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I. LEAD STORIES

A. AUSTRIA: REACTION TO HISTORIAN'S REPORT

1. CONSERVATIVE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE CARRIED A NEWS REPORT UNDER THE HEADLINE "WALDHEIM WANTS TO REMAIN IN OFFICE - NO EVIDENCE OF 'MORAL GUILT.'"

"AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM** IS DETERMINED TO REMAIN IN OFFICE AND REJECT THE 'CONSEQUENCES' THAT MANY ARE URGING HIM TO TAKE IN THE LIGHT OF THE HISTORIAN'S REPORT.

"THE REPORT, PRESENTED ON MONDAY AND MORE 'CRITICAL' IN ITS CONCLUSIONS THAN HAD BEEN EXPECTED, STATES THERE IS NO PROOF THAT WALDHEIM WAS 'ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN WAR CRIMES.'..."

2. CONSERVATIVE DIE WELT OF BONN CARRIED A NEWS REPORT UNDER THE HEADLINE "WALDHEIM REPORT CAUSES CRISIS IN VIENNA COALITION."

"ONE DAY AFTER THE PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT BY THE PANEL OF HISTORIANS, THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT COALITION IS CLEARLY IN A CRISIS OVER THE QUESTION OF WHETHER WALDHEIM SHOULD RESIGN, AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE COALITION WILL BREAK UP IS NOT BEING RULED OUT....

"WHEREAS DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ALOIS MOCK (AUSTRIAN PEOPLES' PARTY) DOES NOT THINK IT IS NECESSARY FOR WALDHEIM TO DRAW PERSONAL CONSEQUENCES, THE AUSTRIAN CHANELLOR, FRANZ VRANITZKY (SOCIALIST PARTY) CALLED FOR AN END TO THE AFFAIR 'WITH DECENCY.'..."

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"ACCORDING TO THE ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY STERN, THE TELEGRAM PUBLISHED IN THE SPIEGEL ALLEGEDLY SENT BY WALDHEIM IS A FORGERY. EXPERT EXAMINATION OF THE PAPER ON WHICH THE TELEGRAM WAS WRITTEN SHOWED THAT THE

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