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01: PROFILE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY CELLS. (U)

WORLDWIDE: TERRORISM NOTES. (U)

1. (U) WEST GETHANY: PROFILE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY CELLS.

A. (U) THE FOLLOWING IS ONE OF A CONTINUING SERIES OF TERRORIST GROUP PROFILES PERIODICALLY ISSUED AT THE UNCLASSIFIED LEVEL. THESE PROFILES PRESENT INFORMATION ON TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE PROVED TO BE THE MOST LETHAL OR ANTI-US, OR BOTH.

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SUMMARY

B. (U) THE REVOLUTIONARY CELLS (RZ) WAS FORMED IN 1973 IN WEST GERMANY AND HAS SINCE USED TERRORISM IN PURSUIT OF THREE MAJOR OBJECTIVES: TO COMBAT FACISM, IMPERIALISM, Zionism, AND MILITARISM; TO INTIMIDATE US FORCES; AND, TO ATTACK THE GERMAN POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SYSTEM. THE RZ MEMBERSHIP, NUMBERING APPROXIMATELY 100, HAS BEEN REASONABLY EFFECTIVE IN CONDUCTING TERRORISM, OPERATING PRIMARILY THROUGH A DECENTRALIZED CELL SYSTEM WITH LIMITED AREA RESPONSIBILITIES.

BACKGROUND

C. (U) THE RZ SUMS UP ITS ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS WITH THESE WORDS: "WE WILL NOT HESITATE FROM SHOOTING, BOMBING, EXTORTION, AND TAKING HOSTAGES. THE WHOLE BULGING CLASS WILL BE MADE TO FEEL INSECURE..." THESE WORDS WERE PUNCTUATED IN OCTOBER 1986 WHEN RZ BUNNEN SHOT AND MOUNDED A WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL.

D. (U) THE RZ IS OCCASIONALLY LINKED WITH THE RED ARMY FACTION (RAF), WITH WHOM IT HAS HAD CONTACT BUT FROM WHOM IT HAS MAINTAINED A CLEAR DISTANCE. THE RZ BELIEVES IN A DECENTRALIZED ORGANIZATION THAT IS DIRECTED AT TARGETS WITHIN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF EACH CELL. ITS CELLS ARE TYPICALLY COMPOSED OF FEWER THAN 10 MEMBERS.

E. (U) IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE RZ PICKED UP MEMBERS FROM SMALL AND DEFUNCT ANTIESTABLISHMENT RADICAL GROUPS OF THE EARLY 1970S. IN ADDITION, ONE FORMER TERRORIST AND POLICE INFORMER CLAIMED THAT THE RZ HAS TIES TO PALESTINIAN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS. TIES TO OTHER EUROPEAN MARXIST OR ANARCHIST GROUPS UNDOUBTEDLY EXIST. THE RZ IS BELIEVED TO HAVE CONTACTS WITH THE IRA (NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY (INLA) AND THE PROVISIONAL IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY (PIRA).

F. (U) IN ITS PUBLICATION REVOLUTIONAERER 2014 (REVOLUTIONARY WRATH), THE RZ DECLARED ITS INTENT TO "IMMEDIATELY AND EVERYWHERE BEGIN THE ARMED STRUGGLE..." IN THE SAME PUBLICATION, IT FURTHER

CONVINCED THAT THE SITUATION IS A "STRUGGLE OF WORKERS, YOUTH, AND WOMEN." THIS IS AN APPARENT EFFORT TO GAIN THE BROADEST POSSIBLE BASE OF SUPPORT FROM THE VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY. WITHIN THE BR THERE IS AN AUTONOMOUS WOMEN'S GROUP, ROTE ZORA, THAT PROPAGATES A DOCTRINE OF STRUGGLE AGAINST EXPLOITATION OF THE THIRD WORLD, OPPRESSION OF WOMEN, SEXISM, AND RACISM. ROTE ZORA CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOMBING ATTACKS IN 1986 AND 1987 AGAINST GENETIC TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH FACILITIES AND OTHER RELATED TARGETS. ROTE ZORA'S MOST RECENT CLAIM WAS FOR AN UNSUCCESSFUL BOMBING ATTEMPT OF A CLOTHING FACTORY IN ASCHAFFENBURG IN JUNE 1987.

