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TEXT

SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION/PRESS REVIEW, JULY 8, 1986

'YANKEES, GO HOME', EVEN WHEN THEIR HOME IS WHERE ONE HAPPENS TO BE. TODAY, JULY 4, AMERICA'S BIRTHDAY AND THE CENTENNIAL OF THE LADY CALLED LIBERTY, ONE SHOULD THANK THE U.S. FOR STILL BEING 'THE GREAT ARSENAL OF DEMOCRACY' .... ONE SHOULD THANK THE U.S. FOR SAVING THE OLD WORLD FROM ITSELF TWICE IN A GENERATION. ONE SHOULD THANK THE U.S. FOR SUPPORTING THE OLD WORLD IN TIMES OF WAR AND OF PEACE ALIKE .... FOR OPENING ITS BAG OF WHEAT TO HUNGRY EUROPEANS AND OFFERING SHELTER TO PERSECUTED JEWS .... FOR BEING READY TO ADMIT ITS MISTAKES MORE THAN ANY OTHER EMPIRE IN HISTORY .... ONE SHOULD THANK THE U.S., SINCE, WERE IT NOT FOR ITS HELP, THESE WORDS COULD NOT HAVE BEEN WRITTEN IN A DAILY PAPER IN THE STATE OF ISRAEL."

3. KURT WALDHEIM'S INAUGURATION:

I. ALL MEDIA REPORTED THAT ISRAEL AND THE U.S. WILL STAY AWAY FROM TODAY'S SWEARING-IN CEREMONY. ISRAEL IS SAID TO HAVE DECIDED TO DOWNGRADE ITS DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN VIENNA IN PROTEST AGAINST WALDHEIM'S ELECTION. IN THE KNESSET TODAY, THE FILM HOLOCAUST WILL BE SHOWN AT THE TIME OF THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY.

II. MAARIV EDITORIAL WROTE: "NO HONORABLE MAN CAN COMPLIMENT AUSTRIA FOR ITS DECISION. ONE COULD ONLY FEEL SORRY THAT OVER HALF OF THE AUSTRIANS CHOSE TO SHOW THE WORLD THAT MORAL VALUES DO NOT COUNT. AS OF TODAY, THE ENTIRE AUSTRIAN PEOPLE ARE SHARING THE TERRIBLE SUSPICIONS RAISED AGAINST THEIR THIRD REICH OFFICER TURNED PRESIDENT. THE ABSENCE OF THE AMBASSADORS OF ISRAEL AND THE U.S. FROM THE CEREMONY IS A POIGNANT ILLUSTRATION OF THE NEW ATTITUDE OF THE CIVILIZED WORLD TOWARD AUSTRIA."

III. DAVAR EDITORIAL SAID: "THE PRESENCE AT THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF DIPLOMATS FROM ALL ARAB NATIONS PLUS, PERHAPS, YASSER ARAFAT, IS A POOR SUBSTITUTE FOR THE CONSPICUOUS ABSENCE OF OTHER, SENIOR FOREIGN DIPLOMATS .... WALDHEIM IS GOING TO FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO PERSUADE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES TO CONSIDER HIM A WORTHY REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS COUNTRY .... ISRAEL MUST NOT DOWNGRADE ITS DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN AUSTRIA. JERUSALEM OUGHT TO SEND ITS AMBASSADOR TO VIENNA AFTER THE CEREMONY. WE MUST THINK ABOUT OUR OWN INTERESTS, WHICH REQUIRE THE PRESENCE OF AN AMBASSADOR IN A COUNTRY WHICH IS AFTER ALL A SOLID DEMOCRACY, LOCATED IN A GEOGRAPHICALLY STRATEGIC PLACE AND DOING A GREAT DEAL TO FACILITATE JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM THE SOVIET UNION."

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