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FM JANKOWITSCH OPENS CSCE PREPARATORY SESSION  
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1. THE UPCOMING CSCE REVIEW MEETING IN VIENNA MUST  
INCLUDE ALL ASPECTS OF MULTI-LATERAL RELATIONS WITH  
PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AUSTRIAN FM PETER  
JANKOWITSCH STATED IN HIS OPENING SPEECH TO THE CSCE  
PREPARATORY SESSION SEPTEMBER 23. DESPITE A GENERALLY

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POSITIVE TREND SINCE THE HELSINKI ACCORDS, THE CSCE PROCESS HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY A DIVERGENCE BETWEEN WRITTEN ACCORDS AND REALITY, JANKOWITSCH SAID. "SEVERE SET-BACKS" HAVE BEEN UNDERMINING THE CREDIBILITY OF CSCE AND THEREFORE REPRESENT THE GREATEST OBSTACLE TO ITS SUCCESSFUL CONTINUATION, HE WARNED. THE FM ALSO MENTIONED AUSTRIA'S DESIRE TO INCLUDE THE ISSUE OF NUCLEAR SAFETY IN THE DISCUSSIONS. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, ORF NEWS, SEPTEMBER 23)

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OVP PROTESTS ISRAEL'S RELUCTANCE TO APPOINT NEW  
AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA  
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2. COMMENTING ON ISRAEL'S PLANS NOT TO APPOINT A NEW AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA, THE FOREIGN POLICY SPOKESMAN OF THE OPPOSITION OVP CRITICIZED THE ANNOUNCEMENT AND SUGGESTED THAT THE GOA RECALL THE AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR FROM TEL AVIV. THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE STATED THAT AUSTRIA SHOULD "RESPOND APPROPRIATELY" IF THE ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTRY CONFIRMS ITS INTENT NOT TO REPLACE OUTGOING AMBASSADOR ELIZUR. MEANWHILE, THE AUSTRIAN FM HAS ASKED ISRAEL FOR AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT REGARDING YESTERDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT BY AN ISRAELI FOREIGN POLICY SPOKESMAN. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, INDEPENDENT KURIER, SEPTEMBER 24)

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WJC RAISES MORE CHARGES AGAINST PRESIDENT WALDHEIM  
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3. ACCORDING TO REPORTS, THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS (WJC) HAS CLAIMED THAT, AS AN OFFICER IN THE GERMAN ARMY, PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM** HAD SIGNED OFF ON ANTI-SEMITIC NAZI PROPAGANDA FLYERS. A SPOKESMAN OF THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE SAID ALL ACCUSATIONS ARE UNTRUE. THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY "DIE PRESSE" SPECULATED THAT THE NEW FLARE-UP IN THE WJC'S ANTI-WALDHEIM CAMPAIGN MUST BE SEEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE UPCOMING DECISION BY THE US JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WHETHER TO PLACE WALDHEIM ON THE "WATCH LIST", . (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, SEPTEMBER 24)

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IAEA NUCLEAR ENERGY CONFERENCE OPENS IN VIENNA  
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4. ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS FROM NEARLY ALL OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE IAEA BEGIN A SPECIAL CONFERENCE TODAY IN VIENNA ON NUCLEAR SAFETY. SOVIET DEPUTY PM BORIS SHCHERBINA, WHO LED MOSCOW'S INQUIRY INTO THE DISASTER, AND U.S. ENERGY SECRETARY JOHN HERRINGTON WILL LEAD THEIR DELEGATIONS. IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE FORUM, FM JANKOWITSCH REGRETTED THAT THE "POST-CHERNOBYL MOMENTUM" HAS WANED. THE FM ALSO STATED THAT INTERNATIONAL LAW IN THE AREA OF NUCLEAR SAFETY IS

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NOT FULLY DEVELOPED. IN THE COURSE OF THE NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS CONFERENCE AUSTRIA PLANS TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF LIABILITY IN THE EVENT OF NUCLEAR ACCIDENTS, REPORTS SAID. SEVERAL EVENTS PROTESTING THE "GATHERING OF THE NUCLEAR LOBBY" ARE EXPECTED. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, INDEPENDENT KURIER, ORF NEWS, SEPTEMBER 23,24)

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MORE AUSTRIAN PROTESTS AGAINST INCIDENTS AT AUSTRIAN-CSSR  
BORDER  
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5. THE OVP'S SPOKESMEN FOR FOREIGN POLICY AND HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE JOINED FM JANKOWITSCH IN AUSTRIA'S PROTEST AGAINST RECENT "INCIDENTS" AT AUSTRO-CZECH BORDER. THE OPPOSITON POLITICIANS URGED A "MASSIVE PROTEST BY THE GOA" AGAINST THE INCIDENTS, CHARGING THAT THE CSSR GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE A REAL INTEREST IN GOOD RELATIONS WITH AUSTRIA. SEVERAL EDITORIALS IN AUSTRIA'S DAILIES ECHOED THE SAME LINE. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, INDEPENDENT KRONENZEITUNG, SOCIALIST AZ, SEPTEMBER 24)

