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1. The German Mission has been informed by Dr. Otto John, Chief of the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution, that the League of German Youth (BDJ) was discussed at the 15 January conference of West German Land Interior Ministers. At this meeting, the Hessian Interior Minister, Heinrich Sinnkann, accused John's deputy of having instituted no action against the BDJ even though he knew of that organization's illegal activities. Sinn also claimed that additional incriminating evidence against the BDJ had been uncovered and offered to make it available to those Land Governments that have not yet outlawed the organization.

2. The Hessian Minister President, Georg August Sinn, also issued "gray" papers on the BDJ. (Other reports indicate that these papers were for internal distribution to the Land Interior Ministers only and are not the previously reported White Book on the BDJ, which Sinn has threatened to issue. Dr. John stated that his office was refused a copy of the papers. John also reported that he had asked the Deputy Federal SPD Chairman, Wilhelm Mehlies, Propaganda Chief, Fritz Heins, and Executive Committee Member, Walter Menzel, to use their influence to let the BDJ affair die a natural death, but he could not get definite assurance to that effect. ~~Both John and Federal Interior Minister Robert Loh believe that such unfavorable public opinion would~~

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