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1. FM MOCK ON INDEPENDENCE DAY RECEPTION:

IN REGARD TO THE ABSENCE OF THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR FROM
OFFICIAL DIPLOMATIC EVENTS FOR PRESIDENT WALDHEIM IN

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JORDAN, FM ALOIS MOCK STRESSED THAT THE "AUSTRIANS WILL BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY'S INDEPENDENCE DAY RECEPTION IN VIENNA THAT THEY ALSO DO NOT GO EVERYWHERE". (IND. KRONENZEITUNG, JULY 3,)

COMMENTING ON MOCK'S STATEMENT, PETER PELINKA NOTED IN THE SOCIALIST AZ THAT "BY AND BY, MOCK IS GOING TOO FAR". PELINKA ALSO STRESSED THAT MOCK'S REMARK DID NOT PREVENT ECONOMICS MINISTER GRAF AND FEDERAL ECONOMIC CHAMBER PRESIDENT SALLINGER - AMONG A THOUSAND OTHER GUESTS - FROM ATTENDING THE RECEPTION. (SOCIALIST AZ, JULY 4)

2. VRANITZKY CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE ON INDEPENDENCE DAY:

IN A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO THE US ON THE OCCASION OF ITS INDEPENDENCE DAY, CHANCELLOR FRANZ VRANITZKY STRESSED THAT THERE HAD ALWAYS BEEN A GOOD BILATERAL CLIMATE BETWEEN THE US AND AUSTRIA. PARTICULARLY IN TIMES WHEN RELATIONS HAVE BEEN BURDENED THE MAINTENANCE OF THAT CLIMATE WAS IMPORTANT, NOTED THE CHANCELLOR. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, ET AL., JULY 5)

3. FM MOCK AND OVP SECRETARY GENERAL GRAFF ON ABSENCE OF US AMBASSADOR AT WALDHEIM EVENTS IN AMMAN:

TALKING TO THE MASS TABLOID KRONENZEITUNG, FM MOCK SAID THAT THE US ADMINISTRATION HAS DISCREDITED ITSELF WITH THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR'S ABSENCE AT OFFICIAL DIPLOMATIC EVENTS FOR PRESIDENT WALDHEIM IN AMMAN, AFTER IT HAD EMPHASIZED THAT THE WATCHLIST DECISION ONLY CONCERNED WALDHEIM AS PRIVATE PERSON AND THAT THE US AIMED AT MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS WITH AUSTRIA. THE ADMINISTRATION IN PARTICULAR ALSO DISAVOWED ITS OWN DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE, NOTED MOCK. OVP SECRETARY GENERAL MICHAEL GRAFF MEANWHILE NOTED THAT AUSTRIA SHOULD NOT APPOINT A NEW AMBASSADOR TO THE US TOO HASTILY. ONE SHOULD FIRST DEMAND POLITICAL EXPLANATIONS FROM THE USG, AND PARTICULARLY FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT, WHICH WERE SPEAKING WITH "A FORKED TONGUE". (IND. KRONENZEITUNG, IND. DIE PRESSE, JULY 3) - DISCUSSING GRAFF'S STATEMENT IN A BACKGROUND ARTICLE, AZ POLITICAL COMMENTATOR PETER PELINKA SAW NO SIGN OF CONTRADICTION IN THE US POLICY, WHICH, ACCORDING TO PELINKA, CONSISTED OF FRIENDLINESS TOWARD AUSTRIA, BUT REJECTION OF ITS PRESIDENT. (SOCIALIST AZ, JULY 3)

4. WALDHEIM RETURNS HOME FROM JORDAN:

PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM** CONCLUDED HIS VISIT TO JORDAN ON JULY 4. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON HIS RETURN, WALDHEIM NOTED THAT THE VISIT HAD BEEN "SATISFYING AND USEFUL" BOTH REGARDING BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS. WALDHEIM SAID THAT "ONE ATTRIBUTED TOO MUCH WEIGHT" TO THE ABSENCE OF THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AT OFFICIAL EVENTS; THAT ABSENCE ACTUALLY DID NOT HAVE MUCH MEANING. AT HIS JULY 2 MEETING WITH THE JORDANIAN FM TAHER MASRI, FM MOCK HAS REPORTEDLY STRESSED THE CONTINUITY OF THE AUSTRIAN MIDDLE

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EAST POLICY, WHICH STILL WAS BASED ON THE RESPECTIVE UN RESOLUTIONS. AS MOCK STRESSED, FEARS THAT AUSTRIAN FOREIGN POLICY UNDER HIS GUIDANCE WOULD TURN AWAY FROM THE ARAB WORLD HAD BEEN BASED ON "A FALSE IMPRESSION". (ALL PAPERS, JULY 3-5)

5. US PROPOSAL ON APPOINTMENT OF ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 03 VIENNA 09813

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AUSTRIA?

