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1. U.S. AMB. LAUDER RECONFIRMS U.S. POSITION ON WALDHEIM:

SPEAKING TO THE "AUSTRIAN SOCIETY FOR FOREIGN POLICY" IN
VIENNA MAY 13, U.S. AMB. RONALD LAUDER "DEFENDED THE U.S.

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DECISION TO PUT KURT WALDHEIM ON THE 'WATCH-LIST'", REPORTS SAID. AMB. LAUDER PUT THE U.S. DECISION ON WALDHEIM IN PERSPECTIVE, CALLING IT A LEGAL DECISION REQUIRED UNDER U.S. LAWS GOVERNING ENTRY OF FOREIGN NATIONALS INTO THE U.S. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE U.S. DECISION DID NOT INVOLVE A JUDGEMENT ON WAR CRIMES OR CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY, BUT WAS BASED ON EVIDENCE CONCERNING INVOLVEMENT IN OR ASSISTANCE TO PROSCRIBED PERSECUTION DURING WW II. LAUDER STRESSED THAT U.S.-AUSTRIAN RELATIONS CONTINUED TO BE HEALTHY AND CHARACTERIZED BY HIGH MUTUAL REGARD AND RESPECT. (ORF NEWS, INDEPENDENT PRESSE, KURIER, KRONENZEITUNG, MAY 14)

2. PARLIAMENT TO DEBATE WALDHEIM AFFAIR TODAY:

THE PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON FOREIGN POLICY MAY 14-15 IS EXPECTED TO FOCUS ON THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING WALDHEIM. FM ALOIS MOCK WILL INTRODUCE A GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION CALLING ON PARLIAMENT TO SUPPORT THE GOA STAND ON WALDHEIM. THE FPO AND THE GREENS HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL NOT ENDORSE THE MOVE.

-PAPERS FURTHER REPORTED THAT FM ALOIS MOCK AND SPO POLITICIANS WERE DIVIDED ON WHAT RECEPTION AUSTRIA SHOULD GIVE TO THE U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT DELEGATION EXPECTED HERE TODAY: MOCK HAS REPORTEDLY REFUSED TO MEET WITH THE U.S. GROUP.

-OVP LAW EXPERT, MP FELIX ERMACORA, WHO HEADS AN AUSTRIAN COMMISSION OF MILITARY HISTORY EXPERTS INVESTIGATING YUGOSLAV ARCHIVAL MATERIAL, YESTERDAY STATED THAT "ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS" HAD BEEN FOUND WHICH, HOWEVER, DID NOT REVEAL "ANYTHING NOT KNOWN ALREADY".

-SPEAKING AT AN SPO EVENT YESTERDAY, SPO FOREIGN POLICY SPOKESMAN PETER JANKOWITSCH SAID "AUSTRIA MUST FREE ITSELF FROM THE BURDEN OF ITS PAST".

3. EDITORIAL CONDEMNS VANDALIZING OF JEWISH CEMETERY:

AN EXTENSIVE "KURIER EDITORIAL TODAY STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE RECENT DESECRATION OF THE JEWISH CEMETERY IN EISENSTADT BY UNKNOWN PERPETRATORS. (INDEPENDENT KURIER, MAY 14)

4. GREEN LEGISLATORS ARRESTED IN BUDAPEST:

THREE GREEN PARLIAMENTARIANS WERE TEMPORARILY DETAINED BY THE HUNGARIAN POLICE IN BUDAPEST YESTERDAY FOR DISTRIBUTING FLYERS PROTESTING AGAINST THE PLANNED HUNGARIAN HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANT AT NAGYMAROS AND AGAINST AUSTRIA'S FINANCIAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROJECT. (ALL PAPERS, ORF NEWS, MAY 14)

5. FRENCH FM RAIMOND ON VISA REGULATION AND AUSTRIAN PLANS FOR DEFENSIVE MISSILES:

IN A "KURIER" INTERVIEW, FRENCH FM JEAN-BERNARD RAIMOND HAS DEFENDED THE FRENCH VISA REGULATIONS WITH REGARD TO AUSTRIA, STRESSING, HOWEVER, THAT FRANCE NEVER INTENDED TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST AUSTRIA. ASKED TO GIVE THE FRENCH

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VIEW ON ACQUISITION OF DEFENSIVE GUIDED MISSILES BY THE AUSTRIAN ARMED FORCES, RAIMOND SAID FRANCE WAS ABIDING BY THE "SPIRIT AND LETTER OF THE AUSTRIAN STATE TREATY". (INDEPENDENT KURIER, MAY 14)

6. TRADE UNION PRESIDENT BENYA OPPOSES PRIVATIZATION IN "KEY AREAS" OF NATIONALIZED INDUSTRIES:
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AUSTRIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION PRESIDENT ANTON BENYA YESTERDAY TOLD A UNION CONGRESS THAT THE UNIONS OPPOSED THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANNED PRIVATIZATION MEASURES "IN KEY AREAS" OF AUSTRIA'S NATIONALIZED INDUSTRIES. BENYA'S REMARK IS THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF LABOR STATEMENTS CRITICIZING THE GOVERNMENT'S AUSTERITY COURSE. (ALL PAPERS, E.G. SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, MAY 14)

7. TASS PRAISE FOR AUSTRIA:

ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE AUSTRIAN STATE TREATY ON MAY 15, 1955, "TASS" HAS PRAISED AUSTRIA'S ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA, AUSTRIAN RADIO REPORTED. (ORF NEWS, MAY 14)

8. SALZBURG GOVERNOR CALLS ON CHANCELLOR TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF U.S. CONSULATE:

SALZBURG GOVERNOR WILFRIED HASLAUER HAS ASKED CHANCELLOR VRANITZKY TO INTERVENE, DURING HIS UPCOMING U.S. VISIT, AGAINST THE PLANNED CLOSING OF THE U.S. CONSULATE IN SALZBURG. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, MAY 14)

9. JEWISH GROUP HONORS FORMER AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT KIRCHSCHLAEGER:

FORMER AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT RUDOLF KIRCHSCHLAEGER YESTERDAY RECEIVED THE GOLD MEDAL FOR "DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE FOR HUMANITY" FROM B'NAI B'RITH IN VIENNA. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, MAY 14)

11. CZECH PAPER ACCUSES AUSTRIAN MEDIA OF DISINFORMATION ABOUT CSSR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS:

RESPONDING TO RECENT, WIDELY-PLAYED AUSTRIAN MEDIA REPORTS CRITICIZING LOW SAFETY STANDARDS AT CSSR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, A CZECH PAPER HAS ACCUSED AUSTRIAN MEDIA OF INTENTIONALLY MISINFORMING THE PUBLIC. THIS, IT SAID, WAS

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PART OF THE ANTI-CSSR PROPAGANDA SPREAD BY BOURGEOIS CIRCLES IN AUSTRIA. YESTERDAY A CSSR EXPERT TOLD AUSTRIAN JOURNALISTS IN VIENNA THAT REPORTS ABOUT THE SAFETY STANDARDS IN CSSR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS HAD BEEN COMPLETELY MISINTERPRETED IN AUSTRIA. (MOST PAPERS, E.G INDPENDENT KRONZENZEITUNG, ORF NEWS, MAY 13,14)

10. NEW AUSTRIAN AMB. TO BERN:

AMB. DR. FRANZ PARAK HAS BEEN ACCREDITED AS NEW AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR TO BERN. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, MAY 14). LAUDER

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