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PROBE OF BONN SPY SCARE DUE

Leaders to Head Review of Intelligence

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BONN, Germany (AP) — Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger and Foreign Minister Willy Brandt are to take personal charge of a sweeping review of West Germany's intelligence services as a result of the current espionage scare.

A government spokesman, Conrad Ahlers, announced Monday the two leaders will head up the probe "as soon as possible." Kiesinger is returning Wednesday from a visit to Portugal and Spain.

The investigation emphasizes a deep concern in Germany and other nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization toward a wave of arrests, suicides, mysterious deaths and disappearances among military and government servants in the past month.

TERMED SERIOUS

U.S. Defense Secretary Clark M. Clifford last week described the string of mysteries as a very serious matter. Ahlers discounted this, however, at his regular weekly news conference.

"It is my impression that Clifford is not fully informed about the situation," the German spokesman said. "He, too, obviously sees connections between the various cases. Such a connection has been ruled out by investigations to date."

He added that it was contradictory to think Communist espionage organizers would connect their various spying missions in West Germany.

LUEDKE RIDDLE

With Brandt acting in his ca-

capacity as deputy chancellor, the two leaders are expected to concentrate their probe on the riddle of Rear Adm. Hermann Luedke, a newly retired senior NATO officer found shot dead in a forest Oct. 8. He was 57.

The Luedke case, involving microfilm pictures of secret NATO documents found in a Bonn photo store and traced to the admiral, has sparked a major row between West German civil and military investigators.

Federal prosecutor Ludwig Martin, now handling the case, has accused Bonn police, the German counterintelligence agency and military counterintelligence of informing him too late of their suspicion that the admiral was a spy.

PREMATURE RETIREMENT

The microfilm was handed to Bonn police Sept. 23, but it was not until Sept. 30 that Martin's

office was informed. That was the day of Luedke's official but premature retirement as deputy head of the logistics department at SHAPE, NATO's European headquarters at Casteau, Belgium.

Luedke was apparently free to move around, and finally to leave home Oct. 8 on the hunting trip which ended in his death.

So far, investigators have been unable to prove whether Luedke was slain or took his own life.

Col. Lothar Domroese, Defense Ministry spokesman, could not say whether Luedke had been shadowed until his death, or if he was alone on the fatal hunting trip. The ministry learned of the death two days later when Mrs. Luedke called.

Domroese was questioned on the recent arrests in the year-old case of the theft of an American-built air to air Sidewinder rocket from a NATO base in south Germany.

REPORTS CONFIRMED

Domroese confirmed press reports that parts of an aircraft navigation system had been stolen at the same time. Both the rocket and the navigation system are parts of the equipment of Germany's fleet of American-designed Starfighter jet planes.

Both spokesmen denied a British newspaper report that two British officials had been sent to Bonn to conduct a separate probe of the Sidewinder affair.

Informed sources identified the missing navigation equipment as a special system known as LN3, designed for low-level flight.

CLERK HUNTED

Domroese said police were still hunting a Defense Ministry clerk, Gerhard Boehm, 61, who wrote suicide notes and vanished a week ago.

"Boehm's son has told us he has reason to believe his father is still alive," Domroese said, but declined to give details.

Ahlers again denied that the suicide of a member of his own staff in the federal press office last week was connected with an espionage affair.

He said it had been established beyond doubt that the staff member, librarian Edeltraud Grapentin, killed herself for personal reasons. She was 52.