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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN PRESS SUMMARY NO. 192, FOR NOV. 20,
1987

1. PEOPLE'S PARTY CHANGE: SUCCEEDING MICHAEL GRAFF,
HELMUT KUKACKA HAS BEEN APPOINTED SECRETARY GENERAL OF
THE PEOPLE'S PARTY. HE IS 41 YEARS OLD AND A FORMER
SECRETARY OF HIS PARTY'S ORGANIZATION FOR UPPER
AUSTRIA. BEFORE HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT, HE WAS A MEMBER OF
THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, IN CHARGE OF CONSTRUCTION
PROJECTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. HE WILL BE
ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL UNTIL A DEFINITIVE APPOINTMENT
IS MADE BY THE PARTY'S CONGRESS (PRESUMABLY ON JUNE 15,

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1989). INTRODUCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY, KUKACKA SAID IT WILL BE HIS MAIN TASK TO CONSOLIDATE THE PEOPLE'S PARTY. ASKED WHETHER HIS PARTY WOULD CONSIDER FORMING A "SMALL COALITION" WITH THE FREEDOM PARTY, KUKACKA SAID THERE IS NO TELLING WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN TEN OR FIFTEEN YEARS, AFTER SEVERAL ELECTIONS FOR PARLIAMENT. (ALL THE MEDIA) - EDITORIAL COMMENT: KUKACKA IS THE FIRST PEOPLE'S PARTY POLITICIAN WHO HAS EXCHANGED A PLEASANT JOB AS A MEMBER OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE UNSTABLE POSITION AS SECRETARY GENERAL. HIS TASK WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT. IF THE PEOPLE'S PARTY KEEPS LOSING VOTERS, AS OPINION POLLS INDICATE, IT MAY WELL BE TRANSFORMED FROM A BIG PARTY INTO A MEDIUM-SIZED PARTY. (KRONEN-ZEITUNG)

2. CRITICISM OF FORMER AMBASSADOR LAUDER: IN AN ARTICLE FOR THE "WASHINGTON POST," PAUL LENDVAI - DIRECTOR OF "RADIO AUSTRIA INTERNATIONAL" - HAS CRITICIZED FORMER AMBASSADOR RONALD LAUDER. LENDVAI CLAIMED THAT MR. LAUDER "INDULGED IN A SPATE OF UNJUST AND UNSUBSTANTIATED ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE HOST COUNTRY." LENDVAI, WHOSE ARTICLE IS ENTITLED "THE SMEARING OF AUSTRIA," ALSO OBJECTED TO WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS A "VINDICTIVE, ILL-PREPARED AND HEADLINE-SEEKING CAMPAIGN" WAGED BY THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS. (DIE PRESSE, PAGE 2)

3. NEW BOOK ON WALDHEIM: "FUER DIE RICHTIGKEIT - KURT WALDHEIM" ("CERTIFIED TRUE COPY - KURT WALDHEIM") IS THE TITLE OF A NEW BOOK ABOUT HIS WARTIME PAST. IT WAS INTRODUCED ON THURSDAY AT A VIENNA PRESS CONFERENCE BY THE AUTHOR, HANSPETER BORN OF THE SWISS NEWSWEEKLY "WELTWOCHEN." BORN HAS ARRIVED AT THE CONCLUSION THAT WALDHEIM WAS INFORMED ABOUT ALL THE ACTIONS OF HIS UNIT AGAINST GREEK JEWS AND THAT HE WAS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE INTERROGATION OF PRISONERS. WALDHEIM WAS BY ALL MEANS "MORALLY CO-RESPONSIBLE," BORN MAINTAINS. (NEUE AZ, DIE PRESSE, WIENER ZEITUNG, KURIER) - DEPUTY CHAIRMAN JOSEF HINDELS OF THE SOCIALIST FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAS AGAIN CALLED FOR WALDHEIM'S RESIGNATION. HE CHARGED THAT WALDHEIM PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE PREPARATIONS OF WEHRMACHT WAR CRIMES. IN HINDELS' OPINION, THE IDEA IS UNBEARABLE THAT WALDHEIM IS STILL PRESIDENT NEXT MARCH WHEN AUSTRIAN WILL COMMEMORATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS ANNEXATION BY NAZI GERMANY. (NEUE AZ)

4. SLOVENE MINORITY: THE DECISION OF THE THREE AUSTRIAN PARTIES TO CHANGE THE BILINGUAL SCHOOL SYSTEM IN SOUTHERN CARINTHIA IS "A VERY UNPLEASANT SURPRISE" FOR YUGOSLAVIA, THE SPOKESMAN OF THE BELGRADE FOREIGN MINISTRY, ALEKSANDAR STANIC, TOLD "DIE PRESSE" YESTERDAY. HE ANNOUNCED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER RAIF DIZDAREVIC WILL DISCUSS THIS ISSUE AT HIS MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ALOIS MOCK IN GRAZ TODAY. (DIE PRESSE, FRONT PAGE)

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5. AUSTRIA AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY: AUSTRIA'S INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY'S INTERNAL MARKET AS OF 1992 IS THE MOST IMPORTANT TOPIC OF CHANCELLOR FRANZ VRANITZKY'S CURRENT TWO-DAY UNOFFICIAL VISIT TO BELGIUM. (DIE PRESSE, PAGE 2) - THE PRESIDENT OF AUSTRIA'S CENTRAL BANK ("NATIONALBANK"), STEPHAN KOREN, IS OF THE OPINION THAT "THERE IS NO OTHER UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 VIENNA 15970

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SOLUTION (FOR AUSTRIA) BUT FULL MEMBERSHIP IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY." HE CRITICIZED THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TOWARD THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, SAYING THAT IT STILL RELIES TOO MUCH ON EFTA. HE HAS SUGGESTED THAT AUSTRIA FILE AN E.C. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. EVEN IF THIS WERE DONE, NEGOTIATIONS WOULD CERTAINLY NOT BEGIN RIGHT AWAY, BUT, IF NOTHING ELSE, THE E.C. WOULD TREAT AUSTRIA DIFFERENTLY THAN IT DOES NOW, KOREN ADDED. (DIE PRESSE, FRONT PAGE AND PAGE 2) O'CONNOR

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