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- [] on 11 January 1967, Ministerialdirektor Karl Hohmann of the Federal Chancellery said that the decision to transfer him to the West German Intelligence Service (BND) has been postponed until next summer. At that time the decision will depend upon other personnel developments in the government.
- Hohmann said that he will become a special advisor to the West German Government on the German image abroad and ways to improve it.

¹Field Comment: According to "Die Welt" of 17 January, Hohmann has been given a position in the Federal Press Office, where he will be concerned with matters pertaining to public opinion and electronic data.

²Field Comment: [] was told earlier by Hohmann that he was a serious candidate to head the BND when General Gehlen retires from that position - see CSDB-312/00190-67. It was subsequently reported by a ranking BND official that Gehlen had received a one year extension past his 65th birthday, which is in April 1967.

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