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1. (C) FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED IN THE DEPARTMENT OCTOBER 20, AND IS AUTHORIZED FOR USE BY EMBASSIES.

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WALDHEIM VISIT TO TURKEY

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY REACTION TO REPORTS IN THE FOREIGN PRESS, THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND AMERICAN JEWISH GROUPS HAVE BEEN PRESSURING THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY NOT TO RECEIVE AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM**, WHEN HE PASSES THROUGH ON NOVEMBER 2-3?

A: --THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS NOT TAKEN A POSITION ON THE FORTHCOMING STOPOVER IN TURKEY OF AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT WALDHEIM. WHOM THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY RECEIVES IS A MATTER FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY TO DECIDE.

--THE U.S. GOVERNMENT POSITION ON MR. WALDHEIM IS WELL KNOWN, AND HAS NOT CHANGED.

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--AS WE HAVE STATED MANY TIMES BEFORE, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DECISION TO PLACE MR. WALDHEIM ON THE U.S. IMMIGRATION "WATCHLIST" WAS A RESULT OF REQUIREMENTS OF OUR DOMESTIC LAW, AND WAS IN NO WAY DIRECTED AGAINST THE OFFICE OF THE AUSTRIAN PRESIDENCY OR THE AUSTRIAN PEOPLE.

(IF PRESSED ON WHETHER THE U.S. HAS SPOKEN TO THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT ON THIS SUBJECT)

--AS A MATTER OF GENERAL POLICY, WE DO NOT DISCUSS OUR DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES.

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