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1. MFA PRESENTS "WHITE BOOK" WHICH "LARGELY" CONFIRMS
WALDHEIM'S STATEMENTS ON HIS WARTIME YEARS:

A FIRST EDITION OF PRESIDENT KURT WALDHEIM'S "WHITE BOOK"
ON HIS WARTIME PAST HAS NOW BEEN MADE AVAILABLE BY THE MFA
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MEDIA HEADLINED TODAY. PRESS REPORTS SAID THE 500-PAGE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DOCUMENT "LARGELY" CONFIRMS PRESIDENT WALDHEIM'S STATEMENTS REGARDING HIS WARTIME YEARS AND STRESSES THAT CHARGES AGAINST HIM WERE "PART OF A CAREFULLY PLANNED CAMPAIGN". ACCORDING TO ITS AUTHORS (FORMER FM KARL GRUBER, AMB. FERDINAND TRAUTTMANSDORFF, SENIOR FM OFFICIAL RALPH SCHEIDE), THE ONLY "INCONSISTENCIES" CONCERN WALDHEIM'S STATEMENTS ON THE DURATION OF HIS STAY IN WESTERN BOSNIA AND "FALSE INTERPRETATIONS" OF PASSAGES TAKEN FROM HIS BIOGRAPHY ("IN THE EYE OF THE STORM"). INCLUDED IS A STATEMENT BY THE LATE ATTORNEY GENERAL KARL MARSCHALL, A POST-WW II NAZI WAR CRIMINAL HUNTER, WHO PRESENTED EVIDENCE THAT "WALDHEIM WAS NEVER A MEMBER OF ANY NAZI ORGANIZATION". MARSCHALL STATED THAT HE "HIGHLY DOUBTED" THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE "WEHRSTAMMKARTE", A DOCUMENT ON WHICH ALLEGATIONS OF WALDHEIM'S MEMBERSHIP IN A SA CAVALRY UNIT AND A NAZI STUDENT HORSE RIDING CLUB WERE BASED. ACCORDING TO A REPORT, SPO OPPOSITION VETOED WALDHEIM'S REQUEST THAT THE CHANCELLERY OR THE MFA PUBLISH THE WHITE BOOK. APPARENTLY, A VIENNA PUBLISHING HOUSE WILL PRINT THE BOOK NOW, LISTING ITS AUTHORS AS PUBLISHERS. (ORF NEWS, INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, WEEKLY WOCHENPRESSE, AUG 14)

2. U.S. JOURNALIST DENIES HAVING BEEN OFFERED DOCUMENTS ON WALDHEIM:

THE SOCIALIST DAILY "AZ" TODAY HIGHLIGHTED THAT U.S. JOURNALIST JAMES DORSEY HAS NOW CONTRADICTED REPORTS WHICH QUOTED HIM AS SAYING HE WAS OFFERED DOCUMENTS ON WALDHEIM'S WARTIME PAST BY FORMER SINOWATZ AIDE HANS PUSCH IN 1985. ALLEGATIONS THAT PUSCH OFFERED SUCH "DEFAMATORY" MATERIAL TO THE THEN UPI JOURNALIST HAVE LED TO CHARGES THAT "CIRCLES AROUND" SINOWATZ HAD TRIGGERED THE ANTI-WALDHEIM CAMPAIGN FROM AUSTRIAN SOIL. (SOCIALIST AZ, AUG 14)