G. (U) THE BR WANTS A POOL OF SEMI-INDEPENDENT STRIKE TEAMS TO BE SPREAD ACROSS GERMANY AND CAREFULLY "COVERED" BY THE APPEARANCE OF NORMAL CIVILIAN LIFESTYLES. FROM THIS POSITION, THEY CAN STRIKE QUICKLY AND WITHOUT WARNING AT A VARIETY OF LOCATIONS AND WITHOUT THE NEED TO SET UP ELABORATE CHAINS OF SUPPORT.

H. (U) BR MEMBERS HAVE MASTERY OF A WIDE VARIETY OF TERRORIST SKILLS. THEY ARE NOT ONLY COMPETENT WITH STANDARD MILITARY WEAPONS, BUT ALSO HAVE THE ABILITY TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXPLOSIVES AND SOPHISTICATED TIMING DEVICES. THEIR FAVORITE METHOD OF ATTACK IS THE TIME-DELAYED BOMB. WEST GERMAN AUTHORITIES REPORT THAT THE BR HAS SIGNIFICANT CACHES OF WEAPONS IN RURAL FOREST AREAS.

I. (U) THE BR HAS TARGETED U.S. MILITARY FACILITIES IN WEST GERMANY IN ORDER TO OPPOSE AMERICA'S "NEOCOLONIALIST" MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE FRG.

J. (U) IN 1984-1987, THE BR ENHANCED UPON A TERROR CAMPAIGN PROTESTING WEST GERMANY'S "ANTI-IMMIGRATION" POLICIES.

SELECTED INCIDENT CHRONOLOGY:

JUNE 1976 - INJURED 16 IN A BOMB ATTACK ON THE US ARMY V CORPS HEADQUARTERS IN FRANKFURT.

DECEMBER 1976 - INJURED SEVEN WITH A BOMB BLAST AT THE US AIR FORCE OFFICERS CLUB AT WEIN/MAIN AIR BASE.

MAY 1977 - PLOTTED TO KIDNAP THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF COLOGNE TO EXCHANGE FOR IMPRISONED TERRORISTS. POLICE FOILED THE ATTEMPT.

MAY 1978 - SHOT AND WOUNDED A COURT-APPOINTED TERRORIST DEFENSE ATTORNEY AND SET A CAR BOMB IN THE AUTO OF ANOTHER (THE BOMB WAS DEFUSED BEFORE IT DETONATED).

DECEMBER 1978 - CAUSED PROPERTY DAMAGE WITH A BOMB AT THE FRANKFURT OFFICE OF THE MORGAN TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

NOVEMBER 1980 - STRONGARMED THE MUNICH OFFICE OF THE WEST GERMAN DRAFT BOARD.

MAY 1981 - CLAIMED THE MURDER OF WEST GERMAN ECONOMICS MINISTER OF HESSE, HEINZ KARRY. IN A MESSAGE THEY SAID: "THE DEATH OF KARRY WAS NOT INTENDED, BUT (RATHER) AN ACCIDENT. THE PLAN WAS TO KEEP HIM IN BED FOR A LONG TIME BY SHOOTING HIM IN THE LEGS."

OCTOBER 1981 - BOMBED THE OFFICES OF A FRANKFURT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

JUNE 1982 - DETONATED A BOMB ON A BICYCLE OUTSIDE A US ARMY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AT FRANKFURT.

JANUARY-NOVEMBER 1983 - CARRIED OUT 19 BOMBINGS AND INCENDIARY ATTACKS ON GOVERNMENT FACILITIES AND CIVILIAN COMPANIES.

MAY 1983 - BOMBED THE US OFFICERS' CLUB IN BAMBERG.

FEBRUARY 1984 - CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOMBING THE TURKISH CONSULATE IN COLOGNE.

JUNE 1984 - BOMBED THE NATO FUEL PIPELINE NEAR LORCH IN BADEN-WURTEMBERG.

DECEMBER 1984 - BOMBED A US MILITARY OFFICE BUILDING IN DUESSELDORF.

MARCH 1985 - CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOMBINGS AT MINING AND SHIPPING OFFICES IN BOCHUM, ESSEN, AND HAMBURG.

