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1. FM MOCK MEETINGS WITH JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS:

AT A MEETING BETWEEN FM ALOIS MOCK AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE (AJC) YESTERDAY IN NEW YORK, THE AJC OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY SAID THAT AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM** SHOULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND HIMSELF AGAINST THE ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING HIS WARTIME PAST IN "A FAIR PROCEDURE" THE AJC ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD APPROACH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ON THIS ISSUE. AJC REPRESENTATIVE RABBI MARC TANNENBAUM TOLD AUSTRIAN JOURNALISTS THAT "ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE PRESENTED IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION". BOTH SIDES ALSO LAUDED THE "FAIR, OPEN AND FUTURE-ORIENTED ATTITUDES" WHICH PREVAILED DURING THE DISCUSSION. YESTERDAY MOCK ALSO MET WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF THE JEWISH GROUP RAVTOV; WHO THANKED THE GOA FOR ITS ASSISTANCE TO JEWISH REFUGEES FROM THE EAST BLOC. (ORF MORNING NEWS, OCT. 1)

2. MOCK PRESS CONFERENCE AND SPEECH AT UN GA:

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY, MOCK SAID THAT IT WAS "NOT WALDHEIM, BUT THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST HIM" WHICH WAS BURDENING AUSTRO-U.S. RELATIONS. MOCK ALSO NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD ACCOMPLISHED WHAT HE HAD INTENDED IN THE BILATERAL TALKS DURING HIS CURRENT VISIT IN THE U.S. MEANWHILE, STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN PHYLLIS OAKLEY DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE INSTRUCTION TO U.S. DIPLOMATS "TO SHOW DUE RESPECT TO PRESIDENT WALDHEIM" WHICH HAD BEEN QUOTED BY MOCK. OAKLEY SAID THAT THE U.S. HAD ALWAYS STRESSED THAT IT RESPECTED THE "INSTITUTION OF THE AUSTRIAN PRESIDENCY". ADDRESSING THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY YESTERDAY, MOCK LAUDED THE RECENT U.S.-SOVIET AGREEMENT ON MEDIUM RANGE MISSILES AS "A FIRST STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION". MOCK ALSO CALLED FOR A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AND FOR THE ABOLITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS. MOCK'S PROGRAM YESTERDAY ALSO INCLUDED A LECTURE AT THE "INSTITUTE FOR EAST-WEST SECURITY STUDIES" AND MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS FROM BULGARIA, CAPE VERDE, AND THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC. (ALL PAPERS, E.G. SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, OCT.1)

3. NO-CONFIDENCE MOTIONS AGAINST LICHAL:

AT YESTERDAY'S SESSION OF PARLIAMENT, STYRIAN OVP MP'S AND THE GREENS EACH INTRODUCED MOTIONS CALLING FOR A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE AGAINST DEFENSE MINISTER ROBERT LICHAL. NEITHER MOTION OBTAINED MAJORITY APPROVAL. STYRIAN OVP MP PAUL BURGSTALLER STRESSED THAT LICHAL SHOULD CANCEL THE CONTRACT BECAUSE OF "SWINDLE IN THE BIDDING PROCEDURE AND ABUSE OF OFFICE BY PREVIOUS DEFENSE MINISTERS". LICHAL SAID THAT HE HAD FOUND NO REASON TO CANCEL THE CONTRACT AND THAT THE DEAL WAS A "LEGACY" OF HIS PREDECESSOR. COMMENTING ON THIS UNPRECEDENTED MOVE OF MP'S VOTING AGAINST A MINISTER OF THEIR OWN PARTY, FM AND OVP CHAIRMAN MOCK SAID IN A TELEVISION INTERVIEW THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE DISPUTE BETWEEN THE STYRIAN OVP AND

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LICHAL IN ANY WAY ENDANGERED HIS AUTHORITY AS PARTY CHAIRMAN. (ALL PAPERS, E.G. IND. DIE PRESSE, OCT.1)

4. VRANITZKY IN HUNGARY:

AT THE CONCLUSION OF CHANCELLOR FRANZ VRANITZKY'S VISIT TO HUNGARY YESTERDAY, VRANITZKY AND HUNGARIAN PRIME UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 03 VIENNA 13781

