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1. SOVIET UNION EXPECTED TO INVITE WALDHEIM FOR

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PROPAGANDA REASONS:

DURING HIS VISIT TO AUSTRIA NEXT WEEK, SOVIET MINISTER PRESIDENT NIKOLAY RYZKHOV IS EXPECTED TO CONVEY AN INVITATION TO PRESIDENT WALDHEIM FROM SOVIET PRESIDENT GROMYKO TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION. THE INVITATION IS AN OBVIOUS PROPAGANDA MOVE BY MOSCOW TO DEMONSTRATE "U.S. ARROGANCE" TOWARD SMALL AUSTRIA, A REPORT REMARKED, ADDING THAT IT WILL SERVE TO PROVIDE WALDHEIM'S CRITICS WITH MORE AMMUNITION. (CATHOLIC PROVINCIAL KLEINE ZEITUNG, GRAZ, JULY 1)

2. GOA DETERMINED TO CLOSE TECH TRANSFER "LOOPHOLES":

DURING YESTERDAY'S CABINET MEETING, THE GOA DECIDED TO TIGHTEN REGULATIONS ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO "CLOSE REMAINING LOOPHOLES", "DIE PRESSE" WROTE. NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.S. WILL BE RESUMED NEXT WEEK. IN RETURN FOR "FURTHER AUSTRIAN CONCESSIONS" CHANCELLOR FRANZ VRANITZKY EXPECTS THE U.S. TO GRANT AUSTRIA THE SAME ACCESS TO HIGH-TECH GOODS AS ENJOYED BY SWEDEN AND SWITZERLAND. A "DIE PRESSE" EDITORIAL SAID AUSTRIA WILL ONLY GRUDINGLY "GIVE IN" (TO U.S. DEMANDS FOR CONTROLS ON THE TRANSIT OF HIGH-TECH EQUIPMENT THROUGH AUSTRIA). THE ARTICLE POINTED TO THE "PSYCHOLOGICALLY BAD TIMING" FOR "FURTHER CONCESSIONS" BUT NOTED THAT AUSTRIA HAD NO OTHER CHOICE. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, JULY 1)

3. VISITING IRANIAN FM RENEWS INVITATION TO PRESIDENT WALDHEIM - DENIES ARMS PURCHASE FROM AUSTRIA:

VISITING IRANIAN FM ALI AKBAR VELAYATI YESTERDAY RENEWED AN IRANIAN INVITATION TO PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM** TO VISIT IRAN, THE MEDIA REPORTED. AUSTRIAN RADIO ANNOUNCED THAT NO DATE HAS BEEN SET YET FOR THE VISIT. VELAYATI DENOUNCED THE ATTACKS ON WALDHEIM AS "AN INSULT" TO AN ENTIRE NATION AND ACCUSED "ZIONISTS" OF TRYING TO EXERT PRESSURE ON WESTERN COUNTRIES. SPEAKING ON THE GULF CONFLICT, THE FM CONDEMNED THE PRESENCE OF ANY SUPERPOWER IN THE REGION. ASKED ABOUT ALLEGED, ILLEGAL AUSTRIAN ARMS SALES TO IRAN, VELAYATI EMPHASIZED THAT IRAN HAD NOT ACQUIRED ARMS FROM AUSTRIA. ACCORDING TO A REPORT, VELAYATI MADE IT CLEAR THAT IRAN WAS USING A NEUTRAL PLATFORM TO BREAK ITS INTERNATIONAL ISOLATION. IN HIS MEETING WITH HIS IRANIAN COUNTERPART, FM ALOIS MOCK REPORTEDLY URGED VELAYATI TO MAKE "SMALL MOVES" TOWARD PEACE IN THE GULF REGION. (REPORTING ON VELAYATI'S CALL ON PRESIDENT WALDHEIM, AUSTRIAN TV REMARKED THAT WALDHEIM DID NOT WANT TO HAVE HIS PICTURE TAKEN WITH THE IRANIAN FM, FEARING THIS COULD ANNOY THE U.S.). (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, JULY 1, ORF NEWS, JUNE 30)

4. JORDANIAN ANTI-ISRAEL PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN IN CONNECTION WITH WALDHEIM VISIT:

PRESIDENT WALDHEIM LEAVES FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO JORDAN TODAY ON INVITATION FROM JORDAN'S KING HUSSEIN.

