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SUBJECT: ITALIAN NEWSPAPER REPORTS DOCUMENT SHOWING  
- WALDHEIM INVOLVEMENT IN DEPORTATION OF  
- ITALIANS TO CONCENTRATION CAMPS

1. CORRESPONDENT TONI JOP, WRITING FROM FRIBOURG, FRG, IN ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY DAILY "L'UNITA" DECEMBER 2, DISCLOSED A WORLD WAR II DOCUMENT WHICH SHOULD SERVE TO PROVE AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT WALDHEIM'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN AND KNOWLEDGE OF A POST-ITALIAN-ARMISTICE SEPTEMBER 1943 MASS DEPORTATION OF ITALIAN OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN FROM GREECE TO GERMAN CONCENTRATION CAMPS.

2. REGULARLY FILED AND CATALOGUED IN THE FRIBOURG MILITARY ARCHIVES (BUNDESARCHIV), THE SEPTEMBER 22, 1943, MEMORANDUM DISCOVERED BY JOP RECORDS A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THEN LT. WALDHEIM AND A LT. FREY OF THE WEHRMACHT'S SOUTHERN GREECE ARMY GROUP THAT EXPLICITLY MENTIONED THE "CONCENTRATION" AND "RAIL TRANSPORTATION" OF A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF ITALIAN "OFFICERS, NCO'S AND TROOPS" FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF

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GREECE TO ATHENS. A CERTAIN NUMBER OF THEM WERE TO REMAIN IN ATHENS "TO WORK." THE MEMCON, INITIALED BY WALDHEIM ACCORDING TO WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS AND BUNDESARCHIV EXPERTS, DID NOT SPECIFY WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THE OTHERS.

3. ANOTHER DOCUMENT FOUND BY THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS, DATED OCTOBER 1, 1943, AND SIGNED BY WEHRMACHT GENERAL VON GYLDENFELDT, JOP WROTE, STATED THAT WALDHEIM'S MILITARY UNIT BY THEN HAD COMPLETED THE DEPORTATION FROM GREECE OF OVER 100,000 ITALIAN SOLDIERS.

4. KURT MEYER, A BUNDESARCHIV OFFICIAL, TOLD JOP THAT "IT WAS CERTAIN" THAT WALDHEIM'S UNIT HAD BEEN "MORE INVOLVED THAN OTHERS" IN THIS OPERATION. SEVERAL HISTORIANS CONNECTED TO THE BUNDESARCHIV CONFIRMED THAT WALDHEIM MUST HAVE BEEN WELL INFORMED OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING, BUT ADMITTED THAT NO FORMAL PROOF HAD BEEN FOUND. THE ORDERS AND INFORMATION ON THE DEPORTATIONS WERE ALWAYS GIVEN OVER THE TELEPHONE.

5. JOP ALSO MENTIONED A NEW BOOK BY SWISS JOURNALISTS JOHANNES VON DOHNANY AND HANS PETER BORN -- "FOR FAIRNESS: **KURT WALDHEIM**" (INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF ITALIAN TITLE) -- IN WHICH AN EYEWITNESS RECOUNTED THAT THE TRAINS LEFT ATHENS FOR YUGOSLAVIA AND, IN LJUBLJANA, WERE DEROUTED TO VIENNA. IN VIENNA THE DOORS WERE SEALED ONLY TO BE REOPENED AT THE WEHRMACHT CONCENTRATION CAMPS -- MOST PROBABLY IN LOIBLPASS AND LEOVOV.

6. JOP REMARKED THAT HE HAD CONTACTED PRESIDENT WALDHEIM'S SECRETARIAT FOR CLARIFICATION. HE WAS TOLD THAT THE DOCUMENT HE HAD UNCOVERED WAS "WELL KNOWN" TO THE PRESIDENT AND THAT "ALL WOULD BE CLEARED UPON PUBLICATION OF WALDHEIM'S WHITE BOOK." THE WHITE BOOK CAME OUT IN VIENNA ON DECEMBER 1.

7. AN INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THE WALDHEIM/FREY MEMCON FOLLOWS:

"GEGHEIM-SECRET-SUBJECT: TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN LT. FREY AND LT. WALDHEIM."

"ITALIAN CONCENTRATION IN THE PELOPONNESIAN IN THE TRIPOLIS-MEGALOPOLIS AND KALAMATA TRANSIT CAMPS. FROM THERE RAIL TRANSPORT TO ATHENS. TO DATE 3998 OFFICERS, 23749 NCO'S AND TROOPS HAVE ARRIVED IN ATHENS. TO DATE 7318 OFFICERS, NCO'S AND TROOPS ARE IN THE ABOVENAMED TRANSIT CAMPS. TO DATE 2400 OFFICERS, NCO'S AND TROOPS ARE ON THE TRAIN TO ATHENS. APPROXIMATELY 2000 TROOPS DETAINED AS WORK FORCE. THE ENTIRE OPERATION WILL BE CONCLUDED IN APPROXIMATELY 3-4 DAYS. TRANSPORTATION OF ITALIANS FROM ATTICA AND BOEOTIA IS CONCLUDED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SOME SMALL CONTINGENTS KEPT FOR

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SERVICES. 4598 TROOPS WILL REMAIN IN ATHENS TO  
WORK." (PROTOCOL SIGNATURE: SOUTHERN GREECE ARMY  
GROUP. INITIALS -- ASCRIBED TO WALDHEIM BY WORLD  
JEWISH CONGRESS AND BUNDESARCHIV EXPERTS.  
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