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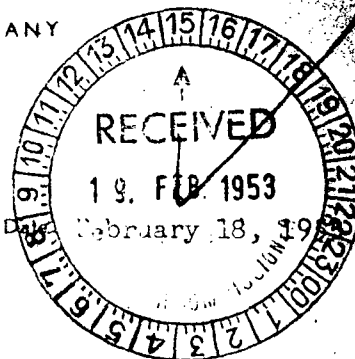
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State Secretary Strauss of the Ministry of Justice informed us today that ~~the~~ ~~State~~ ~~Secretary~~ had displayed an unusually reasonable attitude vis-a-vis the Technische Dienst at his February 5th meeting with the Federal Prosecutor and representatives of the Ministry of Justice. Strauss stated that a ~~state~~ understanding had been reached on the following points:

(a) The Frankfurt Court will be permitted to complete the preliminary investigation concerning the activities of the five Technische Dienst members.

(b) Once this preliminary investigation has been completed, the Federal Prosecutor will transfer the case from Hessian jurisdiction to the Federal Court at Karlsruhe. Strauss concluded that unless new and sensational evidence is discovered by the Frankfurt Court, the case would then be allowed to die a natural death.

Strauss indicated that Zinn's constructive behavior during the meeting was clearly proof that the Minister President was no longer interested in the prosecution of the five RDJ members because he now realized that the entire Technische Dienst affair was a dead issue which could no longer be exploited politically. The ban of the RDJ was not discussed at this meeting because it is a matter which falls under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of the Interior.

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