABORATING ON THIS /THEME).

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THEME).

- RHODES-JAMES (WALDHEIM'S PRIVATE SECRETARY BEFORE BECOMING AN MP) CLAIMED THEY (UN?) HAD BEEN ASSURED (BY WHOM?) THAT WALDHEIM HAD BEEN LOOKED INTO AT THE TIME OF HIS ELECTION AS SECRETARY-GENERAL. HE ALSO SAID UK SECURITY PEOPLE HAD LET DOWN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

- BIG POWERS MUST TAKE GREATER CARE OVER APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS IN FUTURE.

ALTHOUGH WELL DONE, THE PROGRAMME WAS NOT AS DRAMATIC AS PRESS PREVIEWS HAD PROMISED DWELLING MOSTLY ON WALDHEIM'S ALLEGED NAZI CONNECTIONS, HIS VANITY AND AMBITION AND ON THE RESPECTIVE ROLES OF THE SOVIET UNION AND YUGOSLAVIA. IN PARTICULAR, IT IS BY NO MEANS CLEAR THAT GRANADA TELEVISION HAVE OBTAINED A COPY OF THE ENTIRE SIME DOCUMENT. THE FILM USED A MONTAGE OF GRAPHICS TO PORTRAY THE ENTRY FOR WALDHEIM. THE ONLY ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS SHOWN WERE WHAT APPEARED TO BE PART OF AN INDEX CONTAINING AN ENTRY FOR THE KIRCHNER SIME DOCUMENT (BUT NOTHING RECOGNISABLE TO US AS THE DOCUMENT - WE BELIEVE THAT WHAT WAS SHOWN WAS THE AFHQ TRACE SHEET FOR WARNSTORFF, THE INFORMATION FOR WHICH WAS TAKEN FROM KIRCHNER'S INTERROGATION REPORT) AND THE CROWCASS LIST (THIS LAST IS AVAILABLE IN THE MARYLAND STATE ARCHIVE AND IN THE UNWCC ARCHIVE IN NEW YORK).