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"THE U.S. IS OBVIOUSLY IRRITATED ABOUT THE BONN

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GOVERNMENT BECAUSE IT ACCEPTED AN IRANIAN AS NEW AMBASSADOR TO THE FRG WHO IS SUSPECTED BY THE U.S. OF HAVING BEEN INVOLVED IN THE HOSTAGE CRISIS AT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN TEHERAN FROM 1979 TO 1981.

"STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN CHARLES REDMAN SAID AT THE WEEKEND THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS MENTIONED THIS PROBLEM TO THE BONN GOVERNMENT ON SEVERAL OCCASSIONS. IT HANDED OVER 'CONVINCING INFORMATION' ON THE INVOLVEMENT OF MEHDI AHARI MOSTAFAWI IN THE KIDNAPPING OF THE U.S. HOSTAGES IN TEHERAN....

"A BONN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL SAID IN WASHINGTON THAT MOSTAFAWI HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN IRANIAN AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA, AND THE U.S. DID NOT RAISE ANY CONCERNS AT THAT TIME."

K. WALDHEIM

1. LEFT-OF-CENTER NEWS MAGAZINE DER SPIEGEL OF HAMBURG CARRIED A NEWS REPORT UNDER THE HEADLINE "WALDHEIM RESIGNATION IMMINENT?"

"RETURNING FROM A CONFIDENTIAL MEETING WITH NAZI HUNTER SIMON WIESENTHAL, CHANCELLOR KOHL BROUGHT WITH HIM THE RECOGNITION THAT AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM** WILL HARDLY BE ABLE TO STAY IN OFFICE.

"DURING A LUNCHEON IN A...VIENNA HOTEL TWO WEEKS AGO, WIESENTHAL EXPLAINED TO THE GERMAN CHANCELLOR THE PROCEDURE OF WALDHEIM'S RESIGNATION. ACCORDING TO WIESENTHAL, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF HISTORIANS WHICH...IS EXAMINING WALDHEIM'S POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT IN ACTIVITIES OF HITLER'S ARMY COULD PROVIDE WALDHEIM WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO BOW OUT GRACEFULLY.

"THE COMMISSION WOULD DECIDE THAT ALTHOUGH WALDHEIM HAD NOT TOLD THE TRUTH AND KNEW MUCH MORE THAN HE PUBLICLY ADMITTED, HE HAD NOT MADE HIMSELF GUILTY. AFTER BEING REHABILITATED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BODY, WALDHEIM COULD THEN SAY THAT HE DOES NOT WANT TO BE A FURTHER BURDEN FOR AUSTRIA, BEFORE RESIGNING FROM OFFICE...."

CATHERMAN

ADMIN
END OF MESSAGE

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