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TEXT

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE ON **KURT WALDHEIM**

1. THE APRIL 9 NOON AUSTRIAN RADIO NEWS CARRIED THE FOLLOWING ITEM: "AFTER AUSTRIA AND ISRAEL, THE UNITED STATES HAS ALSO ASKED TO VIEW THE UN DOCUMENTS ON FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL **KURT WALDHEIM**. THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAD FELT SUFFICIENTLY INFORMED ON THE ISSUE UP TO NOW BY THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS, BUT NOW HAS ASKED TO SEE THE DOCUMENTS".

2. OVER THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS, THE AUSTRIAN PUBLIC HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY AWARE OF U.S. INTEREST IN THIS AFFAIR. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE IS WIDESPREAD IGNORANCE OF WHY VARIOUS U.S. ORGANIZATIONS ARE INVOLVED. FOR EXAMPLE, THE ROLE IN THIS MATTER OF THE U.S. CONGRESS AND THAT OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ARE OFTEN CONFUSED. WE NEED GUIDANCE ON THE OVERALL ROLE OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IN

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THE WALDHEIM ISSUE, AND SPECIFICALLY ON THE RATIONALE FOR THE REQUEST TO VIEW THE UN DOCUMENTS. WE ALSO NEED GUIDANCE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF VARIOUS MEMBERS OF CONGRESS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS.

3. IN GENERAL, WE ARE RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES BY SAYING THAT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS A PROPRIETARY INTEREST IN THE WALDHEIM MATTER BECAUSE IT MUST REVIEW ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER THE U.S. OF PERSONS WHO MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 212(A)(33) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT, WHICH REFERS TO PERSONS WHO PERSECUTED OTHERS DURING THE NAZI ERA. THE ROLE OF CONGRESS IS THAT OF OVERSIGHT OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IN SUCH MATTERS, WE ARE SAYING. SUCH RESPONSES DO NOT ADDRESS LOCAL CONCERNS THAT THE CONGRESS OF THE U.S., FOR INSTANCE, APPEARS TO BE INSERTING ITSELF INTO A MATTER OVER WHICH IT SHOULD HAVE LITTLE IF ANY JURISDICTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY. KOHL
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