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

A) STORIES COVERED IN REPORT:

1. THE TABA CONTROVERSY.
2. JORDAN-PLO CRISIS.
3. MISS LIBERTY TURNS 100.
4. **KURT WALDHEIM'S** INAUGURATION.

B) SUMMARY OF COVERAGE:

1. THE TABA CONTROVERSY:

-- MAARIV AND HA'ARETZ REPORTED THAT STATE DEPARTMENT LEGAL ADVISER SOFAER YESTERDAY SUGGESTED THAT AN AMERICAN-ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN TEAM JOINTLY CONDUCT A SURVEY OF THE AREA AND SUBMIT ITS FINDINGS TO THE ARBITRATORS.  
-- THE JERUSALEM POST CITED PM PERES AS SAYING THAT "I HAVE RECEIVED MESSAGES FROM PRESIDENT MUBARAK THAT A NEW CHAPTER IN ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS WILL OPEN AFTER THE COMPROMIS HAS BEEN SIGNED".

2. JORDAN-PLO CRISIS:

-- ALL MEDIA REPORTED ON THE SHUTTING DOWN OF THE PLO'S OFFICES IN AMMAN, HIGHLIGHTING JERUSALEM'S SATISFACTION WITH KING HUSSEIN'S DECISION. POLITICAL CORRESPONDENTS GENERALLY VIEWED THE MEASURE AS A HEAVY BLOW TO ARAFAT. MAARIV WROTE THAT THE ACTION WAS "IN LINE WITH ISRAELI AND U.S. INTERESTS IN COMBATTING TERRORISM AND INCREASING THE INFLUENCE OF MODERATE PALESTINIAN ELEMENTS."

3. MISS LIBERTY TURNS 100:

-- MAARIV EDITORIAL AND HA'ARETZ COMMENTARY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE U.S. AS "THE GREATEST DEMOCRACY IN THE WORLD." HA'ARETZ' KARNI NOTED THAT ISRAEL OWES ITS EXISTENCE TO THE U.S.

3. **KURT WALDHEIM'S** INAUGURATION:

-- ALL MEDIA REPORTED THAT ISRAEL AND THE U.S. WILL STAY AWAY FROM TODAY'S SWEARING-IN CEREMONY AND THAT ISRAEL INTENDS TO DOWNGRADE ITS DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN VIENNA. DAVAR EDITORIAL, HOWEVER, STATED THAT THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR SHOULD BE RETURNED TO VIENNA BECAUSE "WE MUST THINK ABOUT OUR OWN INTERESTS."

C) HEADLINES:

1. THE TABA CONTROVERSY:

"SOFAER OFFERS COMPROMISE ON TABA COMPROMIS" (MAARIV),  
"ISRAEL, EGYPT ACCEPTED SOFAER'S SUGGESTION TO HAVE BORDER SURVEYED BY EXPERTS" (HA'ARETZ), "PM PERES:  
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SOFAER MAY GET AGREEMENT ON TABA" (JERUSALEM POST).

2. JORDAN-PLO CRISIS.

"JORDAN SHUT DOWN FATAH'S AMMAN OFFICES" (ALL MEDIA),  
"ISRAEL APPLAUDS MOVE, FORESEES DROP IN WEST BANK  
TERROR" (MAARIV AND YEDIOT), "WEST BANKERS FURIOUS"  
(HA'ARETZ), "PLO TO MOVE BACK INTO LEBANON" (ISRAEL TV).

3. MISS LIBERTY TURNS 100:

"MISS LIBERTY" (MAARIV EDITORIAL), "A LADY CALLED  
LIBERTY" (HA'ARETZ).

4. KURT WALDHEIM'S INAUGURATION:

"ISRAELI, AMERICAN, SOVIETS TO STAY AWAY FROM CEREMONY"  
(ISRAEL RADIO AND MAARIV), "JEWISH WORLD CONGRESS  
SUBMIT NEW EVIDENCE ON WALDHEIM'S WARTIME CRIMES  
AGAINST JEWS" (ALL MEDIA), "ISRAEL TO DOWNGRADE  
DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH AUSTRIA" (ISRAEL RADIO), "PROTEST  
DEMONSTRATIONS OUTSIDE PARLIAMENT AS WALDHEIM IS SWORN  
IN" (YEDIOT).

D) SUPPORTIVE TEXT:

1. THE TABA CONTROVERSY:

I. MAARIV AND HA'ARETZ REPORTED THAT STATE DEPARTMENT  
LEGAL ADVISER ABRAHAM SOFAER YESTERDAY SUGGESTED IN  
JERUSALEM A WAY TO GET AROUND THE DISPUTE OVER THE  
EXACT BORDER POINTS, UNDER WHICH AN  
AMERICAN-ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN TEAM WILL JOINTLY CONDUCT A  
SURVEY OF THE AREA AND SUBMIT ITS FINDINGS TO THE  
ARBITRATORS. MAARIV QUOTED AMERICAN OFFICIALS TO THE  
EFFECT THAT "SOFAER IS DETERMINED TO HAVE THE  
REMAINING OUTSTANDING ISSUES RESOLVED IN THE NEAR  
FUTURE." ACCORDING TO HA'ARETZ POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT  
AKIVA ELДАР, "ISRAEL AND EGYPT ACCEPTED SOFAER'S  
COMPROMISE."

