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SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE ON RELEASE
OF HISTORIANS' COMMISSION REPORT ON WALDHEIM

1. THE HISTORIANS' COMMISSION REVIEWING AUSTRIAN
PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM'S** PAST WILL PRESENT ITS FINDINGS
TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PRESIDENT THIS EVENING, FEBRUARY 8.
WE UNDERSTAND THE REPORT MAY BE MADE PUBLIC AS EARLY AS
FEBRUARY 9 AND THAT THE COMMISSION MAY MEET WITH
JOURNALISTS ON THAT DATE.

2. SHOULD THE REPORT RAISE PRESS INQUIRIES HERE, WE
INITIALLY (UNTIL WE HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO STUDY IT AND
DECIDE WHETHER ANY FURTHER COMMENT IS NECESSARY) INTEND
TO RESPOND ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES, AS APPROPRIATE:
--THE REPORT WAS WRITTEN FOR THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT
AND IS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE GOVERNMENT
OF AUSTRIA. IT IS UP TO THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT TO
DEAL WITH THE REPORT AS IT JUDGES.

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--THE LAW UNDER WHICH KURT WALDHEIM WAS EXCLUDED, THE
IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT, PROHIBITS ENTRY TO
ANY FOREIGN NATIONAL WHO ASSISTED OR OTHERWISE
PARTICIPATED IN ACTIVITIES AMOUNTING TO PERSECUTION
DURING WORLD WAR II. IT DOES NOT ADDRESS THE ISSUE
OF WAR CRIMINALITY. GRUNWALD

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