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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN PRESS SUMMARY NO. 112, FOR JULY 27,
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1. MEETING OF HAVEL, WEIZSAECKER, AND WALDHEIM IN
SALZBURG: YESTERDAY, JULY 26, CZECHOSLOVAK PRESIDENT
VACLAV HAVEL CAME TO AUSTRIA IN HIS CAPACITY AS A
PRIVATE PERSON TO ATTEND AND GIVE A SPEECH AT THE
OPENING OF THE SALZBURG FESTIVAL. FOLLOWING THE OPENING

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OF THE FESTIVAL, VACLAV HAVEL, WEST-GERMAN PRESIDENT RICHARD VON WEIZSAECKER, AND AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT WALDHEIM MET TO HAVE LUNCH TOGETHER.

ALL AUSTRIAN MEDIA GAVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO WHAT THE INDEPENDENT DAILY "DIE PRESSE" CALLED "SALZBURG'S GREATEST MEDIA EVENT SINCE THE VISITS OF NIXON AND THE POPE". THE MAJOR AUSTRIAN DAILIES PUBLISHED COMPLETE VERSIONS OR LARGE EXCERPTS FROM BOTH VACLAV HAVEL'S AND **KURT WALDHEIM'S** OPENING ADDRESSES. THE EVENT ALSO GOT EXTENSIVE TV COVERAGE, WITH A LONG INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT HAVEL BEING BROADCAST IN THE DAILY TV EVENING NEWS PROGRAM "ZEIT IM BILD I" AND AN INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT WALDHEIM ON THE TV DOMESTIC AFFAIRS SHOW "INLANDSREPORT".

PRESS COVERAGE EMPHASIZED DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE EVENT ACCORDING TO THE PAPERS' DIFFERING PERSPECTIVES.

SEVERAL PAPERS POINTED OUT THAT HAVEL'S SPEECH INCLUDED INDIRECT CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT WALDHEIM, WHEN HAVEL SAID "TOO OFTEN IN THIS CORNER OF THE WORLD, FEAR OF ONE LIE LEADS ONLY TO ANOTHER LIE, IN THE VAIN HOPE THAT IT WILL COVER UP NOT ONLY THE FIRST BUT ALSO THE VERY PRACTICE OF LYING.... THE ASSUMPTION THAT ONE CAN WITH IMPUNITY NAVIGATE THROUGH HISTORY AND REWRITE ONE'S OWN BIOGRAPHY BELONGS TO THE TRADITIONAL CENTRAL EUROPEAN DELUSIONS."

IN A SUBSEQUENT TV INTERVIEW, WALDHEIM SAID HE SAW NO LINK BETWEEN HAVEL'S REMARKS AND HIS OWN HISTORY.

ADDRESSING THE WEST-GERMAN PRESIDENT, WALDHEIM SAID "THE AUSTRIANS ARE SHARING THEIR GERMAN NEIGHBORS' HAPPINESS ABOUT THE END OF A TRAGIC INTERLUDE OF HISTORY. THE END OF A DIVIDED GERMANY ALSO ENDS THE DIVISION OF EUROPE." (DIE PRESSE, PP. 1, 5; DER STANDARD, P.1; SALZBURGER NACHRICHTEN ' P.1; INTERNATIONAL HEROLD TRIBUNE, P.1)

2. "WOCHENPRESSE" EDITORIAL ON OSTRACISM OF **KURT WALDHEIM**: IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPPOSITION AGAINST AND DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE MEETING OF WALDHEIM AND WEIZSAECKER THAT PRECEDED THE CZECHOSLOVAK PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO AUSTRIA, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF THE INDEPENDENT WEEKLY "WOCHENPRESSE" COMMENTS IN AN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "WALDHEIM-CANNIBALISM": "IN EVALUATING THE WALDHEIM-AFFAIR, FOREIGN POLITICIANS HAD TO RELY TO A GREAT EXTENT ON THEIR OWN COUNTRIES' MEDIA. AS THEIR COVERAGE WAS...FAR FROM FAITHFUL, THE MISINFORMATION BY THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS SPREAD UNHAMPERED IN FOREIGN MINISTRIES AND GOVERNMENT'S OFFICES. THIS CREATED THE BASIS FOR **KURT WALDHEIM'S** POLITICAL OSTRACISM. AMERICA'S WATCHLIST DECISION TOPPED THIS DEVELOPMENT. THE LAW THAT FORBIDS (AMONG OTHER THINGS) PERSONS WHO ARE SUSPECTED OF HAVING BEEN INVOLVED IN NAZI CRIMES TO ENTER THE COUNTRY IS PROBLEMATIC IN THE FIRST PLACE.

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BUT IT VIOLATES ANY HUMANE LEGAL ORDER IF IT IS INTERPRETED IN SUCH A WAY THAT AN UNPROVED SUSPICION IS ENOUGH FOR THIS LAW TO BECOME EFFECTIVE." (WOCHENPRESSE, P.9)

3. IAEA WILL EXAMINE ALL OLD NUCLEAR REACTORS IN EUROPE: IN A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY, THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY WILL EXAMINE THE SECURITY OF ALL OLD EUROPEAN NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. EXPERTS FROM THE CSFR, EAST GERMANY, BULGARIA, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA WILL PARTICIPATE IN A FIRST SEMINAR TO BE HELD IN VIENNA FROM AUGUST 27 TO 31. IN A SECOND SEMINAR, ALL IAEA MEMBER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING AUSTRIA, WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.

CJCFWJGARDING THE EXAMINATION OF THE "BOHUNICE" NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AT THE CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER TO AUSTRIA, VACLAV HAVEL FORMALLY INVITED AUSTRIA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXAMINATION PROCEDURES. ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN OF HAVEL'S PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE, THE CZECHOSLOVAK PRESIDENT EXTENDED THIS INVITATION TO AUSTRIA DURING HIS LUNCH YESTERDAY WITH PRESIDENT WALDHEIM AND RICHARD VON WEIZSAECKER. (DER STANDARD, PP. 1, 13)

4. EC CRITICISM OF SUBSIDIES FOR CHRYSLER: THIS JUNE, THE EC COMMISSION EXPRESSED CRITICISM OF AUSTRIA'S SUBSIDIES FOR THE NEW CHRYSLER PLANT IN GRAZ, STYRIA. AUSTRIA RESPONDED BY SENDING AN APPEASING STATEMENT TO THE EC COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION HAS SO FAR FAILED TO CLEARLY DEFINE ITS PRESENT STANCE REGARDING THESE SUBSIDIES. FOLLOWING AUSTRIA'S EXPLANATION TO THE EC; CHRYSLER NOW WANTS TO DEFINE THE FUTURE STRATEGY WITH THE AUSTRIAN PARTIES INVOLVED. (DER STANDARD, P.14)

5. OEVP PROPOSES STEPS TO END ORF MONOPOLY: AS A FIRST STEP TOWARD ENDING THE MONOPOLY OF THE AUSTRIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION ORF, OEVP SECRETARY GENERAL KUKACKA PROPOSED THE INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION FOR PRIVATE REGIONAL RADIO STATIONS; ACCORDING TO THIS PROPOSAL, PARTIES AND LEGAL PERSONS WOULD BE PRECLUDED FROM PRIVATE RADIO. (DER STANDARD, P.6)
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