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TEXT

SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN PRESS SUMMARY NO. 126/88, FOR 07/11/88

1. CSCE: RUDOLF TOROVSKY, HEAD OF THE AUSTRIAN DELEGATION AT VIENNA'S CSCE FOLLOW-UP MEETING, SHARPLY CRITICIZED ROMANIA'S RESETTLEMENT POLICY WHICH MAY ENDANGER THE SURVIVAL OF THE HUNGARIAN AND GERMAN-SPEAKING MINORITIES IN TRANSYLVANIA. TOROVSKY SAID ROMANIA'S PLANS TO DESTROY 7,000 VILLAGES HAVE CAUSED "SHOCK AND CONCERN" AMONG AUSTRIANS, AND REFERRED TO THE RECENT PARLIAMENTARY RESOLUTION ON THIS ISSUE. ROMANIAN REPRESENTATIVE DUMITRU ANINOIU REACTED WITH HEAVY ATTACKS AGAINST AUSTRIA AND SAID TOROVSKY'S

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STATEMENT REPRESENTED "A VIOLATION OF THE SPIRIT OF CSCE." HIS PLENARY STATEMENT ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT ROMANIA CONTINUES WITH ITS STRICT REJECTION OF ESSENTIAL PARTS OF THE COMPROMISE PAPER DRAFTED BY THE NEUTRAL AND NON-ALIGNED STATES. THE POLISH CSCE DELEGATION LEADER WLODZIMIERZ KONARSKI CRITICIZED ROMANIA INDIRECTLY, STATING THAT IN THE PRESENT CRITICAL STAGE OF THE MEETING IN VIENNA, GOODWILL AND WILLINGNESS FOR COMPROMISE ON THE PART OF ALL DELEGATIONS IS INDISPENSABLE IF THE HOPED-FOR POSITIVE END IS TO BE ACHIEVED. (WIENER ZEITUNG, JULY 9, P. 1, DIE PRESSE, JULY 9, P. 2)

2. VISIT OF NICARAGUAN VICE PRESIDENT: AT A MEETING WITH NICARAGUAN VICE PRESIDENT SERGIO RAMIREZ IN VIENNA, AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR FRANZ VRANITZKY SAID THAT THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT IS OBSERVING EFFORTS TOWARD PEACE IN NICARAGUA SYMPATHETICALLY AND WILL CONSIDER NICARAGUA'S REQUESTS FOR INCREASED ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH GOODWILL. RAMIREZ INFORMED VRANITZKY ABOUT THE PRESENT SITUATION IN NICARAGUA IN A CONVERSATION THAT WAS DESCRIBED AS "FRIENDLY AND OPEN" BY ONE VRANITZKY AIDE. VICE CHANCELLOR MOCK MET WITH RAMIREZ ON FRIDAY. MOCK EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT THE CEASEFIRE BETWEEN THE SANDINISTA FORCES AND THE CONTRA REBELS WILL BE EXTENDED BEYOND JULY. MOCK STRESSED THAT AUSTRIA FEELS GREAT SYMPATHIES WITH THE LONG-SUFFERING NICARAGUAN POPULATION AND IS PREPARED TO GIVE FURTHER ASSISTANCE. HE SAID IT IS HOPED THAT "CERTAIN DEMOCRATIC STANDARDS" WILL BECOME REALITY IN THE COURSE OF THE PEACE PROCESS. (WIENER ZEITUNG, JULY 9, P. 1)

NICARAGUA WILL, HOWEVER, CLOSE ITS EMBASSY IN VIENNA. RAMIREZ TOLD MOCK THAT THIS MEASURE IS CAUSED BY FINANCIAL REASONS. THE EMBASSY IN VIENNA IS ONE OF TEN NICARAGUAN MISSIONS THAT WILL BE CLOSED WORLDWIDE. (DIE PRESSE, JULY 9, P. 2)

3. AUSTRIAN REFUGEE POLICY: THE DEPORTATION OF THREE POLES BY AUSTRIAN POLICE HAS CAUSED A WAVE OF PROTESTS. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL SPOKE OF A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS; ANOTHER POLE WHO WAS ARRESTED PENDING DEPORTATION ("SCHUBHAFT") HAD AN APPEAL MADE ON HIS BEHALF TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT. INTERIOR MINISTER BLECHA STATED THAT THE DEPORTATIONS DO NOT IMPINGE ON AUSTRIAN ASYLUM POLICY, BUT ARE MERELY "PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE DEALING WITH THE REGISTRATION OF ALIENS" ("FREMDENPOLIZEI"). ASKED WHETHER MORE DEPORTATIONS ARE IMMINENT, BLECHA'S SPOKESMAN HIRSCHFELD SAID THAT BLECHA "HAS GIVEN NO INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS CONTEXT." (DIE PRESSE, JULY 9, P. 1)

4. BLECHA VISIT TO MOROCCO: INTERIOR MINISTER BLECHA IS PRESENTLY VISITING MOROCCO, WHERE HE WAS INVITED BY HIS COUNTERPART DRISS BASRI. AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED IS THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING. 48 PERCENT OF ALL CANNABIS CONFISCATED IN

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AUSTRIA ORIGINATES FROM MOROCCO. MOREOVER, MOROCCO'S
ROLE AS A TRANSIT COUNTRY FOR HARD DRUGS FROM SOUTH
AMERICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST IS INCREASING IN
SIGNIFICANCE. BLECHA, WHO IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE
"SOCIETY FOR AUSTRIAN-ARAB RELATIONS", UNDERLINED
AUSTRIA'S INTEREST IN A POLITICAL SOLUTION OF THE WEST
SAHARA AND POLISARIO CONFLICT. HE EXPRESSED HIS HOPE
THAT MOROCCO'S PLANS TO CARRY OUT BROAD ECONOMIC AND
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POLITICAL DECENTRALIZATION MEASURES WILL BRING THIS
PROBLEM TO A SATISFACTORY END. (NEUE AZ, P. 2)

5. WALDHEIM: THE HEAD OF THE HAIFA DOCUMENTATION
CENTER IN ISRAEL, FRIEDMANN, HAS COME TO VIENNA FOR
TALKS WITH PRESIDENT WALDHEIM. AS A NAZI HUNTER,
FRIEDMANN PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN TRACKING DOWN
ADOLF EICHMANN. BEFORE LEAVING ISRAEL, FRIEDMANN SAID
HE HAD FOUND NO PROOF THAT WALDHEIM WAS PERSONALLY
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEPORTATION OR EXECUTION OF JEWS
DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR. FRIEDMANN WAS INVITED TO
VIENNA BY THE AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND EXPECTS TO
DISCUSS AID FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO HOMES IN ISRAEL
FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS. (ORF RADIO INTERNATIONAL NEWS)
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