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U.S. 'INTERVENTION' IN GERMAN INTELLIGENCE

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(TEXT) BONN--IT HAS NOW BEEN LEARNED THAT THE CIA HAS INTERFERED DIRECTLY IN THE SELECTION OF A SUCCESSOR TO THE POST OF HEAD OF THE WEST GERMAN SECRET SERVICE. THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE STATED ITS WIS.ES "IN A SUITABLE FORM--FIRMLY AND EMPHATICALLY" ON THE OCCASION OF THE LAST VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES BY CHANCELLOR KIESINGER AND HIS FOREIGN MINISTER, BRANDT.

THE UNDERLYING ASSUMPTION WAS THAT THE PRESENT SECRET SERVICE CHIEF IN KIESINGER'S OFFICE, LIEUTENANT GENERAL GENLEN, WHO IS 66, IS DUE FOR RETIREMENT AS "MINISTERIALDIREKTOR" IN THE SPRING OF 1968 AT THE LATEST. CIA DIRECTOR RICHARD M. HELMS IS SAID TO HAVE MADE IT KNOWN TO CHANCELLOR KIESINGER THAT THE CIA WANTED LT. GEN. GERHARD WESSEL OF THE FEDERAL ARMED FORCES TO BE GENLEN'S SUCCESSOR.

IN THE FASCIST SUPREME ARMY COMMAND, WESSEL WAS GENLEN'S DEPUTY AND WAS IN CHARGE OF THE ANTI-SOVIET ESPIONAGE AND DIVERSIONIST DEPARTMENT "FRENDE HEERE OST." FROM 1947 TO 1955 HE HELD A LEADING POST IN THE CIA-DIRECTED AND -FINANCED "GENLEN ORGANIZATION." TODAY GENERAL WESSEL IS THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FEDERAL ARMED FORCES ON THE WASHINGTON MILITARY COMMITTEE AND COOPERATES CLOSELY WITH THE CIA.

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