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WE ARE FORWARDING THE FOLLOWING "ABENDZEITUNG" STORY OF SATURDAY, 14 NOV, BY TELETYPE BECAUSE OF ITS RATHER NASTY TONE:

KAVAN COMMITTED SUICIDE

ALL AGENCIES INVOLVED (IN THE KAVAN CASE) NOW ARE IN AGREEMENT: THE CZECH NEWS ANNOUNCER IMPLICATED IN AN AGENT'S AFFAIR HAS COMMITTED SUICIDE. PAST THURSDAY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE MUNICH CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION POLICE STILL MADE CONTRADICTIONARY STATEMENTS. NOW THE JUDICIAL-MEDICAL INSTITUTE HAS SAID THE LAST WORD. KAVAN BLED TO DEATH CAUSED BY THE CUTS INFLICTED UPON HIMSELF ON HIS UPPER LEFT ARM AND HIS LEFT WRIST. NO EVIDENCE COULD BE FOUND THAT KAVAN WAS KNOCKED OUT OR POISONED BEFOREHAND.

AMONG THE PERSONNEL OF RADIO FREE EUROPE STILL REIGNS AN ATMOSPHERE OF MALAISE AND DISTRUST ON ACCOUNT OF THE ALL TOO SIMPLE CLEARING UP OF THE CASE. IN PAST YEARS, TOO MANY EDITORS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE STATION HAVE TERMINATED THEIR "CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM" BY SUDDEN SUICIDE. AND EACH TIME RUMORS WERE WHISPERED AROUND (AMONG RFE EMPLOYEES): UNHAPPY LOVE AFFAIR. GENTLEMEN BETWEEN 40 AND 50 ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE LOST THE COURAGE TO LIVE "ON ACCOUNT OF YOUNG GIRLS..." THIS WAS THE CASE WITH SOME HUNGARIANS AND OTHER NATIONALS.

SOME EAGER RUMORMONGERS NOW HAVE ALSO FOUND THE COVER UP FOR KAVAN'S SUICIDE: ALTHOUGH HE WAS INVOLVED IN A STATE SECURITY AFFAIR, ACCORDING TO STATEMENTS BY THE CRIMINAL POLICE, "A LOVE AFFAIR HAS CAUSED THE CZECH TO PUT AN END TO HIS LIFE".

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