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LEAD: RAYMOND BARRE'S TELEVISED INTERVIEW LAST NIGHT

(A) STORIES COVERED IN REPORT:

1. WALDHEIM-JOHN PAUL II MEETING
2. IRAN-CONTRA HEARINGS
3. SHIMON PERES' VISIT TO PARIS AND PROSPECTS FOR MIDEAST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
4. ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF CLOSING OF NICARAGUA "LA PRENSA"
5. RAYMOND BARRE'S TELEVISED INTERVIEW LAST NIGHT ON ANTENNE-2

(B) SUMMARY OF TYPE OF COVERAGE:

1. JOHN-PAUL II'S MEETING WITH WALDHEIM GETS FRONT-PAGE HEADLINES AND PHOTOGRAPHS IN LE MATIN AND QUOTIDIEN. EDITORIALS HEADLINE SPLIT WITH JEWISH COMMUNITY.
2. LE MATIN AND LIBERATION EXPECT COLONEL NORTH'S HEARINGS TO REVIVE INTEREST IN CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS AND THAT IT WILL INDICATE HOW MUCH THE PRESIDENT KNEW ABOUT THE AFFAIR. LE PARISIEN QUOTES REVELATIONS IN WEEKLY "WASHINGTONIAN" THAT NORTH'S HEARINGS MIGHT BRING SOME LIGHT ON ASSASSINATION OF BUSINESSMAN GLENN SOUHAM IN PARIS LAST SEPTEMBER.
3. LES ECHOS AND FIGARO SAYS SHIMON PERES CAME TO PARIS TO BOOST SUPPORT TO AN INTERANTIONAL CONFERENCE.
4. QUOTIDIEN REPORTS SITUATION IN NICARAGUA ONE YEAR AFTER CLOSING OF DAILY "LA PRENSA."
5. RAYMOND BARRE'S INTERVIEW IS MAIN TOPIC AND EDITORIAL ISSUE TODAY. COMMENTATORS DESCRIBE HIM AS "CONSISTENT" AND "UNCOMPROMISING."

(C) HEADLINES:

1. POPE JOHN-PAUL II AND **KURT WALDHEIM**:
"MR. WALDHEIM TO THE VATICAN" (LES ECHOS)
"WALDHEIM: THE SMALL PARDON" (QUOTIDIEN)
"THE 35 MINUTES WHICH SHOCKED THE WORLD" (LE MATIN)
2. IRAN-CONTRA HEARINGS:
"GLENN SOUHAM HAD TRICKED THE SOVIETS" (PARISIEN)
"NORTH AGREES TO ANSWER QUESTIONS OF CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE" (LIBERATION)
"IRANGATE: NORTH AGREE TO TESTIFY" (LE MATIN)
3. SHIMON PERES' VISIT TO PARIS:
"MIDEAST PEACE CONFERENCE" (LES ECHOS)
4. ANNIVERSARY OF CLOSING OF LA PRENSA IN NICARAGUA:
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"NICARAGUA: IT'S FREEDOM WHICH IS BEEN ASSASSINATED"
(QUOTIDIEN)

(D) SUPPORTING TEXT:

1. WALDHEIM-JOHN PAUL II:

ECONOMIC LES ECHOS EDITORIAL: "IN THIS AFFAIR WHICH IS REMINDFUL OF A PAINFUL PAST TO MANY JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN PEOPLE, IT'S NOT WALDHEIM'S CONSCIENCE WHICH IS A PROBLEM, BUT THE POPE'S DECISION TO WELCOME SO RAPIDLY SUCH A CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE. DESPITE THE VATICAN'S UNOFFICIAL CLAIM THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT REFUSAL TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON WALDHEIM'S EVENTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE DEPORTATION OF JEWISH PEOPLE, IT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN A BETTER IDEA TO POSTPONE THE VISIT."

