

Baader told lawyer 'we will be bumped off'

BONN, West Germany (UPI) — One of three German terrorists found dead in their prison cells last week had predicted he and his comrades would be "bumped off," the magazine Spiegel reported today.

Andreas Baader, his mistress Gudrun Ensslin and Jan-Carl Raspe also told members of the radical Red Army Faction they founded that if they died in jail their followers should assume they had been murdered, the magazine said.

West German authorities said the three committed suicide last Tuesday in despair that government commandos had smashed a hijacking plot to free them.

But, according to Der Spiegel, Baader told his lawyer at the height of the drama, "Before there is really an exchange (of hostages), we will be bumped off."

His girlfriend, a preacher's daughter,

also told her lawyer several months earlier she expected the three would be killed, it said, and the terrorists relayed the message to the Red Army Faction that their deaths should be viewed as murders.

"Should one of the prisoners be murdered, we will answer immediately at home and abroad," an RAF bulletin said early in September.

Baader and Raspe shot themselves and Ensslin hanged herself, West German authorities said. Der Spiegel said investigators who have questioned more than 100 prisoners, guards and their relatives have not ruled out bribery as the explanation for how the terrorists obtained pistols.

"You could easily earn a million," Der Spiegel quoted one of the guards as saying.