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1. AN ARGENTINE JOURNALIST CLAIMS TO HAVE FOUND, IN NEARLY PERFECT CONDITION, AN URUGUAYAN PASSPORT IN THE NAME OF RICARDO BAUER, AN ALIAS ALLEGEDLY USED BY MARTIN BORMANN, THE INFAMOUS NAZI MASS-MURDERER AND RIGHT-HAND MAN OF ADOLF HITLER. THE DISCOVERY WAS MADE IN THE CITY OF SAN CARLOS DE BARILOCHE, WHERE FORMER NAZI OFFICER ERICH PRIEBKE LIVED FOR MANY YEARS BEFORE BEING EXTRADITED TO ITALY LAST YEAR (REF). PRIEBKE IS NOW ON TRIAL IN ITALY FOR HIS ALLEGED WAR CRIMES.
2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE JOURNALIST OBTAINED THE BAUER PASSPORT FROM A RESIDENT OF

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BARILOCHE OF GERMAN DESCENT. SO FAR DECLINING TO REVEAL HIS IDENTITY, THE MAN CLAIMS BORMANN LIVED IN CHILE UNTIL THE RETURN OF ARGENTINE PRESIDENT JUAN PERON TO POWER IN 1973; BORMANN THEN MOVED TO ARGENTINA, WHERE HE RESIDED UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1975 FROM HEPATITIS, ACCORDING TO THIS ACCOUNT.

3. MANY ARE HEAVILY DISCOUNTING THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PASSPORT, ISSUED IN GENOA IN 1946, ACTUALLY BELONGED TO BORMANN. LOCAL RESIDENTS IN BARILOCHE, WHICH IS THE HOME OF MANY GERMAN IMMIGRANTS, SAY IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE UNIVERSALLY DESPISED BORMANN TO HAVE LIVED IN THE SMALL COMMUNITY WITHOUT DETECTION. FAMED NAZI HUNTER SIMON WIESENTHAL HAS REPORTEDLY REAFFIRMED HIS COMPLETE BELIEF THAT BORMANN DIED IN GERMANY IN 1945, BASED ON ANALYSIS OF DENTAL RECORDS COMPARED TO SKELETAL REMAINS FOUND IN BERLIN IN 1977. THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES IS ALSO DISCOUNTING THE BORMANN STORY, ALTHOUGH IT HAS SENT AN OFFICIAL TO BARILOCHE TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER FULLY.

4. COMMENT: THE ONGOING TRIAL OF PRIEBKE UNDOUBTEDLY IS MAKING NEWSPAPERS, PARTICULARLY SMALL, REGIONAL PAPERS LIKE THE ONE THAT "BROKE" THIS STORY ON BORMANN, EAGER TO CASH IN ON PUBLIC INTEREST IN NAZI HUNTING. WE ALSO SIDE WITH THE SKEPTICS IN THIS SENSATIONALIST STORY, AND WAIT TO BE CONVINCED BY BETTER EVIDENCE THAN THE FUZZY PICTURE RESEMBLING BORMANN ON THE URUGUAYAN PASSPORT THAT TURNED UP.

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