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1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. ON NOVEMBER 21, POL COUNSELOR WAS ASKED TO CALL ON PREDRAG PJANIC, DIRECTOR, OFFICE FOR NORTH AMERICA, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, FEDERAL SECRETARIAT FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (FSFA) TO RECEIVE GOY RESPONSE TO EMBASSY'S DIPLOMATIC NOTE OF MAY 14, 1986, REQUESTING ACCESS TO THE SO-CALLED WALDHEIM FILE.
3. PJANIC, READING FROM A SERBO-CROATIAN TEXT, MADE THE

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FOLLOWING POINTS:

--THE GOY WISHED TO INFORM THE EMBASSY THAT, IN RESPONSE TO THE EMBASSY'S NOTE, ETC., BY DECISION OF THE RESPONSIBLE YUGOSLAV ORGANS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS, THE ARCHIVES ARE OPEN TO ANY FOREIGN AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES. IN THIS CONTEXT, REFERENCE IS MADE TO THAT WHICH RELATES TO **KURT WALDHEIM** AND ABOUT WHICH THE TWO SUPER POWERS KNOW MOST.

--ALL AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS ARE IN THE ARCHIVES OF YUGOSLAVIA AND AT THE MILITARY-HISTORICAL INSTITUTE. REQUESTS TO SEE THIS MATERIAL MAY BE MADE THROUGH THE FEDERAL SECRETARIAT FOR INFORMATION, THE FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION FOR INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL-CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, AND THE FOREIGN LIAISON SECTION OF THE FEDERAL SECRETARIAT FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE.

--THE GOY ASKS THAT THE EMBASSY USE DISCRETION IN PASSING ON THIS INFORMATION.

4. AT THE CLOSE OF HIS FORMAL RESPONSE PJANIC NOTED THAT THE ARCHIVES OF YUGOSLAVIA WERE OPEN EVERY WORK DAY FROM 7:30 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M. WHILE THE MILITARY-HISTORICAL INSTITUTE WAS OPEN EVERY WORK DAY EXCEPT FRIDAY FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

5. POL COUNSELOR SAID THAT THE USG, AND THE U.S. PUBLIC AND MEDIA, WERE QUITE INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER AND THUS WOULD WELCOME THE GOY DECISION TO ALLOW ACCESS. THE EMBASSY ITSELF WOULD FORMALLY REQUEST ACCESS AS SOON AS PRACTICAL (N.B. THE MEETING WITH PJANIC TOOK PLACE LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON. MOST YUGOSLAV OFFICES CLOSE IN MID-AFTERNOON, ALL THE MORE SO ON FRIDAYS). POL COUNSELOR SAID THAT WHILE HE NOTED THE GOY'S REQUEST FOR DISCRETION, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE TO PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO INTERESTED PARTIES AND, AS A RESULT, HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO SEE THIS INFORMATION IN THE NEW YORK TIMES ON SATURDAY MORNING. TELEPHONES IN BELGRADE SHOULD BEGIN RINGING ABOUT FIVE MINUTES AFTER THAT. PJANIC GRIMACED AND REPEATED HIS CALL FOR DISCRETION.

6. IN RESPONSE TO POL COUNSELOR'S QUESTIONS, PJANIC SAID HE HAD NO FURTHER COMMENT ON THE REMARK THAT THE TWO SUPER POWERS KNEW THE MOST ABOUT THE WALDHEIM MATTER. HE EXPLAINED THE MULTIPLICITY OF YUGOSLAV INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED IN ARCHIVE ACCESS AS FOLLOWS: REPRESENTATIVES OF THE USG AND OF THE MEDIA SHOULD TURN TO THE FEDERAL SECRETARIAT FOR INFORMATION FOR ACCESS TO THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND ACADEMICIANS SHOULD TURN TO THE FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION FOR INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL-CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. ANYONE DESIRING ACCESS TO THE MILITARY-HISTORICAL INSTITUTE SHOULD APPLY THROUGH THE FOREIGN LIAISON SECTION OF THE FEDERAL SECRETARIAT FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE.

7. PJANIC ALSO NOTED THAT THE EMBASSY WAS THE FIRST TO

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BE TOLD OF THE GOY'S DECISION. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, HE SAID THAT THE GOY MIGHT INFORM THE BELGIAN EMBASSY LATER SINCE THAT EMBASSY HAD ALSO SENT A DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO THE FSFA.

8. COMMENT. EMBASSY WILL TRY, PROBABLY UNSUCCESSFULLY, TO ROUSE THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLE ON SATURDAY TO GAIN ACCESS
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TO THIS MATERIAL. OTHERWISE, WE WILL TRY AGAIN FIRST THING MONDAY MORNING. WHEN WE DO SUCCEED IN GAINING ACCESS, A LANGUAGE-QUALIFIED OFFICER WILL EXAMINE THE MATERIAL AND PREPARE A SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE DEPARTMENT - TO BE FOLLOWED, OF COURSE, BY AS DETAILED A REPORT AS POSSIBLE. FOR THE BENEFIT OF INTERESTED PARTIES HERE ARE APPROPRIATE TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

- FEDERAL SECRETARIAT FOR INFORMATION: (011) 602-555.

- FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION FOR INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL-CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION:
(011) 625-955.

- FOREIGN LIAISON SECTION OF THE FEDERAL SECRETARIAT FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE (011) 454-061.
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