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SUBJECT: IIR 6 806 0051 91/WALDHEIM PARANOIA CONTINUES
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SOURCE: () //6 806 0163//SENIOR AUSTRIAN OFFICER WITH
DIRECT ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT PRINCIPLES. VERY RELIABLE.

SUMMARY:(C/NF)ALTHOUGH SEVERAL PLAUSIBLE AND RATIONAL
REASONS EXIST FOR THE CANCELLATION OF THE UK DEFENSE
CHIEF OF AUSTRIA, HOST OFFICIALS SPECULATE THERE IS A
WALDHEIM CONNECTION PRESENT.

TEXT: 1. (C/NF) ON 12 NOV 90, RO DISCUSSED WITH SOURCE
INFORMATION PROVIDED IN IIR 6806004791 WHICH WAS THE
PURPOSE OF RO'S VISIT TO SOURCE'S OFFICE- BEFORE
THIS SUBJECT WAS BROACHED, HOWEVER, SOURCE ENGAGED RO
IN A 30 MINUTE CONVERSATION SPECULATING THAT THE RECENT
CANCELLATION OF THE LONG PLANNED VISIT TO AUSTRIA BY
SIR DAVID ((CRAIG)), THE BRITISH DEFENSE CHIEF, DURING
THE WEEK OF 12 NOVEMBER 90, WAS DUE TO THE FACT THAT
CRAIG WAS SCHEDULED TO MEET BRIEFLY WITH PRESIDENT
WALDHEIM AND SHAKE HANDS DURING A TOUR OF AN AUSTRIAN
MILITARY EXERCISE AREA. THIS WAS THE AUSTRIAN
THINKING DESPITE THE FACT THE BRITISH HAD INDICATED
CRAIG'S VISIT WAS CANCELLED DUE TO THE MID-EAST CRISIS
AND DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONCERNS.

2. (C/NF) SOURCE RAMBLED SOMEWHAT BUT STATED THAT THEY
WERE VERY DISAPPOINTED IN THIS TURN OF EVENTS, THEY HAD
LOOKED FORWARD TO THIS VISIT FOR MANY MONTHS, AND FOR
THE AUSTRIANS, THE COINCIDENCE OF THIS CANCELLATION ONLY
THREE DAYS AFTER THE PROPOSED WALDHEIM HAND-SHAKE
MEETING WAS PLACED ON THE ITINERARY, SEEMED EVIDENT TO
THEM THAT WALDHEIM WAS THE REAL CAUSE FOR THIS HAPPENING.
SOURCE ENDED HIS REVELATION WITH THE PLEA -- "WHEN
WILL OUR PRESIDENT REALIZE HOW MUCH HE IS HURTING
AUSTRIA IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS?"

COMMENTS: 1. (C/NF) RO FOUND THIS WHOLE EPISODE
PERPLEXING. SOURCE WAS OBVIOUSLY ELICITING A RESPONSE
FROM RO TO GAUGE WHETHER RO KNEW WHETHER ANY WALDHEIM
CONNECTION WAS INVOLVED. RO ACTUALLY KNEW LITTLE OF
THE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR THIS CANCELLATION, BUT ACCEPTS
THE EXPLANATIONS WHICH HE HAD HEARD FROM THE BRITISH
DATT ON 11 NOV. ADD TO THIS LIST OF EXCUSES, UK
DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE APPARENTLY 'DEAD' AIRCRAFT
PROCUREMENT AND IT WOULD SEEM THERE ARE PLENTY OF
GOOD REASONS NOT TO MAKE THE TRIP WITHOUT THINKING OF
WALDHEIM.

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2. (C) MORE TO THE POINT, THIS DISCUSSION IS INSTRUCTIVE IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN TO NOTE THE SENSITIVITY AND DEPTH OF REACTION HIGH RANKING DEFENSE AND FOREIGN MINISTRY INDIVIDUALS RETAIN REGARDING THE WALDHEIM ISSUE. THEIR SPECULATION AND ATTEMPT TO TIE IN MANY ITEMS SOMEHOW INTO THE ORBIT OF A "WALDHEIM KNEE-JERK" BORDERS ON PARANOIA. WHATEVER WE MAY BELIEVE, WALDHEIM SENSITIVITY DEEPLY COLORS RELATIONSHIPS AND SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED OUT OF HAND.

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