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TEXT

SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION/PRESS REVIEW, JUNE 10, 1986

III. DAVAR EDITORIAL SAID: "IT IS GOOD TO SEE THAT WESTERN PUBLIC OPINION IS LARGELY AGAINST **KURT WALDHEIM'S** ELECTION. MANY THINK THAT EVEN IF HE HASN'T BEEN PROVEN A WAR CRIMINAL, AUSTRIA SHOULDN'T HAVE STAINED ITS IMAGE BY MAKING HIM PRESIDENT. THIS, HOWEVER, DOESN'T MEAN THAT WASHINGTON, LONDON, PARIS AND OTHER WESTERN CAPITALS WILL OSTRACIZE A COUNTRY WHICH IS A PART OF THE VERY SMALL CLUB OF FREE DEMOCRATIC STATES. ISRAEL'S SENSITIVITY TO THE ISSUE IS MORE THAN JUSTIFIED, AND THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS IS BY ALL MEANS ENTITLED TO GO ON EXPOSING WALDHEIM'S PAST. BUT ISRAEL SHOULD NOT CLOSE DOWN A NORMALLY FUNCTIONING EMBASSY IN A CITY LIKE VIENNA, WHICH IS A KEY GEOGRAPHICAL AND POLITICAL CAPITAL. THE RECALLING OF THE AMBASSADOR WAS NEEDED TO PROTEST THE ELECTIONS, BUT WE'D BETTER MAKE IT TEMPORARY."

4. KING HUSSEIN IN WASHINGTON.

I. YEDIOT'S EROL GUINEY REPORTED FROM WASHINGTON THAT "A SENIOR U.S. ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL SAID AFTER THE REAGAN-HUSSEIN MEETING THAT THE U.S. SHARES HUSSEIN'S CONCERN THAT THE DEADLOCK IN THE PEACE PROCESS MIGHT LEAD TO WAR AND HIS OPINION THAT THE U.S. SHOULD PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN ITS REVIVAL . . . WHEN HUSSEIN REFERRED TO THE DIFFICULT ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE AMERICANS MENTIONED SHIMON PERES' MARSHAL PLAN."

II. JERUSALEM POST'S WOLF BLITZER WROTE THAT "KING HUSSEIN YESTERDAY PRESENTED SOME NEW IDEAS ON REVIVING THE ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE PROCESS TO PRESIDENT REAGAN . . . U.S. OFFICIALS SAID THAT THE KING WAS STRONGLY ENCOURAGING THE U.S. TO TAKE A MORE DETERMINED AND ACTIVE ROLE IN THE PEACE PROCESS, ESPECIALLY IN TRYING TO PROMOTE THE BUDDING RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN JORDAN AND SYRIA, AND IRAQ AND SYRIA . . . THE U.S. SHARED JORDAN'S ASSESSMENT OF SYRIA'S IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE REGION."

III. HA'ARETZ WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT ZVI BAREL WROTE: "THE SENIOR OFFICIAL DECLINED TO ELABORATE ON THE NEW IDEAS RAISED BY HUSSEIN, BUT SOURCES SAID THAT NO DRAMATIC STEPS WERE SUGGESTED WHICH MIGHT GIVE AN IMMEDIATE PUSH TO THE PEACE PROCESS."

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