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SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT, 9:00 A.M.

B. NUCLEAR ACCIDENT IN USSR

HEADLINES OVER REPORTS ON REPERCUSSIONS OF THE NUCLEAR ACCIDENT IN THE USSR SAID THAT RADIOACTIVITY CONTINUES TO EMERGE FROM THE REACTOR AT CHERNOBYL, THAT RADIOACTIVITY ON THE GROUND IN THE FRG HAS INCREASED, THAT PEOPLE IN THE FRG HAVE BEEN CONFUSED BY CONFLICTING ANNOUNCEMENTS BY AUTHORITIES, THAT THE PRINCIPAL PROBLEM IS THE CONTAMINATION OF FOODSTUFFS, THAT TONS OF VEGETABLES MAY HAVE TO BE DESTROYED, THAT FARMERS MAY SUFFER LOSSES AMOUNTING TO BILLIONS, AND THAT BONN MAY REQUEST FROM MOSCOW COMPENSATION FOR THE DAMAGE.

C. OTHER TOPICS

A. CHEMICAL WEAPONS

THE INDEPENDENT/LIBERAL SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH CARRIED A REPORT FROM BONN THAT CHANCELLOR KOHL'S SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN IN TOKYO INCLUDED PROBLEMS OF MODERNIZING CHEMICAL WEAPONS. THERE WERE SAID TO BE SOME ILL FEELINGS IN THE BONN FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT REAGAN'S RECENT LETTER TO KOHL OBVIOUSLY HAD BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PRESS BY THE AMERICAN SIDE. THE BONN GOVERNMENT ALLEGEDLY WANTS NOT ONLY TO BE CONSULTED BUT BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE ITS VIEWS PREVAIL ON DEPLOYMENT OF BINARY WEAPONS IN THE FRG IN AN EMERGENCY. THE AMERICAN SIDE "OBVIOUSLY CONSIDERS THIS GOING TOO FAR," THE REPORT SAID.

B. AUSTRIAN ELECTION

SEVERAL PAPERS REPORTED THAT ISRAEL WAS "SHOCKED" BY THE FACT THAT **KURT WALDHEIM** CAME CLOSE TO WINNING THE AUSTRIAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION ON THE FIRST BALLOT.

THE CONSERVATIVE DIE WELT OF BONN REPORTED REMARKS BY SIMON WIESENTHAL, HEAD OF THE JEWISH DOCUMENTATION CENTER IN VIENNA, BLAMING CHARGES AGAINST WALDHEIM FROM THE OUTSIDE FOR HIS GOOD SHOWING.

C. MIDDLE EAST

SEVERAL PAPERS COVERED SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASSAD'S "STATE VISIT" TO JORDAN AND REACTION TO IT FROM ISRAEL.

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THE CONSERVATIVE DIE WELT OF BONN SAID THAT IN THE VIEW OF ISRAELI MILITARY LEADERS, A MILITARY ALLIANCE BETWEEN SYRIA AND JORDAN WOULD INCREASE THE DANGER OF WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

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