PROVINCIAL PAPERS:

L'ALSACE FROM STRASBOURG BY FRANCOIS BECET: "EVEN THOUGH THE VISIT WAS VERY PROTOCOLAR THE MERE FACT THAT HE WAS RECEIVED AT THE VATICAN IS A VICTORY FOR THE AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT."

EST REPUBLICAIN (NANCY) BY REPORTER JEAN-PIERRE ZEHNDER: "THE LANDSLIDE PROVOKED BY THE RECEPTION OF WALDHEIM RAISES AGAIN THE QUESTION OF THE COMPATIBILITY OF THE ROLE OF THE POPE AND OF CHIEF OF STATE IN WORLD AFFAIRS."

NORD-ECLAIR (LILLE) WITH COMMENTATOR JULES CALUWAERT: DECIDEDLY, THIS POPE IS DISTURBING. HE DOES NOT TRY TO PLEASE AND DOES NOT FEAR TO SHOCK. HE RECALLS TO ALL THE POWERFUL PEOPLE IN THE WORLD, WHATEVER THE PLACE, THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE REGIME, HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMAN DIGNITY."

2. IRAN-CONTRA HEARDINGS:

PRO-SOCIALIST LE MATIN ON PAGE 10 BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT PASCAL AUDIGIER: "CONGRESSMEN ARE REASSURED....TEN DAYS OF NEGOTIATIONS WERE NECESSARY FOR COLONEL NORTH TO AGREE TO ANSWER A LIMITED SERIES OF QUESTIONS...SOME PEOPLE WERE NOT PLEASE BY THESE NEGOTIATIONS. SOME CONGRESSMEN ARE INDIGNANT TO SEE CONGRESS YIELD BEFORE A WITNESS WHICH NOW APPEARS AS A CULPRIT....BUT A MAJORITY OF CONGRESSMEN ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY TO PROCEED. NORTH HAD MOST OF THE TRUMPS IN HIS HAND...UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, HE SET HIS PRICE AND DRAGGED HIS FEET AND THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEES WERE FORCED TO SURRENDER."

LEFT-OF-CENTER LIBERATION ON PAGE 16 BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, FRANCOIS SERGENT: "AFTER A WEEK OF A TEST OF STRENGTH DURING WHICH NORTH, THE KEY FIGURE IN THE AFFAIR, THREATENED TO REMAIN SILENT, THE TWO SIDES AGREED ON A PRIVATE TESTIMONY....NO OFFICIAL EXPLANATION WAS PROVIDED TO THE JUDICIAL ARGUMENTS PUT UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 05 PARIS 30908

