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To: The Secretary
Through: S/S 5
From: EUR - William R. Tyler *WRT*
Subject: Rumored Secret Military Annex to Franco-German Treaty

Reference my memorandum of May 27, 1963.

Minister von Lilienfeld informed me this afternoon that the German Embassy had just received a reply from Bonn in answer to the Embassy's query following my request for information about the report concerning a military annex to the Franco-German Treaty. The reply is a flat denial that there exists any secret annex, military or otherwise, to the Franco-German Treaty, coupled with a certain note of irritation that we should have given sufficient credit to such a report to consider it necessary to ask the German Government whether it was true or not, in the light of the assurances which had already been given to us.

I told the Minister I was glad to have the reply to our question. As for the note of irritation, I said that I thought it was better to clear up any such reports so as to dispel any possible lingering doubts which might otherwise subsist.

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Subject: Rumored Secret Military Annex to
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I believe the best thing to do is for me to
call in the German Minister, von Lilienfeld, and tell
him that we have a report that a well known German
political figure (I would not mention his name), has
stated that there is such an annex, and that it
contains, among other things, provisions for
cooperation in the nuclear field. I would add that
this contradicts what we have been told explicitly
by both the French and German Governments, and that
we would therefore like to learn whether this rumor
is true or false.

Approve DR

Disapprove _____

Reviewed by RM/R

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