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FOLLOWING ARE LATEST PRESS STORIES ON KAVAN.

ABENDZEITUNG (MUNICH)

WAS KAVAN MURDERED?
DOE. MUNICH (OWN REPORT)-- WAS THE CZECH STANISLAV KAVAN
(45) AN ASSET FOR ONE OF THE EAST BLOC STATES? THIS IS THE
QUESTION WHICH THE NATIONAL CRIMINAL OFFICE IS TRYING TO
CLARIFY SINCE SUCH SUGGESTIONS HAVE COME UP SINCE KAVAN'S
MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

AS REPORTED, THE CZECH WAS FOUND ON FRIDAY WITH SLASHED
WRISTS IN THE BATHTUB OF HIS APARTMENT. WAS IT MURDER?
ALLEGEDLY HE WAS INVOLVED IN AN AFFAIR OF HIGH TREASON.
KAVAN WAS ANNOUNCER AT RADIO FREE EUROPE. HANS SCHNEIDER,
PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL CRIMINAL OFFICE STATED TO AZ:
"I AM SORRY, BUT AT PRESENT I CANNOT GIVE ANY INFORMATION
CONCERNING THE WHOLE MATTER. HOWEVER, THE SITUATION
MAY CHANGE".

SUEDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG (MUNICH)

PUZZLE ABOUT DEATH OF AN ANNOUNCER.
FOUND BLED TO DEATH IN BATHTUB/MURDER OR SUICIDE/POLICE REPORT
DID STANISLAV KAVAN, THE 45-YEAR OLD ANNOUNCER OF THE
BROADCASTING STATION RADIO FREE EUROPE COMMIT SUICIDE OR
WAS HE THE VICTIM OF A CRIME? THIS QUESTION IS TO BE CLARIFIED
IN PROCEEDINGS STARTED BY THE PROSECUTING AUTHORITY MUNICH I.
AS REPORTED BY SZ ON MONDAY, KAVAN, A NATIVE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA,
WAS FOUND DEAD WITH HIS WRISTS SLASHED IN HIS APARTMENT ON
14 LAMONTSTRASSE. PROCEEDINGS WERE INITIATED AGAINST KAVAN
ON ACCOUNT OF TREACHEROUS RELATIONS WITH AN EASTERN POWER.
SO FAR, INVESTIGATIONS AND EXAMINATIONS BY THE LEGAL
MEDICAL OFFICER DO NOT PRECLUDE EITHER SUICIDE OR
MURDER.

FOR SEVERAL YEARS KAVAN WAS EMPLOYED AS AN ANNOUNCER BY
THE ANTI-SOVIET RADIO STATION. A WEEK AGO TUESDAY HE DID NOT
APPEAR AT THE OFFICE. AN HOUR LATER AN ANONYMOUS PERSON CALLED

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THE CHIEF OF PRODUCTION INFORMING HIM THAT KAVAN WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COME TO WORK FOR A FEW DAYS. ON FRIDAY KAVAN WAS TO APPEAR FOR HEARINGS AT THE NATIONAL CRIMINAL OFFICE IN CONNECTION WITH PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS REGARDING HIGH TREASON. HE FAILED TO COME TO THE HEARINGS. OFFICIALS OF THE NATIONAL CRIMINAL OFFICE DROVE TO HIS APARTMENT AND, WHEN NOBODY ANSWERED, HAD THE DOOR BROKEN OPEN BY A POLICE PATROL. THEY FOUND KAVAN BLED TO DEATH IN HIS EMPTY BATHTUB. AT FIRST CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE POINTED TO SUICIDE. IT SEEMED PROBABLE THAT THE CZECH WANTED TO ESCAPE THE HEARINGS THROUGH SUICIDE. HOWEVER, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOMEONE, AFRAID KAVAN MIGHT SAY TOO MUCH TO THE POLICE, MURDERED HIM AND FEIGNED A SUICIDE.

FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG

MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF A CZECH--OWN REPORT

MA. MUNICH, 10 NOVEMBER. THE 45-YEAR OLD CZECH ANNOUNCER STANISLAV KAVAN OF RADIO FREE EUROPE WAS FOUND DEAD IN THE BATHTUB OF HIS APARTMENT IN MUNICH ON 6 NOVEMBER. HIS WRISTS WERE SLASHED, AND SO AT FIRST IT WAS BELIEVED TO BE A SUICIDE. IN ANSWER TO AN INQUIRY THE MUNICH POLICE CONFIRMED THE DEATH OF THE CZECH BUT DENIED TO GIVE FURTHER INFORMATION. THE BAVARIAN NATIONAL CRIMINAL OFFICE HAS ALSO DENIED TO STATE ANY INFORMATION. THE OFFICE WAS ANNOYED THAT THE PUBLIC HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THIS CASE. ALLEGEDLY KAVAN WAS INVOLVED IN AN ESPIONAGE AFFAIR. IT IS SAID THAT A STRANGER VISITED HIM SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEATH. KAVAN IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN SUMMONED FOR HEARINGS AT THE BAVARIAN NATIONAL CRIMINAL OFFICE. IT IS REPORTED THAT OFFICIALS OF THE CRIMINAL OFFICE FOUND THE BODY WHEN THEY WERE LOOKING FOR THE CZECH IN HIS APARTMENT AFTER HE FAILED TO APPEAR FOR HEARINGS.