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MEANWHILE, THE JORDANIAN PRESS HAS ENGAGED IN AN ANTI-ISRAEL PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN IN CONNECTION WITH PRESIDENT WALDHEIM'S VISIT, THE AUSTRIAN PAPERS WROTE. AUSTRIAN RADIO COMMENTED THAT WALDHEIM'S ADVISORS COULD NOT BE HAPPY ABOUT SUCH ANTI-ZIONIST RETHORIC ACCOMPANYING THE WALDHEIM MEETING WITH KING HUSSEIN. ITS RADIO CORRESPONDENT IN ISRAEL REPORTED ON THE SHARP CRITICISM OF UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 03 VIENNA 09611

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HUSSEIN AND WALDHEIM BY ISRAELI POLITICIANS AND THE ISRAELI MEDIA. MEANWHILE, WEST GERMAN "NAZI-HUNTER" BEATE KLARSFELD ARRIVED IN JORDAN SAYING SHE WANTED TO PROVIDE THE JORDANIAN PUBLIC WITH INFORMATION ABOUT WALDHEIM'S NAZI PAST. POINTING TO THE ANTI-ISRAEL RETHORIC ACCOMPANYING THE WALDHEIM VISIT, AN EDITORIAL IN THE SOCIALIST DAILY "AZ" NOTED SARCASTICALLY THAT "WALDHEIM'S POPULARITY" IN JORDAN WAS OF DUBIOUS VALUE TO AUSTRIA. (ORF NEWS, JUNE 30, JULY 1, SOCIALIST AZ, JULY 1)

5. INTERVIEW WITH JORDANIAN KING HUSSEIN:

REFERRING TO THE READINESS ON THE PART OF MANY GOVERNMENTS TO CONVENE A MIDDLE EAST CONFERENCE, JORDAN'S KING HUSSEIN TOLD THE DAILY "KRONENZEITUNG" THAT "WE ARE AT THE THRESHOLD OF A SOLUTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST". STARTING FROM UN RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 AND THOSE OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, THE CONFERENCE WILL DEAL WITH THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE "IN ALL ITS ASPECTS", HUSSEIN SAID. ACCORDING TO THE MONARCH, THE PLO SHOULD REPRESENT THE PALESTINIANS AT SUCH A CONFERENCE, WHILE PALESTINIAN-JORDANIAN ISSUES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN THE ARAB WORLD. WELCOMING MOSCOW'S "CHANGED POSITION", HUSSEIN SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE SOVIET UNION EXERT "HELPFUL INFLUENCE" IN THE SEARCH FOR PERMANENT PEACE. REFERRING TO U.S. REJECTION OF A JORDANIAN REQUEST FOR ARMS, HUSSEIN REPORTEDLY DID NOT CONCEAL HIS "DISAPPOINTMENT" AND "BITTERNESS" AT THE "INCOMPREHENSIBLE" ACT BY THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION. (INDEPENDENT KRONENZEITUNG, JULY 1)

6. OTHER WALDHEIM-RELATED DEVELOPMENTS:

IN THE WAKE OF THE VIENNA SPO'S WEEKEND RESOLUTION CALLING ON PRESIDENT WALDHEIM TO STEP DOWN, CHANCELLOR FRANZ VRANITZKY YESTERDAY TOLD JOURNALISTS THAT A WALDHEIM RESIGNATION WAS NOT AT ISSUE BETWEEN THE CABINET AND THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE. ASKED TO ASSESS THE EXTENT OF

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ANTI-WALDHEIM SENTIMENTS WITHIN THE SPO, VRANTIZKY SAID THAT CURRENTLY HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE A SIMILAR RESOLUTION WOULD GET A MAJORITY AT THE SPO'S CONGRESS THIS FALL.

-THE SMALL RIGHT-WING FREEDOM PARTY OF AUSTRIA HAS TERMED THE RESOLUTION "A TIME BOMB" FOR THE COALITION GOVERNMENT, SAYING THE ANTI-WALDHEIM DECLARATION WOULD AFFECT SPO OPINION NATIONWIDE.

-SIMON WIESENTHAL, HEAD OF THE JEWISH DOCUMENTATION CENTER IN VIENNA, STATED ONE SHOULD WAIT FOR THE RESULTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF HISTORIANS BEFORE TALKING ABOUT A PRESIDENTIAL RESIGNATION. (MOST PAPERS, JULY 1)

-WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR HELMUT KOHL ASSURED THE DAILY "DIE PRESSE" THAT THE ABSENCE OF BONN'S AMBASSADOR TO THE VATICAN DURING WALDHEIM'S VISIT WAS IN NO WAY POLITICALLY MOTIVATED. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, JULY 1)

-IN A LETTER TO CHANCELLOR VRANITZKY, THE EUROPEAN JEWISH CONGRESS (EJC) EXPRESSED ITS INTEREST IN AN INDEPENDENT EXPERTS COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE WALDHEIM'S WARTIME ROLE. REFERRING TO THE LEGAL PRINCIPLE OF "INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY", THE EJC "CLEARLY DISTANCED ITSELF" FROM THE WJC, A REPORT POINTED OUT. (INDEPENDENT SALZBURGER NACHRICHTEN, JULY 1)

-COMMENTING ON THE "INFAMOUS" ANTI-WALDHEIM CAMPAIGN, AN EDITORIAL IN THE MASS-DAILY "KRONENZEITUNG" ATTACKED THE U.S. FOR BANNING WALDHEIM WHILE IT HAD WELCOMED HIGH-RANKING FORMER NAZIS SUCH AS WERNHER VON BRAUN.

