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- (C) BELGRADE 10998, (D) BELGRADE 5337 (NOTAL)

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2. SUMMARY. EMBASSY HAS EXAMINED THE "WALDHEIM FILE" IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF YUGOSLAVIA, AND HAS FOUND NO INFORMATION BEYOND THAT ALREADY REPORTED IN THE YUGOSLAV PRESS. THE WALDHEIM DOSSIER CONSISTS OF FOUR FOLDERS: THE TEXT OF THE DECISION OF THE YUGOSLAV STATE COMMISSION FOR DETERMINATION OF WAR CRIMES, WHICH DECLARED WALDHEIM A WAR CRIMINAL; WALDHEIM-RELATED RECORDS FROM THE YUGOSLAV MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS; TESTIMONY OF GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR; AND A 1948 UNITED NATIONS PUBLICATION, "WAR CRIMINALS, SUSPECTS AND MATERIAL

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WITNESSES", WHICH INCLUDES WALDHEIM. END SUMMARY.

3. ON DECEMBER 9, EMBASSY AT LAST OBTAINED ACCESS TO THE SO-CALLED "WALDHEIM FILE" AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF YUGOSLAVIA. THE FILE CONSISTS OF FOUR SEPARATE ARCHIVAL FOLDERS. THE FIRST, FOLDER NUMBER 237, CONTAINS ONLY ONE DOCUMENT: DECISION F-25572 OF THE YUGOSLAV STATE COMMISSION FOR DETERMINATION OF WAR CRIMES, DATED DECEMBER 18, 1947, WHICH DECLARED WALDHEIM A WAR CRIMINAL. THE DECISION IS A NARRATIVE OF APPROXIMATELY TWENTY PAGES WHICH QUOTES EXTENSIVELY FROM EVIDENCE GIVEN BY GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN YUGOSLAVIA, INCLUDING JOHANN MEYER, KLAUS MELINGHOF AND KARL HEINZ EGBERTS-HILKER. THE END OF THE DOCUMENT CITES ELEVEN SEPARATE PIECES OF EVIDENCE, INCLUDING GERMAN WAR RECORDS AND PRISONERS' TESTIMONY; HOWEVER, THE EVIDENCE IS ONLY LISTED AS A SORT OF BIBLIOGRAPHY TO THE REPORT AND IS NOT INCLUDED VERBATIM.

4. FOLDER 625, ALSO CATALOGUED UNDER INV. BR. 18822, CONSISTS OF THE TESTIMONY OF GERMAN PRISONER MARKUS HARTNER, GIVEN IN BELGRADE IN AUGUST 26, 1947, IN GERMAN (A SERBO-CROATIAN TRANSLATION IS INCLUDED) WHICH DESCRIBES THE CHARACTER AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS IN SECTION I-C; THE STATEMENT OF GERMAN PRISONER ROBERT VOIGT, MADE IN BELGRADE MAY 4, 1948 (ALSO IN BOTH GERMAN AND SERBO-CROATIAN) DESCRIBING I-C'S OFFICERS; AND A CHART OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE OF SECTION I-C OF ARMY GROUP "E".

5. FOLDER 21 HOLDS MATERIAL FROM THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, WHICH USED THE FILE NUMBER 3939/47. FIVE DOCUMENTS ARE FILED UNDER THIS NUMBER: (1) A LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 17, 1947, FROM COLONEL GEORGIJEVIC OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS TO THE STATE COMMISSION ON WAR CRIMES, LISTING THE WHEREABOUTS OF SOME GERMANS WANTED BY THE YUGOSLAVS, INCLUDING WALDHEIM, THEN IN THE AUSTRIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; (2) AN UNDATED LETTER FROM THE STATE COMMISSION TO THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS SAYING THAT MEMBERS OF SECTION I-C, SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING WALDHEIM, WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR WAR CRIMES; (3) A LETTER FROM THE STATE COMMISSION TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, DATED DECEMBER 12, 1947, INSTRUCTING THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S SECTION FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO REGISTER WALDHEIM AS A WAR CRIMINAL WITH THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR WAR CRIMES; (4) A MEMO DATED DECEMBER 26, 1947, FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE COMMISSION, DR. DUSAN NEDELJKOVIC, TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, SECTION IX, CITING DECISION F-25572 NAMING WALDHEIM AS A WAR CRIMINAL AND SAYING WALDHEIM'S NAME HAD BEEN SENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WAR CRIMES IN LONDON; AND (5) A LETTER OF THE SAME DATE FROM NEDELJKOVIC TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, REPEATING THE SAME INFORMATION.

6. FOLDER 807 CONTAINS A LIST PUBLISHED BY THE UNITED NATIONS WAR CRIMES COMMISSION IN APRIL 1948 (LIST NO. 79), ENTITLED "SEVENTY-NINTH LIST OF WAR CRIMINALS, SUSPECTS AND MATERIAL WITNESSES (GERMANS, ITALIANS, BULGARIANS AND

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HUNGARIANS)." KURT WALDHEIM'S NAME APPEARS AS NUMBER 724 ON PAGE 76. HE IS DESCRIBED AS "OBERLEUTNANT, ABWEHROFFIZIER MIT DER I-C ABTEILUNG DES GENERALSTABES DER HEERESGRUPPE E., APRIL 1944-MAY 1945. IT ADDS THAT WALDHEIM IS WANTED BY YUGOSLAVIA FOR "MURDER AND PUTTING TO DEATH OF HOSTAGES".

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7. THE "WALDHEIM FILE" AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES HOLDS NO SURPRISES. THIS MATERIAL WAS FULLY REPORTED AND QUOTED AT LENGTH--AND ACCURATELY--IN YUGOSLAV PRESS REPORTING OF THE WALDHEIM CASE, ESPECIALLY IN THE "DUGA" EXPOSE. (REF D) IN FACT, THE COVER SHEET OF DECISION F-25572 WAS REPRODUCED IN THE "DUGA" ARTICLE. THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES' HOLDINGS ON WALDHEIM DO NOT CONTAIN ANY GERMAN RECORDS, NOR ANY OF THE OTHER ITEMS WHICH WERE DESCRIBED IN "DUGA", SUCH AS COPIES OF WALDHEIM'S MEMBERSHIP CARD IN THE SA.

8. POST IS ARRANGING FOR THE PHOTOCOPYING OF ALL THE DOCUMENTS IN THE "WALDHEIM FILE", ALTHOUGH ONLY THE RELEVANT PAGE OF THE UNITED NATIONS LIST WILL BE COPIED. POST WILL POUCH COPIES TO THE DEPARTMENT. SCANLAN

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