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TEXT

SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION 4/28: WALDHEIM.

1. IN ITS FIRST AND SECOND NEWS SUMMARIES THIS MORNING, APRIL 28, QATAR ENGLISH AND ARABIC RADIO CARRIED US OFFICIAL REPORT THAT AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM** WAS BARRED FROM THE UNITED STATES YESTERDAY AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN BECAUSE OF HIS WORLD WAR II ACTIVITIES WITH THE GERMAN ARMY. QATAR TELEVISION RAN THE SAME REPORT LAST NIGHT.

2. ALL LOCAL PAPERS TODAY FRONT PAGED US DEPARTMENT OF

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JUSTICE STATEMENT ABOUT THE SUBJECT. ENGLISH DAILY (GULF TIMES) BANNER HEADLINE READ: "ZIONIST DELIGHT AS US BARS WALDHEIM", WHILE (AL ARAB) FRONTPAGE HEAD SAID: "AUSTRIA WITHDRAWS ITS AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON".

3. (GULF TIMES) LEAD STORY QUOTED THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SPOKESMAN CLARIFYING THAT "THIS DETERMINATION WAS BASED ON UNITED STATES LAW THAT PROHIBITS ENTRY TO ANY FOREIGN NATIONAL WHO ASSISTED OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATED IN ACTIVITIES AMOUNTING TO PERSECUTION DURING WORLD WAR II".

4. THE PAPER ALSO QUOTED THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS (WJC) SAYING THAT ATTORNEY-GENERAL EDWIN MEESE HAS "ACTED IN A COURAGEOUS MANNER AND HAS SENT A CLEAR MESSAGE: NAZIS ARE NOT WELCOME HERE."
RAEZER

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END OF MESSAGE

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