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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INVESTIGATION OF
- WALDHEIM RECORDS IN YUGOSLAVIA

REF: (A) BELGRADE 11357 AND PREVIOUS, (B) BELGRADE 11204,
- (C) BELGRADE 11169

1. C-ENTIRE TEXT.
2. NEAL SHER, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS (OSI) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND PAT TREANOR, OSI HISTORIAN, ARRIVED IN BELGRADE DECEMBER 9 TO INVESTIGATE YUGOSLAV RECORDS ON KURT WALDHEIM. THEY EXAMINED AND PHOTOCOPIED THE SO-CALLED "WALDHEIM FILE" AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF YUGOSLAVIA (REF A), INVESTIGATED, ITALIAN AND CROATIAN (USTASHI) RECORDS IN THE MILITARY HISTORICAL ARCHIVES (REFS B AND C) BOTH FOR WALDHEIM-RELATED MATERIAL AND, TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, FOR INFORMATION RELEVANT TO OTHER

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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATIONS, AND VISITED THE PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION OF THE MILITARY MUSEUM OF THE YUGOSLAV PEOPLE'S ARMY, WHERE TREANOR IDENTIFIED 26 PHOTOGRAPHS WHICH THE MUSEUM WILL COPY FOR THE USE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

3. SHER AND TREANOR ALSO MADE A FORMAL REQUEST THROUGH THE YUGOSLAV FEDERAL SECRETARIAT FOR JUSTICE AND ORGANIZATION OF THE FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION THAT YUGOSLAV ARCHIVES, INCLUDING ARCHIVES OUTSIDE BELGRADE, BE SEARCHED FOR ANY FILES ON WALDHEIM AND OTHER SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS AMONG THE RECORDS OF THE STATE AND REGIONAL WAR CRIMES COMMISSIONS AND FOR CAPTURED RECORDS WHICH MIGHT BE RELEVANT TO THE WALDHEIM INQUIRY. IN ADDITION, THEY HAVE ASKED INFORMALLY FOR SPECIFIC MATERIAL FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FEDERAL SECRETARIAT FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THAT REQUEST HAS NOT BEEN GRANTED AS OF DECEMBER 18, NOR HAS THE REQUESTED SEARCH OF YUGOSLAV ARCHIVES BEEN COMPLETED.

4. SHER DEPARTED YUGOSLAVIA DECEMBER 17 AND TREANOR PLANS TO LEAVE DECEMBER 20. POST HAS OBTAINED COPIES OF MATERIALS SHER AND TREANOR HAVE FOUND AND WILL POUCH COPIES TO THE DEPARTMENT. SCANLAN

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