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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: WALDHEIM VISIT

ARVI WEISS, THE CHIEF RABBI OF THE RIVERSDALE INSTITUTE
IN THE U.S. AND BEATTE KLARSFELD CAME TO ISTANBUL TO
HAND OVER A REPORT TO THE TURKISH PRESIDENT ON
WALDHEIM'S ALLEDGED WAR CRIMES, REPORTED DAILY
CONSERVATIVE TERCUMAN (CIRC. 92,474), LEFT OF CENTER
CUMHURIYET (CIRC. 114,723) AND SENSATIONALIST BULVAR
(CIRC. 24,781) ON NOV. 2.

AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT KURT WALDHEIM IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN

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ISTANBUL TODAY ON A ONE-DAY UNOFFICIAL VISIT.

WEISS AND KLARSFELD TOLD TERCUMAN THAT THEIR AIM IS TO EXHIBIT WALDHEIM'S "SORDID PAST."

"BECAUSE OF ALL THE PRESSURE, TURKEY DECIDED TO RECEIVE WALDHEIM IN ISTANBUL RATHER THAN (THE CAPITAL) ANKARA. IT ALSO DECLARED THAT IT WOULD BE AN UNOFFICIAL VISIT. BUT STILL, THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO RECEIVE WALDHEIM IS AN UNEXCUSABLE MISTAKE. UNFORTUNATELY TURKEY BECOMES THE ONLY COUNTRY WHICH RECEIVES WALDHEIM EXCEPT THE ARABS," WEISS SAID.

DAILY CENTRIST GUNES (CIRC. 129,546) IN ITS EDITORIAL COMMENTED THAT: "WE COULD NOT TELL WALDHEIM NOT TO COME."

YALCIN DOGAN COLUMNIST OF CUMHURIYET ON NOV. 1 EXPRESSED ANKARA'S "UNEASINESS" OVER THE VISIT AND WROTE: "TURKEY IS TAKING A RISK BY ACCEPTING WALDHEIM, WHO IS ACCEPTED BY NONE OF THE WESTERN COUNTRIES EXCEPT THE VATICAN".

HERE ARE SOME EXCERPTS FROM VARIOUS TURKISH DAILIES ON NOV. 2:

- "TO CALM THE JEWISH LOBBY, WHICH HAS STARTED A CAMPAIGN AGAINST TURKEY, THE LEVEL OF THE PROGRAM FOR WALDHEIM WILL BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM...EVREN WILL RECEIVE WALDHEIM FOR ONLY 20 MINUTES...PRIME MINISTER TURGUT OZAL WILL NOT MEET WITH HIM". (INDEPENDENT HURRIYET - CIRC. 580,750)
- "WALDHEIM SHOCK" (CONSERVATIVE TERCUMAN - CIRC. 92,474)
- "JEWISH REACTION TO WALDHEIM" (SENSATIONALIST BULVAR - CIRC. 24,781)
- "WALDHEIM'S UNEASY VISIT" (CENTRIST GUNES - CIRC. 129,546)
- "WALDHEIM CRISIS" (SENSATIONALIST SABAH - CIRC. 375,681)
- "THE GUEST WHO BRINGS ALONG TROUBLE: WHO INVITED WALDHEIM?" (SENSATIONALIST GUNAYDIN - CIRC. 222,912)
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