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TEXT

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SUBJECT: RESPONDING TO CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING KURT

WALDHEIM

- 1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. THE EMBASSY IN CONTINUING TO RECEIVE NUMEROUS INQUIRIES FROM THE GERMAN PUBLIC AND RANKING GERMAN FIGURES CONCERNING THE U.S. DECISION TO PLACE KURT WALDHEIM ON THE "WATCH LIST". IN RESPONDING TO THESE INQUIRIES, IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO DRAW UPON THE DEPARTMENT'S AND EMBASSY VIENNA'S RESPONSES TO SIMILAR REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR A JUSTIFICATION OF OUR DECISION IN THE WALDHEIM CASE. THIS WOULD INCLUDE THE SPECIFIC LEGAL GROUNDS FOR OUR ACTION AND EVIDENCE OF WALDHEIM'S ACTIVITIES WHICH CAN BE CITED.
- 3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING LATEST TEXTS/GUIDANCE ON WALDHEIM CASE TO RESPOND TO GERMAN PUBLIC INQUIRES.

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