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SUBJECT: WALDHEIM CASE: AUSTRIAN STATEMENT CIRCULATED
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1. (U) AUSTRIAN MISSION TO THE UN HAS CIRCULATED THIRD PERSON NOTE TO UN MISSIONS CONTAINING TEXT OF AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT STATEMENT OF APRIL 28, 1987 (TEXT FOLLOWS IN PARA 3). STATEMENT EXPRESSES DISMAY AT US DECISION TO PLACE WALDHEIM ON VISA WATCH LIST, A DECISION IT DESCRIBES AS INEXPLICABLE AND INCOMPREHENSIBLE.

2. (LOU) ACCORDING TO AUSTRIAN MISOFF, AUSTRIAN MISSION CIRCULATED THE STATEMENT AND ALSO DELIVERED A COPY TO THE SYG ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

3. (U) BEGIN TEXT.

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THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS DISMAYED AT THE DECISION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO PLACE THE FEDERAL PRESIDENT DR. **KURT WALDHEIM** ON THE SO-CALLED 'WATCH LIST', THEREBY EXCLUDING HIM FROM ENTERING THE UNITED STATES AS A PRIVATE PERSON. THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE APPLIED IS INEXPLICABLE AND INCOMPREHENSIBLE TO THE AUSTRIAN PEOPLE AND TO THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE ALLEGATIONS KNOWN AGAINST DR. **KURT WALDHEIM** ARE UNPROVEN. THEY ARE THEREFORE REJECTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

IN VIEW OF THE TRADITIONALLY EXCELLENT AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND AUSTRIA, THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REGRETS THIS DECISION OF THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES.

IN THE OPINION OF THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IT IS ALL THE MORE ESSENTIAL THAT DECISIONS ON FURTHER MEASURES BE TAKEN ON THE BASIS OF COOL AND CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. THE AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES HAS ALREADY BEEN RECALLED FOR CONSULTATIONS. FURTHERMORE, THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WILL BE REQUESTED TO FULLY REVEAL THE BASIS OF ITS DECISION.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE ALL STEPS IT DEEMS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE HEAD OF STATE, THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC, AGAINST UNJUSTIFIED ALLEGATIONS. THIS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS AN OBLIGATION TO OUR COUNTRY.

END TEXT.

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ADMIN
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