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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN PRESS SUMMARY NO.165/87, FOR 09/08/87

1. ANSCHLUSS ANNIVERSARY COMMISSION MEETING:

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THE GOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION ON "ANSCHLUSS" ANNIVERSARY EVENTS, WHICH INCLUDES THE CHANCELLOR, THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, AND OTHER LEADING GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES, MET FOR THE FIRST TIME ON SEPT 4. THE PANEL SUGGESTED THAT ON MARCH 11, 1988 THE CABINET AND BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT SHOULD HOLD SPECIAL SESSIONS. PRESIDENT WALDHEIM IS EXPECTED TO ADDRESS THE MEETING OF PARLIAMENT. OTHER EVENTS WILL REPORTEDLY INVOLVE SCHOOLS, THE ARMED FORCES, AND AUSTRIAN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ABROAD. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, ET AL., SEPT. 5)

2. ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE FOR IRAN ARMS DEAL:

FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE VOEST SUBSIDIARY "NORICUM" PETER UNTERWEGER WAS ARRESTED OVER THE WEEKEND IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ROLE IN A 1985 ILLEGAL ARMS DEAL BETWEEN "NORICUM" AND IRAN. FOLLOWING A SEARCH OF THE "NORICUM" OFFICES, THE LINZ PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE ORDERED THAT UNTERWEGER BE DETAINED PENDING INVESTIGATION. IN THE COURSE OF THE SEARCH, THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE HAD REPORTEDLY DISCOVERED CABLE TRAFFIC BETWEEN "NORICUM" AND IRAN. (ALL PAPERS, SEPT. 7 AND 8)

3. U.S. ARCHIVES REVEAL NEW CHARGES AGAINST WALDHEIM, WJC CLAIMS:

ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT BY WJC PRESIDENT ELAN STEINBERG, U.S. NATIONAL ARCHIVES DOCUMENTS HAVE REVEALED "NEW CHARGES" AGAINST AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM**. ACCORDING TO STEINBERG'S STATEMENT AT A EUROPEAN JEWISH CONGRESS MEETING IN ATHENS, THE DOCUMENTS SHOWED WALDHEIM HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ARREST AND DEPORTATION OF GREEK CIVILIANS AND FOR REPRISALS AGAINST GREEK PARTISANS DURING WW II. THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE SAID THE "NEW CHARGES" WERE AS FABRICATED AS THE OLD ONES. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, SEPT 8)

4. AUSTRIAN HISTORIANS DEMAND FASTER ACCESS TO ARCHIVE MATERIAL:

AT A MEETING OF AUSTRIAN HISTORIANS OF CONTEMPORARY HISTORY, RESEARCHERS CALLED ON AUTHORITIES TO CONFORM TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF ACCESS TO CONTEMPORARY ARCHIVE MATERIAL BY REDUCING THE CURRENT 50-YEAR PERIOD DURING WHICH DOCUMENTS ARE SEALED TO 30 YEARS. ACCORDING TO HISTORIANS, SUCH A MOVE WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO AUSTRIA'S EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH ITS RECENT PAST. (MOST PAPERS, E.G. INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, SEPT 8, ORF NEWS, SEPT 7)

5. 1988 BUDGET TALKS TO CONTINUE TODAY:

AT A MEETING YESTERDAY, THE COALITION COORDINATING COMMITTEE ACHIEVED FAR-REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE 1988 BUDGET. ACCORDING TO FINANCE MINISTER FERDINAND LACINA, TALKS WILL CONTINUE ON REMAINING MINOR ISSUES. THE GOA HAS REPORTEDLY DECIDED ON A SIX-MONTH POSTPONEMENT OF THE ANNUAL PENSION COLA AND A LOW - POSSIBLY BELOW THE

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INFLATION RATE - PAY HIKE FOR CIVIL SERVANTS. (ALL PAPERS, E.G. IND. DIE PRESSE, SEPT. 8)

6. METAL WORKERS UNION DEMAND 2.5 PERCENT WAGE INCREASE AT START OF FALL WAGE ROUNDS:

AUSTRIA'S 200,000 STRONG METAL WORKERS UNION YESTERDAY UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 VIENNA 12659

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PRESENTED ITS DEMANDS FOR THIS YEAR'S WAGE INCREASES BY CALLING FOR A 2.5 PERCENT INCREASE IN REAL WAGES AND A 4.5 PERCENT RAISE FOR MINIMUM WAGE EARNERS. NEGOTIATIONS START ON SEPTEMBER 29. (ALL PAPERS, E.G. INDEPENDENT KURIER, INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, SEPT 7,8)

7. BELGIAN INTERIOR MINISTER MICHELS IN AUSTRIA FOR SECURITY TALKS:

BELGIAN INTERIOR MINISTER JOSEPH MICHELS ARRIVED IN AUSTRIA ON SEPTEMBER 6 FOR AN OFFICIAL 4-DAY VISIT. TALKS WITH HIS AUSTRIAN COUNTERPART KARL BLECHA (SPO) WILL FOCUS ON CRIME- AND TERRORISM-RELATED SECURITY ISSUES, REPORTS SAID. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, SEPT 8, INDEPENDENT SALZBURGER NACHRICHTEN, SEPT 7)

8. VRANITZKY TO MEET WITH NORWEGIAN PM BRUNDTLAND:

ACCORDING TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARLIAMENTARY FOREIGN POLICY COMMITTEE, SPO MP PETER JANKOWITSCH, CHANCELLOR FRANZ VRANITZKY (SPO) WILL MEET WITH NORWEGIAN PM GRO HARLEM BRUNDTLAND "DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS". SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, SEPT 5)

9. CHANCELLOR'S VISIT TO POLAND TO INCLUDE AUSCHWITZ:

CHANCELLOR VRANITZKY'S SCHEDULE DURING HIS PLANNED TRIP TO POLAND LATER IN SEPTEMBER HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO INCLUDE A VISIT TO THE AUSCHWITZ CONCENTRATION CAMP, "KRONENZEITUNG" REPORTED FROM WARSAW. POLITICAL TALKS BETWEEN POLISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND THE AUSTRIAN DELEGATION ARE AT THE CENTER OF THE VISIT. VRANITZKY WILL ALSO MEET WITH MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION. (INDEPENDENT KRONENZEITUNG, SEPT 7)

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10. AUSTRIAN AND BAVARIAN ACTIVISTS PROTEST AGAINST
PLANNED NUCLEAR POWER PLANT IN CSSR:

SEVERAL HUNDRED AUSTRIAN AND BAVARIAN ANTI-NUCLEAR POWER
ACTIVISTS BLOCKED TWO AUSTRIAN-CSSR BORDER CROSSINGS LAST
WEEKEND IN PROTEST AGAINST THE PLANNED NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
AT TEMELIN, SITUATED 30 MILES FROM THE AUSTRIAN BORDER.
(ORF NEWS, INDEPENDENT SALZBURGER NACHRICHTEN, SEPT 7).
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