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Dear Editor,

After several years of Roy Meachum's boasting that when he makes a mistake he corrects it, years in which he has not once corrected any of the many mistakes I have addressed, I believe because he intends propaganda in the guise of journalism, I use this means, a postmarked letter establishing the time of my prediction that once again he will refuse to make any correction or give his readers any apology. I'll mail this letter to myself tomorrow morning, February 3.

Some months ago, when there was much in the media about Kurt Waldheim's Nazi past, Mr. Meachum sought to make little of this in a series of three columns in which there were many errors I then addressed without any apology or retraction from him. He then even told his readers that Hitler was driven to his anti-Semitism and the holocaust by Ernst Roehm and he entirely misrepresented that "night of the long knives" purge of Roehm and his gang.

This morning's Washington Post, in a Reuter's dispatch from Belgrade, following up on earlier reports from Germany of the existence of captured Nazi records that tie Waldheim to knowledge he had ^{denied} had about the terrible Nazi murders of Jews and others in southeastern Europe, quotes "a top Yugoslav military historian" as saying they have documents ^{proving} ~~that Waldheim~~ Waldheim was involved in those Nazi atrocities, in their official archives. They have "at least 30 documents bearing Waldheim's signature which implicated him in ~~atrocities~~ ^{war} crimes . . . in the summer of 1942."

If I remember correctly, that is when Waldheim claims he wasn't in the Nazi army but was in law school.

The historian also said that these official Nazi documents, in an official Yugoslav archive, "clearly implicate him (Waldheim) in genocide."

Since that series of columns there has been a number of news accounts ^{Mr. Meachum ignored,} proving ^{that,} that once again ~~Mr. Meachum,~~ ^{he} without regard for the great traditions of American journalism ~~has ignored,~~ was not truthful with his readers and he made no correction

or apology. I am confident that once again he will not and I believe he will not because his intention in his many, many biased and incorrect columns has been anti-Semitic and anti-Israel propaganda.

He reads and when it suits his purposes, quotes the Washington Post selectively

I believe also that once again he will betray the ^{trust} ~~trust~~ of his readers and the papers and I use this means to establish the obviousness of his intentions.

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Yugoslav Historian Vouches For Key Data on Waldheim

Reuter

BELGRADE, Feb. 1—A top Yugoslav military historian said today an original document alleged to implicate Austrian President Kurt Waldheim in World War II atrocities was in the Yugoslav archives.

Dusan Plenca said in an interview that he possessed photocopies of at least 30 documents bearing Waldheim's signature which implicated him in war crimes during savage fighting in Kozara mountains, central Yugoslavia, in the summer of 1942.

"No individual can hold the originals, because they are state property," Plenca said. "But anyone interested could find them in the archives. Waldheim pretends to have a short memory, but the documents clearly implicate him in genocide and he should defend himself in a court, not before a commission."

Waldheim has repeatedly denied being involved in crimes against civilians while serving with the German army in World War II.

Plenca spoke as West German

historian Manfred Messerschmidt, a member of an Austrian government historians' commission probing Waldheim's wartime past, arrived in Yugoslavia to authenticate a key document published today by the West German magazine Der Spiegel.

The document is purported to be a telegram sent in July 1942 to a German group commander advising that Waldheim, then a German army lieutenant, sought the deportation of more than 4,000 Yugoslav civilians. Der Spiegel said the document had been discovered in a Zagreb archive by Plenca.

But a senior official in Zagreb's main archive said today that all the files seen by Plenca had been examined and the document had not been among them.

Asked whether he was ready to meet Messerschmidt, Plenca said: "Yes, I would like to face him in front of television cameras and show him my documents if he shows me his."