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# Allies Hunt Mailer Of Secret War Plan

STUTTGART, Germany, Aug. 26 (UPI)—Allied intelligence is hunting the source of an alleged top-secret American plan for nuclear, chemical and biological war in Europe which was sent to Western newspapers and magazines, American sources said today.

A spokesman for the U.S. European Command in Stuttgart declined to confirm or deny the authenticity of the documents referred to in an article in the German magazine Stern this week. Stern did not say whether it plans to publish the text of the documents.

But American sources said allied counter-intelligence agents are hunting for the person who mailed copies of the documents to Stern, the American leftist magazine Ramparts and other Western publications. Ramparts said it planned to publish the documents.

#### Called 'Genuine'

Stern said U.S. authorities in Germany acknowledged the documents as "genuine."

Stern said the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and West German military counter-intelligence "are now searching feverishly for a leaky point or a high-ranking traitor."

According to the magazine, the 33 pages of photo-copied documents, all stamped "top secret" or "secret," were mailed from Rome June 15 to chief editor Henri Nannen.

The documents included a detailed outline of air, land and sea operations, including the use of atomic, chemical and biological weapons. An "annex" listed troop strengths, weapons storage sites, logistics, electronics and "the conditions and priorities under which activation is planned."

#### Purposes Explained

A preface to the documents said in part: "The purpose of this plan is to provide guidance and delineate the responsibilities for the initiation and conduct of unconventional warfare in the USCINCEUR (U.S. Commander-in-Chief, Eu-

rope) area of coordinating responsibility.

It was signed: "Charles B. Boswell, Colonel, USA, Commanding," and "Royal R. Taylor, Colonel, USA, Director." The European Command spokesmen declined to comment on the authenticity of the names.

A typewritten English-language letter accompanied the documents, Stern said. The writer, who signed himself with illegible initials, said he was mailing the documents "in fulfillment of a desire expressed by a dear friend of mine, Maj. Gen. Horst Wendland."

Wendland, deputy director of the West German Federal Intelligence Agency, was found dead of a gunshot wound at his desk Oct. 8, 1968. The death was officially declared suicide. The government said Wendland had been mentally ill with "incurable depression."

#### Concern Over Weapons

"My friend (Wendland) was particularly disturbed by the fact that the Americans could use atomic, chemical and bacteriological weapons without prior consent of the U.S. Congress or the President since permission to use them follows automatically when these weapons are supplied to these special groups," the anonymous letter-writer said.

"The targets to be destroyed are determined by the commanders of these groups," he said. "In other words, the lives of millions of people depend upon the decisions of a handful of American officers... it may well be that knowledge of this was one of the reasons that led to my friend's tragic death."

Stern said investigation had shown Wendland could have had no knowledge of the documents because his job did not include military planning and West German intelligence is not trusted with secret U.S. military matters.

A Stern editor said the documents were at least three or four years old.