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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE DAILY COMMENTS ON WALDHEIM  
RULING

1. LEADING PORTUGUESE DAILY "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS"  
(INDEPENDENT) CARRIED LENGTHY EDITORIAL APRIL 29  
COMMENTING ON AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT KURT WALDHEIM'S  
DIFFICULTIES WITH U.S. IMMIGRATION. EDIT SUGGESTS  
THAT PLACEMENT OF WALDHEIM'S NAME ON WATCHLIST  
MIGHT HAVE BEEN RESULT OF JEWISH PRESSURE ON USG,  
AND ASKS WHY ACCUSATIONS AGAINST HIM ONLY SURFACED  
DURING ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN.

2. EXCERPTS:

" WHEN THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION DECIDES TO PUT  
CONDITIONS ON THE ENTRY OF WALDHEIM INTO THE U.S.,  
INVOKING... SUCH OBSCURE ASPECTS OF HIS PAST, IT  
IS TAKING AN ATTITUDE WHICH MUST NECESSARILY

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DISTURB RELATIONS WITH AUSTRIA, SINCE IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO SEPARATE THE CITIZEN WALDHEIM.... FROM HIS POSITION AS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF A NATION WITH WHICH THE U.S. HAS MAINTAINED FRIENDLY RELATIONS. THUS IT OCCURS TO US TO ASK ABOUT THE TRUE ROOTS OF SUCH A FAR-REACHING POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC ACTION. THAT IS, IF IT IS A RESULT OF INVESTIGATIONS WHICH CONFIRM AND EMPHASIZE THE SUSPICIONS SURROUNDING THE AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT.... OR WHETHER IN THE ABSENCE OF NEW INFORMATION, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SIMPLY GAVE IN TO PRESSURE FROM THE INFLUENTIAL LOBBY REPRESENTED BY THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN THE U.S.

"... IT IS STILL STRANGE THAT THE GRAVE CHARGES AGAINST THE NEW AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT EMERGED PRECISELY DURING AN ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN, AND NO SUSPICIONS WERE RAISED DURING THE TEN YEARS IN WHICH HE WAS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UN. AT A DISTANCE OF FOUR DECADES, MORE OF CONCERN THAN KNOWING EXACTLY WHAT WALDHEIM'S RESPONSIBILITIES WERE IN THE OBSCURE PERIOD OF HIS PAST -- ALTHOUGH IT IS ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE TO CLARIFY THEM -- IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ANALYZE THE PROFOUND REASONS WHY, IN THE FACE OF THE ACCUSATIONS, THE AUSTRIAN ELECTORATE GAVE HIM A VICTORY A YEAR AGO. PERHAPS THERE IS A JUSTIFICATION FOR THE FEARS AND FANTASIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL JEWISH COMMUNITY."  
VIRDEN

ADMIN  
END OF MESSAGE

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