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TEXT

SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN PRESS SUMMARY NO. 97, FOR JUNE 2, 1992

1. BOSNIAN REFUGEES: SOME THOUSAND REFUGEES FLEEING THE FIGHTING IN BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA WERE TURNED DOWN AT THE AUSTRIAN/GERMAN BORDER BY THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES. GERMANY STRICTLY APPLIES ITS ENTRY VISA REQUIREMENTS. ONLY A FEW RETURNED, WHILE THE VAST MAJORITY IS WAITING IN SALZBURG, AUSTRIA, FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER GERMANY ILLEGALLY. (ALL DAILIES)

2. EC/MONEY LAUNDERING: IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE INDEPENDENT DAILY "DER STANDARD," BRITISH EC

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COMMISSIONER LEON BRITTAN SAID IT WAS LIKELY FOR VIENNA'S EC MEMBERSHIP NEGOTIATIONS TO START IN EARLY 1993. HE EMPHASIZED THAT NEW MEMBERS HAD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION, INCLUDING DEFENSE.

BRITTAN CRITICIZED ANONYMOUS BANK ACCOUNTS IN AUSTRIA AND CALLED UPON VIENNA TO TAKE MEASURES AGAINST MONEY LAUNDERING. THE ELIMINATION OF SUBSIDIES AND THE REDUCTION OF ECONOMIC RESTRICTIONS, TOO, WERE A PRICE TO BE PAID FOR EC MEMBERSHIP. (DER STANDARD, PP.1,4)

3. WALDHEIM INTERVIEW IN "NEWSWEEK": INDEPENDENT "DER STANDARD" REPORTS THAT IN THE ANGLO-SAXON PRESS, THE AUSTRIAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS WERE COVERED WITH A FOCUS ON THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT, **KURT WALDHEIM**. "NEWSWEEK," AS "STANDARD" REPORTS, PUBLISHED AN INTERVIEW WITH **KURT WALDHEIM** ON THE LAST PAGE OF ITS LATEST ISSUE, IN WHICH WALDHEIM ADMITTED THAT HE LEFT HIS OFFICE WITH A SENSE OF RELIEF. HE POINTED OUT THAT ONE COULD ACCUSE HIM OF NOT HAVING BEEN A RESISTANCE FIGHTER DURING THE WAR, BUT HE BELIEVED HE HAD NOTHING MORE DAMNING THAN THAT TO FEEL GUILTY ABOUT. (DER STANDARD, P.4)

4. "BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DANUBE BASIN": DR. CAROL ADELMAN, COORDINATOR WITHIN THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN EUROPE AND LECTURER AT A CONFERENCE ON "BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DANUBE BASIN" GAVE AN OPTIMISTIC ACCOUNT OF THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR AGHVKDNIRLSHBMHSGFMZ EUROPE. THE TWO-DAY CONFERENCE IS ORGANIZED BY THE U.S. EMBASSY IN VIENNA AND THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN AUSTRIA, AND CO-SPONSORED BY U.S. AMBASSADOR TO VIENNA HUFFINGTON. THE CONFERENCE IS ATTENDED BY 350 PARTICIPANTS AND IS EXPECTED TO GIVE SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES FROM THE U.S., AUSTRIA, AND EASTERN EUROPE, THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE DIRECT BUSINESS CONTACT.

ACCORDING TO ADELMAN, THE LEGAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT IS NOW TO A GREAT EXTENT AVAILABLE. SHE DESCRIBED THE HUNGARIAN MARKET AS THE MOST ADVANCED ONE ON THE WAY TO MARKET ECONOMY, FOLLOWED BY CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

ADELMAN SAID U.S. ASSISTANCE CONSISTED NOT SO MUCH IN FINANCIAL DONATIONS THAN IN ADVICE AND TRAINING. U.S. PAYMENTS AMOUNTED TO AN ANNUAL BILLION DOLLARS, INCLUDING EXPORT CREDITS. 80 PERCENT GO INTO ECONOMIC AID, ONE FIFTH INTO INFRASTRUCTURAL SUPPORT OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. (DER STANDARD, P.15)
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