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PARIS - WEDNESDAY JULY 9

LEAD STORIES:

24-HOUR STRIKE OF AIR FRANCE FLIGHT CREWS AND GROUND STAFF TODAY; SECURITY PROBLEMS IN PARIS; LAY-OFFS AT AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE.

(A) STORIES COVERED IN REPORT:

1. MITTERRAND'S VISIT TO MOSCOW
2. INAUGURATION OF **KURT WALDHEIM**
3. SUPREME COURT DECISION AND U.S. BUDGET CUTS

(B) SUMMARY OF TYPE OF COVERAGE:

1. MITTERRAND'S MEETINGS WITH GORBACHEV GET FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE IN LE MONDE AND SIGNIFICANT ATTENTION IN OTHER PARIS PAPERS AND RADIO NEWS PROGRAMS.

ANTENNE-2 MORNING TELEVISION CARRIED A FILM CLIP OF EVENING AT BOLCHOI. COMMENTATORS SPECULATE ON SPECIFIC ROLE OF FRENCH PRESIDENT -- GO-BETWEEN OR ADVISER. ALL REPORTS NOTE HOPE THAT HUMAN RIGHTS CASES PRESENTED BY FRENCH DELEGATION WILL BE SETTLED.

2. INAUGURATION OF **KURT WALDHEIM** GETS ATTENTION IN FIGARO, LES ECHOS, LE MATIN AND LIBERATION. ALL NOTE ABSENCE OF U.S. AND ISRAELI AMBASSADORS. LE MATIN CARRIES EDITORIAL CRITICAL OF NEW AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT AND AUSTRIAN ELECTORATE FOR ASSUMING HUGE RESPONSIBILITY.

3. LE MONDE AND LIBERATION REPORT SUPREME COURT DECISION AND GRAMM-RUDMAN LAW.

(C) HEADLINES:

1. MITTERRAND:

"MITTERRAND TAKES PULSE OF THE WEST" (LE MATIN)

"MITTERRAND AND GORBACHEV: 'WE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER'"

"FRANCOIS AND MICHAEL: EUROPEANS AND HAPPY TO BE EUROPEANS" (LE MATIN)

"EXTREME DEAFNESS" (HUMANITE)

"BETWEEN REAGAN AND GORBACHEV, MITTERRAND PLAYS ROLE OF CONSULTANT" (QUOTIDIEN)

"MITTERRAND-GORBACHEV: TRUSTING CONVERSATIONS" (FIGARO)

2. INAUGURATION OF **KURT WALDHEIM**:

"THE WORLD AS IT IS" (LE MATIN)

3. SUPREME COURT DECISION:

"BUDGET CUTS COMPROMISED BY SUPREME COURT DECISION" (LE MONDE)

"A LONG SUMMER OF BATTLES OVER BUDGET" (LIBERATION)

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(D) SUPPORTING TEXT:

ANTENNE-2 TELEVISION WITH VISUALS OF BOLCHOI BALLET:  
"THE MEETINGS WERE LONG, EXCEPTIONALLY LONG....SWAN  
LAKE WAS A GOOD CHOICE, A CALM AND RELAXING BALLET...."  
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RADIO FRANCE-INTER BY CORRESPONDENT IN MOSCOW  
PAUL-MARIE DE LA GORCE: "THE DAY WAS VERY BUSY. ARMS  
CONTROL REMAINS A SOVIET OBSESSION. IT SEEMS THAT WE  
ARE CLOSE TO A SETTLEMENT OF THE 24 HUMAN RIGHTS CASES  
PRESENTED TO THE SOVIETS BY THE FRENCH FOREIGN  
MINISTER...."

RADIO EUROPE ONE WITH CORRESPONDENT IN MOSCOW,  
JEAN-MARIE LEFEVRE: "TWO HOURS AND FORTY-FIVE MINUTES  
OF TETE-A-TETE....FRANCE REFUSES TO MEDDLE IN THE  
(GENEVA) NEGOTIATIONS. FRENCH NUCLEAR FORCES ARE NOT  
NEGOTIABLE....."

