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SUBJECT: UN ARCHIVES ON WAR CRIMES - APRIL 10 UPDATE
-- ON WALDHEIM AND RELATED CASES

REF: (A) USUN 958 (NOTAL); (B) USUN 731 (NOTAL);
-- (C) USBERLIN 963 (NOTAL)

1. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: ISRAELI PERM REP NETANYAHU CONFIRMED TO AMBASSADOR OKUN ON APRIL 10 THAT ISRAELI MISSION TRANSMITTED FULL TEXT OF THE FILE ON FORMER SYG WALDHEIM RECEIVED APRIL 9 FROM UN ARCHIVES OF THE FORMER WAR CRIMES COMMISSION TO JERUSALEM. THE FILE CONSISTED MAINLY OF AN INDEX REFERRING TO DOCUMENTS NO LONGER INCORPORATED IN THE FILE.
2. WHILE AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS FROM JERUSALEM, .

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NETANYAHU SAID HE ASSUMED THAT ISRAELI AUTHORITIES WOULD FOLLOW UP BY ASKING FOR THE FULL TEXT OF SEVERAL OF THE REFERENCES IN THE FILE SINCE THE INDICES ALREADY EXAMINED DID NOT RESOLVE THE QUESTION OF WALDHEIM'S POSSIBLE CULPABILITY.

3. NETANYAHU ALSO TOLD OKUN THAT ISRAEL WAS REQUESTING ACCESS TO TWO ADDITIONAL FILES, THOSE OF ALOIS BRUNNER AN ASSOCIATE OF **ADOLF EICHMANN'S**, WHO APPARENTLY NOW RESIDES IN SYRIA, AND HERMANN KLENNER, AN EAST GERMAN OFFICIAL WHO SERVED AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE LAST SESSION OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND WHO MAY BE THE LEADING CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION IN 1987. END CONFIDENTIAL.

4. * BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: AT DAILY PRESS BRIEFING ON APRIL 10, SYG'S SPOKESMAN GIULIANI CONFIRMED THAT THE ISRAELI MISSION HAD SENT A LETTER ASKING TO EXAMINE TWO ADDITIONAL FILES AND THAT THE SECRETARIAT WAS CONSIDERING THE ISRAELI REQUEST. ISRAELI PERM REP NETANYAHU SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD THE PRESS THAT HE HAD REQUESTED BRUNNER'S FILE BUT DECLINED TO IDENTIFY PUBLICLY THE OTHER INDIVIDUAL, WHOM NETANYAHU CHARACTERIZED AS "A RATHER PROMINENT FIGURE IN DIPLOMACY."

5. ASKED IN A TELEVISION INTERVIEW IF THE WAR CRIMES COMMISSION FILES WERE A GOLD MINE, NETANYAHU REPLIED, "IT IS A MINE, I'M NOT SURE IT CONTAINS GOLD." END UNCLASSIFIED.

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