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MINISTER KAROLY GROSZ EMPHASIZED AT A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE THE ROLE OF SMALLER COUNTRIES IN THE DETENTE PROCESS. THE PROJECT FOR A JOINT WORLD FAIR IN 1995 WAS AN EXAMPLE OF AUSTRIA'S "UNCONVENTIONAL BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH HUNGARY", SAID VRANITZKY. AUSTRIA'S RAPPROCHEMENT WITH WESTERN EUROPE DID NOT SIGNIFY A MOVE AWAY FROM WELL ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH THE EAST, SAID VRANITZKY. COINING A NEW WORD, THE CHANCELLOR SAID AUSTRIA SOUGHT A POSITION OF "EQUICLOSENESS" IN THE MIDDLE OF EUROPE. COMPARING HIS IMPRESSIONS OF HUNGARY AND POLAND, VRANITZKY SAID THAT HUNGARY APPEARED TO "HAVE A MORE ENGAGED AND SELF-CONFIDENT APPROACH". (ALL PAPERS, E.G. IND. DIE PRESSE, OCT.1)

5. WALDHEIM TO PAKISTAN:

PRESIDENT WALDHEIM'S OFFICE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT WALDHEIM WILL PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO PAKISTAN NOVEMBER 23 TO 25. WALDHEIM WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY FM MOCK AND PUBLIC ECONOMY MINISTER RUDOLF STREICHER. THE MAIN TOPIC WILL BE BILATERAL TRADE PROJECTS. ACCORDING TO A PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, ISLAMABAD "LOOKS FORWARD TO THE VISIT WITH HIGHEST ESTEEM FOR PRESIDENT WALDHEIM'S PEACE EFFORTS AS UN SECRETARY GENERAL". (IND. DIE PRESSE, ET AL., OCT.1)

6. GOA HELICOPTER AND MISSILE PROCUREMENT PLANS:

THE AUSTRIAN DEFENSE MINISTRY WILL REPORTEDLY OPEN EXPLORATORY TALKS ON THE PROCUREMENT OF COMBAT ANTI-TANK HELICOPTERS NEXT WEEK. CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF DEFENSIVE BATTLEFIELD MISSILES, CHIEF ARMY INSPECTOR

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GENERAL OTHMAR TAUSCHITZ TOLD JOURNALISTS THAT HE HOPED TO EXAMINE MODELS FROM "THE WEST, THE EAST, AND NEUTRAL COUNTRIES" NEXT YEAR, WITH PROCUREMENT IN THE FOLLOWING YEARS. (IND. KURIER, OCT.1)

7. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORT MENTIONS ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN AUSTRIA:

THE ANNUAL AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (AI) REPORT WHICH WAS PRESENTED YESTERDAY BY THE AUSTRIAN AI CHAPTER CITES TWO CASES OF ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH ELECTRO-SHOCK TREATMENT OF ARRESTED PERSONS BY AUSTRIAN POLICE OFFICIALS. AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE SAID THAT THEIR INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE MATTER HAD NOT PRODUCED ANY PROOF OF THE ACCUSATIONS. (ALL PAPERS, OCT.1)

8. VOEST REORGANIZATION:

THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONALIZED VOEST-ALPINE COMPANY HERBERT LEWINSKY SEES NO PROBLEM IN SPLITTING THE COMPANY INTO SMALLER UNITS AS LONG AS IT DOES NOT AFFECT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "VOEST-ALPINE NEU" RESTRUCTURING PLAN. ALTHOUGH LATEST DATA FORECAST A LOSS OF AS 4.5 BILLION IN 1987, LEWINSKY IS CONFIDENT OF REDUCING VOEST'S LOSSES TO AS 1.9 BILLION IN 1988. (IND. DIE PRESSE, OCT.1)

9. RIGHT-WING GROUP NOT BARRED FROM LOCAL ELECTIONS:

ELECTION AUTHORITIES IN THE LOWER AUSTRIAN CITY KREMS DECIDED NOT TO BAR THE RIGHT-WING LIST "STOP FOREIGNERS" ("AUSLAENDER-HALT") FROM THE OCTOBER 4 LOCAL ELECTIONS IN UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 03 VIENNA 13781

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KREMS. A COMPLAINT HAD BEEN FILED AGAINST THE GROUP'S CANDIDACY WITH REFERENCE TO ITS ALLEGED NEO-NAZI CHARACTER. THE PARTY DISTANCED ITSELF, HOWEVER, FROM "AUSLAENDER-HALT" LEAFLETS WITH NEO-NAZI CONTENT WHICH THEY CLAIMED NOT TO HAVE ISSUED. ACCORDING TO A DECISION

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OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT, A NEO-NAZI GROUP WOULD HAVE  
TO BE BARRED FROM RUNNING IN ELECTIONS. LAUDER

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