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SUBJECT: USIA - MEDIA REACTION

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ISSUES

1. THE BUSINESS-ORIENTED AUSTRALIAN FINANCIAL
REVIEW MAY 19 CARRIES AN EDITORIAL TITLED "SEEDS OF

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HOPE" WHICH READS: "THERE IS NO HOPE THAT THE U.S. WILL ELIMINATE ITS HUGE TRADE DEFICIT AND BUDGET DEFICITS, OR REVERSE ITS GROWING OVERSEAS DEBT PROBLEM IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS. . . . THE WEST EUROPEANS WILL BE ASKED TO CONTINUE CARRYING A DISPROPORTIONATE PART OF THE BURDEN THE U.S. HAS IMPOSED ON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. . . . THERE MUST BE A QUESTION MARK HANGING OVER THE WILLINGNESS OF THE EUROPEANS TO ABSORB DRAMATIC INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. AND AT THE SAME TIME LOWER THEIR AGRICULTURAL PROTECTIONISM. . . . THERE IS A GENUINE DANGER THAT THE MANNER IN WHICH THE U.S. IS EXPORTING ITS ECONOMIC POLICY FAILURES MAY PRODUCE A BACKLASH FROM THE MAJOR EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES."

2. THE BUSINESS-ORIENTED AUSTRALIAN FINANCIAL REVIEW MAY 19 HAS A REPORT HEADED "TOKYO 'IN FAVOR' OF U.S. BEEF" WHICH SAYS OF KOICHI KATO, DIET MEMBER AND ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICY AND RESEARCH COUNCIL ON NATIONAL AGRICULTURE, THAT "A LEADING AGRICULTURAL POLICY-MAKER IN THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ADMITTED YESTERDAY THAT TOKYO HAD USED 'ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE' TO INCREASE THE AMERICAN SHARE OF THE JAPANESE BEEF MARKET AT THE EXPENSE OF AUSTRALIA. . . . KATO IS THE FIRST GOVERNMENT MEMBER TO BREAK RANKS AND DISPENSE WITH THE HOARY 'CONSUMER TASTES' ARGUMENT TO EXPLAIN AMERICA'S GAIN AT AUSTRALIA'S EXPENSE."

3. THE BUSINESS-ORIENTED AUSTRALIAN FINANCIAL REVIEW MAY 19 HAS A STORY FROM GREGORY HYWOOD IN WASHINGTON HEADED "REAGAN JUSTIFIES POLICIES" WHICH READS: "WITH PROTECTIONISM STILL A POTENT PLATFORM FOR THE DEMOCRATS, PRESIDENT REAGAN YESTERDAY EMBRACED SURPRISINGLY STRONG U.S. MARCH TRADE FIGURES TO JUSTIFY HIS IMMINENT VETO OF THE CONTROVERSIAL CONGRESSIONAL TRADE BILL. IN AN UNEXPECTED NEWS CONFERENCE, REAGAN ATTEMPTED TO REGAIN THE INITIATIVE FROM HIS OPPONENTS BY CLAIMING THE IMPROVEMENT IN THE TRADE DEFICIT CONFIRMED HIS QUALMS OVER INTERVENTIONIST TRADE LEGISLATION."

4. THE BUSINESS-ORIENTED AUSTRALIAN FINANCIAL REVIEW MAY 19 HAS AN ARTICLE HEADED "U.S. TRADE FIGURES IMPROVE PROSPECTS FOR OECD TALKS" WHICH READS: "A SHARP IMPROVEMENT IN U.S. TRADE FIGURES, AND SOME LAST-MINUTE LOBBYING BY AUSTRALIA, HAVE IMPROVED PROSPECTS FOR AGREEMENT AT THE MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE OECD IN PARIS. . . . THERE WERE SIGNS THAT INTENSIVE LOBBYING BY AUSTRALIA HAD TEMPERED THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. AUSTRALIA NORMALLY DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH ECONOMIC CLOUT TO ENGAGE IN AN INTERNATIONAL BROKING EXERCISE BUT, AS LEADER OF THE CAIRNS GROUP . . . IT HAS BECOME THE UNOFFICIAL MEDIATOR BETWEEN

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MAJOR TRADING BLOCKS ON THE EXPLOSIVE ISSUE OF FARM SUBSIDIES."

KURT WALDHEIM/U.S. INVOLVEMENT

5. THE CONSERVATIVE THE AUSTRALIAN MAY 19 CARRIES A FRONT PAGE STORY HEADED "WHY U.S. 'PROTECTED WALDHEIM'" WHICH READS: "AMERICAN MILITARY UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 CANBERRA 04680

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OFFICERS HELD AN INTELLIGENCE REPORT ON PRESIDENT WALDHEIM ... TWO MONTHS BEFORE THE END OF WORLD WAR II, ACCORDING TO A CIA DOCUMENT. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS ELAN STEINBERG IN MELBOURNE YESTERDAY RELEASED A DOCUMENT FROM THE CIA THAT ACKNOWLEDGES THE ESISTENCE OF THE INTELLIGENCE REPORT ON WALDHEIM. ... HE BELIEVES THE DOCUMENT UPHOLDS ... ASSERTIONS THAT WALDHEIM WAS PROTECTED BY THE WESTERN INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY AFTER THE WAR BECAUSE OF HIS VAST INTELLIGENCE KNOWLEDGE."ENDUSINFO

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