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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN PRESS SUMMARY NO.148/87, FOR 08/13/87

1. SPO LEADER SINOWATZ AGAIN DENIES INVOLVEMENT IN ANTI-WALDHEIM CAMPAIGN:

IN A VIENNA PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY, SPO PARTY CHAIRMAN FRED SINOWATZ REITERATED THAT NEITHER HE, NOR ANY OF

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HIS CHANCELLERY AIDES, NOR ANYBODY WITHIN THE SPO WAS INVOLVED IN TRIGGERING THE ANTI-WALDHEIM CAMPAIGN "FROM AUSTRIAN SOIL". (SINOWATZ THUS AGAIN DENIED ALLEGATIONS MADE BY "PROFIL" JOURNALIST AND VIENNA OVP POLITICIAN ALFRED WORM THAT IN 1985 SINOWATZ HAD ANNOUNCED HE WANTED TO DISCLOSE THEN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE **KURT WALDHEIM'S** ROLE IN THE GERMAN ARMY). CHANCELLOR FRANZ VRANITZKY DISMISSED THE ENTIRE DEBATE OVER SINOWATZ'S ALLEGED ROLE IN THE ANTI-WALDHEIM AFFAIR AS ARTIFICIAL AND STRESSED THAT THE AFFAIR WOULD NOT LEAD TO ANY DRAMATIC CHANGES IN THE SPO LEADERSHIP. CONSERVATIVE GREEN MP JOSEF EUEHNER CALLED ON PARLIAMENTARY PRESIDENT LEOPOLD GRATZ TO START A PARLIAMENTARY INVESTIGATION INTO THE MATTER, A STEP WHICH WAS ENDORSED YESTERDAY BY OVP DEPUTY CHAIRMAN ERHARD BUSEK. MORE EDITORIALS TODAY CALLED ON SINOWATZ TO RESIGN IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT "CHARGES" AGAINST HIM. (ALL PAPERS, E.G. INDEPENDENT KURIER, SOCIALIST AZ, ORF NEWS, AUG.13)

2. SWISS HISTORIAN KURZ ADMITS DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING QUALIFIED MEMBERS TO JOIN EXPERTS COMMISSION ON WALDHEIM:

IN AN INTERVIEW FOR A SWISS JEWISH PUBLICATION, MILITARY HISTORIAN HANS-RUDOLF KURZ, WHO CHAIRS THE COMMISSION CHARGED WITH INVESTIGATING PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM'S** WARTIME ROLE ON THE BALKANS, ADMITTED DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING QUALIFIED PERSONS WHO ARE PREPARED TO JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS PANEL. SO FAR, ONLY WEST GERMAN HISTORIAN MANFRED MESSERSCHMIDT AND ISRAELI HISTORIAN YEHUDA WALLACH HAVE AGREED TO PARTICIPATE. KURTZ REMARKED HE WAS STILL LOOKING FOR POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FROM THE U.S., BELGIUM AND YUGOSLAVIA. (ORF NEWS, INDEPENDENT PROVINCIAL SALZBURGER NACHRICHTEN, AUG.13)

3. AUSTRIA WELCOMES ARIAS PEACE PLAN FOR CENTRAL AMERICA:

FM ALOIS MOCK (OVP) HAS WELCOMED THE RECENT SIGNING OF A PEACE PLAN FOR CENTRAL AMERICA. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, AUG.13)

4. CSSR CITIZEN FLEES INTO AUSTRIA-ROMANIAN FAMILIES ASK FOR ASYLUM IN AUSTRIA AFTER CROSSING ITALIAN-AUSTRIAN BORDER:

IN A SPECTACULAR ESCAPE, 29-YEAR OLD CSSR CITIZEN LADISLAUS DERYNK STEERED A MOTOR-POWERED HANG GLIDER SOME 400KMS FROM PRAGUE INTO AUSTRIA LAST TUESDAY NIGHT, AUSTRIAN PAPERS HEADLINED TODAY. DERYNK QUOTED "POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES" AS THE PRIME MOTIVE FOR HIS ESCAPE. HE SAID HE WANTED TO EMIGRATE TO JOIN A FRIEND OF HIS IN THE U.S.---IN A SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT, A GROUP OF 20 ROMANIANS WALKED ACROSS THE ITALIAN-AUSTRIAN BORDER INTO THE SOUTHERN PROVINCE OF CARINTHIA, WHERE THEY ASKED AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES FOR ASYLUM. (INDEPENDENT KURIER, SOCIALIST PROVINCIAL KAERNTNER TAGESZEITUNG, AUG. 13). MEANWHILE, THE NUMBER OF ASYLUM SEEKERS IN

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AUSTRIA IN JULY 1987 HAS INCREASED BY 100 OVER JULY 1986, REACHING A TOTAL OF 1,525. (SOCIALIST AZ, AUG.13)

5. WEST GERMAN NEO-NAZI DEPORTED AFTER SERVING 5 YEARS IN UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 VIENNA 11659

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AUSTRIA:

AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE DEPORTED WEST GERMAN NEO-NAZI EKKEHARD WEIL, WHO SERVED 5 YEARS IN AN AUSTRIAN PRISON FOR CARRYING OUT A SERIES OF BOMB ATTACKS IN AUSTRIA. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, AUG.13)

6. ECONOMICS MINISTER TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO EASE RESTRICTIONS ON STORE OPENING HOURS:

ECONOMICS MINISTER ROBERT GRAF (OVP) HAS ANNOUNCED HE WILL INTRODUCE A BILL AIMED AT MORE LIBERAL SHOP HOUR REGULATIONS, WITHOUT CHANGING THE CURRENT 40-HOUR WORK-WEEK FOR SHOP EMPLOYEES. WHILE FEDERAL ECONOMIC CHAMBER REPRESENTATIVES AND OVP UNION SPOKESMEN REACTED SKEPTICALLY TO GRAF'S ANNOUNCEMENT, MEDIA COMMENTATORS NOTED THAT THE OPPOSITION TO ANY CHANGE IN STORE HOUR LEGISLATION WAS GRADUALLY SOFTENING. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, COMMUNIST VOLKSSTIMME, AUG.13)

7. ECONOMICS MINISTER GRAF TO DISCUSS EC INTEGRATION WITH FRG AND SWISS COLLEAGUES:

ECONOMICS MINISTER ROBERT GRAF (OVP) WILL MEET WITH HIS SWISS AND WEST GERMAN COUNTERPARTS, MARTIN BANGEMANN (FRG) AND JEAN PASCAL DELAMURAZ (SWITZERLAND) IN VIENNA TODAY AND TOMORROW TO DISCUSS THE EC'S PLANNED INTEGRATED MARKET SYSTEM, AS WELL AS OPTIONS FOR CLOSER EFTA COOPERATION WITH THE COMMON MARKET. GRAF AND DELAMURAZ WILL ALSO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON PROSPECTS FOR CLOSER INTEGRATION OF AUSTRIA AND SWITZERLAND INTO THE EC. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, AUG. 13). LAUDER

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