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A) STORIES COVERED IN REPORT:

1. THE POLLARD SPY CASE.
2. THE LAVI CONTROVERSY.
3. THE WALDHEIM CONTROVERSY.
4. KING HUSSEIN IN WASHINGTON.

B) SUMMARY OF COVERAGE:

1. THE POLLARD SPY CASE:

-- ALL MEDIA FRONTPAGED STATE DEPARTMENT AND WHITE HOUSE COMMENTS ON THE ISSUE. THE MAJORITY OF WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENTS INTERPRETED BERNARD KALB'S REMARKS AS CONCILIATORY TOWARD ISRAEL. ISRAEL RADIO WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT BARKAI FOUND THAT "IMPLIED IN BERNARD KALB'S REMARKS WAS A MEASURE OF CRITICISM AGAINST THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND THE FBI." DAVAR'S OREN FELT THAT "THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT DID NOT JOIN IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S ENTHUSIASM OVER THE GOI'S STATEMENT."

-- MAARIV'S ODED GRANOT AND HA'ARETZ' ZVI BAREL STRESSED THAT WHILE THE ADMINISTRATION "WELCOMED THE GOI'S COMMENTS, IT MADE CLEAR THAT THE POLLARD AFFAIR IS NOT CLOSED AND THAT THE U.S. CONTINUES TO EXPECT FULL COOPERATION FROM ISRAEL."

-- YEDIOT MILITARY COMMENTATOR BEN-YISHAI SPECULATED THAT "THE DISCREDITING OF ISRAEL SERVES THE LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE OF A NUMBER OF WHITE HOUSE AND JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, WHO MAY FEEL THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO REDUCE ISRAEL'S LEVERAGE OVER THE ADMINISTRATION."

2. THE LAVI CONTROVERSY:

-- ISRAEL RADIO AND PRESS QUOTED DEFENSE MINISTER RABIN'S INTERVIEW WITH AL HAMISHMAR, IN WHICH HE SAID THAT ISRAEL WAS WILLING TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES TO THE LAVI, "PROVIDED THE PROJECT IS NOT PUT OFF."

-- ISRAEL RADIO AND PRESS FEATURED THE COMMENTS OF A GROUP OF ISRAELI MK'S, JUST BACK FROM A VISIT TO WASHINGTON, THAT THEY WERE SUBJECTED "TO A CONCERTED AND WELL-PLANNED EFFORT OF GENTLE PRESSURE" AIMED AT TURNING THEM AGAINST THE PROJECT.

3. THE WALDHEIM CONTROVERSY:

I. ALL MEDIA CONTINUED TO FRONTPAGE AND COMMENT ON THE WALDHEIM CASE. EDITORIALS IN MAJOR DAILIES NOTED THAT
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THE GOI, AS WELL AS THE ISRAELI PUBLIC, ARE FACED WITH
AN EXTREMELY TOUGH DILEMMA, PITTING MORAL AGAINST
POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS.

4. KING HUSSEIN IN WASHINGTON.

I. WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENTS FEATURED THE COMMENTS OF A
SENIOR U.S. ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL ON MONDAY'S
REAGAN-HUSSEIN MEETING. YEDIOT'S GUINEY WROTE: "THE
U.S. SHARES HUSSEIN'S CONCERN THAT THE DEADLOCK IN THE
PEACE PROCESS MIGHT LEAD TO WAR." HA'ARETZ' BAREL WROTE
THAT "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."

C. HEADLINES:

1. THE POLLARD SPY CASE:

"STATE DEPARTMENT CLEARS ISRAEL, CRITICIZES JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT" (ISRAEL RADIO), "STATE DEPARTMENT COMES TO
ISRAEL'S RESCUE" (YEDIOT), "STATE DEPARTMENT: POLLARD
AFFAIR IS NOT OVER YET" (HA'ARETZ), "STATE DEPARTMENT
ISSUES CONCILIATORY ANNOUNCEMENT" (MAARIV), "U.S.:
POLLARD IS SOLE ISRAEL SPY CASE" (JERUSALEM POST),
"SOMEBODY IS TRYING TO UNDERMINE U.S.-ISRAELI
RELATIONS" (YEDIOT COMMENTARY).

