

## **CID Releases Information on Espionage Incidents**

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[Text] Wiesbaden, 5 Jan (DPA) — The GDR continues to occupy the number one position in the FRG when it comes to spying. In 1986, a total of 341 (341) suspicious actions by suspected GDR agents were registered and examined. A large number of these led to investigative proceedings. This emerges from the espionage review presented today by the federal CIA (BKA). In second place in the spying statistics comes the Polish secret service which was caught out in 44 espionage actions during 1986. It is said that this is twice as many as in 1985. A total of some 500 cases of espionage by foreign secret services were registered in the FRG during 1986.

According to BKA information, the methods by which eastern secret services try to avoid Western embargo restrictions on high technology are becoming more and more refined. They often used normal exporters in the FRG for this purpose. These were brought around either with the prospect of an entree into East-West trade, with compromising statements, or by means of family connections with GDR citizens.

Technology information and so-called embargoed goods, whose export to eastern bloc countries is forbidden within NATO and Japan, were then conveyed to the GDR via far-reaching worldwide dealer networks. At times, the firms and dealers in the FRG were also deceived about the final consumers for the high technology ordered, in order to encourage them to supply. Effective combating of this illegal technology transfer, in the opinion of the BKA, calls for international cooperation by all responsible authorities in the Western world.

Despite ever more refined methods, the BKA succeeded in tracking down many espionage actions, the review states. A total of 500 investigative proceedings were instituted, 150 of these by the BKA itself; 43 suspects were arrested, twice as many as in 1985; 33 suspected spies were meanwhile in investigative cus-

tody. In addition, 25 cases of illegal supply of technology were uncovered. In one case, an engineer from Hannover had supplied military documents and electronic equipment valued at about dm 1.8 million to the East Berlin Ministry for State Security.