



HANNS-MARTIN SCHLEYER
Kidnapped week ago

Abducted German's wife asks for action

BONN (AP) The wife of kidnapped industrialist Hanns-Martin Schleyer appealed to the government yesterday to free 11 imprisoned terrorists in exchange for her husband.

The Federal Criminal Office, meanwhile, sent a new message to the kidnappers demanding proof that Schleyer, who was seized last Monday, still is alive, a Swiss lawyer acting as intermediary said.

The office also sought "realistic conditions" concerning a flight out of the country for the freed prisoners and Schleyer's liberation, lawyer Denis Payot said in Geneva.

Payot made public the text of the government's reply to the kidnappers' latest message, received by his office Saturday night.

The Bonn government asked news organizations in West Germany to refrain from reporting the reply but abandoned its request after the contents of the message were widely disclosed.

Payot's office also quoted the criminal office as telling the kidnappers that unless the destination for the freed terrorists' flight out of West Germany was specified, arrangements might not be made with other countries for flyover and landing rights.

Risky for crew

"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 statement said.

In her appeal to the government, Schleyer asked authorities to arrange an exchange for her husband.

"The fate of those closely involved and the self-esteem of our state now demand, in my opinion, a clear decision by those responsible on the ransom demands," the 61-year-old woman said in a statement given to news media.