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1. CONFIDENTIAL-ENTIRE TEXT.

2. MODERATE CONSERVATIVE ALOIS MOCK WAS THE OVP CANDIDATE FOR CHANCELLOR IN THE NOVEMBER 23, 1986 ELECTIONS. HIS PUBLIC APPEARANCES DURING THE CAMPAIGN WERE LACKLUSTER, AND HIS PARTY REMAINED A DISAPPOINTING SECOND PLACE FINISHER IN THE ELECTION. MOCK BECAME VICE-CHANCELLOR AND FOREIGN MINISTER IN JANUARY 1987, LEADING THE OVP INTO A GRAND COALITION WITH THE SOCIALISTS.

3. MOCK PROMOTES NEUTRALITY BUT INSISTS THAT AUSTRIAN SECURITY BE TIED TO THE WEST. HE SEES HIMSELF AS A STAUNCH FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES AND HAS SUPPORTED U.S. CALLS FOR TIGHTER TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER CONTROLS. HE HAS ALSO PUSHED TO MAKE AUSTRIAN AID TO NICARAGUA CONTINGENT ON THE FULL RESTORATION OF FREEDOM OF THE PRESS BY THE SANDINISTA REGIME. HE HAS NOT, HOWEVER,

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BEEN HESITANT TO CRITICIZE U.S. POLICY IN SUCH MATTERS AS THE APRIL 1986 BOMBING OF LIBYA AND THE DECISION TO PLACE PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM** ON THE "WATCH LIST" FOR HIS COMPLICITY IN NAZI PERSECUTION. MOCK, IN FACT, HAS BEEN OUTSPOKENLY CRITICAL OF THE U.S. DECISION ON WALDHEIM.

4. MOCK CURRENTLY HEADS ONE INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATIVE ORGANIZATION--THE EUROPEAN DEMOCRAT UNION (SINCE 1979)-- AND HAS JUST RESIGNED FROM THE PRESIDENCY OF ANOTHER, THE INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRAT UNION (1983-87). U.S. OFFICIALS IN VIENNA CREDIT HIM FOR MUCH OF THE COHESIVENESS AND DEVELOPMENT OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS, CITING HIS ABILITY TO BRING TOGETHER DIVERSE PEOPLE AND GROUPS. ALTHOUGH HE DENIES USING THE IDU AS A CONSERVATIVE COUNTERWEIGHT TO THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL, HE HAS PROMOTED IDU POLICY AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THAT OF LEFTIST GROUPS.

5. DOMESTICALLY, MOCK FAVORS THE REDUCTION OF THE BUDGET DEFICIT, IN PART THROUGH THE EXTENSIVE PRIVATIZATION OF NEAR BANKRUPT NATIONALIZED INDUSTRIES. HE ALSO WANTS TO ENCOURAGE A GREATER ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT BY REDUCING TAX RATES AND ABOLISHING CERTAIN TAX DEDUCTIONS. HE SUPPORTS THE REDUCTION OF "AUSTRIA'S OVERSIZED BUREAUCRACY" THROUGH ATTRITION.

6. MOCK RECEIVED A DOCTORATE IN LAW FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA IN 1957. HE SUBSEQUENTLY STUDIED AT THE BOLOGNA CENTER OF THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY DURING 1957-58 AND AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BRUSSELS IN 1960. FROM 1962 UNTIL 1966 HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE AUSTRIAN DELEGATION TO THE ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN PARIS. RETURNING TO VIENNA, HE SERVED AS CHEF DE CABINET IN THE FEDERAL CHANCELLERY DURING 1966-69. HE WAS THEN MINISTER OF EDUCATION FOR A YEAR, IN THE OVP GOVERNMENT THAT WAS LATER DEFEATED IN THE MARCH 1970 ELECTION. MOCK HIMSELF GAINED A SEAT IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THAT ELECTION.

7. MOCK, 52, IS PERSONABLE AND PRACTICAL, SAY U.S. DIPLOMATS. HE SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH, FRENCH, AND ITALIAN. HE ENJOYS READING, HIKING, AND SKIING. HE HAS VISITED THE UNITED STATES SEVERAL TIMES. HE IS MARRIED TO EDITH PARTIK, A HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER (HER ENGLISH IS EXCELLENT). THEY HAVE NO CHILDREN.
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