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FROM GOING BANKRUPT. THE CURRENT ANNUAL EC BUDGET IS  
RUNNING A DEFICIT OF TEN TO TWELVE MILLION D-MARKS.

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"ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUST IN TIME BEFORE MARTENS' ARRIVAL, CHANCELLOR KOHL DECIDED IN MINISTERIAL TALKS ON BONN'S POSITION IN THE UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS ON EC PROBLEMS. THE BONN GOVERNMENT IS STILL HOPING THAT THE ISSUE OF MONETARY COMPENSATORY AMOUNTS WILL BE SETTLED AND THAT THE AGRICULTURAL REFORM AND THE FUTURE FINANCING OF THE EC WILL BE PUT IN EFFECT.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, BONN IS DETERMINED TO PREVENT ANY ADDITIONAL BURDENS ON GERMAN FARMERS AND ALSO WANTS TO OPPOSE THE FINANCING OF THE EC'S SPENDING POLICY AT THE GERMAN TAXPAYERS' EXPENSE...."

B. INDEPENDENT/LIBERAL SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (NEWS REPORT): "ACCORDING TO AGRICULTURAL MINISTER IGNAZ KIECHLE, BONN'S POLICY WILL NOT CONSIST OF 'BLOCKING' ANY PROGRESS AT THE UPCOMING EC SUMMIT.... KIECHLE SAID THAT BONN IS NOT WILLING TO NEGOTIATE ON THE ELIMINATION OF THE MONETARY COMPENSATORY AMOUNT THIS YEAR BUT WILL AGREE TO DO SO IN THE FUTURE.... KIECHLE EXPRESSED REGRETS THAT SO FAR IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO CONCLUDE THE PRICE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE NEW FISCAL YEAR...."

"IN THE BUNDESTAG DEBATE ON THE 1987 AGRICULTURAL REPORT, THE SPD AND THE GREENS POINTED OUT THE BAD INCOME SITUATION OF GERMAN FARMERS AND CALLED ON BONN TO MAKE A CORRECTION IN ITS AGRICULTURAL POLICY COURSE...."

3. WALDHEIM IN ROME

A. LEFT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU (NEWS REPORT): "AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM'S** VISIT TO THE VATICAN WAS ACCOMPANIED BY UNPRECEDENTED SECURITY MEASURES...AND SHARP PROTESTS BY PREDOMINANTLY JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS. IN THE DIRECT VICINITY OF THE BARRIERS (AT ST. PETER'S SQUARE) REPRESENTATIVES FROM JEWISH COMMUNITIES...AND ARDENT LEFT-WINGERS GATHERED IN PEACEFUL PROTEST TO RECALL WALDHEIM'S POSSIBLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INTERNMENT OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE DURING WORLD WAR II.

"UNTIL THE VERY END, THE VATICAN NEVER RESPONDED TO THE SEVERE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST WALDHEIM...."

B. INDEPENDENT/LIBERAL STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG (NEWS REPORT): "ITALY'S LEADING POLITICIANS WILL NOT MEET WITH WALDHEIM ALTHOUGH THE GENERAL PROCEDURE USUALLY PROVIDES FOR A PRIVATE MEETING WITH ANY HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS WHICH HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE POPE. THE ITALIAN AND THE AMERICAN AMBASSAOR DID NOT ATTEND THE PRESENTATION OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS. BONN'S AND LONDON'S AMBASSADORS SENT OTHER REPRESENTATIVES BECAUSE THEY WERE 'ON HOLIDAYS.'...."

II. OTHER NEWS AND COMMENTARY

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A. GORBACHEV CENTRAL COMMITTEE SPEECH

CONSERVATIVE DIE WELT OF BONN (EDITORIAL BY PETER PHILLIPS): "WITH A BANG GORBACHEV YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED HIS RETURN TO THE SOVIET DOMESTIC POLITICAL STAGE. HE HAD STARTED OFF HIS TERM IN OFFICE WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A TREATMENT FOR THE AILING EMPIRE. IT WAS THEN FOLLOWED BY EFFECTIVE MEDIA APPEARANCES IN THE FOREIGN POLICY SECTOR BECAUSE THE CUMBERSOME BUREAUCRATIC APPARATUS CRAMPED HIS STYLE. NOW THAT THE BAIT HAS BEEN LAID IN THE WEST, GORBACHEV, LIKE ANY GOOD FISHERMAN, IS WAITING FOR (THE FISH) TO BITE. IN THE MEANTIME, HE IS

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