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1. AUSTRIA REJECTS WATCH-LIST DECISION AND BARTESCH
EXPULSION IN VERBAL NOTES TO STATE DEPARTMENT:

AUSTRIAN MEDIA WIDELY REPORTED THAT THE CURRENT HEAD OF

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THE AUSTRIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY PRESENTED TWO "NOTES OF PROTEST" TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE WALDHEIM AND BARTESCH AFFAIRS: IN ONE VERBAL NOTE, VIENNA CALLED ON THE DOJ TO REVOKE ITS WATCH-LIST DECISION REGARDING **KURT WALDHEIM**; THE SECOND INFORMED THE U.S. THAT AUSTRIA NO LONGER CONSIDERED THE 1954 AGREEMENT REGARDING THE DEPORTATION OF UNWANTED FORMER U.S. CITIZENS TO AUSTRIA VALID. FM ALOIS MOCK SAID THAT NO REACTION TO THE NOTE ON THE PART OF THE U.S. COULD BE LEGALLY TAKEN AS A SIGN OF ACCEPTANCE. (ALL PAPERS, E.G. SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, JUNE 17, ORF NEWS, JUNE 16,17)

2. INTERIOR MINISTRY URGED TO PUT BARTESCH UNDER PRE-TRIAL ARREST:

FORMER CONCENTRATION CAMP INMATES AND RESISTANCE FIGHTERS HAVE CALLED ON INTERIOR MINISTER KARL BLECHA TO ISSUE A WARRANT FOR THE PRE-TRIAL DETENTION OF MARTIN BARTESCH. MEANWHILE, THE INTERIOR MINISTRY UNDERScoreD THAT BARTESCH DID NOT HAVE A VALID RESIDENCE PERMIT FOR AUSTRIA. INTERIOR MINISTER KARL BLECHA TOLD A DELEGATION OF COMMUNIST DEPUTIES DEMANDING THE ARREST OF BARTESCH THAT HE, TOO, BELIEVED BARTESCH SHOULD BE TRIED IN AUSTRIA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE RECALLED THAT THE LINZ PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE HAD STARTED PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS OF BARTESCH SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN AUSTRIA. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, ANTI-FASCIST ACTIVISTS, AMONG THEM WELL KNOWN PUBLIC FIGURES, HAVE STARTED A WEEK OF ROUND-THE-CLOCK VIGILS IN THE CENTER OF VIENNA TO WARN AGAINST "COVERING UP THE PAST" AND TO COMMEMORATE THOSE KILLED BY THE NAZI REGIME. (INDEPENDENT KURIER, COMMUNIST VOLKSSTIMME, JUNE 17)

3. TOP FM EXECUTIVE AND TRADE AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES DISMAYED OVER OVP FOREIGN POLICY EXPERT KHOL'S SUGGESTION OF TAKING PROVOCATIVE STAND IN TECH TRANSFER TALKS WITH U.S.:

LEADING AUSTRIAN TRADE AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES AS WELL AS FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY-GENERAL THOMAS KLESTIL HAVE EXPRESSED CONSTERNATION AT A RECENT STATEMENT BY OVP FOREIGN POLICY SPOKESMAN ANDREAS KHOL SUGGESTING THAT AUSTRIA TAKE A PROVOCATIVE STAND IN THE ONGOING AUSTRIAN-U.S. NEGOTIATIONS ON TECH TRANSFER. (KHOL HAD ADVOCATED THAT IN REACTION TO WASHINGTON'S RECENT ANTI-AUSTRIAN POLICIES AUSTRIA NO LONGER MAKE ANY CONCESSIONS TO THE U.S. SIDE IN THE COURSE OF THE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS). KLESTIL STRESSED THAT "FOREIGN POLICY SHOULD NOT BE GUIDED BY SHORTLIVED EMOTIONS, BUT BY FACTUAL AND SOBER CONSIDERATIONS". A COMMENTARY IN TODAY'S DIE PRESSE FOLLOWED UP WITH CRITICISM OF KHOL'S POSITION, DEPLORING THAT AUSTRIAN POLITICIANS TENDED TO GO FROM ONE EXTREME TO THE OTHER - FROM SERVILITY THROUGHOUT DECADES TO OBSTINACY. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, JUNE 17)

4. MEDIA FOCUS ON POLL REVEALING "SAGGING SYMPATHIES FOR U.S." AND IMAGE GAINS FOR GORBACHEV:

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FRONT-PAGE HEADLINES IN LEADING AUSTRIAN PAPERS TODAY POINTED OUT THAT 65 PERCENT OF (1,500) AUSTRIANS POLLED BETWEEN MARCH AND JUNE 1987 BELIEVE AUSTRIAN-U.S. RELATIONS HAVE CONSIDERABLY COOLED DOWN RECENTLY. ACCORDING TO THE POLL CONDUCTED BY THE LINZ-BASED IMAS INSTITUE, THE PERCENTAGE OF THOSE WHO HAVE "TURNED AWAY" FROM THE U.S. AS A RESULT OF RECENT AFFAIRS WAS UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 03 VIENNA 09037

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PARTICULARLY HIGH AMONG EDUCATED CIRCLES. AT THE SAME TIME THE POLL FOUND THAT A THIRD OF THOSE INTERVIEWED FELT AUSTRIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS HAVE IMPROVED SINCE GORBACHEV. EDITORIALS POINTED OUT THAT AUSTRIA'S DWINDLING SYMPATHIES FOR THE U.S. SHOULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED GIVEN THE RECENT ANTI-AUSTRIAN BEHAVIOR ON THE PART OF THE U.S. IN VIEW OF THE SIMULTANEOUS SHIFT TO PRO-SOVIET FEELINGS BY ONE THIRD OF THOSE QUESTIONED, BOTH AUSTRIAN AND U.S. POLITICIANS SHOULD FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE. (ALL PAPERS, E.G. INDEPENDENT KRONENZEITUNG, JUNE 17, ORF NEWS, JUNE 16)

