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A. LEAD STORIES

VIRTUALLY ALL PAPERS LED WITH AND COMMENTED ON THE RESIGNATION OF AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR FRED SINOWATZ. HEADLINES AND LEADS SAID THAT HIS RESIGNATION WAS PROMPTED BY THE DEFEAT OF HIS AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST PARTY IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, THAT HE WILL BE SUCCEEDED BY FINANCE MINISTER FRANZ VRANITZKY, AND THAT ISRAEL HAS RECALLED ITS AMBASSADOR FROM VIENNA IN PROTEST AGAINST THE ELECTION OF KURT WALDHEIM.

MANY PAPERS GAVE FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT THE RELEASE OF THE EIGHT GERMAN DEVELOPMENT HELPERS WHO WERE KIDNAPPED BY "CONTRA" FORCES IN NICARAGUA. HEADLINES SAID THAT THE VATICAN HAS JOINED THESE EFFORTS, THAT THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT HAS CONFRONTED THE KIDNAPPERS WITH AN "ULTIMATUM," AND MANAGUA HAS THREATENED TO TAKE MILITARY ACTION.

SEVERAL PAPERS REPORTED THAT CHANCELLOR KOHL WILL SEE PRESIDENT MITTERRAND AT RAMBOUILLET NEAR PARIS ON JUNE 17 IN PREPARATION FOR THE EC SUMMIT SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 26 IN THE HAGUE.

THE INDEPENDENT GENERAL-ANZEIGER OF BONN SAID MAIN SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSION AT THE EC SUMMIT WILL INCLUDE EFFORTS TO BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE EUROPEAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS. BONN IS CALLING FOR "ENERGETICALLY INTENSIFYING THE DIALOGUE WITH THE U.S. AND TO INCLUDE IN IT THE WHOLE RANGE OF CONTROVERSIAL POLITICAL ISSUES." B. AUSTRIA

A. THE CONSERVATIVE DIE WELT OF BONN CARRIED THE FOLLOWING FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL BY HERBERT KREMP:

"THE RESIGNATION OF AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR SINOWATZ IS AN INDICATION THAT THE KREISKY ERA DEFINTELY HAS COME TO ITS CLOSE.... AUSTRIANS HAVE VOTED AGAINST SOCIALISM RATHER THAN FOR **KURT WALDHEIM**." END OF MESSAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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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 BRINING 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 SUEDDEUTSCHE 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 CLAUS 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

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 END OF MESSAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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