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JOHN KORNBUM IN "DIE PRESSE," JULY 26, 1996  
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SUMMARY  
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1. FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TRANSLATION OF AN INTERVIEW  
WITH JOHN KORNBUM, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EUROPEAN  
AFFAIRS IN THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT, PUBLISHED IN THE  
CONSERVATIVE QUALITY PAPER "DIE PRESSE" (CIRCULATION  
100,000).

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"NEUTRALITY -- AN ISSUE OF NATIONAL CONSENSUS"  
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2. "JOHN KORNBUM STARTED HIS DIPLOMATIC CAREER IN 1964,  
WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF STATE DEPARTMENT SPECIALIST  
FOR GERMAN-SPEAKING COUNTRIES AND SPENT MANY YEARS IN

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DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN BONN AND BERLIN. IN 1991, HE WAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO THE CSCE UNDER PRESIDENT BUSH AND HE WORKED IN VIENNA FOR THREE YEARS, UNTIL HE RETURNED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN 1994. HE IS CURRENTLY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EUROPEAN AND CANADIAN AFFAIRS."

3. DIE PRESSE: "IN AUSTRIA, THE OPPOSITION AGAINST NATO STANDS ON SHAKY GROUND. DOES THE UNITED STATES MAKE AUSTRIA'S NATO ENTRY CONTINGENT ON ANY CONDITIONS?"

KORNBLUM: "IN THIS CASE, THE U.S. DOES NOT HAVE ITS OWN INDEPENDENT POLICY, OF COURSE; THIS IS A QUESTION THE ALLIANCE HAS TO ANSWER. NATO IS IN A PHASE OF ADAPTATION, AND AUSTRIA, AS A MEMBER OF THE 'PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE,' IS PART OF THIS PROCESS. THE NORTH ATLANTIC

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ALLIANCE TRIES TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE AS PART OF A BROADER EUROPEAN SECURITY ALLIANCE, AND WE HOPE THAT AUSTRIA WILL ASSUME A MAJOR PART IN IT."

P: "YOU KNOW NOT ONLY EUROPE, BUT ALSO AUSTRIA VERY WELL. CAN YOU, PERSONALLY, IMAGINE THAT THERE COULD BE ANY POSSIBLE CONCERNS AGAINST AUSTRIA JOINING IT?"

K: "I CANNOT IMAGINE THAT, BUT I HAVE TO BE VERY CAUTIOUS HERE. I KNOW THAT AN IMPORTANT DEBATE IS GOING ON IN AUSTRIA, AND I DON'T WANT TO INTERFERE. LET ME REPEAT THAT WE WANT A BROAD AND INTEGRATED SECURITY SYSTEM IN EUROPE. THERE ARE SEVERAL LEVELS, AND NATO EXPANSION IS ONE OF THEM. I AM SURE: ONCE AUSTRIA HAS FOUND A CONSENSUS, OTHER COUNTRIES WILL FIND ONE AS WELL."

P: "IS IT IMPERATIVE TO GIVE UP NEUTRALITY?"

K: "NEUTRALITY IS IN THIS CASE -- IF YOU WANT -- A QUESTION OF NATIONAL CONSENSUS, A QUESTION OF HOW AUSTRIA WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE NEW SECURITY SYSTEM."

P: "THE MOST RECENT SPECIAL MISSION OF YOUR PREDECESSOR RICHARD HOLBROOKE IN BOSNIA WAS RECEIVED BY SOME WITH A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SURPRISE. HAD IT BEEN COORDINATED WITH YOU?"

K: "OF COURSE THIS WAS COORDINATED WITH ME. WE HAD ARRIVED AT A POINT WHERE WE THOUGHT THAT A DRAMATIC STEP COULD BE USEFUL AND, AS WE SAW, IT WAS ALSO VERY EFFECTIVE. THE DECISION WAS TAKEN BASED ON MY

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RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE POLICY WE DEVELOPED HERE. AND WE  
WILL KEEP USING EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE THE PEACE  
PROCESS."

P: "WILL THERE BE FURTHER HOLBROOKE MISSIONS?"

K: "I DON'T KNOW. THERE COULD BE, BUT THIS IS NOT THE  
QUESTION AT THE MOMENT. THE QUESTION IS HOW THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DAYTON TREATY PROCEEDS. THIS HAS  
ALWAYS BEEN THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT FOR US. IT HAS NOT  
BEEN POSSIBLE SO FAR TO REACH A CLEAR BREAK WITH  
KARADZIC, AND WE THINK THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS NOW  
ACHIEVED THAT."

P: "HOW SERIOUSLY CAN WE TAKE KARADZIC'S WITHDRAWAL? AS  
WE KNOW, ALL PARTIES IN THIS CONFLICT HAVE MADE PROMISES  
THEY DID NOT MEET."

K: "PARTICULARLY IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD, A PROMISE IS  
NOT ENOUGH. WE NOW HAVE A PAPER WITH SIGNATURES. THE  
NEXT STEP IS TO MAKE SURE THAT HE DOES NOT HAVE INFLUENCE  
ANY LONGER. WE ALSO STILL DEMAND THAT HE STANDS TRIAL IN

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