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C J REPORTED 27 JAN HAD HELD DISCUSSION WITH DR. SCHRUEBBERS

25 JANUARY ON DEVELOPMENTS SPIEGEL ARTICLE. ACCORDING SCHRUEBBERS SPIEGEL SENT ADVANCE COPY OF ARTICLE TO MINISTER GENSCHER ON 23 JANUARY. SAME EVENING GENSCHER SENT HIS PERSONAL ASSISTANT DR. KLAUS KINKEL, WHO ON CLOSE PERSONAL TERMS SCHRUEBBERS, TO VISIT LATTER. KINKEL EXPLAINED GENSCHER WANTED SCHRUEBBERS TO KNOW THAT GENSCHER'S OWN POLITICAL POSITION WAS ENDANGERED AT PRESENT TIME AND AS RESULT HE WOULD BE UNABLE GIVE SCHRUEBBERS ANY SUPPORT RE SPIEGEL CHARGES. GENSCHER FELT BEST COURSE WOULD BE FOR SCHRUEBBERS TO RESIGN

2. SCHRUEBBERS TOLD KINKEL HE HAD CLEAR CONSCIENCE AND WOULD NOT VOLUNTEER RESIGNATION. IF GENSCHER DEMANDED RESIGNATION, HE WOULD THEN COMPLY.

3. C J HAS DETERMINED FROM SPIEGEL BACKGROUND OF 24 JANUARY ARTICLE. MID-1970 INDIVIDUAL CONTACTED SPIEGEL OFFICE DUESSELDORF WITH COMPLAINT RE MANNER IN WHICH HIS RESTITUTION CLAIM HAD BEEN HANDLED. SPIEGEL REPORTER NOTICED NAME SCHRUEBBERS AS PROSECUTOR IN

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CASE. AS RESULT, SPIEGEL MAIN OFFICE HAMBURG^{URG} WROTE TO PRESS OFFICE OF EAST GERMAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ASKING FOR INFORMATION ON SCHRUEBBERS. LATTER OFFICE REPLIED HAD NOTHING. NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS TOOK PLACE UNTIL MID-DECEMBER 71 WHEN PRESS OFFICE OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS SENT PACKAGE OF MATERIAL TO SPIEGEL. ACCOMPANYING LETTER EXPLAINED THAT RESEARCH AT "INSTITUT FUER ZEITGESCHICHTE" IN LEIPZIG, WHICH CUSTODIAN OF REICHSGERICHTSHOF ARCHIVES, HAD UNCOVERED NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH SCHRUEBBERS ACTED AS PROSECUTOR. ALL INFORMATION IN SPIEGEL ARTICLE CAME FROM MATERIAL RECEIVED FROM EAST GERMANS.

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