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TEXT

SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT

FORMALLY REBUTTING THE U.S. DECISION TO BAR AUSTRIAN
PRESIDENT KURT WALDHEIM FROM VISITING THE U.S. AS A
PRIVATE CITIZEN. CHANCELLOR FRANZ VRANITZKY...ISSUED A

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STATEMENT CALLING THE U.S. PROCEEDINGS UNCOMPREHENSIBLE. (ACCORDING TO THIS STATEMENT) THERE IS NO PROOF OF THE ACCUSATIONS BROUGHT FORWARD AGAINST WALDHEIM AND THEREFORE THESE ACCUSATIONS ARE REJECTED. WALDHEIM ALSO CATEGORICALLY DENIED ALL CHARGES.... HOWEVER, U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWIN MEESE SAID THAT THE U.S. HAS EVIDENCE THAT WALDHEIM PARTICIPATED IN PERSECUTION PROCEEDINGS DURING THE NAZI ERA...."

B. INDEPENDENT/LIBERAL SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (NEWS REPORT): AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR VRANITZKY INDICATED THAT HE STILL INTENDS TO TAKE HIS PLANNED TRIP TO THE U.S. IN THREE WEEKS.... VRANITZKY SEEMED CONFIDENT THAT HE WILL SUCCEED IN MAKING IT CLEAR TO OUR FOREIGN FRIENDS THAT THE POLITICAL QUALITY IN AUSTRIA HAS CHANGED.'.... VRANTIZKY DID NOT COMMENT ON WHETHER (AUSTRIA) WANTED TO URGE THE U.S. TO ALTER ITS DECISION...."

II. OTHER NEWS AND COMMENTARY

A. DISARMAMENT (CONT'D)

A. LEFT-OF-CENTER ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY STERN OF HAMBURG CARRIED AN INTERVIEW WITH KENNETH ADELMAN, DIRECTOR OF THE U.S. ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY. FOLLOWING IS A FULL TRANSLATION.

STERN: THE U.S. HAS BEEN REPRIMANDED BY ITS ALLIES FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS FOR NOT DOING ANYTHING FOR DISARMAMENT. AND NOW SOME ALLIES, FIRST AND FOREMOST THE BONN GOVERNMENT, ARE ACCUSING THE U.S. OF SURRENDERING TOO MUCH, TOO QUICKLY, WITH THE ZERO SOLUTION. ARE THE EUROPEANS ANNOYING YOU?

ADELMAN: IT'S NOT SO MUCH THAT. IT'S JUST THAT IT IS DIFFICULT IN AN ALLIANCE OF FREE COUNTRIES, WHICH ALL WANT THEIR OWN INTERESTS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. IT TAKES AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF TIME TO SETTLE THINGS BETWEEN PARTNERS.

STERN: YOUR IRRITATION WITH YOUR DEMURE FRIENDS CAN BE CLEARLY FELT.

ADELMAN: THE PROBLEM IS THAT IN THE U.S. THE FEELING IS GAINING GROUND THAT THE EUROPEANS COMPLAIN TOO MUCH. THEY COMPLAIN WHEN WE DEPLOY MISSILES, AND THEY COMPLAIN WHEN WE TALK ABOUT WITHDRAWING THEM AGAIN.

STERN: BUT THEY ARE RIGHT ON SOME COUNTS -- THE LACK OF CONSULTATION, FOR EXAMPLE. SECRETARY GEORGE SHULTZ COMES FLOATING TO BRUSSELS ON HIS WAY FROM MOSCOW AND TELLS THE ALLIES THAT HE WOULD LIKE A BINDING DECISION WITHIN NOT MUCH LESS THAN TWO WEEKS ON WHAT EUROPE THINKS ABOUT SHORT-RANGE WEAPONS.

ADELMAN: BUT THAT DID NOT COME OUT OF THE BLUE! WE

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INFORMED THE ALLIES ABOUT A MONTH BEFORE THE
SHULTZ-SHEVARDNADZE MEETING THAT THE SOVIETS HAD STARTED
TALKING ABOUT ZERO IN THE SHORT-RANGE SECTOR. THIS GAVE
EUROPE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN SIX AND EIGHT WEEKS TO FORM AN
OPINION.

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