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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN PRESS SUMMARY NO. 150, FOR AUGUST 30,
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1. RECOGNITION OF CROATIA AND SLOVENIA: YESTERDAY,
AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT WALDHEIM COMMENTED ON THE
DEVELOPMENTS IN EASTERN AND SOUTHERN EUROPE ON THE
OCCASION OF THE OPENING OF AN ANNUAL HORTICULTURE FAIR
IN TULLN, LOWER AUSTRIA. HE POINTED TO "AUSTRIA'S
ENDEAVORS TO CONTRIBUTE TO A PEACEFUL SOLUTION ON THE
BASIS OF DEMOCRACY, FREEDOM, AND HUMAN RIGHTS."

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ON THE AUSTRIAN BROADCASTING COMPANY'S WEEKLY DOMESTIC NEWS PROGRAM "INLANDSREPORT" (ESTIMATED VIEWERSHIP: 2.8 MILLION), AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR VRANITZKY SPOKE OUT AGAINST UNILATERAL RECOGNITION OF SLOVENIA AND CROATIA BY AUSTRIA. HE SAID THE PLANNED RECOGNITION WOULD ONLY BE ONE ELEMENT IN AUSTRIA'S SUPPORT OF THE TWO REPUBLICS.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF CARINTHIA PRONOUNCED ITSELF UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR OF RECOGNIZING SLOVENIA'S AND CROATIA'S INDEPENDENCE. IN A MOTION SUPPORTED BY ALL PARTIES, MEASURES UNDER THE CSCE AGREEMENTS AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTION WERE CALLED FOR.

THE OEV'S FOREIGN-POLICY SPOKESMAN, ANDREAS KOHL, CONSIDERS THE EC'S PROPOSALS AS THE ONLY CHANCE FOR A SOLUTION. IF YUGOSLAVIA FAILS TO AGREE ON A CEASE-FIRE, AUSTRIA SHOULD RECOGNIZE SLOVENIA AND CROATIA ON SEPTEMBER 2, 1991. THE PARLIAMENTARY PARTY CHAIRMAN OF THE FPOE, GUGERBAUER, ALSO FAVORS IMMEDIATE RECOGNITION. (RADIO AUSTRIA INTERNATIONAL MORNING NEWS ROUND-UP; DER STANDARD, P.2)

2. PRINCE OF LIECHTENSTEIN PAYS WALDHEIM OFFICIAL VISIT: HANS ADAM II AND HIS WIFE MARIE AGLAE WILL PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO AUSTRIA FROM SEPTEMBER 8 - 10. THE PRINCE OF LIECHTENSTEIN IS THE FIRST WESTERN EUROPEAN HEAD OF STATE TO OFFICIALLY VISIT **KURT WALDHEIM** SINCE HE WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT.

WALDHEIM HAD TRAVELLED TO LIECHTENSTEIN BEFORE TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL OF THE PRINCE'S FATHER, FRANZ JOSEF II. CHANCELLOR VRANITZKY OFFICIALLY VISITED LIECHTENSTEIN LAST JUNE. WHEN THE PRINCEDOM BECAME A UN MEMBER LAST SEPTEMBER, IT ANNOUNCED IT PLANNED TO HARMONIZE ITS POLITICAL COURSE TO A GREAT EXTENT WITH THAT OF SWITZERLAND AND AUSTRIA. (DIE PRESSE, P.2)

3. HAIDER SUES WIESENTHAL FOR LIBEL: FPOE CHAIRMAN JOERG HAIDER HAS SUED SIMON WIESENTHAL, HEAD OF THE JEWISH DOCUMENTATION CENTER IN VIENNA, FOR LIBEL. WIESENTHAL HAS REPEATEDLY OUTSPOKENLY ACCUSED HAIDER AND HIS PARTY OF RADICAL RIGHTIST STATEMENTS AND TENDENCIES. WIESENTHAL MAINTAINS THAT "THE DIEHARD NAZIS HAVE FOUND THEIR POLITICAL HOME MAINLY IN THE FPOE" AND THAT HAIDER "UNDEMOCRATICALLY REMOVED HIS OWN PARTY OFFICIALS". SO FAR, TWO WITNESSES HAVE TESTIFIED, ONE OF THEM A PHILOSOPHER AND POLITICAL SCIENTIST FROM FRANKFURT, ACCORDING TO WHOM "HAIDER MANAGES TO TAKE THE NSDAP'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION AS A BASIS WITHOUT AT THE SAME TIME PRAISING HITLER". (DER STANDARD, P.7)
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