II. THE JERUSALEM POST REPORTED THAT PM PERES YESTERDAY  
TOLD THE KNESSET DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
THAT "SOME PROGRESS HAS ALREADY BEEN ACHIEVED IN  
SOFAER'S LATEST SHUTTLE. 'THE LAST FEW DIFFERENCES ARE  
NOW BEING TACKLED,' PERES SAID, ADDING THAT 'I HAVE  
RECEIVED MESSAGES FROM PRESIDENT MUBARAK THAT A NEW  
CHAPTER IN ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS WILL OPEN AFTER  
THE COMPROMISE HAS BEEN SIGNED'."

2. JORDAN-PLO CRISIS:

I. YEDIOT ARAB AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT YEHUSHUA HALAMISH  
AND POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT RONI SHAKED WROTE IN A  
FRONTPAGE STORY: "THE SHUTTING DOWN OF 25 PLO OFFICES  
IN AMMAN IS THE HEAVIEST BLOW DEALT TO ARAFAT'S PLO  
SINCE IT WAS DRIVEN OUT OF LEBANON . . . . THE PLO'S  
MASSIVE PRESENCE IN JORDAN WAS NO DOUBT ARAFAT'S MOST  
END OF MESSAGE

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IMPORTANT STRONGHOLD .... DUE TO THE GEOGRAPHICAL  
CLOSENESS TO ISRAEL, IT ENABLED ARAFAT TO ESTABLISH  
CONTACT WITH THE PALESTINIAN POPULATION IN THE OCCUPIED  
TERRITORIES AND RENEW HIS TERRORIST ACTIVITY HERE. HIS  
EXPULSION FROM JORDAN WILL MAKE IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR  
HIM TO MAINTAIN THIS".

II. MA'ARIV CORRESPONDENTS SHEFI GABAI AND AVINOAM  
BAR-YOSEF REPORTED THAT "ISRAEL WILL IN THE VERY NEAR  
FUTURE HARDEN ITS ATTITUDE TO THE PRO-PLO POPULATION IN  
THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN  
JORDAN'S SUPPORTERS AND INCREASE KING HUSSEIN'S  
INFLUENCE THERE .... SECURITY SOURCES YESTERDAY SAID  
THAT (JORDANIAN MEASURES TO BOOST ITS POSITION IN THE  
WEST BANK) WERE IN LINE WITH ISRAELI AND U.S. INTERESTS  
IN COMBATING TERRORISM AND INCREASING THE INFLUENCE OF  
MODERATE PALESTINIAN ELEMENTS .... THE SHUTTING DOWN OF  
THE PLO OFFICES SHOCKED THE TERRITORIES' RESIDENTS,  
CONFUSED HUSSEIN'S SUPPORTERS AND GENERATED EXPRESSIONS  
OF FURY ON THE PART OF PLO SUPPORTERS. EAST JERUSALEM  
PALESTINIAN SOURCES YESTERDAY EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN  
THAT THE RIFT BETWEEN HUSSEIN AND ARAFAT WOULD LEAD TO  
VIOLENT CLASHES IN THE WEST BANK AND THE GAZA STRIP,  
WHICH MIGHT DEVELOP INTO A BLOODBATH."

III. ALL MEDIA REPORTED THAT DEFENSE MINISTER RABIN  
WELCOMED THE MOVE, TERMING IT "A DEVELOPMENT IN THE  
RIGHT DIRECTION." RABIN REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT THE  
CLOSING OF PLO OFFICES IN JORDAN WOULD FURTHER RESTRICT  
ITS ACTIVITIES THERE, AND REDUCE TERRORISM ORIGINATING  
IN THE TERRITORIES. RABIN SAID THE REDUCTION OF THE  
PLO'S INFLUENCE WOULD ALSO BE BENEFICIAL TO  
JORDANIAN-ISRAELI RELATIONS AND THE ATTITUDE OF  
PALESTINIANS IN THE TERRITORIES."

3. MISS LIBERTY TURNS 100:

I. MAARIV EDITORIAL SAID: "A HUNDRED YEARS HAVE PASSED  
SINCE THE STATUE OF LIBERTY ARRIVED AT THE SHORES OF  
NEW YORK. THE STATUE ITSELF, WHICH BECAME A VISUAL  
SYNONYM FOR THE GREATEST DEMOCRACY IN THE WORLD, MIGHT  
HAVE GROWN OLD, BUT THE PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH IT STANDS  
HAVE NOT. POLITICAL, GENERAL AND INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM IS  
STILL HALLOWED AND FOUGHT FOR BY MILLIONS ALL OVER THE  
WORLD .... EVEN THOUGH THE COMMITMENT ENFOLDED IN THE  
LINES OF JEWISH-AMERICAN POET EMMA LAZARUS, INVITING  
THE REFUGEES OF THE 'OLD WORLD' TO THE 'NEW WORLD', HAS  
NOT ALWAYS BEEN FULFILLED, THE PASSION FOR FREEDOM  
REMAINS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE LEGACY OF THE JEWISH  
AND AMERICAN PEOPLES."

II. HA'ARETZ COLUMNIST YOAV KARNI WROTE FROM NEW YORK  
JULY 4: "THE FRIENDS OF THE U.S. HAVE A UNIQUE  
PRIVILEGE: THEY ARE ALLOWED TO HATE IT. DESPITE THEIR  
HATRED, THE U.S. WILL GO ON DOING ALL IT CAN TO HELP  
THEM .... IN A CERTAIN CULTURAL AND POLITICAL CLIMATE,

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IN A RELATIVELY FREE WORLD, TOWARD THE END OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY, IT IS A BIT DIFFICULT TO ADMIT PRO-AMERICAN SENTIMENTS. IT IS MUCH EASIER TO YELL  
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'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

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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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