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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN PAPER PUBLISHES U.S. LETTER TO THE  
EDITOR AND NEGATIVE COMMENTARY.

REF: A)VIENNA 7536; B)VIENNA 7644

1. IN CONNECTION WITH AN ANTI-AMERICAN "POEM" WITH  
RACIST AND FASCIST UNDERTONES PUBLISHED RECENTLY IN THE  
DAILY MASS-CIRCULATION, RIGHT-OF-CENTER TABLOID "NEUE  
KRONEN ZEITUNG", AGAINST WHICH THE U.S. EMBASSY IN  
VIENNA PROTESTED IN A LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE PAPER,  
DR. DRAGON (REFTEL VIENNA 7536 AND VIENNA 7644), THE  
SAME PAPER RUNS A COMMENTARY ON JULY 9, 1990, BY  
COLUMNIST RICHARD NIMMERRICHTER (WHO WRITES UNDER THE  
PEN NAME "STABERL"), ENTITLED "RIDDLE MADE IN THE  
U.S.A.". THE COMMENTARY SLAMS THE JUNE 28, 1990, GARRY

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TRUDEAU TAKE-OFF OF THE WALDO CHILDREN BOOKS PUBLISHED RECENTLY IN THE "NEW YORK TIMES", ENTITLED "WHERE IS WALDHEIM", WITH A CAPTION THAT RUNS "ACHTUNG, WALDHEIM-LOVERS! CAN YOU HELP FIND HIS LUGER?". THE COLUMNIST DEFENDS THE "POEM" "NEUE KRONEN ZEITUNG" PUBLISHED ON JULY 1, AND CRITICIZES THE AMERICAN EMBASSY PROTEST, ACCUSING "THE NEW YORK TIMES" OF EQUAL "TASTELESSNESS". HE PARTICULARLY STRESSES THAT IN THIS "NEW YORK TIMES" ARTICLE WALDHEIM IS CALLED AN "ABSENT-MINDED WAR CRIMINAL." HE CHARGES AS WELL THAT THE NYT'S EDITOR ESTABLISHED A QUOTA TO MAINTAIN A HIGH LEVEL OF ANTI-WALDHEIM ARTICLES.

2. ON FRIDAY, JULY 6, "NEUE KRONEN ZEITUNG" PUBLISHED A NUMBER OF 'LETTERS TO THE EDITOR' DEALING WITH THE ORIGINAL POEM. WHILE MOST OF THESE LETTERS CONGRATULATED THE AUTHOR ON THE "POEM", THE SECTION ALSO INCLUDES THE FULL TEXT OF THE LETTER OF COMPLAINT U.S. PRESS ATTACHE WROTE TO DR. DRAGON, AS WELL AS THE CRITICAL STATEMENT BY THE "GRAZ ASSOCIATION OF AUTHORS" (BOTH REFTEL 7536). AS A RESULT OF THE PUBLICATION OF THE LETTER IO EFIRD RECEIVED THREE OUTRAGED TELEPHONE CALLS. AS REPORTED, THE LEFT-OF-CENTER "AZ" AND THE ORF ALSO BROADCAST COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE "POEM".

3. FOLLOWING ARE TRANSLATED EXCERPTS FROM THE "NEUE KRONEN ZEITUNG" COMMENTARY OF JULY 9:

"THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF THE "NEW YORK TIMES" WAS RATHER ANNOYED WHEN AT THE END OF JUNE HE APPEARED BEFORE SOME 60 JOURNALISTS AT THE EDITORIAL CONFERENCE. THE REASON: DURING A WHOLE MONTH, ONLY ONE VIRULENT ARTICLE APPEARED IN HIS PAPER ON **KURT WALDHEIM**, WHOM THE AUSTRIANS ELECTED FEDERAL PRESIDENT. THAT WAS A CLEAR MOVE AGAINST THE LONG-STANDING ORDERS BY THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF TO PUBLISH AT LEAST TWO ANTI-WALDHEIM STORIES PER MONTH. THE EDITORS CONCERNED - ONE OF THEM FURIOUSLY TOLD US THE WHOLE STORY - SAID IT WAS NOT THEIR FAULT.....

THE ARGUMENT THAT FIVE INDEPENDENT JUDGES FROM VARIOUS DIFFERENT COUNTRIES CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT WALDHEIM WAS NOT A WAR CRIMINAL DID NOT COUNT WITH THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF. TWICE A MONTH, WALDHEIM HAS TO BE IN THE PAPERS. PERIOD....

...WE LEAVE IT TO OUR READERS TO LOOK AT THIS PICTURE PUZZLE AND FORM THEIR OWN OPINION ON THE STATE OF MIND OF MANY AMERICANS.....

NEVERTHELESS WE WOULD HAVE IGNORED SUCH EXCESSIVE STUPIDITY AND INSOLENCE IF IT WAS NOT FOR A LETTER OF COMPLAINT FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, CONCERNING A RECENTLY PUBLISHED POEM BY WOLF MARTIN, WHICH ARRIVED AT THE SAME TIME. THE HARMLESS AND FUNNY POEM CAUSED THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S. IN VIENNA TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING ASTONISHING REMARK, 'I WANT TO EXPRESS MY

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CONSTERNATION AT THE FACT THAT YOUR PAPER PUBLISHES A  
"POEM" OF SUCH A MALIGNANT NATURE, WHICH TASTELESSLY  
DENIGRATES THE UNITED STATES."

THUS, THE AMERICAN EMBASSY HAS GIVEN US A LECTURE IN  
TASTELESSNESS....TASTELESS, ACCORDING TO THEM, IS A POEM  
THAT CRITICALLY DEALS WITH THE ALARMLY HIGH  
CRIME-RATE IN AMERICA; A POEM THAT HAS, AFTER ALL, A  
RIGHT TO POETIC LICENCE!

HOWEVER, IT IS EVIDENTLY TASTEFUL TO DENIGRATE THE  
AUSTRIAN FEDERAL PRESIDENT IN AN UNPARALLELED  
SMEAR-CAMPAIGN, CALLING HIM A 'WAR-CRIMINAL', AGAINST  
BETTER JUDGEMENT, AFTER HE HAD BEEN CALLED  
"NAZI-BUTCHER" BY ANOTHER AMERICAN SCANDAL SHEET!"  
END TRANSLATION.

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END OF MESSAGE

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