2. THE LAVI CONTROVERSY:

"DEFENSE MINISTER RABIN: PROJECT MUST GO ON EVEN AS
ALTERNATIVES ARE BEING EXAMINED" (AL HAMISHMAR),
"ISRAELI MK'S AFTER VISIT TO WASHINGTON: WE'VE COME
UNDER GREAT PRESSURE AGAINST LAVI" (ISRAEL RADIO AND
PRESS), "LAVI MAKERS: U.S. AIRCRAFT PRODUCERS WANT LAVI
PROJECT KILLED" (MAARIV), "TECHNION PRESIDENT:
CANCELLATION OF PROJECT SPELLS TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES FOR
LOCAL INDUSTRY" (ALL MEDIA).

3. THE WALDHEIM CONTROVERSY:

"ISRAEL MUST NOT OVER-REACT" (DAVAR EDITORIAL), "PM
PERES BID TO DOWNPLAY TENSION" (JERUSALEM POST),
"ISRAEL CAN CHOOSE BETWEEN TWO ALTERNATIVES ONLY"
(MAARIV EDITORIAL), "A TOUGH DECISION" (YEDIOT
EDITORIAL).

4. KING HUSSEIN IN WASHINGTON.

"HUSSEIN OFFERED REAGAN NO NEW DRAMATIC IDEAS"
(HA'ARETZ), "U.S. TO STUDY 'NEW' HUSSEIN PEACE IDEAS"
(JERUSALEM POST), "HUSSEIN AND REAGAN AGREED SYRIA
NEEDED IN PEACE PROCESS" (YEDIOT).

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D) SUPPORTIVE TEXT:

1. THE POLLARD SPY CASE:

I. ISRAEL RADIO WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT RAZI BARKAI FOUND THAT "IMPLIED IN BERNARD KALB'S REMARKS WAS A MEASURE OF CRITICISM AGAINST THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND THE FBI. THE UNEQUIVOCAL COMMENTS CLEARED ISRAEL OF ANY ALLEGATIONS ABOUT EXTENSIVE ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES IN THE U.S." DAVAR'S AMIR OREN FELT THAT ALTHOUGH THE ADMINISTRATION YESTERDAY WELCOMED THE GOI'S ASSURANCES OF COOPERATION, "THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT DID NOT JOIN IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S ENTHUSIASM OVER THE ISRAELI STATEMENT."

II. JERUSALEM POST'S WOLF BLITZER NOTED THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT "WAS CLEARLY ANXIOUS TO EASE SOME OF THE RECENT TENSION RESULTING FROM WIDESPREAD ACCUSATIONS IN THE U.S. MEDIA ... BUT THE WHITE HOUSE WAS SOMEWHAT MORE CAUTIOUS." MAARIV'S ODED GRANOT AND HA'ARETZ' ZVI BAREL STRESSED THAT WHILE THE ADMINISTRATION "WELCOMED THE GOI'S COMMENTS, IT MADE CLEAR THAT THE POLLARD AFFAIR IS NOT CLOSED AND THAT THE U.S. CONTINUES TO EXPECT FULL COOPERATION FROM ISRAEL."

III. YEDIOT MILITARY COMMENTATOR RON BEN-YISHAI WROTE: "UNDERLYING THE DESIRE OF SOME U.S. CIRCLES TO GET ISRAEL INVOLVED UP TO HER EARS IN DUBIOUS CASES OF ESPIONAGE AND ILLEGAL ARMS SALES ... IS A PREVAILING THEORY IN THE CORRIDORS OF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION THAT ISRAEL FEELS THAT WITH THE BACKING IT GETS FROM THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY, IT IS FREE TO DO IN THE U.S. WHATEVER IT WANTS, WITH COMPLETE DISREGARD OF AMERICAN INTERESTS. A GREAT NUMBER OF U.S. OFFICIALS WERE ONLY TOO HAPPY TO USE ALL THE AMMUNITION PROVIDED BY THE POLLARD AND OTHER CASES TO PAY ISRAEL AND ITS U.S. SUPPORTERS BACK FOR HUMILIATING THE PRESIDENT BY THEIR SUCCESSFUL DRIVE AGAINST THE JORDANIAN AND SAUDI ARMS DEAL. THE DISCREDITING OF ISRAEL SERVES THE LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE OF A NUMBER OF WHITE HOUSE AND JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, WHO MAY FEEL THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO REDUCE ISRAEL'S LEVERAGE OVER THE ADMINISTRATION THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE PRESIDENT AND ATTORNEY GENERAL MEESE COULD, IF ONLY THEY WANTED TO, STOP THE PUBLIC ANTI-ISRAELI CAMPAIGN BY SENIOR FBI OFFICIALS. THE FACT THAT IT GOES ON SHOWS THAT IRRITATION WITH ISRAEL IS QUITE STRONG."