INFLUENTIAL LE MONDE FRONT-PAGE REPORT BY SPECIAL  
CORRESPONDENT IN MOSCOW, JACQUES AMALRIC: "GORBACHEV IS  
A CLEVER MAN. AT A TIME WHEN RELATIONS WITH WASHINGTON  
SEEM TO BE IMPROVING, HE CAREFULLY AVOIDED MENTIONING  
THE U.S. AND SDI IN HIS TOAST TO MITTERRAND. HIS TEXT  
WAS ENTIRELY DEVOTED TO EUROPE AND TO FRANCE  
SPECIFICALLY. GORBACHEV ONLY WANTED TO SPEAK OF THE  
U.S.S.R. AS A EUROPEAN POWER AND NOT AS A SUPERPOWER.  
THE TACTICAL ADVANTAGE WAS TRIPLE. HE AVOIDED  
ATTACKING AN ALLIANCE WHICH MITTERRAND DOES NOT  
HESITATE TO CLAIM. IN FOCUSING HIS REMARKS ON ARMS  
CONTROL IN EUROPE, HE TRIED TO MAKE FRANCE ACCEPT A  
LOGIC FOR NEGOTIATIONS THAT FRANCE IS CURRENTLY  
REJECTING. FINALLY, HE MADE NO COMMENT ON THE STATE OF  
RELATIONS WITH WASHINGTON...ON THE OTHER HAND, IN HIS  
TOAST, MITTERRAND DID NOT FORGET THAT THE U.S.S.R. WAS  
A SUPERPOWER AND HE REFUSED TO ENDORSE THE MYTHICAL  
EUROPE WHICH STRETCHES FROM THE ATLANTIC TO THE  
URAL...BUT MITTERRAND COULD NOT IGNORE THE SOVIET  
PROPOSAL ON ARMS CONTROL REPEATED BY GORBACHEV.  
MITTERRAND'S ANSWER CAN BE SUMMED UP AS FOLLOWS: YOUR

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CONCERN IS QUITE LEGITIMATE BUT LET'S START WITH AN AGREEMENT ON A SERIES OF CONFIDENCE MEASURES AT THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE. THE FRENCH PRESIDENT ALSO MENTIONED THE REGIONAL CONFLICTS WHICH ARE VERY SERIOUS TOPICS OF CONCERN FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN. THE SOVIET LEADER HOPES THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES WILL ONLY BE DISCUSSED IN PASSING...THE RELAXED ATMOSPHERE OF THE DINNER WAS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF PAST RECEPTIONS...."

CATHOLIC EVENING LA CROIX BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN MOSCOW NOEL DARBROZ: "NEVER HAS GORBACHEV'S POLITICAL STRATEGY BEEN SO CLEAR...THE EUROPEANS MUST AGREE WITH THE U.S.S.R. AND DROP THE AMERICANS WHO ARE THE TROUBLE MAKERS...MITTERRAND AVOIDED THE TRAP...MILLIONS OF MEN ARE WAITING. WHEN THEY SPEAK, IT'S PEACE WHICH IS PROGRESSING."

CONSERVATIVE FIGARO ON PAGE 3 BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN MOSCOW, CHARLES LAMBROSCINI AND HENRY DE KERGORLAY: "MITTERRAND REMINDED EVERYONE OF HIS RECENT MEETING WITH RONALD REAGAN. HE INTRODUCED HIMSELF AS A WISE MAN GIVING CAUTIOUS ADVICES TO THE TWO SUPERPOWERS...IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT REAGAN AND GORBACHEV HAVE TO HAVE MITTERRAND'S HELP TO REACH A COMPROMISE ON ARMS CONTROL OR TO MAKE A SUCCESS OF UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 05 PARIS 31233

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THEIR COMING SUMMIT. WE WONDER IF HIS REMARKS WERE NOT DICTATED ABOVE ALL BY DOMESTIC CONCERNS...."

ECONOMIC LES ECHOS ON BACK PAGE: "...MITTERRAND'S SECOND DAY IN MOSCOW WAS MARKED BY AN EXCEPTIONALLY LONG TETE-A-TETE WITH GORBACHEV...."

POPULAR PARISIEN ON PAGE 4: "...THE GORBACHEV ERA SEEMS TO BE MARKED BY A CHANGE, BOTH IN FORM AND SUBSTANCE...FOR THE SOVIETS, SDI IS A MAJOR OBSTACLE TO ARMS CONTROL. THE AMERICANS OBJECT STRONGLY TO CURRENT VERIFICATION...."

