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SUMMARY  
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1. AFTER AN "AMICABLE TALK" WITH SPO CHAIRMAN CHANCELLOR

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VRANITZKY, PETER MARIZZI RESIGNED HIS POSITION AS SPO SECRETARY GENERAL AND HIS PARLIAMENT SEAT. YET HE PROTESTED HIS SINCERITY AND AFFIRMED THAT HIS PARTY -- UNLIKE THE COALITION PARTNER OVP -- WAS NEVER INVOLVED IN ARMS DEALS OR COMMISSION KICKBACKS. BACK FROM HIS TRIP TO BRUSSELS, WHERE HE MET NATO SECRETARY GENERAL CLAES, PARLIAMENTARY PRESIDENT FISCHER CONFIRMED THAT AUSTRIA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NATO PROGRAM "PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE" (PFP) WAS COMPATIBLE WITH AUSTRIA'S NEUTRALITY. ON THE

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OCCASION OF THE AUSTRIAN REPUBLIC'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS ON APRIL 27, PRESIDENT KLESTIL ASSUMES THERE IS "A SLIGHT CHANCE" THAT U.S. VICE PRESIDENT GORE WILL PARTICIPATE. THE UNITED NATIONS FINALLY DECIDED NOT TO INVITE ANY FORMER UN SECRETARIES GENERAL TO THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVITIES IN NEW YORK THIS YEAR -- FORMER AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT WALDHEIM DOESN'T FEEL OFFENDED.

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FATAL ATTRACTIONS  
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2. IN THE FATAL ARMS AFFAIR CONVERSATION INVOLVING THE DEFENSE SPOKESMEN OF THE TWO COALITION PARTIES, WHICH WAS SECRETELY TAPED AND PUBLISHED LAST WEEK BY "NEWS"-EDITOR ALFRED WORM, THE AUSTRIAN WEEKLY "PROFIL" DISCLOSED NEW ASPECTS. ACCORDING TO "PROFIL", COUNT MENSENDORFF-POUILLY (OVP) HAD PUSHED HIS FRIEND HERMANN KRAFT (OVP) "TO TALK WITH MARIZZI (SPO) ABOUT THE DEAL." MENSENDORFF LATER MARRIED THE PRESENT ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTER MARIA RAUCH-KALLAT (OVP). "PROFIL" PRESUMES THAT "HER HUSBAND'S PROJECT MAY HAVE FATAL CONSEQUENCES FOR THE MINISTER. AT OVP HEADQUARTERS, TWO CO-WORKERS WERE INSTRUCTED TO INQUIRE INTO THE COUNT'S BUSINESS -- DESPITE THE INNER-PARTY BUSEK-OFFER THAT THERE 'MUST NOT BE ANY CO-RESPONSIBILITY.' ONLY IF IT COULD BE PROVED THAT RAUCH-KALLAT WAS INVOLVED, WOULD SHE HAVE TO GO. 'BUT SHE IS CERTAINLY MUCH TOO SMART' (TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED), SAID BUSEK."

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MORE TALKS ON PFP ENTRY  
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3. AUSTRIA'S PFP ENTRY WILL NOT AFFECT NEUTRALITY, SAID PARLIAMENTARY PRESIDENT HEINZ FISCHER, WHO DISCUSSED AUSTRIA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NATO PROGRAM WITH NATO SECRETARY GENERAL WILLY CLAES IN BRUSSELS LAST FRIDAY. ONCE THE DECISION IS TAKEN IN PRINCIPLE -- POSSIBLY IN THE NEXT MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE --, AUSTRIA WILL HAVE TO DETAIL ITS PROGRAM. FISCHER MENTIONED PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS, MEASURES TO DEMOCRATIZE THE ARMIES OF EASTERN-EUROPE, DISASTER RELIEF, DISARMAMENT, ETC. FULL NATO MEMBERSHIP, HOWEVER, WOULD NOT BE COMPATIBLE WITH AUSTRIA'S NEUTRALITY, STRESSED FISCHER.

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"SLIGHT CHANCE" OF GORE VISIT

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4. PRESIDENT THOMAS KLESTIL IS CONFIDENT THAT "YELTSIN WILL CERTAINLY JOIN THE CELEBRATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF AUSTRIA'S STATE TREATY ON APRIL 27." THERE IS ALSO A "SLIGHT CHANCE" THAT U.S. VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE WILL TAKE PART. PRIOR TO THAT, DELICATE DIPLOMATIC PROBLEMS MUST BE SOLVED. RUSSIA CALLS FOR AUSTRIA TO RECOGNIZE IT AS THE LEGAL SUCCESSOR STATE OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION. THIS WOULD IMPLY THAT RUSSIA BECOMES A SIGNATORY STATE OF THE STATE TREATY. TO AVOID THIS CONSEQUENCE, THE FEDERAL CHANCELLERY AIMS AT A JOINT DECLARATION BETWEEN RUSSIA AND AUSTRIA, ATTRIBUTING "HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE" TO THE STATE TREATY.

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UN ANNIVERSARY WITHOUT WALDHEIM

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5. UN HEADQUARTERS OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED THAT NO FORMER UN SECRETARIES GENERAL WILL BE INVITED TO THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS THIS YEAR IN NEW YORK. THE DELICATE QUESTION WHETHER FORMER PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM** -- WHO IS STILL ON THE WATCH LIST -- WOULD BE GRANTED AN ENTRY VISA TO THE UNITED STATES, IS SETTLED THIS WAY. NEITHER HE NOR FORMER UN SECRETARY GENERAL PEREZ DE CUELLAR WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE UN CELEBRATIONS. **KURT WALDHEIM** SAID HE DIDN'T FEEL HURT BY THE UN'S DECISION.  
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ADMIN  
END OF MESSAGE

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