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TEXT

SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION/PRESS REVIEW, OCTOBER 29, 1986

VIENNA" (HADASHOT), "AUSTRIAN MOVE WON'T MAKE JERUSALEM CHANGE ITS MIND" (HA'ARETZ).

D) SUPPORTIVE TEXT:

1. EEC FAILS TO SIDE WITH BRITAIN ON SYRIAN ISSUE:

I. A JERUSALEM POST EDITORIAL SAID: "MARGARET THATCHER HAS GOOD REASON TO BE ANGRY AT HER PARTNERS IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY .... THE LUXEMBOURG MEETING SHOWED THAT THE EC IS A LIMP RAG, INCOHERENT AND PUSILLANIMOUS AS A COLLECTIVE BODY .... THE STARK REALITY IS THAT STATE-SPONSORED TERRORISM, AS PRACTICED BY SYRIA, IRAN AND OTHERS, CAN ONLY BE STEMMED BY THE CONCERTED COUNTER-ACTION OF STATES. AND SINCE EUROPE IS THE PRINCIPAL ARENA OF SUCH TERRORIST ENTERPRISE, IT IS ALSO THE PRINCIPAL BEARER OF RESPONSIBILITY. MOREOVER, IT ENJOYS THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE U.S. IN TARGETING THE TERROR PRODUCERS. BUT SO LONG AS THE EUROPEANS ARE SQUEAMISH ABOUT SUCH AFFINITY WITH THE U.S., AND SO LONG AS THEY PREFER TO MAKE THEIR SEPARATE DEALS WITH TERRORIST STATES, AT THE EXPENSE OF THEIR OWN PARTNERS, THE TERRORIST STATES WILL, BY VIRTUE OF THE THREAT OF TERROR ITSELF, CONTINUE TO PROWL AND PLUNDER THE FIELD."

II. MAARIV EDITORIAL SAID: "CYNICISM HAD A FIELD DAY YESTERDAY IN LUXEMBOURG. THE EEC LEFT BRITAIN ISOLATED. NO NATION WAS PREPARED TO OPENLY TAKE LONDON'S SIDE IN ITS COURAGEOUS STRUGGLE AGAINST SYRIAN TERRORISM, EVEN THOUGH THE BRITISH MADE AN EFFORT TO WATER DOWN THEIR PROPOSALS .... WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT SOME PRACTICAL, THOUGH UNPUBLICIZED DECISIONS HAVE NEVERTHELESS BEEN ADOPTED, WHICH WOULD FACILITATE THE WAR ON TERRORISM."

2. AUSTRIA RECALLS AMBASSADOR FOR CONSULTATIONS:

I. HA'ARETZ FRONT-PAGED POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT AKIVA EL-DAR'S REPORT THAT "AUSTRIA'S DECISION TO RECALL ITS AMBASSADOR WILL NOT MAKE JERUSALEM CHANGE ITS MIND ABOUT RE-UPGRADING ITS EMBASSY IN VIENNA. PM SHAMIR MADE IT CLEAR THIS WEEK THAT ISRAEL CANNOT AGREE TO HAVE ITS ENVOY SHAKE HANDS WITH PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM**. JERUSALEM IS ALSO AWAITING THE DECISION OF THE U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL ON THE PROPOSAL TO PUT WALDHEIM ON THE LIST OF NAZI CRIMINALS FORBIDDEN TO ENTER THE U.S."

II. HADASHOT EDITORIAL SAID: "THE STAIN OF WALDHEIM'S ELECTION TO BE AUSTRIA'S PRESIDENT CANNOT BE REMOVED, JUST AS HIS DEEDS DURING WWII CANNOT BE FORGOTTEN."

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ISRAEL PROTESTED THE ELECTION BY WITHDRAWING ITS  
AMBASSADOR. HOWEVER, NOW THAT THE PROTEST HAS BEEN  
REGISTERED, OUR PM OUGHT TO RE-EVALUATE THE SITUATION  
AND SEND AN ISRAELI AMBASSADOR BACK TO VIENNA. A  
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