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COMMUNIST "VOLKSSTIMME" CARRIES THE FOLLOWING FRONT-PAGE REPORTAGE:

MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF A SPY---MUNICH, 10 NOVEMBER

STANISLAV KAVAN, AN ANNOUNCER OF THE CZECH LANGUAGE PROGRAM OF THE AMERICAN RADIO STATION "FREE EUROPE" WAS, AS WE HAVE JUST LEARNED, FOUND LAST WEEK WITH HIS WRISTS SLASHED IN THE BATHTUB OF HIS MUNICH APARTMENT. KAVAN WAS TO APPEAR AT HEARINGS IN CONNECTION WITH AN ESPIONAGE AFFAIR. A WEEK AGO MONDAY HE WAS SEEN FOR THE LAST TIME. A DAY LATER AN UNKNOWN PERSON CALLED RADIO FREE EUROPE AND SAID THE ANNOUNCER WOULD BE OUT "FOR SEVERAL DAYS". THE MUNICH PROSECUTING AUTHORITY MERELY CONFIRMED THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS DEATH. THE MUNICH CRIMINAL POLICE DENIED TO GIVE ANY STATEMENT.

STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG

MYSTERIOUS SUICIDE
MUNICH, 10 NOVEMBER. MUNICH POLICE ARE PRESENTLY OCCUPIED WITH THE MYSTERIOUS SUICIDE OF STANISLAV KAVAN, 45-YEAR OLD CZECH ANNOUNCER AT RADIO FREE EUROPE. IN ANSWER TO AN INQUIRY THE MUNICH POLICE HEADQUARTERS WOULD ONLY CONFIRM THE FACT THAT THE SUICIDE WAS COMMITTED ON 6 NOVEMBER. ON THAT DAY KAVAN WAS FOUND WITH HIS WRISTS SLASHED IN THE BATHTUB OF HIS MUNICH APARTMENT. ACCORDING TO UNOFFICIAL REPORTS STANISLAV KAVAN WAS INVOLVED IN AN ESPIONAGE AFFAIR. A MYSTERIOUS UNIDENTIFIED PERSON IS SAID TO HAVE VISITED HIM SHORTLY BEFORE HE COMMITTED SUICIDE. THE BODY WAS FOUND BY OFFICIALS OF THE BAVARIAN NATIONAL CRIMINAL OFFICE WHO WENT TO SEE KAVAN IN HIS APARTMENT ON 6 NOVEMBER.

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FOLLOWING IS AFN STORY (FROM AP) AS BROADCAST LAST NIGHT:

MUNICH GERMANY, NOVEMBER 10--GERMAN POLICE TODAY SAID THEY ARE INVESTIGATING WHAT THEY CALLED MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE APPARENT BATHTUB SUICIDE OF CZECH BROADCASTER OF RADIO FREE EUROPE. THE MAN WAS IDENTIFIED AS 45-YEAR OLD STANISLAV KAVAN WHO WORKED IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK NEWS SECTION OF THE AMERICAN RUNNED STATION HERE THAT BEAMS ITS BROADCASTS TO EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. KAVAN WAS FOUND BY INVESTIGATORS ON NOVEMBER 6 WHEN THEY ENTERED HIS APARTMENT TO INTERROGATE HIM, POLICE SAID. KAVAN, LYING IN THE BATHTUB HAD BLED TO DEATH AFTER CUTTING OPEN HIS WRISTS, ACCORDING TO POLICE. A POLICE SPOKESMAN REFUSED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION AS TO WHY INVESTIGATORS HAD WANTED TO TALK TO KAVAN. ONE POLICE SOURCE SAID HOWEVER THAT KAVAN RECEIVED AN UNIDENTIFIED VISITOR SHORTLY BEFORE COMMITTING SUICIDE. RADIO FREE EUROPE WOULD NOT COMMENT ON THE ALLEGEDLY MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING ONE OF THEIR COLLABORATORS DEATH. "HE WAS A QUIET MAN AND HAD VERY FEW FRIENDS IN MUNICH. RFE BELIEVES KAVAN'S DEATH APPARENTLY IS SUICIDE. THIS IS A POLICE MATTER ON WHICH WE HAVE NOTHING MORE TO SAY", AN RFE SPOKESMAN STATED.

IL TEMPO OF ROME ALSO CARRIED STORY WHICH WE WILL TELETYPE AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. CONTINUE TO RECEIVE REQUESTS FOR A PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT WHICH WE ARE DECLINING. ALSO RECEIVED QUERY FROM DPA FOR DATE OF SALTSHAKER INCIDENT.

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