5. WALDHEIM INVITATION TO VATICAN AND TO UGANDA:

PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM** WILL PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE POPE ON JUNE 25, AUSTRIAN RADIO REPORTED TODAY. FM MOCK, WHO WILL ACCOMPANY WALDHEIM, SAID THE INVITATION WAS AN "EXTRAORDINARY GESTURE BY THE POPE VIS-A-VIS WALDHEIM", AND A SIGN OF SPECIAL HIGH REGARD FOR WALDHEIM'S TERM AS UN SECRETARY-GENERAL. IN A SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT, THE NEW UGANDAN AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA, PEREZI KAMUNANWIRE, PRESENTING HIS LETTER OF ACCREDITATION TO PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM**, HAS INVITED THE AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO HIS COUNTRY. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, JUNE 17)

6. AUSTRIAN IMAGE AND "DRAKEN" INTERCEPTORS AT THE CENTER OF VRANITZKY VISIT TO SWEDEN:

CHANCELLOR FRANZ VRANITZKY WILL USE HIS OFFICIAL 4-DAY VISIT TO SWEDEN STARTING JUNE 20 TO CORRECT THE "RIFTS" IN AUSTRIA'S IMAGE IN SWEDEN FOLLOWING THE WALDHEIM AFFAIR, A NEWS REPORT SAID. ANOTHER KEY TOPIC WILL BE THE CONTROVERSIAL PURCHASE OF SWEDISH-BUILT "DRAKEN" INTERCEPTORS. VRANITZKY IS EXPECTED TO MEET WITH SWEDISH PM INGVAR CARLSSON AND SWEDISH PARTY LEADERS AND WILL BE RECEIVED BY KING CARL GUSTAF XVI ON JUNE 22. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, JUNE 17)

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7. UN PRAISE FOR AUSTRIA'S REFUGEE POLICY AND FOR FORMER UN HEAD WALDHEIM:

IN A JUNE 16 SPEECH TO THE AUSTRIAN UN LEAGUE IN VIENNA, UN SECRETARY-GENERAL JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR PRAISED THE WORK OF TWO AUSTRIAN UN OFFICIALS, UNWRA DIRECTOR KURT HERNDL AND UN HUMAN RIGHTS EXPERT FELIX ERMACORA. THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL FURTHER CALLED FOR MORE INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WITH AND SUPPORT OF THE UN. HE DENOUNCED CONTINUING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, ESPECIALLY IN SOUTH AFRICA. IN HIS INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT, FM MOCK UNDERLINED THAT AUSTRIA HAD ALWAYS TAKEN A POSITIVE STAND TOWARD THE ORGANIZATION. --AT A DINNER HOSTED BY PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM**, PEREZ DE CUELLAR SAID KURT WALDEIM'S 10-YEAR TERM AS UN SECRETARY-GENERAL HAD BEEN AN IMPORTANT AUSTRIAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORLD ORGANIZATION. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, ORF NEWS, JUNE 17)

8. UN REFUGEE HIGH COMMISSIONER HOCKE LAUDS AUSTRIA'S REFUGEE POLICY:

UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEE AFFAIRS JEAN-PIERRE HOCKE PRAISED AUSTRIA'S REFUGEE POLICIES DURING HIS OFFICIAL 2-DAY STAY IN VIENNA. HOCKE SUGGESTED THAT AUSTRIA PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN CONVINCING SOME EUROPEAN NATIONS WHICH HAVE TURNED TO A MORE RESTRICTIVE ASYLUM POLICY. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, JUNE 17)

9. AUSTRIA TO CONTRIBUTE AS 500,000 TO UN RELIEF PROGRAM FOR ETHIOPIA:

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IN THE CONTEXT OF THE UN'S RELIEF PROGRAM (UNDRO) FOR ETHIOPIA, THE GOA YESTERDAY EARMARKED AS 500,000 (USDOLS 42,000). (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, JUNE 17)

10. GROWING ANGER AMONG WORKERS FACING LAY-OFFS IN NATIONALIZED STEEL WORKS:

THE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE MANAGEMENT OF THE STATE-OWNED INDUSTRIES PREDICTING ADDITIONAL CONSIDERABLE LAY-OFFS IN THE NATIONALIZED "UNITED AUSTRIAN STEEL WORKS" (VEW) HAS LED TO VISIBLE TENSIONS AMONG EMPLOYEES AND THE MANAGEMENT. CHANCELLOR VRANITZKY ATTENDED A SHOP COUNCIL MEETING YESTERDAY TO EXPRESS GOA CONCERN OVER THE DISMAL SITUATION OF THE WORKERS. LATER, THE HEAD OF THE NATIONAL

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HOLDING COMPANY OIAG, HUGO SEKYRA, TOLD VEW SHOP STEWARDS THAT THE PREDICTED WORKFORCE REDUCTION OF 1,600 MIGHT NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO GET THE COMPANY OUT OF THE RED. (MOST PAPERS, E.G. SOCIALIST AZ, JUNE 17, ORF NEWS, JUNE 16).

10. AUSTRIA AND POLAND SIGN CULTURAL AGREEMENT:

ACCORDING TO A NEWS REPORT, AUSTRIA AND POLAND SIGNED A CULTURAL AGREEMENT ON JUNE 11. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, JUNE 17). BLOCH

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