2. THE LAVI CONTROVERSY:

I. DEFENSE MINISTER RABIN SAID IN A WIDELY QUOTED INTERVIEW WITH AL HAMISHMAR (TO BE PUBLISHED IN FULL ON THURSDAY) THAT "THE LAVI WARPLANE MEETS ISRAEL'S
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(DEFENSE) REQUIREMENTS. HOWEVER, OTHER ALTERNATIVES
WHICH THE AMERICANS WISH TO OFFER, INCLUDING U.S.-MADE
AIRCRAFT, ARE CERTAINLY WORTH CONSIDERING, PROVIDED THE
LAVI PROJECT IS NOT PUT OFF."

II. ISRAEL RADIO AND PRESS FEATURED THE COMMENTS OF A
GROUP OF ISRAELI MK'S, JUST BACK FROM A VISIT TO
WASHINGTON, THAT THEY WERE SUBJECTED "TO A CONCERTED
AND WELL-PLANNED EFFORT OF GENTLE PRESSURE" AIMED AT
TURNING THEM AGAINST THE PROJECT. DAVAR REPORTED THAT
THE PENTAGON'S DOV ZAKHEIM "TOLD THE GROUP IN A HIGH
AND EMOTIONAL VOICE THAT 'THE LAVI WILL RUIN YOUR
ENTIRE ARMY. ZAKHEIM USED HEBREW. HE ADDED THAT 'YOU'RE
BEING TOLD LIES ABOUT THE LAVI'S TECHNOLOGY AND COSTS.
IT WILL EAT UP THE ENTIRE MILITARY AID THAT YOU'RE
GETTING FROM THE U.S.'."

III. JERUSALEM POST DEFENSE CORRESPONDENT HIRSH GOODMAN
WROTE IN A FRONTPAGE STORY THAT "DEFENSE MINISTRY
SOURCES SAID AT THE TIME (OF ZAKHEIM'S VISIT) THAT HE
HAD NOT COME TO ARGUE ABOUT FIGURES, BUT TO PUT ACROSS
THE MESSAGE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION, AND ESPECIALLY THE
PENTAGON, WOULD PREFER THAT THE LAVI NOT GO INTO
PRODUCTION DEFENSE MINISTER RABIN FACES NOT ONLY
U.S. OPPOSITION BUT ALSO IDF OPPOSITION, SINCE SOME
MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL STAFF FEEL THAT THE LAVI WILL
TAKE UP A DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE DEFENSE BUDGET
IN COMING YEARS."

3. THE WALDHEIM CONTROVERSY:

I. YEDIOT EDITORIAL SAID: "THE GOI'S DECISION TO RECALL
ITS VIENNA AMBASSADOR FOR CONSULTATIONS IS THE FIRST
DIPLOMATIC CRISIS INITIATED BY ISRAEL SINCE IT WAS
FOUNDED. IT IS DEEPLY SYMBOLIC THAT IT SHOULD HAPPEN IN
THE CONTEXT OF THE HOLOCAUST. AFTER ALL, ISRAEL HAS
ARISEN OUT OF THE ASHES OF THE CREMATORIA OF THE DEATH
CAMPS. IT IS NO COINCIDENCE THAT A MAJORITY OF THE
PUBLIC HERE AGREES WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION AND
IS READY FOR EVEN MORE EXTREME MEASURES, ALTHOUGH IT IS
ALREADY CLEAR THAT WE ARE ALONE IN THIS BATTLE."

II. MAARIV EDITORIAL SAID: "AUSTRIA HAS CHOSEN A FORMER
NAZI FOR ITS PRESIDENT, THEREBY EXPOSING ITS
ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE MOST VILE AND BLATANT WAY. IT IS
NOT THE ONLY COUNTRY WHICH HAS FORMER NAZIS IN HIGH
OFFICIAL POSTS. FURTHERMORE, THE NAZI MONSTER IS
NOISILY COMING ALIVE AGAIN IN AUSTRIA AND IN MANY OTHER
PLACES ISRAEL MUST NOT MAKE DO WITH A SMALL,

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INSIGNIFICANT DEMONSTRATION OF PROTEST. IT SHOULD EITHER DO WHAT IS GOOD FOR OUR IMMEDIATE INTERESTS, NAMELY GO ON AS IF NOTHING HAPPENED, OR CUT OFF RELATIONS WITH AUSTRIA ALTOGETHER. IT IS HOPED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL MUSTER THE COURAGE TO MAKE THE CHOICE."
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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:

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IDEAS RAISED BY HUSSEIN, BUT SOURCES SAID THAT NO
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