ACCORDING TO THE WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT OF THE ISRAELI PAPER "KOL ISRAEL", THE US ADMINISTRATION HAS SUGGESTED TO ISRAEL THAT A NEW ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA SHOULD PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT WALDHEIM AT THE LATEST BY THE TIME A NEW AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA WILL PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS TO WALDHEIM. THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT HAS REPORTEDLY NOT REACTED TO THIS PROPOSAL SO FAR. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, JULY 5)

6. IMPROVEMENT OF AUSTRO-US RELATIONS AT ALPBACH CONGRESS?

THE ORGANIZERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE CONGRESS IN ALPBACH WHICH IS TO TAKE PLACE THIS WEEK REPORTEDLY HOPE THAT "EXISTING ERRORS IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND THE US" COULD BE RESOLVED AT THE CONGRESS THIS WEEK. REPORTS NOTE THAT THE CONGRESS WILL BE ATTENDED BY SPECIAL ENVOY BILL CLARK AND SECRETARY OF EDUCATION WILLIAM BENNETT, AS WELL AS AMBASSADOR RONALD LAUDER AND HIGHRANKING AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. (IND. DIE PRESSE, JULY 6)

7. WALDHEIM RELATED EVENTS:

PRESIDENT WALDHEIM HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HIS "WHITEBOOK" WILL BE PRESENTED THIS WEEK. WHILE IN VIENNA, THE DESIGNATED HEAD OF THE HISTORIANS' COMMISSION ON WALDHEIM, HANS RUDOLF KURZ, INDICATED THAT HE WANTED TO CONCLUDE THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION BY NOVEMBER. IN CONNECTION WITH WALDHEIM'S LIBEL SUIT AGAINST WJC PRESIDENT EDGAR BRONFMAN, AUSTRIA HAS REPORTEDLY ASKED THE US TO QUESTION BRONFMAN IN A US COURT. (IND. KURIER, JULY 4, 5 AND 6)
- AT A JULY 2 TV DISCUSSION, VIENNA DEPUTY MAYOR ERHARD BUSEK STRESSED THAT A RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT WALDHEIM WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, LEADING TO A POLARIZATION OF THE POLITICAL CLIMATE. VIENNA SPO CHAIRMAN LEOPOLD GRATZ WARNED THAT THE PRESIDENT'S RESIGNATION COULD PRODUCE "A

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, CLIMATE WHICH WOULD NOT CORRESPOND WITH THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE PAST 40 YEARS". (IND. DIE PRESSE, JULY 4) - THE AUSTRIAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLICS HAS PROTESTED IN A LETTER TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF PARIS, CARDINAL JEAN-MARIE LUSTIGER, AGAINST THE CARDINAL'S CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT WALDHEIM'S VISIT TO THE VATICAN. "A WAVE OF HATRED IS CURRENTLY TURNING AGAINST AUSTRIA AND ITS FREELY ELECTED HEAD OF STATE", STRESSED THE AUSTRIAN ORGANIZATION, CONCLUDING THAT AUSTRIA FELT "MISUNDERSTOOD, UNJUSTLY CONDEMNED, AND HUMILIATED". (IND. DIE PRESSE, JULY 4)

8. RYZKHOV VISIT:

AT A JULY 3 PRESS CONFERENCE, CHANCELLOR VRANITZKY SAID THAT THE VISIT OF SOVIET MINISTER PRESIDENT RYZKHOV TO AUSTRIA THIS WEEK COULD SERVE TO "INTENSIFY THE FIRST-CLASS RELATIONS" BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND THE SOVIET UNION. COMMENTING ON SOVIET LEADER GORBACHEV'S RESTRUCTURING EFFORTS, VRANITZKY SAID THAT HE WISHED GORBACHEV MUCH LUCK AND SUCCESS IN HIS EFFORTS. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, JULY 5)

9. UPCOMING VRANITZKY VISITS:

CHANCELLOR VRANITZKY'S FOREIGN VISITS THIS FALL WILL CONCENTRATE ON NEIGHBORING AND CENTRAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THE CHANCELLOR'S DESTINATIONS WILL INCLUDE POLAND, THE FRG, HUNGARY, SWITZERLAND AND POSSIBLY ALSO CZECHOSLOVAKIA. (IND. DIE PRESSE, JULY 6)
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10. POLES FLED TO AUSTRIA:

ON THE NIGHT OF JULY 1, THREE POLISH MINERS FLED TO AUSTRIA BY SWIMMING ACROSS A POND ON THE AUSTRO-CZECH BORDER. THEY HAD CROSSED THE POLISH-CZECH BORDER ILLEGALLY AND HAD MADE THEIR WAY TO THE AUSTRIAN BORDER BY FOOT. (IND. KURIER, JULY 3)

11. ANDROSCH NOT SUSPENDED AS CA CHAIRMAN:

THE SUPERVISORY BOARD OF THE NATIONALIZED CREDITANSTALT (CA) BANK DECIDED ON JULY 3 NOT TO SUSPEND DIRECTOR GENERAL AND FORMER VICE-CHANCELLOR HANNES ANDROSCH FROM HIS FUNCTION DESPITE PENDING CHARGES OF FALSE TESTIMONY AGAINST ANDROSCH. (ALL PAPERS, JULY 4)

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12. BARTESCH CASE LIKELY TO BE DROPPED:
, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE CASE AGAINST FORMER NAZI
CONCENTRATION CAMP GUARD MARTIN BARTESCH, WHO HAD BEEN
DEPORTED TO AUSTRIA FROM THE US, WILL BE DROPPED SINCE THE
STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS HAS EXPIRED. A DECISION IS
EXPECTED THIS WEEK, THE REPORTS NOTE. (ALL PAPERS, JULY 3)

13. "LAUDER UNIVERSITY" AND BETH CHABAD PLAYGROUND:

IN A SPECIAL REPORT IN FRIDAY'S DIE PRESSE, ANDREAS
UNTERBERGER SUMS UP THE DEVELOPMENTS SURROUNDING THE
POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE BEING SPONSORED BY THE LAUDER
FOUNDATION. IF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SALZBURG SEMINAR IS
REACHED, COURSES IN TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT COULD BEGIN IN
FALL 1988. - IN THE SAME EDITION OF DIE PRESSE, IT IS
NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR LAUDER HAS DONATED PLAYGROUND
EQUIPMENT TO THE JEWISH EDUCATION CENTER BETH CHABAD.
(IND. DIE PRESSE, JULY 3) LAUDER

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