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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN PRESS SUMMARY NO. 187, FOR NOV. 13,
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1. WJC INTERVIEW: IN THE OPINION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ELAN STEINBERG OF THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS, THE
PROBLEMS BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND HIS ORGANIZATION CANNOT BE
RESOLVED AS LONG AS KURT WALDHEIM IS PRESIDENT. HE SAID
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE WHEN THE FACE WHICH AUSTRIA IS
SHOWING TO THE WORLD IS A LIAR'S FACE - WALDHEIM'S. ALL
EFFORTS OF AUSTRIA NEXT YEAR - THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THIS COUNTRY'S ANNEXATION BY NAZI GERMANY - WILL BE IN
VAIN BECAUSE ALL FOREIGN MEDIA REPORTS WILL BEGIN BY

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SAYING "IN WALDHEIM'S AUSTRIA." UNINFORMED PEOPLE EVEN THINK THAT AUSTRIA IS RULED BY THE SS, WHICH OF COURSE IS UNFAIR AND UNTRUTHFUL, BUT THAT'S THE WAY IT IS. ACCORDING TO SECRETARY GENERAL ISRAEL SINGER, WJC PRESIDENT EDGAR BRONFMAN DOES NOT TAKE THE LAWSUIT FILED BY WALDHEIM AGAINST HIM SERIOUSLY; HE DOES NOT TAKE WALDHEIM SERIOUSLY. BRONFMAN HAS NOT YET BEEN SUMMONED BY A COURT. RELATIONS BETWEEN WJC AND AUSTRIA USED TO BE GOOD BEFORE WALDHEIM - WJC HELD A MEETING IN VIENNA IN 1984; A VIENNA EXHIBITION ABOUT THE JEWISH WORLD THAT HAS PERISHED TOOK PLACE UNDER BRONFMAN'S AUSPICES, AND WJC HAD CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH WALDHEIM'S PREDECESSOR, RUDOLF KIRCHSCHLAEGER. UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, SINGER WOULD BE WILLING TO COME TO AUSTRIA NEXT YEAR FOR THE COMMEMORATION CEREMONIES AND FOR DISCUSSIONS, BUT ONE CAN TALK TO AUSTRIANS IN NEW YORK, TOO. AT PRESENT, SINGER REGARDS HIMSELF AS A BOGEY-MAN FOR AUSTRIANS. (LONG INTERVIEW WITH WOCHENPRESSE NEWSMAGAZINE)

2. PEOPLE'S PARTY: THE DAILY "KURIER" REJECTS THE CHARGES LEVELED BY THE PEOPLE'S PARTY AGAINST IT THAT, BY ITS WAY OF REPORTING ON THE STATE OF THIS PARTY, IT HAS POISONED THE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE IN AUSTRIA. THE "KURIER" WILL REMAIN INDEPENDENT FROM ANY DIRECT AND INDIRECT INFLUENCE BY POLITICAL PARTIES AND/OR INTEREST GROUPS. (STATEMENT BY KURIER EDITOR GUENTHER WESSIG) -- GOVERNOR SIEGFRIED LUDWIG OF LOWER AUSTRIA IS CONVINCED THAT UNITY HAS NOW BEEN RESTORED IN THE PEOPLE'S PARTY. (KURIER) -- PEOPLE'S PARTY CHAIRMAN ALOIS MOCK WANTS TO MAKE MORE USE OF SO-CALLED "COALITION-FREE LATITUDE" WITHIN THE COALITION OF HIS PARTY WITH THE SOCIALISTS: THAT IS, MAKE PROPOSALS WHICH DO NOT HAVE TO BE COORDINATED WITH THE SOCIALIST PARTNER. (SOCIALIST NEUE AZ.) THE PEOPLE'S PARTY'S HEAVY DEFEAT IN LAST SUNDAY'S VIENNA ELECTIONS SEEMS TO HAVE STRENGTHENED THOSE ELEMENTS IN THE PARTY WHICH, TO SOME EXTENT, WANT TO KEEP DISTANCE FROM THE SOCIALIST COALITION PARTNER. (NEUE AZ)

3. FOREIGN MINISTRY: FOREIGN MINISTER MOCK SAID DURING THURSDAY'S DEBATE IN THE FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENT THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S BUDGET IS UNDOUBTEDLY INSUFFICIENT, BUT THAT NO MINISTRY CAN BE EXEMPTED FROM THE AUSTERITY MEASURES. AUSTRIA IS UNABLE TO MEET ITS DEVELOPMENT AID TARGET OF PROVIDING 0.7 PERCENT OF ITS GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT FOR THIS PURPOSE. (DIE PRESSE)

4. FRENCH VISAS: THE ENTRY VISA REQUIREMENT FOR AUSTRIANS WISHING TO VISIT FRANCE IS A SERIOUS STUMBLING BLOCK IN BILATERAL RELATIONS, FOREIGN MINISTER MOCK SAID YESTERDAY BEFORE LEAVING FOR PARIS FOR THE MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRAT UNION. (DIE PRESSE)
O'CONNOR

ADMIN
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