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REUR NYC 41. THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN TODAY'S
ABENDZEITUNG, A LOCAL TABLOID OF A RATHER SENSATIONAL
NATURE:

"CZECH FLED TO DEATH IN RATNUT. UNKNOWN PERSON IN
APARTMENT BEFORE. FROM FEAR OF A HEARING FLED INTO DEATH?
BY OUR EDITOR ULRICH DOENKE

"MUNICH- A WEEK AGO MONDAY HE WAS SEEN FOR THE LAST
TIME BY HIS COLLEAGUES AT RFE- FOUR DAYS LATER POLICE
FOUND THE 45-YEAR OLD CZECH, STANISLAV KAVAN, DEAD IN
THE RATNUT OF HIS APARTMENT ON 14 LANGSTSTRASSE-
WITH SLASHED VEINS! KAVAN ALLEGEDLY WAS INVOLVED IN
AN ESPIONAGE AFFAIR. WAS HE FRIGHTENED ABOUT A HEARING
OR SUSPICION OF HIGH TREASON BY OFFICIALS OF THE
NATIONAL CRIMINAL OFFICE? OFFICIALS CONCERNED KEPT
SILENT ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS MYSTERIOUS CASE.

"LAST TUESDAY AT 16:30 STANISLAV KAVAN WAS SUPPOSED
TO BE ON DUTY AS ANNOUNCER OF THE CZECH PROGRAM OF THE
AMERICAN BROADCASTING STATION RADIO FREE EUROPE AT
THE ENGLISH GARDENS. WHEN HE DID NOT APPEAR, A SECRETARY
PHONED HIS TWO-ROOM APARTMENT AT LANGSTSTRASSE IN
DOGENHAUSEN. NOBODY ANSWERED THE TELEPHONE. AN HOUR
LATER THE PHONE RANG IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF
PRODUCTION, MR CERESTA. AN UNKNOWN PERSON WAS AT THE
PHONE SAYING: "MR KAVAN WILL BE ABSENT FOR SEVERAL
DAYS. DON'T WORRY. WE WILL CALL AGAIN AS SOON AS
MR KAVAN CAN COME.

MR CERESTA WAS SATISFIED. HIS TALENTED SPEAKER
HAD OFTEN BEEN ABSENT FOR SEVERAL DAYS. HE SUFFERED
FROM A SPINAL AILMENT. BUT MR KAVAN WAS NOT ILL.
HIS NEIGHBOR STATED TO THE AZ: "I SAW MR KAVAN ON
WEDNESDAY NOON. HE WAS WAITING IN THE STREET IN FRONT
OF OUR HOUSE AND SEEMED EXTREMELY NERVOUS.

HIS NEIGHBOR STATED TO THE AZ: "I SAW MR KAVAN WAS NOT ILL.
WEDNESDAY NOON. HE WAS WAITING IN THE STREET IN FRONT
OF OUR HOUSE AND SEEMED EXTREMELY NERVOUS. A MAN STOOD
AT THE WINDOW OF HIS APARTMENT AND LOOKED THROUGH PAPERS.
WHEN I RETURNED FROM WORK THURSDAY MORNING, I NOTICED
THAT THE BEDROOM WINDOW WAS WIDE OPEN- FRIDAY MORNING,
THAT WINDOW WAS STILL OPEN. THIS SEEMED QUITE PECULIAR
SINCE IT WAS VERY COLD AT NIGHT.

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"MOST LIKELY STANISLAV KAVAN WAS ALREADY DEAD
ON THURSDAY. IT IS UNCLARIFIED WHETHER THIS SENSIBLE,
COATED CZECH COMMITTED SUICIDE BECAUSE HE WAS
SUMMONED FOR HEARINGS BY THE NATIONAL CRIMINAL OFFICE.
THE FACT IS THAT TWO OFFICIALS WERE LOOKING FOR HIM
FRIDAY MORNING AT HIS APARTMENT WHEN HE FAILED TO
APPEAR AT HIS HEARING. WHEN NOBODY ANSWERED THE DOOR,
A POLICE PATROL CAR WAS CALLED AND THE POLICE BROKE
THE DOOR OPEN. THE POLICE WERE TOO LATE- THE ALLEGED
AGENT HAD BLED TO DEATH IN HIS BATHTUB.

"HIS COLLEAGUES AT RFE: "WE WERE COMPLETELY TAKEN
BY SURPRISE. KAVAN WAS A PERSON WHO DIDN'T MAKE
FRIENDS EASILY. NOBODY KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT HIS PRIVATE
LIFE. HE WORKED FOR NINE YEARS AS AN ACTOR-ANNOUNCER,
YET HE HAD NO PERSONAL FRIENDS AT THE RADIO STATION.

"PRESIDENT HANS SCHNEIDER OF THE BAVARIAN NATIONAL
CRIMINAL OFFICE: "NO COMMENT".

END OF ARTICLE

ABOUT 11:00 HRS LOCAL TIME TODAY PUBLIC AFFAIRS RECEIVED
AN INQUIRY FROM AP IN FRANKFURT, POSSIBLY BASED ON
ABENDZEITUNG STORY. AP MAN WAS GIVEN STANDARD RESPONSE.

I ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED IN MUN 38 THAT FUNERAL
TOOK PLACE ON 9 NOVEMBER. ACTUALLY, IT IS SCHEDULED FOR
TOMORROW (11 NOVEMBER) AFTERNOON. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED
OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

END MSG