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AUSTRIAN RELIEF ORGANIZATION WANTS SOLIDARITY WITH  
NICARAGUA TO TRANSCEND PARTY LINES  
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6. PARTY POLITICS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO INTERFERE WITH THE WORK OF THE AUSTRIAN COMMITTEE FOR AID TO NICARAGUA, SPO STATE SECRETARY JOHANNA DOHNAL, THE ORGANIZATION'S COORDINATOR, TOLD THE PRESS SEPTEMBER 23. AFTER RECENT VISITS TO THE REGION, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE "REPORTED POSITIVELY" ON THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THAT COUNTRY, DOHNAL SAID. THE RELIEF GROUP FURTHER ANNOUNCED STEPPED-UP PR MOVES WITHIN AUSTRIA TO PROMOTE AUSTRIAN SOLIDARITY WITH THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE. ACCORDING TO THE SAME REPORT, CARLOS NUNEZ, PRESIDENT OF NICARAGUA'S PARLIAMENT TOLD AUSTRIAN JOURNALISTS IN MANAGUA THAT HE WAS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE SEPTEMBER 27 MEETING BETWEEN THE SANDINISTAS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. HE ALSO HAD GREAT HOPE IN THE NEW PAPAL NUNCIO, CARDINAL PAOLO GIGLIO. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, SEPTEMBER 24, ORF NEWS, SEPTEMBER 23)

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PARIS REJECTS AUSTRIA'S PROTEST AGAINST VISA RULE  
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7. THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY REPORTEDLY TURNED DOWN A JOINT DEMAND BY AUSTRIA, SWEDEN, NORWAY, FINLAND AND ICELAND FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE VISA REGULATIONS RECENTLY INTRODUCED BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IN THE WAKE OF THE PARIS BOMB ATTACKS. (MOST PAPERS, E.G. INDEPENDENT KRONENZEITUNG, ORF NEWS, SEPTEMBER 23,24)

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PARLIAMENT DISSOLVES ITSELF  
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8. THE AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED ITSELF SEPTEMBER 23 PENDING ELECTIONS ON NOVEMBER 23. IN THEIR SPEECHES TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, BOTH CHANCELLOR FRANZ VRANITZKY AND OPPOSITION LEADER ALOIS MOCK EXPRESSED THE NEED FOR A SPIRIT OF NATIONAL CONSENSUS TO OVERCOME THE COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS. THE PRESS SPECULATED THAT THIS IS A FURTHER INDICATION OF A MOVE BY THE SPO AND THE OVP TOWARD A "GRAND COALITION" OF THE TWO. (ALL PAPERS SEPTEMBER 24)

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AUSTRIAN AND SWISS MP'S DISCUSS ARMAMENT POLICIES  
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9. IN THE COURSE OF THEIR VISIT TO SWITZERLAND, AN AUSTRIAN MP DELEGATION DISCUSSED ARMAMENT POLICIES WITH MEMBERS OF THE SWISS PARLIAMENT. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, SEPTEMBER 24)  
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NEW ARCHBISHOP TO MEET POPE  
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10. NEWLY-CONSECRATED VIENNA ARCHBISHOP HERMAN GROER BEGAN A 5-DAY VISIT TO ROME DURING WHICH HE WILL MEET WITH POPE JOHN PAUL II, REPORTS SAID. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, SEPTEMBER 24).

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SOVIETS ORDER OIL PIPELINES FROM VOEST PLANT  
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11. CONTRARY TO REPORTS OF LAST WEEK (PRESS SUMMARY SEPT 18), AUSTRIA'S NATIONALIZED STEEL COMBINE VOEST ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL SUPPLY A LARGE ORDER OF OIL PIPELINES TO THE SOVIET UNION FROM ITS PLANT IN KINDBERG (STYRIA). VOEST HAD ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK THAT IT DID NOT RECEIVE THE EXPECTED CONTRACT FROM THE SOVIET UNION AND AS A RESULT WOULD HAVE TO REDUCE WORK HOURS AT THE KINDBERG PLANT TO ONE SHIFT PER WEEK FROM SEPTEMBER 21. VOEST APPARENTLY AGREED TO SOVIET DEMANDS FOR A LOWER PRICE TO GET THE CONTRACT. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, SEPTEMBER 24). LAUDER

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