

Germans To Meet Demands

BONN, West Germany (AP) — The West German government's latest message to the kidnapers of industrialist Hanns Martin Schleyer indicates it is willing to release the 11 imprisoned terrorists whose freedom the kidnapers demanded in exchange for Schleyer.

Intermediary Denis Payot said a message from the government Saturday night told the kidnapers unless they specified the destination to which the freed terrorists would be flown, arrangements could not be made with the countries the plane would fly over or would land in.

"It is our opinion that such a flight could not be set up ...and that it would be extremely difficult for us to find a crew for such a flight which could put this crew in danger of being killed," the government's letter said.

It was the first public indication that the government was prepared to meet the kidnapers' demands.

Schleyer, 62, was carried off after an ambush in Cologne a week ago in which his driver and three bodyguards were killed. The kidnapers demanded the release of **Andreas Baader**, Gudrun Ensslin, Jan-Carl Raspe and eight others held on terrorism charges, \$43,450 for each of the freed prisoners and a flight for them to a country chosen by them.

Baader, Miss Ensslin and Raspe were sentenced to life imprisonment in April for bombings in 1972 in which four U.S. soldiers were killed. They were leaders of the Baader-Meinhof Gang of urban terrorists, also known as the Red Army Faction, and Schleyer is believed to have been kidnaped by their associates.

Payot, a Swiss attorney, said the government also demanded "checkable proof" that Schleyer is still alive.

Schleyer's wife appealed to the government Sunday to meet the kidnapers' demands. She said she realizes a majority of the West Germans are against freeing terrorists, but the right of the state to punish criminals must take second place to saving a victim's life.

Three prominent theologians and Heinrich Boell, the West German winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature, appealed to the kidnapers to free Schleyer unharmed.

"A further killing would destroy all you want to achieve and would have incalculable results for our country," said the statement signed by Bishop Kurt Scharf, Pastor Heinrich Albertz, Prof. Helmut Gollwitzer and Boell.