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FORWARD. IT SEEMS THAT THE COLONEL WAS TRYING HARD TO PROTECT THE PRESIDENT AND PERHAPS ALSO TO SOME EXTENT TO SAVE HIS OWN SKIN...POINDEXTER AND NORTH, MAINLY NORTH, KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THE PRESIDENT KNEW. THEY ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN CONTRADICT REAGAN WHO AGAIN DENIED LAST WEEK THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THE DIVERSION OF FUNDS...NORTH'S TESTIMONY WILL LIKELY REVIVE THE INTEREST FOR THE HEARINGS...WE JUST LEARN THAT NORTH HAD ACCEPTED THE PRESENT OF A HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED SYSTEM OF PROTECTION FOR HIS HOME...HIS HONOR IS NOT YET LOST BUT THE EPISODE IS TAKING PLACE AFTER THE STORY OF THE 2,000 DOLLARS DIVERTED APPARENTLY FOR HIS OWN USE AND THE VALUE OF HIS TESTIMONY MIGHT BE CONTESTED. FOR THE WASHINGTON POST, IF THE LOYAL COLONEL HAPPENED TO CONTRADICT HIS PRESIDENT, WHAT WOULD BE THE VALUE OF HIS WORD AGAINST THAT OF REAGAN?" POPULAR PARISIEN ON PAGE 8: "NEWS ON THE ASSASSINATION OF GLENN SOUHAM WILL PERHAPS COME FROM THE UNITED STATES. WHILE THE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THE FBI AND THE FRENCH POLICE SEEMS TO BE MARKING TIME, OTHER REVELATIONS MADE ON THE OCCASION OF THE IRANGATE SCANDAL COULD BRING SOME LIGHT ON THE AFFAIR. FIRST, ON THE PERSONALITY AND THE NUMEROUS ACTIVITIES OF GLENN SOUHAM. ACCORDING TO U.S. MONTHLY "THE WASHINGTONIAN," THE MYSTERIOUS LEADER OF A SECURITY COMPANY HAD OCCUPIED A POSITION IN THE SECRET NETWORKS SUPPORTING THE CONTRAS. NOW THE AFFAIR IS GOING THROUGH NEW DEVELOPMENTS. ACCORDING TO THE U.S. MONTHLY, GLENN SOUHAM REPROTEDLY PARTICIPATED IN THE HIJACKING IN POLAND OF A TRAIN CARRYING SOVIET ARMS WHICH WAS REROUTED TO HONDURAS, NEAR NICARAGUA. THIS EXTRAORDINARY OPERATION WAS REPORTEDLY PREPARED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF LIEUTENANT-COLONEL NORTH....A POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE "CENTURY" COMPANY IN AID TO THE CONTRAS HAD ALREADY BEEN MENTIONED IN THE U.S. PRESS...WE KNOW THAT GLENN SOUHAM OFTEN WENT TO PARAGUAY, TO SOUTH AMERICA AND THAT, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE INVESTIGATION ON HIS ASSASSINATION, THE FRENCH POLICE HAD HEARD THE DEPOSITION OF TWO AMERICAN CITIZENS AND AMONG THEM MICHAEL CASTINE, A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, LIKE NORTH. THE LATTER COULD IN FACT BRING SOME LIGHT ON THE FUNCTIONING OF THE IRANGATE AND ON A POSSIBLE ROLE OF GLENN SOUHAM. FOR THE FIRST TIME, ON JULY 1, HE WILL BE HEARD BY A CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE."

3. ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF CLOSING OF NICARAGUA "LA PRENSA": "IT'S NOW ONE YEAR THAT THE SANDINIST REGIME ENDED THE PUBLICATION OF THE DAILY 'LA PRENSA,' WHICH

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WAS ONE OF THE LAST REPRESENTATIONS OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN THE COUNTRY. ON JUNE 26, 1986, LA PRENSA WAS SENTENCED TO SILENCE...AT THE SAME TIME, THE REGIME BANNED 'RADIO CATOLICA' AND ENDED ALL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH WERE TAKING A DISTANCE FROM THE OFFICIAL POLICY AND THE PROPAGANDA OF THE REGIME. WITH NEWSPAPERS AT ITS HEEL, LIKE BARRICADA OR DIARIO NUEVO, THE PARTY NOW HAS ITS OWN PRESS. KIDNAPPINGS, JAILINGS, TORTURE, POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS, HUNGER, UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 05 PARIS 30908

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CIVILIAN WAR, REPRESSION AGAINST TRADE UNIONS, SPECIAL COURTS, MILITARIZATIONS, MARXIST DICTATORSHIP, HERE IS NICARAGUA AS IT IS AND AS IT CAN CONTINUE SINCE NO VOICE CAN BE HEARD TO DENOUNCE THE HEIRS OF SOMOZA, THE SANDINISTS. IN ASSASSINATING THE PRENSA, THEY DESTROYED FREEDOM."

