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1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.
 2. THE FOLLOWING ARE PROBABLE AREAS OF QUESTIONING WITH SUGGESTED ANSWERS FOR THE JUNE 13 INTERVIEW WITH KURIER DEP. CHIEF EDITOR HANS RAUSCHER, AND FOR PRESS QUESTIONS FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH CHANCELLOR VRANITSKY ON JUNE 14:
 3. AUSTRIA'S IMAGE AND U.S.-AUSTRIAN RELATIONS.
- Q. AUSTRIA'S IMAGE IN THE U.S. HAS BEEN TARNISHED BY THE CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING PRESIDENT WALDHEIM. HOW DO YOU ASSESS THE CURRENT STATE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS?
- A. ALTHOUGH THE ISSUE OF PRESIDENT WALDHEIM HAS BEEN AN IRRITANT, U.S.-AUSTRIAN RELATIONS ARE CURRENTLY STRONG AND HEALTHY. WE HAVE MUCH IN COMMON, INCLUDING A COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND A SET OF SHARED WESTERN VALUES. OUR INTERESTS GENERALLY COINCIDE,

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AND OUR RELATIONS HAVE TRADITIONALLY BEEN CLOSE AND AMICABLE. THE U.S. RESPECTS AND SUPPORTS AUSTRIA'S ACTIVE NEUTRALITY, APPRECIATES ITS STRONG EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND WELCOMES ITS LIBERAL POLICY AS A COUNTRY OF FIRST ASYLUM FOR REFUGEES.

4. PRESIDENT KURT WALDHEIM.

THERE ARE SEVERAL BASIC POINTS WHICH MAY BE USEFUL IN REPLY TO POSSIBLE QUESTIONS CONCERNING PRESIDENT WALDHEIM:

-- THE WATCHLIST DECISION WAS MADE INDEPENDENTLY IN CONFORMITY WITH U.S. LAW, AND ON THE BASIS OF EVIDENCE CAREFULLY STUDIED BY U.S. AUTHORITIES.

-- THE LAW UNDER WHICH KURT WALDHEIM WAS PLACED ON THE WATCHLIST, 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. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS MADE NO ATTEMPT TO MAKE ANY SUCH DETERMINATION IN PRESIDENT WALDHEIM'S CASE.

-- THE WATCHLIST DECISION RELATED TO WALDHEIM AS AN INDIVIDUAL, NOT TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY OF AUSTRIA. WE RESPECT THAT OFFICE AS WE DO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF AUSTRIA.

-- AMERICAN AMBASSADORS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED GUIDANCE TO THE EFFECT THAT THEY ARE FREE TO ATTEND ROUTINE PROTOCOLARY EVENTS IN WHICH WALDHEIM FUNCTIONS IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT. THEY SHOULD NOT ATTEND NON-PROTOCOLARY SOCIAL EVENTS HOSTED BY THE PRESIDENT OR GIVEN FOR HIM.

PARTICULAR QUESTIONS ON WALDHEIM MIGHT INCLUDE:

Q. CAN YOU CONCEIVE OF CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE WATCHLIST DECISION WOULD BE REVERSED, FOR EXAMPLE, IN A NEW ADMINISTRATION?

A. NO, THIS WAS A LEGAL DECISION, NOT A POLITICAL ONE. IT WAS MADE IN CONFORMITY WITH A U.S. LAW WHICH HAS BEEN TESTED IN THE U.S. COURTS.

Q. RECENTLY A NUMBER OF U.S. STATE SENATORS VISITED VIENNA TO PRESENT RESOLUTIONS FROM SEVERAL STATE SENATES REQUESTING PRESIDENT WALDHEIM'S RESIGNATION. WHAT IS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON THESE RESOLUTIONS?

A. CLEARLY, THESE SENATORS DID NOT REPRESENT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. IT IS NOT THE POLICY OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT CALLS FOR PRESIDENT WALDHEIM'S RESIGNATION.

Q. WHEN YOU VISITED HERE LAST YEAR, PRESS REPORTS

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ALLEGED YOU TOOK ISSUE WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE ON CONTACTS WITH PRESIDENT WALDHEIM, E.G., IN THE CASE OF THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE VATICAN BEING PRESENT AT A DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION FOR WALDHEIM. IS THIS CORRECT?

A. WE SUGGEST YOU LIMIT YOURSELF TO REPEATING YOUR SUPPORT OF THE GUIDANCE IN NO. 4, POINT FOUR.
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5. TERRORISM.

Q. ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH AUSTRIA'S EFFORTS TO CURB INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM?

