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STAEHLE ARTICLES ON INTERNAL SECURITY AGENCIES			
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REF- BONN-5408, DATED 21 OCTOBER 1963			
<p>1. DURING A CALL ON OTHER QUESTIONS ON 29 OCTOBER 1963, WE TWITTED PETER STAEHLE ABOUT THE MOUSE HE HAD PRODUCED IN THIS WEEK'S EDITION OF THE 'STERN' MAGAZINE INSTEAD OF THE ELEPHANT OF A STORY WHICH APPEARED TO BE COMING ON THE BASIS OF WHAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD US ABOUT IT /SEE PARAGRAPH 7 OF THE REFERENCE/. STAEHLE LAUGHED IT OFF AND ADVISED THAT HE HAD HAD MORE, BUT THAT BOTH HE AND HIS EDITOR HAD FELT THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE PUBLISHED. HE FURTHER ADVISED THAT - QUITE APART FROM THE FACT THAT THE PROBLEM WAS NOW ABOUT TO BE LOOKED INTO BY THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE OF THE BUNDESTAG INTERIOR COMMITTEE - HE, HIS EDITOR, AND /PRESUMABLY/ THE READING PUBLIC WERE BECOMING BORED WITH THE INTERCEPT BUSINESS, AND THAT IT WAS THUS MOST UNLIKELY, BARRING MAJOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS, THAT HIS MEDIUM WOULD PRINT ANYTHING ELSE ON IT FROM NOW ON.</p>			
<p>2. WE TOLD HIM THAT UNFORTUNATELY A GOOD DEAL OF DAMAGE HAD BEEN DONE. STAEHLE ADMITTED THAT THIS IS PROBABLY TRUE, AND THAT HE HAS SOME FEELING OF REGRET ABOUT IT. HE STATED, HOWEVER, THAT HIS SLIGHT SENTIMENTS OF GUILT ARE TEMPERED BY THE FACT /ACCORDING TO HIM/ THAT THE PROBLEM COULD EASILY HAVE BEEN CONTAINED AFTER HIS FIRST ARTICLE, HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE INEXCUSABLY INEPT HANDLING GIVEN IT BY INTERIOR MINISTER HOECHERL, AND IF PERSONNEL POLICIES OF THE BFV HAD BEEN SUCH AS TO PREVENT THE DEGREE OF DISAFFECTION WHICH BECAME APPARENT AS THE STORY UNFOLDED.</p>			
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3. TURNING TO ANOTHER, IF RELATED, SUBJECT, STAEHLE THEN ADVISED THAT HE WAS DOING A MAJOR ARTICLE WHICH WOULD RE-HABILITATE NONE OTHER THAN THEODOR SAEVECKE [] STAEHLE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN ALLOWED ACCESS TO ALL THE MATERIAL THAT HAD BEEN COLLECTED ON THE SAEVECKE CASE, AND THAT HE HAD COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THERE IS NOTHING TO THE ALLEGATIONS THAT SAEVECKE COMMITTED CRIMES WHILE WITH THE SS IN ITALY DURING THE WAR. STAEHLE ALSO SAID THAT HE IS QUITE CONVINCED THAT THE MATERIAL ON THIS ASPECT, MADE AVAILABLE TO THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES BY THE ITALIANS, HAD ORIGINATED WITH THE EAST GERMANS. STAEHLE SAID THAT HIS ARTICLE WOULD BRING THESE FACTS OUT QUITE CLEARLY, AND THAT IT SHOULD RESULT IN SAEVECKE'S REHABILITATION, AT LEAST IN TERMS OF THE WAR CRIMES CHARGES WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AGAINST HIM. WHEN WE EXPRESSED AMAZEMENT AT WHAT HE WAS ABOUT TO WRITE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN IT AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE HAD BEEN TREATING CERTAIN BFV OFFICIALS OF LATE, STAEHLE SAID THAT HE DOES NOT WANT TO BE MISUNDERSTOOD, I.E., PEOPLE WITH SAEVECKE'S AND WSNGER'S BACKGROUND SHOULD UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES BE EMPLOYED BY THE GERMAN INTERNAL SECURITY AGENCIES /AND HIS ARTICLE ON SAEVECKE WILL SO STATE IN UNEQUIVOCAL TERMS/, BUT THAT THIS WAS SOMETHING ALTOGETHER DIFFERENT FROM ACCUSING ANYONE OF WAR CRIMES WHEN, IN FACT, HE IS INNOCENT OF SUCH CHARGES.

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