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1. WISH POINT OUT ARTICLE IN "HAMBURGER ABENDBLATT", 9 OCT 75, ENTITLED "COMMOTION ABOUT GEHLEN-FILM AND THE SECRET FINANCIERS." ARTICLE STATES THAT ERIK COTTA, AGE 29, RES: GILCHING BEI MUENCHEN, PLANS FILM ON "THE LIFE STORY OF THE LEGENDARY SECRET SERVICE GENERAL REINHARD GEHLEN (72)". FILM BUDGETTED AT DMW 18 MILLION (CA US \$7 MILLION), WILL REPORTEDLY APPEAR IN 1977--"WHICH AT MOMENT SEEMS DOUBTFUL," ACCORDING TO ARTICLE.

2. ARTICLE CONTAINS TYPICAL JOURNALISTIC MIX OF FACT/QUOTES/ALLEGATIONS/SUPPOSITIONS. BARE-FACTS/QUOTES APPEAR BE:

A. COTTA CLAIMS "FINANCING ALREADY ASSURED,"

B. PUBLISHER OF GEHLEN'S MEMOIRS, VON HASE UND KOEHLER VERLAG, MAINZ, IS MANAGED BY ONE HANSEN. HIS COMPANY HAS CONTRACTUALLY-BASED INFLUENCE ON THE FILM SCRIPT, SAYS HANSEN. COTTA, HOWEVER, SAYS "WE NOT FILMING GEHLEN'S BOOK, BUT HIS LIFE."

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C. HANSEN HAD SOLD THE BOOK'S FILM RIGHTS TO HAMBURG COMPANY "COMMERZFILM", WHICH IN TURN SOLD RIGHTS TO "COTTA INTERNATIONAL FILM," NEW YORK, OF WHICH COTTA IS PRESIDENT.

D. HANSEN SAYS THE ROTHSCHILDS ARE FINANCING THE FILM.

E. THE DKP NEWSPAPER "UZ" (DUESSELDORF) SAYS THE ENTIRE AFFAIR IS NOTHING MORE THAN A PROPAGANDA COUP OF THE BND.

F. GEHLEN SAYS HE KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT THE MATTER, BUT COTTA SAYS HE HAS A NOTARIZED STATEMENT.

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