3. FPO LEADER HAIDER CALLS FOR END TO COALITION:

IN A TELEVISED INTERVIEW LAST NIGHT, FPO LEADER JOERG HAIDER CALLED FOR THE RESIGNATION OF THE SPO/OVP COALITION SAYING IT HAD ACCOMPLISHED ABSOLUTELY NOTHING SO FAR. ON THE UPCOMING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE "ANSCHLUSS" HAIDER SAID HIS PARTY WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE EVENTS BY SETTING UP AN FPO EXPERTS COMMISSION WHICH WOULD "ESTABLISH TRUTH" (IN THE MATTER). HAIDER CRITICIZED OVP CHAIRMAN AND FM ALOIS MOCK FOR SAYING THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENTS OF THE 1930S HAD HELD OFF THE "ANSCHLUSS" AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. IN HAIDER'S VIEW, IT WAS PRECISELY THOSE ANTI-DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS WHICH LED TO THE "ANSCHLUSS". HAIDER NOTED THAT IT MUST BE RECOGNIZED THAT "THERE HAD BEEN BROAD SUPPORT FOR THE 'ANSCHLUSS' AMONG AUSTRIANS". (ORF NEWS, AUG 13, INDEPENDENT PROVINCIAL OBEROESTERREICHISCHE NACHRICHTEN, AUG 14)

5. CSSR CITIZEN FLEES TO AUSTRIA:

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IN HIS THIRD EFFORT TO ESCAPE FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA, 40-YEAR OLD CSSR CITIZEN KAREL SLEZAK ARRIVED IN VIENNA YESTERDAY, HIDING IN A TOILET CLOSET OF A PRAGUE-VIENNA TRAIN. (INDEPENDENT KRONENZEITUNG, AUG 14)

6. AUSTRIAN RELIEF PROJECTS IN EL SALVADOR "A SUCCESS":

RETURNING FROM A FIVE-DAY TRIP TO EL SALVADOR, VIENNA UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 VIENNA 11685

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POLITICIAN MARIA RAUCH-KALLART REPORTED THAT AUSTRIAN DEVELOPMENT AID PROJECTS IN EL SALVADOR ARE BEING CARRIED OUT SUCCESSFULLY SO FAR. THE PARTLY OVP-FUNDED RELIEF PROJECTS ARE CHANNELLED THROUGH THE CHURCH AND THE SALVADORIAN CHRISTIAN UNION AND NOT VIA THE GOVERNMENT, THE POLITICIAN SAID. IN THIS CONTEXT, RAUCH-KALLART MENTIONED PLANS TO PROVIDE SALVADORIANS WITH STUDY OPPORTUNITIES IN AUSTRIA. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, AUG 14)

7. CRISIS IN NATIONALIZED INDUSTRY FORCES ANOTHER 3,000 LAYOFFS:

ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS, 3,000 WORKERS IN THE NATIONALIZED INDUSTRIES WILL BE LAID OFF BY THE END OF 1987 TO STEM MOUNTING LOSSES. THE NATIONALIZED STEEL PRODUCER VOEST WILL HAVE TO REDUCE ITS WORKFORCE FURTHER BY 2,000, THE SPECIALTY STEEL WORKS AT VEW PLANS TO LAY OFF 350 WORKERS. WORKFORCE CUTS IN THE "CHEMIE LINZ" ARE EXPECTED TO AFFECT 500 EMPLOYEES. (INDEPENDENT KRONENZEITUNG, AUG 14)

8. MOSCOW CONTINUES RESTRICTIVE POLICY VIS-A-VIS EMIGRATION APPLICANTS, SOVIET EMIGRANTS IN VIENNA REPORT:

ALTHOUGH SOVIET CHIEF DELEGATE TO THE VIENNA CSCE MEETING YURI KASHLEV RECENTLY "PROUDLY" PRESENTED EMIGRATION FIGURES FOR 1987 WHICH REACHED AN UNPRECEDENTED 9,000, SOVIET EMIGRANTS ARRIVING IN VIENNA REPORT THE "TRAGIC LOT" OF SOVIET FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YEARS FOR PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE, AN ARTICLE POINTED OUT. SOVIET AUTHORITIES CONTINUE TO QUOTE LEGISLATION REFERRING TO "KNOWLEDGE OF STATE SECRETS" AND "OPPOSITION TO EMIGRATION ON THE PART OF RELATIVES" AS PRIME OBSTACLES TO BEING GRANTED EXIT VISAS, THE REPORT NOTED. IN RESPONSE, THE U.S. CSCE DELEGATION HAS INTRODUCED A PROPOSAL CALLING ON SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO

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IGNORE THE PASSAGE REFERRING TO THE APPLICANT AS A
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