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TEXT

SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION/PRESS REVIEW, JUNE 8, 9, 1986

I. ISRAEL RADIO POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT ODED BEN-AMI SAID JUNE 9 THAT "ACCORDING TO AMERICAN SOURCES, EGYPT IS NO LONGER DETERMINED TO HAVE THE TABA DISPUTE SETTLED THROUGH ARBITRATION. CAIRO HAS COME ROUND TO PREFERRING SOME SORT OF CONCILIATION TO PRECEDE ARBITRATION, BECAUSE IT FEARS THAT THE ARBITRATORS, WHOSE VERDICT IS FINAL, MIGHT LEAVE TABA IN ISRAEL'S HANDS. THE EGYPTIANS HAVE THEREFORE ASKED WASHINGTON TO DEVISE AN APPEALABLE PROCESS, THEREBY DEMONSTRATING THAT THEY DO NOT FEEL THAT THEY HAVE A VERY STRONG CASE."

5. WALDHEIM ELECTED AUSTRIA'S PRESIDENT:

I. ISRAEL RADIO REPORTED AT MID-MORNING THAT THE GOI HAS DECIDED TO RECALL ITS AMBASSADOR IN VIENNA FOR CONSULTATIONS, IN PROTEST AGAINST WALDHEIM'S ELECTION. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ISSUED AN ANNOUNCEMENT SAYING THAT ALTHOUGH THE ELECTION CAME AS NO SURPRISE, UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT WE HOPED THAT REASON WOULD PREVAIL AMONG THE AUSTRIAN PEOPLE AND THAT A MAN WITH A PAST LIKE WALDHEIM'S WOULD NOT BE ELECTED PRESIDENT."

II. YEDIOT CORRESPONDENT IN VIENNA MICHAEL RECHTMAN CITED **KURT WALDHEIM** AS SAYING AFTER THE ELECTIONS THAT "I WILL DO ALL I CAN TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, DESPITE THE SEVERE ATTACKS AGAINST ME."

III. HA'ARETZ CORRESPONDENT GIDEON ALON WROTE: "PM PERES AND FOREIGN MINISTER SHAMIR ARE DIVIDED ON HOW ISRAEL SHOULD REACT TO WALDHEIM'S ELECTION. SHAMIR URGES A SHARP REACTION WHILE PERES TAKES A MORE MODERATE STANCE. SENIOR OFFICIALS STRESSED THAT CUTTING OFF DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH AUSTRIA IS NOT UNDER CONSIDERATION."

IV. MA'ARIV CORRESPONDENT RAPHAEL MANN WROTE THAT "THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED THAT IT WON'T BAR **KURT WALDHEIM** FROM ENTERING THE U.S." DAVAR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT AMIR OREN SAID: "THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION WILL TODAY ISSUE ITS REACTION TO **KURT WALDHEIM'S** ELECTION. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN YESTERDAY DECLINED TO REACT TO THE VOTE, ALSO REFUSING TO SAY WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS TAKEN A DECISION REGARDING WALDHEIM'S RIGHT OF ENTRY TO THE U.S."

V. YEDIOT EDITORIAL SAID: "OUR PROBLEM IS HOW TO AVOID TIES WITH THE NEW AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT WITHOUT HURTING

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OUR OWN INTERESTS, THE FIRST AND FOREMOST OF WHICH IS
THE PASSAGE OF SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRANTS THROUGH AUSTRIA.
OUR PRESIDENT SHOULD THEREFORE NOT CONGRATULATE
WALDHEIM, AND OUR GOVERNMENT SHOULD ANNOUNCE ITS
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