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TAGS: PREL, PGOV, SCOM, TU  
SUBJECT: SPECIAL PRESS TEL: WALDHEIM VISIT

1. SUMMARY: THIS A SPECIAL PRESSTEL REPORTING NOVEMBER 2 TURKISH PRESS COVERAGE OF AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM'S** VISIT TO TURKEY.
2. "HURRIYET" REPORTED THAT WALDHEIM WILL MAKE AN "UNOFFICIAL STOPOVER" IN ISTANBUL ARRIVING TODAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1988, AT 18:30. ACCORDING TO THE DAILY, FM MESUT YILMAZ WILL MEET WALDHEIM, WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY AUSTRIAN FM ALOIS MOCK, FOREIGN MINISTRY POLITICAL AFFAIRS GENERAL DIRECTOR AND THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL. THE DAILY ASSERTED THAT THE WELCOME CEREMONY AT THE AIRPORT WILL BE VERY SIMPLE AND PRESIDENT EVREN WILL NOT GO TO THE AIRPORT. EVREN IS TO MEET WALDHEIM AT KALENDER OFFICERS' CLUB FOR ONLY 20 MINUTES. WALDHEIM WILL NOT COME TO ANKARA AND WILL NOT MEET WITH PM TURGUT OZAL. THE SECOND DAY OF HIS VISIT THE AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT WILL VISIT HISTORIC AND TOURIST PLACES IN ISTANBUL. "HURRIYET" POINTED OUT THAT UNTIL NOW PRESIDENT EVREN HAS WELCOMED EVERY FOREIGN PRESIDENT WHO HAS VISITED TURKEY EXCEPT FOR "TRNC" PRESIDENT RAUF DENKTASH, WHO ARRIVED IN ANKARA FOR A "WORKING VISIT."
3. "CUMHURİYET" WROTE THAT BESIDES MEETING WITH WALDHEIM, PRESIDENT EVREN WILL HOST A SMALL DINNER IN HIS HONOR AT KALENDER OFFICERS' CLUB TONIGHT IN ISTANBUL.
4. "CUMHURİYET" AND "TERCUMAN" REPORTED THAT GERMAN-ORIGIN AMERICAN BEATE KLARSFELD AND RABBI ARI WEISS FROM NEW YORK ARRIVED IN ISTANBUL WITH THE INTENTION OF PRESENTING EVREN DOCUMENTS ON WALDHEIM'S WARTIME ACTIVITY. UNDER THE HEADLINE "2 NAZI HUNTERS IN ISTANBUL TO START A CAMPAIGN AGAINST WALDHEIM," "TERCUMAN" REPORTED THAT KLARSFELD AND WEISS CONDEMNED THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT FOR BEING THE FIRST NATO COUNTRY TO RECEIVE WALDHEIM.
5. "GUNAYDIN" CARRIED SPECULATIONS ON WHO INVITED WALDHEIM. ACCORDING TO THE DAILY, SOME SOURCES SAID THAT THE VISIT COULD HAVE BEEN DECIDED BETWEEN FM YILMAZ AND HIS AUSTRIAN COUNTERPART MOCK DURING THE EUROPEAN DEMOCRATIC UNION MEETING IN RHODES. "GUNAYDIN" ASSERTED THAT AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS SAID PRESIDENT EVREN INVITED WALDHEIM DURING A SEPTEMBER 13 CEREMONY AT WHICH THE AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR IN ANKARA PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS.
6. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE "TURKISH DAILY NEWS"

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REPORTED THAT SEVERAL U.S. CONGRESSMEN HAVE  
WRITTEN TO PRESIDENT EVREN CONCERNING THE  
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WALDHEIM VISIT. THESE LETTERS WARNED THE  
PRESIDENT THAT A MEETING WITH WALDHEIM COULD  
DAMAGE TURKEY'S TIES WITH THE UNITED STATES.

7. "GUNES" EDITORIALIZES THAT TURKEY COULD NOT  
SAY NO TO WALDHEIM BECAUSE OF THREE FACTORS: 1)  
TURKISH TRADITIONS OF HOSPITALITY; 2) TURKEY IS  
ONE OF THE RARE COUNTRIES WITH WHOLLY CLEAN  
HANDS REGARDING JEWISH MATTERS; AND 3) WHILE UN  
SECRETARY GENERAL, WALDHEIM HAD CONSTRUCTIVE,  
POSITIVE AND BALANCED ATTITUDES TOWARD THE  
CYPRUS ISSUE. TURKEY IS NOT A NATION THAT  
FORGETS GOOD THINGS OF THE PAST, THE PAPER  
WRITES, BUT IT PRAISES TURKISH PROFESSIONAL  
DIPLOMACY FOR LIMITING WALDHEIM'S VISIT TO  
ISTANBUL. THE PAPER ALSO PRAISES TURKEY'S  
MAKING ITS OWN DECISIONS ON THE WALDHEIM VISIT  
AND NOT YIELDING TO OUTSIDE PRESSURES.  
STRAUSZ-HUPE

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