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SUBJECT: BRITISH GOVERNMENT WARTIME INVESTIGATION

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1. BRITISH GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION INTO KURT WALDHEIM'S TREATMENT OF BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR HAS SO FAR FAILED TO TURN UP ANY EVIDENCE OF MISCONDUCT ON WALDHEIM'S PART, BUT THE INVESTIGATION IS STILL CONTINUING. THE INVESTIGATION WAS BEGUN BY THE UK MINISTER OF DEFENCE MAY 6 AT THE INSTIGATION OF GREVILLE JANNER, A LABOR PARTY MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

2. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE WARTIME RECORDS OF 13 BRITISH PRISONERS INTERROGATED BY WALDHEIM OR HIS UNIT ARE BEING EXAMINED. THESE RECORDS INCLUDE OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL TESTIMONY. FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE SOURCE STRESSED THAT THE INVESTIGATION IS LIMITED TO BRITISH PRISONERS ONLY. THE INVESTIGATION CENTERS ON 13 BRITISH PRISONERS, AND INVESTIGATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED ON NINE OF THEM. FOUR CASES ARE STILL IN PROGRESS.

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3. TO DATE, NO EVIDENCE OF PRISONER MISTREATMENT OR TORTURE HAS BEEN FOUND, AND PRELIMINARY EVIDENCE IN THE REMAINING FOUR CASES DOES NOT INDICATE THAT SUCH EVIDENCE WILL BE FORTHCOMING. PRICE

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