4. SHIMON PERES' VISIT TO PARIS:

ECONOMIC LES ECHOS ON BACK PAGE: "WHILE SHIMON PERES WAS CONTINUING HIS CONVERSATIONS IN PARIS WITH THE PURPOSE OF ACCELERATING THE CONVENING OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, DECLARATIONS IN FAVOR OF SUCH A CONFERENCE ARE INCREASING. FOR THE U.S. AMBASSADOR IN ISRAEL, THIS IDEA IS THE 'ONLY ONE PROGRESSING' AND THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT 'MUST DISPLAY UNITY.' IN ADDITION, ABA EBAN, PRESIDENT OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AT THE KNESSET ASKED THE AMERICANS TO SUPPORT THE PARTICIPATION OF MOSCOW TO A PEACE CONFERENCE." CONSERVATIVE FIGARO BY FOREIGN EDITOR CHARLES LAMBROSCHINI: "FRANCO-ISRAELI RELATIONS ARE GOOD AND THE VISIT OF SHIMON PERES IS A CONFIRMATION OF THE IMPROVEMENT. BUT FRANCE IS NO LONGER SHOWING THE WAY. ALL THE GOVERNMENTS ARE NOW HOLDING A SIMILAR LANGUAGE. EXCEPT PERHAPS FOR WASHINGTON WHICH IS BARELY SUPPORTING THE IDEA OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE."

5. RAYMOND BARRE'S TELEVISED INTERVIEW LAST NIGHT:

CONSERVATIVE FIGARO BY REPORTER STEPHANE DENIS: "IN ONE HOUR, IN A SIMPLE AND CONCISE LANGUAGE, BARRE PRESENTED HIMSELF AS A LEGITIMATE CANDIDATE."

PRO-SOCIALIST LE MATIN BY REPORTER CATHERINE DEMANGEAT: "FROM ONE INTERVIEW TO THE OTHER, RAYMOND BARRE DOES

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NOT CHANGE...HE MADE NO REVELATIONS."

RIGHT-OF-CENTER QUOTIDIEN DE PARIS BY REPORTER PAUL GUILBERT: "BARRE CLEARLY WANTS TO MAKE A BREAKTHROUGH BETWEEN A 'DODGER' (MITERRAND) AND A MAN 'HE FEELS SORRY FOR'." (CHIRAC)."

POPULAR PARISIEN BY REPORTER GERARD BADEL: "MR. BARRE REMAINS LOYAL TO HIS IMAGE. HE RESPECTS THE POLITICAL PARTIES BUT MAINTAINS HIS DISTANCE WITH THEIR AGITATION."

LE MERIDIONAL (MARSEILLES) BY REPORTER LAURENT GILARDINO: "PROFESSOR BARRE IS LOYAL TO HIMSELF. MORE INTERESTED IN BEING CONCISE AND PRECISE THAN IN BEING FRIENDLY. CONCERNED TO AVOID ANYTHING WHICH COULD FLATTER. THIS IS HOW HE SHOWS HIS RESPECT FOR HIS COMPATRIOTS."

EST-ECLAIR (NANCY) BY COMMENTATOR BERNARD ELUY: "IN HIS REMARKS, HE DISPLAYED INDISPUTABLE COHERENCE AND THE PERMANENCE OF A PLAN."

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FRONT-PAGE REPORTS: WP FROM SEOUL: "SOUTH KOREA POLICE PLEDGE TO USE FORCE TO BREAK UP RALLIES;" NYT FROM ROME: "POPE PRAISES WALDHEIM AS MAN OF PEACE;" NYT FROM WASHINGTON: "U.S. TURNING CORNER ON TRADE DEFICIT;" NYT FROM MOSCOW: "ULTRA-RADICAL CHIC: ATTACKING TH SOVIET ECONOMY;" NYT FROM LONDON: "IN LONDON, THE BUCKINGHAM FOLLIES;" NYT FROM LOS ANGELES: "'007' GOES MONOGAMOUS AS CINEMA BOWS TO AIDS."

EDITPAGE: WP: "CHUN MUST CONCEDE MORE;" NYT: "THE PENTAGON CRIME WAVE."

COLUMNS: WILLIAMS: "NOT ONLY JEWS SHOULD BE UPSET BY THE POPE'S INVITATION;" STERN: 'SENATE BILL'S 'PROTECTION' IS NOT IN NATION'S INTEREST;" LAINGEN: "U.S. MUST LOOK PAST KHOMEINI;" HOOD: "THE PIECES ARE IN PLACE FOR ENDING THE CAMBODIAN CHECKMATE."

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