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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN PRESS SUMMARY NO. 69, FOR MAY 02. 1990

1. UN SECRETARY GENERAL PEREZ DE CUELLAR ON VISIT TO VIENNA: ON TUESDAY, MAY 1, 1990, UN SECRETARY GENERAL PEREZ DE CUELLAR STARTED A FIVE-DAY VISIT TO VIENNA, TO PRESIDE OVER A MEETING OF THE UNITED NATION'S ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION. ON THE AFTERNOON OF HIS ARRIVAL, PEREZ DE CUELLAR WAS RECEIVED BY HIS PREDECESSOR, AUSTRIAN FEDERAL PRESIDENT KURT WALDHEIM. HE IS ALSO EXPECTED TO MEET WITH CHANCELLOR VRANITZKY AND FOREIGN MINISTER ALOIS MOCK. ACCORDING TO AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MOCK, THE FACT THAT VIENNA HAS

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BEEN CHOSEN AS THE VENUE OF THE ACC MEETING REFLECTS VIENNA'S IMPORTANCE AS ONE OF THE THREE UN CENTERS. (DER STANDARD, P.2)

2. RENEWED ACCUSATIONS AGAINST PRESIDENT WALDHEIM BY WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS: ELAN STEINBERG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS, IS ONCE MORE ACCUSING AUSTRIAN FEDERAL PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM** OF HAVING BEEN INFORMED ABOUT DEPORTATIONS OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF ITALIAN SOLDIERS TO GERMAN WORK CAMPS AFTER THE FALL OF BENITO MUSSOLINI. ACCORDING TO STEINBERG, A NEW DOCUMENT DATED AUGUST 4, 1943 AND CARRYING WALDHEIM'S SIGNATURE HAS BEEN FOUND, WHICH, HE CLAIMS, IS THE FIRST DOCUMENT TO PROVE THAT WALDHEIM HAD KNOWN ABOUT THESE DEPORTATIONS. IN CONTRAST TO THIS, A PUBLICATION ENTITLED "**KURT WALDHEIM'S WAR YEARS**" ISSUED IN 1986, WHEN THE DISCUSSION ABOUT PRESIDENT WALDHEIM WAS AT ITS HEIGHT, ADMITS THAT WALDHEIM HAD KNOWN ABOUT THE DEPORTATIONS BUT STRESSES THAT HIS POSITION HAD NOT ALLOWED HIM TO INTERFERE. THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT CALLED THE RENEWED ACCUSATIONS BY THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS AN ATTEMPT TO "REHASH A MATTER THAT HAS BEEN DEALT WITH HUNDREDS OF TIMES." (DER STANDARD, P.1)

3. OPINION POLL ON AUSTRIAN EC MEMBERSHIP: ACCORDING TO A RECENT SURVEY BY THE GALLUP INSTITUTE AMONG AUSTRIAN EMPLOYEES ON THEIR EXPECTATIONS WITH REGARD TO AUSTRIAN EC MEMBERSHIP, 82 PERCENT OF THE RESPONDENTS THINK CONSUMER PRICES WILL DECREASE; 53 PERCENT EXPECT EC ACCESSION TO CREATE NEW JOBS; 46 PERCENT EXPECT HIGHER INCOMES; 48 PERCENT EXPECT LOWER TAXES; 61 PERCENT OF THE RESPONDENTS BELIEVE EC MEMBERSHIP WILL HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE, 59 PERCENT ARE WORRIED ABOUT AUSTRIA'S INDEPENDENCE AND NEUTRALITY, AND 38 PERCENT HAVE CONCERNS REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. (KURIER, P.2)

4. MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS: AUSTRIA'S MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS WERE DOMINATED BY THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE OCTOBER 7 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. FEDERAL CHANCELLOR AND SPOE PARTY CHIEF FRANZ VRANITZKY SAID THE SPOE WAS NOT CONSIDERING THE ISSUE OF A FUTURE COALITION GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE ELECTIONS. VICE CHANCELLOR AND OEPV PARTY CHIEF JOSEF RIEGLER SAID THAT IN VIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE, IT WOULD BE ANACHRONISTIC FOR AUSTRIA TO REMAIN A COUNTRY WITH A SOCIALIST MAJORITY. FPÖ PARTY CHIEF JOERG HAIDER EXPRESSED RENEWED CRITICISM OF INTERIOR MINISTER LOESCHNAK'S PLAN FOR A PROPORTIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF REFUGEES OVER THE WHOLE OF AUSTRIA. THE GREENS CONSIDER ABOLISHING THE SYSTEM OF SOCIAL PARTNERSHIP THEIR MOST IMPORTANT FUTURE TASK. (KURIER, P.2)  
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