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TEXT

SUBJECT: MEDIAREACT: KURT WALDHEIM

- 1. "DET FRI AKTUELT'S" (LABOR-ORIENTED) EDITORIAL TODAY COMMENTS ON WALDHEIM'S VISIT TO THE VATICAN AND ON THE IVESTIGATIONS INTO HIS PAST. THE EDITORIAL IMPLIES A DOUBLE STANDARD ON THE PART OF THE U.S. IN ITS APPROACH TO WALDHEIM. EXCERPTS FOLLOW.
- 2. "WALDHEIM MUST HAVE FELT ODD WHEN HE CAME TO THE VATICAN YESTERDAY. HERE WAS A MAN WHO AS U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL RECEIVED A GREAT NUMBER OF HEADS OF STATE...BUT WHEN HE BECAME PRESIDENT...IT WAS ONLY THE POPE, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WORLD'S SMALLEST STATE, WHO WISHED TO.RECEIVE HIM....
- 3. "WHAT DO WE KNOW OF KURT WALDHEIM'S ACTIVITIES AS A YOUNG MAN? NOT TOO MUCH THAT HAS BEEN 100 PERCENT PROVEN. BUT IT WAS OBVIOUSLY DETRIMENTAL TO HIS CAUSE THAT HIS OWN MEMOIRS CONTAINED SUPPRESSION AND DISTORTION OF FACTS. THAT ALWAYS SHARPENS THE APPETITE

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IN THE REST OF THE WORLD FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

- 4. "THESE INVESTIGATIONS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT, BUT, AS WE WROTE THE OTHER DAY, THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT HAS SENT A RESISTANCE VETERAN, DR. FRITZ MOLDEN, TO DENMARK AND OTHER COUNTRIES TO EXPLAIN THAT THE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST WALDHEIM OF WAR CRIMES ARE UNFOUNDED. HE ALSO SAID THAT A COMMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL HISTORIANS WOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO DETERMINE WHETHER WALDHEIM...HAD ACTUALLY BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEPORTATION OF YUGOSLAVIAN AND GREEK JEWS TO THE GAS CHAMBERS....
- 5. "IT IS IMPORTANT TO ESTABLISH THAT A PERSON MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ACTIVITIES DURING THE NAZI REGIME WHICH TODAY MAKE THAT PERSON TOTALLY UNFIT TO REPRESENT HIS COUNTRY. BUT IT IS ALWAYS IMPORTANT TO REALIZE THAT MUCH HYPOCRISY IS INVOLVED IN THESE CASES. FOR EXAMPLE, THE U.S.A. WHICH NOW WON'T RECEIVE WALDHEIM, USED KLAUS BARBIE FOR INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES AFTER WWII...."

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