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RIGHT-OF-CENTER QUOTIDIEN ON PAGE 19 BY REPORTER PAUL GUILBERT: "...MITTERRAND WAS IN NEW YORK LAST WEEK. HE PROMISED TO WRITE REAGAN A LETTER ABOUT HIS MEETINGS WITH GORBACHEV. WITHOUT PLAYING THE ROLE OF GO-BETWEEN, HE IS IN A POSITION TO ASSESS QUITE ACCURATELY THE VIEWS OF THE TWO SUPERPOWERS AND EXPLAIN TO EACH ONE THE MAIN FEAR OF THE OTHER. GORBACHEV IS -- OR CLAIMS HE IS -- REALLY DEAD SET AGAINST SDI AND REAGAN STICKS TO THE THORNY ISSUE OF ARMS CONTROL AND HAS NO CONFIDENCE AT ALL IN THE SOVIETS ON THIS QUESTION. MITTERRAND IS PERHAPS TRYING TO LIMIT THE FANTASMS ON BOTH SIDES IN THIS AFFAIR BY STUDYING CLOSELY 'VERY SPECIFIC, VERY SECRET AND VERY CONCRETE DETAILS,' AS THE ELYSEE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED...."

PRO-SOCIALIST LE MATIN ON PAGE 7 BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN MOSCOW LAURENT MUNNICH: "MITTERRAND'S RECENT VISIT TO THE U.S. AND HIS EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH THE TWO LEADERS GRANT HIM A SPECIAL ROLE. PRESIDENTIAL ADVISERS INSIST HOWEVER THAT MITTERRAND MUST ABSOLUTELY NOT BE CONSIDERED AS A 'GO-BETWEEN.' ON THE CONTRARY, HE IS PLAYING THE ROLE OF ANALYST OR CONSULTANT. HE WANTS TO MAKE MOSCOW UNDERSTAND THE SUBSTANCE OF THE U.S. DOCTRINE AND ITS PHILOSOPHY. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE WANTS REAGAN TO UNDERSTAND THE UNALIENABLE PRINCIPLES OF THE SOVIET CONCEPTION. THE U.S. PRESIDENT WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE CURRENT TALKS IN MOSCOW BETWEEN THE FRENCH PRESIDENT AND THE SOVIET LEADER...."

COMMUNIST HUMANITE ON PAGE 8 BY CORRESPONDENT IN MOSCOW, GERARD STREIFF: "...IT REMAINS THAT BEYOND BANAL DIPLOMATIC REMARKS, MANY PEOPLE IN MOSCOW ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE WAS NOTHING VERY NEW IN MITTERRAND'S ADDRESS. NOTHING ON THE BANNING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR ON TESTS OR CHEMICAL WEAPONS. A VAGUE MENTION OF THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS AND A REFUSAL TO BE INVOLVED IN THE INF SITUATION. FOR THE ELYSEE, STAR WARS SEEMS TO HAVE ALREADY STARTED...IN SHORT, EVERYTHING TAKES PLACE AS IF PARIS WAS ACCEPTING THE FATALITY OF THE ARMS RACE, A RACE THAT IT HAS NEVER STOPPED SUPPORTING...."

LEFT-OF-CENTER LIBERATION AFP STORY ON PAGE 25:  
"...MITTERRAND SAID IN CONFIDENCE THAT, FOR HIM, BOTH REAGAN AND GORBACHEV SEEM EAGER TO MEET AGAIN BUT WHAT STOPS THEM IS A FEAR TO HAVE A NEW MEETING FOR NOTHING. FOR PARIS, SDI IS THE MAIN BONE OF CONTENTION  
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ON THE SOVIET SIDE WHILE, FOR THE U.S., 'CONTROL OF THE REALITY OF THE ACCORDS' IS THE MAIN PROBLEM. MITTERRAND NOTED A SLIGHT MOVEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW. SDI IS THE TREE HIDING THE FOREST, HE SAID."

ALSO LIBERATION ON PAGE 25 BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN MOSCOW CARLOS DE SA REGO: "...BOTH SIDES (FRENCH AND SOVIET) WANTED TO RESTORE THE DIALOGUE...BUT THE TWO MEN ARE AWARE THAT THEY CANNOT AVOID THE QUESTION OF SECURITY ON THE OLD CONTINENT...DID GORBACHEV AGREE NOT TO INCLUDE FRENCH NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN THE WESTERN ARSENAL AND DID HE STOP ASKING A 'FREEZE' IN THE MODERNIZATION OF THE FRENCH DETERRENCE FORCE?."

