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- Ex-Colonel Hans Ulrich Rudel, who arrived in West Germany from Argentina on 28 February 1954, engaged in certain business discussions during his German stay. Some of these concerned the Lucht export firm in Duesseldorf, with which Dr. Werner Naumann is associated. He also engaged in discussions with Waldemar Schitz of the Plesse Publishing House in Göttingen. One unconfirmed report states that he also discussed a deal concerning a cement business involving East Germany and Argentina.
- Rudel's discussions with rightist politicians such as Naumann, Adolf von Thadden, and Wilhelm Meinberg of the DRP were disappointing to him, and he stated that he did not want to be active in West German politics. After his return to Argentina he may accept a position as Chief of the Argentine air transport system. This position was held until recently by ex-Captain Baumbach (fnu).

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