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SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT, 9:00 A.M.

B. THE CONSERVATIVE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE SAID:

"A RESULT OF THE UNPRECEDENTED INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST **KURT WALDHEIM** WAS THAT MANY AUSTRIANS, INCLUDING PERSONS WHO WERE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT WALDHEIM'S CANDIDACY, FOUND THEMSELVES DOWNRIGHT COMPELLED TO SUPPORT HIM AS A MEANS OF REJECTING INTERFERENCE FROM OUTSIDE WITH INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THEIR COUNTRY.

"WALDHEIM MAY BE ACCUSED OF HAVING MADE ONLY HESITANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO BRINGING LIGHT INTO HIS PAST. HOWEVER, IN SPITE OF ALMOST DAILY REPORTS ABOUT NEW EVIDENCE THAT HAS ALLEGEDLY BEEN FOUND IN SOME ARCHIVE, NO DOCUMENT HAS BEEN PRODUCED WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT HE WAS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR CRIMES COMMITTED IN BALKAN COUNTRIES DURING WORLD WAR II.

"WALDHEIM WILL NOT HAVE BEEN PLEASED BY INITIAL FOREIGN REACTION TO HIS ELECTION. THERE HAS BEEN A CONGRATULATION FROM MOSCOW...AND THERE HAS BEEN A HARSH DIPLOMATIC SANCTION BY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, THERE ALSO HAVE BEEN VOICES CALLING FOR THOUGHTFULNESS."

C. THE INDEPENDENT/LIBERAL SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH SAID:

"IT WOULD BE WRONG TO INTERPRET CHANCELLOR SINOWATZ'S LEAVING OFFICE AS AN INDICATION OF RESIGNATION.... RATHER, THE AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST PARTY IS USING THE DEFEAT IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS AS AN OCCASION FOR REGROUPING ITS FORCES. THE END OF THE CAMPAIGN FOR PRESIDENT MARKS THE BEGINNING OF THE BATTLE FOR THE NATIONAL COUNCIL. (PARLIAMENTARY) ELECTIONS ARE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 1987,"

D. ARD-TV AND ZDF-TV'S NEWSCASTS REPORTED FACTUALLY WITH FILM AND FOOTAGE ON THE ELECTION OF **KURT WALDHEIM**. REPORTS EMPHASIZED ISRAELI PROTESTS. ARD-TV'S CLAUD RICHTER SAID IN THE LATE NEWSCAST THAT THE U.S. JEWISH COMMUNITY OBJECTED TO WALDHEIM'S ELECTION, WHILE THE OFFICIAL U.S. REACTION WAS COLD BUT PROPER IN REFERRING TO THE DEMOCRATIC ELECTION PROCESS.

C. EAST BERLIN PASSPORT REGULATIONS

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WEST BERLIN'S SFB-TV LOCAL "BERLINER ABENDSCHAU"
REPORTED FACTUALLY WITH FILM ON THE NEW EAST BERLIN
PASSPORT REGULATIONS FOR DIPLOMATS. A COMMENTARY BY
SFB-TV'S JUERGEN ENGERT FOLLOWED. ENGERT SAID:

"THE FRG GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN TAUGHT A LESSON. IT
WAS AT FIRST WILLING TO ACCEPT THE NEW GDR REGULATIONS
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