A. THE U.S. AND AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENTS AGREE THAT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM IS AN EVIL WHICH MUST BE STRONGLY CONDEMNED, AND ACTIVE MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN TO COMBAT IT. WE DO NOT ALWAYS AGREE ON WHAT MEASURES MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE.

(IF PRESSED: WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LPB HERE AND WOULD WELCOME A FIRMER STANCE BY THE GOA ON THIS ISSUE, E.G., FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN LIBYAN PERSONNEL.)

Q. THERE HAVE BEEN RECENT REPORTS THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS PRESSURED AUSTRIA ON REDUCING PERSONNEL OF THE LIBYAN PEOPLE'S BUREAU IN VIENNA INCLUDING THREATENING TO WITHHOLD SUPPORT FOR VIENNA AS THE SITE FOR NEW CONVENTIONAL ARMS TALKS UNLESS ACTION IS TAKEN AGAINST THE LPB. IS THIS CORRECT?

A. THE SUBJECT OF THE SITE OF FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS IS CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED BY PARTICIPANTS IN THE CSCE FOLLOW-UP MEETING. THE U.S. HAS MADE NO DECISION CONCERNING A SITE. WE HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF VIENNA'S INTEREST IN HOSTING NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN THE CSCE FRAMEWORK ON CONVENTIONAL MILITARY/SECURITY ISSUES, AS WELL AS OF VIENNA'S EFFICIENT AND HOSPITABLE ROLE AS HOST OF THE CURRENT CSCE MEETING.

(IF PRESSED: WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LPB AND THIS CONCERN WILL UNDERSTANDABLY BE AN ELEMENT IN OUR DECISION ON A FUTURE CONFERENCE SITE.)

6. EC MEMBERSHIP.

Q. WHAT IS THE U.S. VIEW OF AUSTRIA'S POSSIBLE FULL MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC?

A. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT HAS MADE NO DECISION ON MEMBERSHIP. WHEN IT DOES, THIS WILL BE A QUESTION BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

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WE ARE SUPPORTIVE OF TEPS THE AUSTRIAN PEOPLE FEEL WILL ENHANCE THEIR WELL BEING.

Q. AS YOU KNOW, SEVERAL SOVIET SPOKESMEN HAVE RECENTLY SAID THAT FULL AUSTRIAN MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC WOULD BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH AUSTRIAN NEUTRALITY. WHAT IS THE U.S. POSITION ON THIS QUESTION?

A. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THE STATE TREATY MAKES NO REFERENCE TO NEUTRALITY. CERTAINLY, AUSTRIA IS COMPETENT TO INTERPRET ITS OWN NEUTRALITY.

(IF PRESSED: ALTHOUGH I HAVE NOT FULLY STUDIED THE LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS, IN MY VIEW AUSTRIAN EC MEMBERSHIP DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH YOUR NEUTRALITY.)

7. TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER.

Q. ARE YOU SATISFIED THAT AUSTRIA IS DOING ENOUGH TO PREVENT THE FLOW OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY THROUGH THIS COUNTRY TO THE EAST?

A. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING FRUITFULLY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRIA ON THIS ISSUE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. RECENT AUSTRIAN LEGISLATION TO TIGHTEN REGULATIONS CONCERNING TRANSIT OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY THROUGH AUSTRIA IS CERTAINLY A VERY POSITIVE STEP. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY AUSTRIAN EFFORTS TO DATE.

Q. WITH THESE NEW AUSTRIAN MEASURES CAN WE EXPECT A MORE FORTHCOMING U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARDS PROVIDING HIGH-TECH ITEMS TO AUSTRIA? WILL AUSTRIA HAVE TREATMENT SIMILAR TO THAT OF, SAY, SWITZERLAND SOON?

A. THE U.S. HAS ALREADY TAKEN SIGNIFICANT STEPS TO LIBERALIZE ITS EXPORT CONTROL REGIME GOVERNING TRADE IN HIGH TECHNOLOGY GOODS WITH AUSTRIA.

8. MISSILES.

Q. WHAT IS THE U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE AUSTRIAN ACQUISITION OF DEFENSIVE MISSILES?

A. I UNDERSTAND THAT AUSTRIA HAS NOT MADE A FINAL
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DECISION ON SUCH ACQUISITION. SHOULD YOU DO SO, I SEE NO LEGAL PROHIBITIONS TO SUCH PURCHASES OR U.S. OBJECTIONS TO THEM. WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD HAVE MODERN ARMED FORCES TO SUPPORT YOUR NEUTRALITY, AND SUCH

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WEAPONS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. WE, OF COURSE, WOULD
HOPE THAT U.S. WEAPONS WOULD BE CONSIDERED IF AUSTRIA
DECIDES TO ACQUIRE DEFENSIVE MISSILES.
GRUNWALD

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