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3. "Aktion": One of the first reports Goleniewski sent through his letters of 1958 concerned a proposed KGB propaganda offensive against the Western Powers in the German Federal Republic labeled by him "Aktion". The program originated with the KGB Second Chief Directorate and that Directorate's Chief, Gribanov, and was to be implemented by the Satellite services. The objective of the propaganda assault was to support and strengthen the Soviet contention that West Berlin was an outpost of the Western intelligence services and the West German service, the BND, was a tool of the Western Powers. After the KGB explained its plan, it became obvious that the Satellites would be sacrificing their agents in West Berlin and the Federal Republic to achieve the KGB goal. The proposal did not meet with enthusiasm and the plan, as originally presented, was dropped but the BND agents who had been identified in West and East Berlin and in the GDR were exposed. The planning for "Aktion" occurred during the months of April, May, June and July 1959 and was in preparation for the Geneva Conference which the Soviets would attend. According to Goleniewski, the failure of the plan was blamed on the KGB advisors to the pertinent Satellite services and there were Khrushchevian fireworks aimed at the KGB in general.

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