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-IN A LETTER TO U.S. AMB. RONALD LAUDER, VETERAN OVP MP HERBERT KHOLMEIER SAID HE HAD REJECTED THE AMBASSADOR'S JULY 4TH INVITATION TO PROTEST WASHINGTON'S "ILLEGITIMATE AND OFFENSIVE" INSULT TO OUR HEAD OF STATE AND TO THE ENTIRE AUSTRIAN PEOPLE. (SOCIALIST AZ, JULY 1)

-THE HEAD OF THE AUSTRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, FRANZ MUHRI, HAS CALLED ON WALDHEIM TO RESIGN. (COMMUNIST VOLKSSTIMME, JUNE 29)

7. WASHINGTON'S STAND ON HAMADAI AFFAIR AND ON EVENTS IN PANAMA REVEAL "OUTRIGHT STUPIDITY" OF U.S., EDITORIAL SAYS:

AN EDITORIAL IN THE INDEPENDENT "SALZBURGER NACHRICHTEN" ENTITLED "HOW THE U.S. MAKES FRIENDS" POLEMICIZED THAT CONGRESSIONAL VIEWS ON THE HAMADEI CASE AS WELL AS ITS BEHAVIOR REGARDING DEVELOPMENTS IN PANAMA WERE INDICATIVE OF THE "UTTER SILLINESS" OF AMERICAN LEGISLATORS. THESE

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EXAMPLES ILLUSTRATED THAT THE U.S. CONGRESSMEN WERE IGNORANT OF THE SYSTEM OF POWER SHARING EXISTING IN THE FRG WHICH DOES NOT PERMIT ITS GOVERNMENT TO GIVE ORDERS TO AN INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY. ON PANAMA, THE U.S. SEEMED INTENT ON PROVING THE EXISTING STEROTYPE THAT IT WAS A NATION INTERFERING AT RANDOM AND WITHOUT POLITICAL SENSITIVITY INTO THE AFFAIRS OF SOVEREIGN COUNTRIES. (INDEPENDENT SALZBURGER NACHRICHTEN, JULY 1)

8. "CHARTER 77" PAPER ACCUSES CZECH STATE POLICE OF MURDERING WAITER:

A "PAPER" PRESENTED IN VIENNA JUNE 30 BY A MEMBER OF THE "CHARTER 77" DISSIDENT GROUP ACCUSED THE CZECHOSLOVAK STATE POLICE OF HAVING SHOT TO DEATH A WAITER IN A PRAGUE RESTAURANT IN MID-MAY. THE ACT ILLUSTRATED THE OMNIPOTENCE OF THE CZECH POLICE AND WAS GENERATING AN INCREASING FEELING OF LAWLESSNESS AMONG THE POPULATION, A "CHARTER 77" SPOKESMAN SAID. (INDEPENDENT SALZBURGER NACHRICHTEN, JULY 1)

9. EGYPTIAN FM TO VISIT AUSTRIA:

EGYPTIAN FM ESMAT MEGUID WILL PAY AN OFFICAL VISIT TO AUSTRIA JULY 12-15. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, JULY 1)

10. NEW AMB. TO OMAN:

AUSTRIAN AMB. TO SAUDI ARABIA, GERFRIED BUCHAUER, WAS ACCREDITED AS NEW AUSTRIAN AMB. TO OMAN. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, JULY 1)

11. PARLIAMENT TO PASS AUSTERITY MEASURES PRIOR TO SUMMER RECESS:

AT ITS LAST SESSION JULY 2 BEFORE THE SUMMER RECESS, THE PARLIAMENT WILL PASS A PACKAGE OF TIGHT-BELTENING MEASURES, INCLUDING PARTIAL PRIVATIZATION OF NATIONALIZED BANKS AND THE POWER INDUSTRY, AS WELL AS CUTS IN GOA SAVINGS PROMOTION INCENTIVES, MORE RESTRICTIVE UNEMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS, AND INCREASES IN TELEPHONE AND POSTAL FEES. IT WILL ALSO PASS A LAW PROVIDING FOR "LAST-TIME" STATE SUBSIDIES TO THE NATIONALIZED INDUSTRIES. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, JULY 1). BLOCH

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