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1. CANADIAN EMBASSY OFFICER FOLLOWING EUROPEAN AFFAIRS CONTACTED EUR/CE DIRECTOR JULY 16 ON INSTRUCTIONS TO INQUIRE "DISCREETLY" WHETHER THE USG WAS COMING UNDER PRESSURE TO ESTABLISH AN INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL TO EXAMINE THE ALLEGATIONS ABOUT KURT WALDHEIM'S WORLD WAR II RECORD. EMBOFF INDICATED THAT GOC (EXTAFF) WAS UNDER PRESSURE FROM INTERESTED DOMESTIC GROUPS TO TAKE THE LEAD IN ESTABLISHING SUCH A TRIBUNAL.

2. CE DIRECTOR SAID HE WAS AWARE OF MEDIA REPORTS ADVOCATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WALDHEIM TRIBUNAL BUT DID NOT/NOT FEEL UNDER PRESSURE TO TAKE ANY ACTION.

3. IN COURSE OF BRIEF EXCHANGE ON WALDHEIM, CE DIRECTOR TOLD CANADIAN EMBOFF THAT USG (JUSTICE AND STATE) INVESTIGATIONS ON WALDHEIM'S ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER THE US WERE CONTINUING. SHULTZ

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