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Final Communique Regarding Schleyer¹

October 13th 1977

We have given Helmut Schmidt² enough time to make his choice between the American strategy of annihilation of liberation movements in West Europe and the Third World and the federal government's desire to save the most important existing industrial magnate of the imperialist strategy.

The ultimatum of the Operation Kofr Kaddum³ of the Commando "Martyr Halimeh" and the ultimatum of the Commando "Siegfried Hausner"⁴ of the RAF are identical.

The ultimatum expires on October 16, 1977 at 8:00 GMT.

If, at that time, the prisoners demanded have not arrived at their destination, Hans-Martin Schleyer will be executed⁵.

After holding Schleyer for forty days, there won't be an extension of the ultimatum or any further contact.

Any delay will mean Schleyer's death.

To save time, it won't be necessary for Pastor Niemoller and the lawyer Payot to accompany the prisoners.

We will receive confirmation of the prisoners' arrival even without confirmation from escorts.

Hans-Martin Schleyer will be freed 48 hours after we receive confirmation.

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¹ Hans-Martin Schleyer - Germany's top industrialist. Head of German Industry Association and Board member of Daimler-Benz, and a former SS Officer.

² Helmut Schmidt - head of the Social Democratic Party (SPD) and Chancellor.

³ Operation Kofr Kaddum of the Commando Martyr Halimeh – on October 13, 1977, a Palestinian Commando hijacked a Lufthansa airliner to Mogadishu, Somalia in support of the RAF Commando Siegfried Hausner's demand for the release of imprisoned RAF members. On 18-10-77, a German anti-terrorist team stormed the plane killing all but one member of the Commando, the sole survivor being severely injured.

⁴ Siegfried Hausner – a member of RAF Commando Holger Meins, which took over the West German Embassy in Stockholm, Sweden on April 24, 1975, demanding the release of 26 West German political prisoners. He was killed when the police stormed the building. The remaining members of the Commando were captured.

⁵ The prisoners demanded were Andreas Baader, Gudrun Ensslin, Jan Carl Raspe, Verena Becker, Werner Hoppe, Karl-Heinz Dellwo, Hanna Krabbe, Bernd Roessner, Ingrid Schubert, Irmgard Möller and Günter Sonnenberg of the RAF, as well as two members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine imprisoned in Istanbul, Turkey, Mahdi and Hussein.

Commando Siegfried Hausner
October 13th 1977