2. **KURT WALDHEIM:**

CONSERVATIVE FIGARO ON PAGE 3: "...THE UNEASINESS PROVOKED BY THE ACCUSATIONS OF THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS CONTINUES AND TWO IMPORTANT AMBASSADORS FAILED TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY...."

ECONOMIC LES ECHOS ON BACK PAGE: "...THE ABSENCE OF THE U.S. AMBASSADOR, WHICH WAS DESCRIBED AS AN AFFRONT BY THE AUSTRIAN PRESS, ILLUSTRATES THE AWKWARD SITUATION WASHINGTON IS IN AFTER THE ACCUSATIONS MADE BY THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS...."

RIGHT-OF-CENTER QUOTIDIEN ON PAGE 20 BY REPORTER YVES CORNU: "...MOST AMBASSADORS PRESENT REFRAINED FROM APPLAUDING AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SPEECH. THE NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ABSENCES AMOUNTED TO THREE...THE INAUGURATION QUITE ACCURATELY TRANSLATES THE DIFFERENT REACTIONS TO HIS ELECTION AT HOME AND ABROAD. FOR THE EIGHT MILLION AUSTRIANS, THE STORY IS OVER...ABROAD, THE PROBLEM IS DIFFERENT. THE GOVERNMENT WHICH DID NOT APPRECIATE THE ELECTION OF SUCH A CONTROVERSIAL MAN ACCEPTS THE VOTE BUT WILL AVOID WELCOMING HIM...."

PRO-SOCIALIST LE MATIN ON PAGE 9 BY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF RICHARD LISCIA: "...WHETHER HIS CRIMES ARE BIG OR SMALL, WALDHEIM DESERVE NEITHER TO BE U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL OR AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT. IN ELECTING HIM, THE AUSTRIANS WANTED TO SHOW THEIR CONTEMPT FOR THE

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PROTESTS COMING FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD. THEY TRIED TO SHOW THAT THEY ARE NOT INFLUENCED BY WHAT THEY CALLED A 'PLOT' AND THEY TRIED TO SHOW THAT THEY ARE FREE. THEY ARE INDEED FREE TO BE MISTAKEN AND TO TAKE A RESPONSIBILITY WHICH WILL NOW WEIGH VERY HEAVILY ON THEIR SHOULDERS."

3. SUPREME COURT DECISION AND GRAMM-RUDMAN LAW:

INFLUENTIAL LE MONDE ON PAGE 4 BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, BERNARD GUETTA: "...UNCERTAINTY NOW PREVAILS CONCERNING REDUCTION OF THE DEFICIT. FINANCIAL CIRCLES HAD HOPED THAT THE CUTS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO A RESTORATION OF THE U.S. ECONOMY. THE SITUATION IS ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT SINCE THE EXPECTED ECONOMIC RECOVERY IS NOT TAKING PLACE...THERE IS NO NEW SPECTACULAR DEVELOPMENT AND NO SUDDEN ECONOMIC TURNABOUT, BUT A LOSS OF CONFIDENCE IS  
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PERCEPTIBLE...THIS COULD ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REAL CONFIDENCE CRISIS FOR U.S. ECONOMY...."

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FRONT-PAGE REPORTS: IHT FROM BRUSSELS: "EC MINISTERS APPROVE BUDGET WITH INCREASES;" NYT FROM VIENNA: "WALDHEIM IS INAUGURATED IN AUSTRIA; INTELLECTUALS HOLD A STREET PROTEST;" IHT FROM MANILA: "MANILA SEEKS TO EXPLAIN THE FAILED REVOLT;" WP FROM JERUSALEM: "PALESTINIANS ASSAIL JORDAN OVER FATAH;" LAT FROM WASHINGTON: 2RULING PUTS U.S. BUDGET EFFORT IN DOUBT."

EDITPAGE: NYT: "LOUIS XV IN SANTIAGO;" NYT: "NOW BACK TO THE JOB;" WP: "A TIME TO WALK OUT."

COLUMNS: BRINK: "OPEN LETTER TO BOTHA: NUREMBERG MAY COME AGAIN;" O'MARA: "THEY MIGHT DO A LITTLE BETTER IF THEY CAN GET INTO THE COUNTRY;" ROWEN: "EXCHANGE RATE

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REFORM ISN'T IMMINENT." COURTNEY  
END OF MESSAGE

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