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YUGOSLAV CRISIS/AUSTRIAN REACTIONS AND IMPLICATIONS:

1. ACCORDING TO THE AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, THE  
FOREIGN MINISTERS OF AUSTRIA, ITALY, AND HUNGARY WILL  
MEET IN BUDAPEST TOMORROW TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN  
YUGOSLAVIA.

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2. SERBIA'S ACCUSATIONS AGAINST AUSTRIA CONTINUE. IN A SERBIAN DAILY, A BELGRADE PROFESSOR OF LAW ACCUSED AUSTRIA AND GERMANY OF BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DISINTEGRATION OF YUGOSLAVIA, CLAIMING THAT THERE WAS A CONSPIRACY AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA TO CREATE A NEW EUROPEAN ARCHITECTURE, CENTERING AROUND A REUNIFIED GERMANY.

3. A STATEMENT MADE YESTERDAY BY THE NEW VICE CHANCELLOR AND HEAD OF THE PEOPLE'S PARTY, ERHARD BUSEK, LED TO INTERNAL DISAGREEMENT WITH CHANCELLOR VRANITZKY. BUSEK HAD TOLD THE MEDIA HE WOULD CALL UPON THE COALITION PARTNER (THE SPOE) TO RECOGNIZE SLOVENIA, WHICH HE SAID WAS A "MORAL COMMITMENT". THE OFFICIAL AUSTRIAN POSITION, HOWEVER, IS THAT DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION WOULD NOT HELP THE SLOVENIANS RIGHT NOW. BUSEK HAD TO MODIFY HIS STATEMENT LATER IN THE DAY.

4. THE JULY 3 EDITION OF THE INDEPENDENT "DIE PRESSE" RUNS AN ARTICLE BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT MONICA RIEDLER, ENTITLED "ABOUT FACE IN U.S. POLICY -- BAKER 'DISAPPOINTED' BY BELGRADE", IN WHICH SHE WRITES THAT THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION HAS NOW 'FINALLY REVERSED ITS POLICY ON YUGOSLAVIA'. INSTEAD OF EMPHASIZING THAT 'TERRITORIAL UNITY' SHOULD BE PRESERVED, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT NOW SAYS IT IS UP TO THE YUGOSLAV PEOPLE TO DETERMINE ITS BORDERS, AS LONG AS THIS HAPPENS PEACEFULLY.

5. PETER JANKOWITSCH, UNDERSECRETARY FOR EUROPEAN INTEGRATION, SAID YESTERDAY IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE INDEPENDENT DAILY "DIE PRESSE" THAT HE CONSIDERED THE RECOGNITION OF THE TWO SECEDING REPUBLICS A STRONG WEAPON, A TRUMP CARD THAT SHOULD BE USED AT THE MOST EXPEDIENT MOMENT- HE REFERRED TO WHAT HE LAST WEEK HAD CALLED A "REAL CRISIS" BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND WASHINGTON AS "AN ATMOSPHERIC DISTURBANCE" THAT OUGHT NOT TO BE UNDERESTIMATED. ACCORDING TO JANKOWITSCH, THE U.S. GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT AUSTRIA, IN DEALING WITH THE YUGOSLAV SITUATION, HAD LEFT THE EUROPEAN PARAMETERS".

6. INDEPENDENT "DIE PRESSE" REPORTS THAT THE CRISIS IN NEIGHBORING YUGOSLAVIA IS MAKING ITSELF FELT AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE IN VIENNA. WHILE THE PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRIAN STOCK EXCHANGE, LIEBSCHER, BELIEVES INVESTORS WILL BE BACK AFTER THE END OF THE CIVIL WAR IN YUGOSLAVIA, OTHER SOURCES BELIEVE THE CRISIS WILL BE A STRAIN ON THE VIENNA STOCK MARKET FOR QUITE A WHILE.

7. THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL ARMY, WHICH HAS BEEN THE BUTT OF QUITE AN AMOUNT OF CRITICISM LATELY, INCLUDING VOICES THAT CALLED EVEN FOR ITS ABOLITION OR AT LEAST REDUCTION, IS ENJOYING A GREAT RISE IN POPULARITY EVER SINCE WAR BROKE OUT IN YUGOSLAVIA. THERE HAVE BEEN HIGHLY FAVORABLE REPORTS IN THE PRINT AND VISUAL MEDIA, PRAISING THE ARMY FOR EFFECTIVELY PROTECTING THE AUSTRIAN REGIONS BORDERING ON SLOVENIA. THE NEW FOREIGN

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EDITOR OF THE INDEPENDENT DAILY "DER STANDARD" COMMENTS, "WEREN'T THERE NUMEROUS SPOE PAPERS DEMANDING THAT A MILITARY DEFENSE BE ABOLISHED, ONCE THE FORMER COMMUNIST STATES JOINED THE EUROPEAN HOUSE? AND NOW, THE DERIDED "DRAKEN" (INTERCEPTORS) ARE PATROLLING THE YUGOSLAV BORDER, AND OFFICERS IN THEIR BATTLEDRESS ARE GIVING INTERVIEWS AS IF THEY WERE NORMAN SCHWARKOPF. AND THE IRONICAL SMILE WE USED TO HAVE ON OUR LIPS WHENEVER THE TOPIC OF THE AUSTRIAN ARMY CAME UP FREEZES WHEN WE LOOK ACROSS THE BORDER."

8. INDEPENDENT "DER STANDARD" COMMENTS, "EVEN IF THE YUGOSLAV ARMY EXERCIZES RESTRAINT FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS, IT HAS NOT GIVEN UP THE FIGHT. AFTER THESE THREE MONTHS, THE SLOVENES WILL START THEIR STRIDE FOR INDEPENDENCE AGAIN AND WILL WANT TO TAKE OVER NOT ONLY THE CONTROVERSIAL BORDER POSTS BUT ALL FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITIES. THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN.

THERE IS ONLY ONE FORM OF EFFECTIVE SUPPORT FOR SLOVENIA: RECOGNITION OF ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND THE CREATION OF A FEDERATION OF THE DEMOCRATIC BALKAN STATES, POSSIBLY UNDER INTERNATIONAL OBSERVATION." (REPORTS ARE IN ALL MEDIA, JULY 4,5)

9. PRESIDENT WALDHEIM ON "INLANDSREPORT": KURT WALDHEIM LOOKED BACK ON HIS YEARS AS AUSTRIA'S PRESIDENT YESTERDAY IN AN INTERVIEW ON THE WEEKLY DOMESTIC NEWS PROGRAM "INLANDSREPORT". HE SAID THE DISCUSSION AROUND HIS PERSONALITY HAD MADE HIS TIME IN OFFICE MORE DIFFICULT. HE SAID "A RENEWED CANDIDACY WOULD AGAIN HAVE LED TO CONFRONTATION AND A POLARIZATION THAT CERTAINLY WOULD HAVE BEEN UNDESIRABLE." REFERRING TO HIS INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS, WALDHEIM SAID HE WOULD HAVE ENVISAGED MORE INTENSIVE ACTIVITIES. "IT WAS NOT MY FAULT THAT THIS DID NOT WORK OUT ...BUT THE DISCUSSION THAT WAS STARTED BY OTHERS DID NOT END EVEN AFTER IT WAS PROVED THAT ALL ALLEGATIONS WERE UNFOUNDED." (DER STANDARD, P.8)

10. LAUDA AIR PLANE CRASH: IN CONNECTION WITH THE CRASH OF A LAUDA AIR BOEING 767 ON MAY 26, 1991, THE U.S. NTSB HAS REQUESTED THAT THE MANUAL FOR THE RESPECTIVE TYPE OF PLANES BE REVISED AND THAT THE IMPACT OF THRUST REVERSAL ON THE ENGINES OF THAT PLANE BE ASSESSED. ACCORDING TO NIKI LAUDA, THE OWNER OF THE AIRLINE, THE FINAL REPORT ON THE REASON FOR THE CRASH WILL TAKE SOME MORE MONTHS, AS NOT ALL PARTS OF THE WRECK HAVE YET BEEN FOUND. LAUDA SAID HIS AIRLINE HAS REVISED THE MANUAL IMMEDIATELY AND THAT THE U.S. AUTHORITY IS ALSO WORKING ON AN UPDATE. (DER STANDARD, P.LO)  
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