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## **Second Communiqué Regarding the Schleyer Kidnapping<sup>1</sup>**

**September 6<sup>th</sup> 1977**

On Monday, 5-09-77, the Commando Siegfried Hausner<sup>2</sup> took captive Hanns Martin Schleyer, the President of the Federal Association of German Industries and the President of the Employers Association. Regarding the conditions for his release, we will repeat our first communiqué to the Federal Government, which we learnt yesterday has been withheld by the Security Staff. That is, all attempts to search for us must stop or Schleyer will immediately be shot. As soon as the search stops, Schleyer will be released under the following conditions:

1. The prisoners of the RAF, Andreas Baader, Gudrun Ensslin, Jan Carl Raspe, Verena Becker, Werner Hoppe, Karl-Heinz Dellwo, Hanna Krabbe, Bernd Rössner, Ingrid Schubert, and Irmgard Möller, will be released in exchange for Schleyer, and will be sent to a country of their choice. Günter Sonnenberg, who since his arrest has been unfit for imprisonment due to an injury he suffered when shot, must be immediately released. The warrant for his arrest must be lifted. Günter will leave with the 10 prisoners, with whom he must immediately be placed in contact with and allowed to speak to.
2. The prisoners must be assembled at 8am on Wednesday at the Frankfurt Airport. They must be able to talk freely with each other as much as necessary, until around 12 noon, regarding the details of their departure. At 10am, one of the prisoners will enter in direct communication with the Commando via German television to inform us of the agreed upon sequence of events regarding their departure.
3. For public control and to safeguard the lives of the prisoners until they reach their destination, we propose that the prisoners be accompanied by Payot, the General Secretary of the International Federation of Human Rights of the UNO, and Pastor Niemöller. We demand that it be done this way to assure that the prisoners arrive at their chosen destination alive. Naturally, we would agree to any alternative proposal from the prisoners.
4. Each prisoner will be given 100,000 DM.
5. This communiqué, which can be authenticated by Schleyer's photo and his letter, must be published unedited and unfalsified this evening on the 8:00 News.

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<sup>1</sup> There were a total of 23 contacts made by the Commando. Only the 2nd communiqué and the last communiqué are generally available.

<sup>2</sup> Siegfried Hausner - RAF member, died in custody following injuries sustained during an occupation of the West German Embassy in Stockholm on April 24, 1975. Explosives laid by the Commando were detonated when police stormed the building. The Commando was demanding the release of 23 political prisoners held in West Germany.

6. We will establish the concrete details for the freeing of Schleyer as soon as we have confirmation that the prisoners have been freed, that they won't be extradited, and when the Federal government releases a statement guaranteeing that they won't pursue extradition.

We proceed from the perspective that Schmidt<sup>3</sup>, having demonstrated in Stockholm how quickly he can make decisions, will take the trouble to clarify his connection with this greasy magnate of the cream of national business equally quickly.

**September 6<sup>th</sup> 1977**  
**Commando Siegfried Hausner**  
**RAF**

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<sup>3</sup> Helmut Schmidt - Chancellor and head of the Parliamentary Section of the West German Social Democratic Party (SPD) at the time this communiqué was released.