

West German Magazine Says It Has U.S. War Plan

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BONN, Aug. 25—The West German magazine Stern reported today that it had received in the mail a photocopy of a top-secret United States planning document for chemical, biological and atomic warfare in Europe.

United States sources, while refusing to confirm or deny the authenticity of the document, said that other publications in Italy and Britain had been sent the same or similar papers since last year.

They said that the document appeared to be intended to drive a wedge between the Western allies by discrediting the ability of the West Germans to keep secrets.

Purpose of Document

Stern said that the document included tables on troop strength and weaponry and details on the employment of atomic weapons and "chemical and biological munitions."

It also described preparations for psychological warfare and evasive and protective tactics in case of a crisis, the magazine said.

The document's purpose—as described in an explanatory note signed by a Colonel Boswell and a Colonel Taylor—

was "to prepare the leadership and to point out the responsibility for the beginning and carrying through of unconventional warfare in the area of the United States command in Europe," Stern said.

The magazine said the plan, entitled 10-1, came from the headquarters of the United States Army in Europe, in Heidelberg.

The 700-word article, in the back of the magazine, gave no further details on the content of the document. The article, written by Peter Stähle, said that the document had come in a plain envelope from Italy. Mr. Stähle, who did not say when, was not available to discuss the document.

A typed anonymous letter accompanying the document said that the sender was acting upon the request of a friend of Maj. Gen. Horst Wendland, deputy chief of West Germany's top intelligence-gathering service, who committed suicide last Oct. 8, the magazine said.

The letter suggested, Stern

said, that General Wendland stole the document because he opposed America's deadly arsenal in Europe and passed it on before killing himself in anguish over the horror of the weapons.

Qualified sources said, however, that no proof had come to light that General Wendland was involved in espionage. His suicide has been officially laid to severe depression.

"The purported document is old stuff," one source said. "An Italian paper received one last year and several British papers got it in June. The only new angle is the tie to Wendland. It looks like someone is trying to stir up things to make it look like you can't trust the Germans."

On another spy matter, West German officials dismissed as hogwash a report that the recent exchange of a Soviet spy held by South Africa for 10 West German agents held in East Germany was part of a deal in which South Africa would receive West German weapons. Details of

the exchange of the Soviet spy, Yuri N. Loginov, for the West Germans are still a well-kept secret here, with United States and West German officials denying all knowledge of the case.

Pentagon Refuses to Comment

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (AP)—The Pentagon said today it would have no comment on the Stern article.