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TEXT

SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION/PRESS REVIEW, MAY 6, 1986

A) STORIES COVERED IN REPORT:

1. HUSSEIN-ASSAD SUMMIT.
2. ISRAEL AND KURT WALDHEIM'S ALLEGED NAZI RECORD.
3. THE TOKYO SUMMIT.

B) SUMMARY OF COVERAGE:

1. HUSSEIN-ASSAD SUMMIT:

--ALL MEDIA FRONTPAGED THE VISIT OF SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASSAD TO AMMAN, WITH CORRESPONDENTS SPECULATING ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MEETING. POLITICAL CORRESPONDENTS REPORTED THAT PM PERES DOWNPLAYED THE SUMMIT BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUS POLITICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ASSAD AND HUSSEIN, AS WELL AS ASSAD'S DOMESTIC PROBLEMS.

--MAARIV COMMENTATOR ZAK SAID THAT ASSAD DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH HIS VISIT NOW AFTER HEARING PM PERES' ANNOUNCEMENT THAT QUIET CONTACTS WERE TAKING PLACE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JORDAN. MAARIV EDITORIAL NOTED THAT THE VISIT WAS CONCENTRATING ON BILATERAL ISSUES.

2. ISRAEL AND KURT WALDHEIM'S ALLEGED NAZI RECORD:

--PRESS FEATURED EXTENSIVE REPORTS AND COMMENTARIES ON WALDHEIM'S FIRST ROUND VICTORY IN AUSTRIA'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS AND ITS POTENTIAL IMPACT ON ISRAELI-AUSTRIAN RELATIONS. YEDIOT REPORTED THAT PM PERES COMMENTED THAT IF "WALDHEIM'S NAZI PAST IS PROVED, ISRAEL WILL ACT ACCORDINGLY." MINISTER MOSHE ARENS IS QUOTED AS SAYING "THE ELECTION RESULTS WERE SHOCKING."

--AN HA'ARETZ EDITORIAL POINTED OUT THAT THE ELECTION RESULTS WERE YET ANOTHER ILLUSTRATION THAT THE IDEA THAT AUSTRIA WAS OCCUPIED BY THE NAZIS AGAINST ITS WILL WAS A MYTH, AND THAT THE AUSTRIANS WERE IN FACT "ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTERS" OF NAZI RULE. DAVAR COLUMNIST BEN NER CALLED ON THE GOI TO "IMPOSE A CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC BOYCOTT ON AUSTRIA IF WALDHEIM IS ELECTED PRESIDENT."

3. THE TOKYO SUMMIT:

--ALL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTED THE DECISION ON COMBATING TERRORISM AND SECRETARY SHULTZ' COMMENT ON GADDAFI FROM HIS PRESS CONFERENCE. YEDIOT REPORTED THAT "JERUSALEM

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WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE SUMMIT'S DECLARATION,
STRESSING THAT IT REINFORCES ISRAEL'S LONG-STANDING
POLICY THAT TERROR SHOULD BE FOUGHT IN EVERY POSSIBLE
WAY."

C) HEADLINES:
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