JANUARY - OCTOBER 1 - CARRIED OUT BOMBINGS AND INCENDIARY ATTACKS IN SEVERAL CITIES, SOME ON THE SAME DAY, TARGETING PRIVATE BUSINESSES AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

OCTOBER 1966 - SHOT AND WOUNDED THE CHIEF OF THE WEST BERLIN FOREIGNERS' REGISTRY OFFICE. CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOMBING A LIFTWAY OFFICE IN COLOGNE ON THE SAME DAY.

FEBRUARY 1967 - BOMBED THE CENTRAL WELFARE OFFICE FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS IN WEST BERLIN.

MARCH 1967 - BOMBED THE ALIEN WELFARE OFFICE IN WEST BERLIN.
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JULY 1967 - THE WL YOUTH ORGANIZATION CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE APRON ATTACK WHICH DESTROYED THE WEST BERLIN ALIEN REGISTRATION ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS. THIS WAS THE 14TH IMMIGRATION RELATED ATTACK BY HZ SINCE EARLY 1966.

2. (U) WORLDWIDE: TERRORISM NOTES.

A. (U) FRANCE: SEPARATISTS FROM THE CORSICAN NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FLNC) ARE SUSPECTED IN THE 4 AUGUST AMBUSH OF A POLICE VAN NEAR NASTIA. ONE POLICEMAN WAS KILLED AND THREE OTHERS WOUNDED IN THE WELL COORDINATED MACHINEGUN ATTACK. THIS IS THE SECOND ATTACK ON PERSONNEL BY THE FLNC SINCE MAY AND IS A DEVIATION FROM USUAL FLNC STRATEGY. IN THE PAST, CORSICAN TERRORISTS LIMITED THEIR OPERATIONS TO BOMBING BUILDINGS AND BOMBING BARKS.

B. (U) PHILIPPINES: RETIRED PHILIPPINE NAVY CAPTAIN ROSENDO NUJAL WAS KILLED BY A LOVE GUNMAN ON 4 AUGUST IN MANILA SHORTLY AFTER POLICE RELEASED TWO SUSPECTS IN THE 2 AUGUST SHOOTING OF GOVERNMENT MINISTER JAIME FERRELL.

C. (U) TUNISIA: TUNISIAN POLICE ARRESTED A MAN SUSPECTED OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE 2 AUGUST BOMBINGS OF FOUR HOTELS IN THE EAST COAST REGIONS OF SOUSSA AND MONASTIR. ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISTS ARE SUSPECT. MEANWHILE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS DETAINED HEDI ZEMZEMI, A MEMBER OF THE ISLAMIC TENDENCY MOVEMENT WHICH THE GOVERNMENT SAYS IS PART OF A PRO-IRANIAN FUNDAMENTALIST NETWORK PLOTTING TO OVERTHROW PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA. ZEMZEMI'S ARREST WAS NOT LINKED SPECIFICALLY TO THE BOMBINGS.

D. (U) FRANCE-SPAIN: FRANCE DEPORTED ANOTHER SUSPECTED BASQUE TERRORIST TO SPAIN ON 2 AUGUST, BRINGING TO 74 THE NUMBER OF BASQUE TERRORISTS RETURNED TO SPAIN IN THE PAST YEAR. THE SUSPECT, JOSE MARIA BARRERA GAUCHEGUI WAS TURNED OVER TO SPANISH OFFICIALS IN THE CATALAN REGION. MEANWHILE, BUSINESSMEN IN THE BASQUE REGION HAVE BEEN WARNED BY POLICE THAT THE SPANISH TERRORIST GROUP BASQUE FATHERLAND AND FREEDOM (ETA) MAY BE PLANNING TO CONDUCT ANOTHER KIDNAPING SOON TO RAISE MONEY. ETA LAST KIDNAPED AN INDUSTRIALIST IN MAY WHO WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED IN JULY. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS STATE THAT THE RELEASE FOLLOWED A RANSOM OF OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

(U) ALL OF THE ABOVE ARTICLES WERE PREPARED BY ANALYSTS OF DIA'S TERRORISM ANALYTIC BRANCH. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS REGARDING ANY OF THESE ARTICLES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THAT OFFICE AT (202) 695-1344; BY 225-1344; GRY: 3100; AND XY: 2510.

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