

to the governments of the federal republic of germany and the kingdom of sweden

on april 24, 1975 at 11:50 am, we occupied the embassy of the federal republic of germany in stockholm and took prisoner 12 embassy employees, including ambassador dieter stoecker, military attaché andreas von mirbach, economic advisor heinz hillegaart and cultural advisor anno elfgen, in order to free 26 political prisoners in germany. They are:

gudrun ensslin, stuttgart	ali jansen, berlin
andreas baader, stuttgart	brigitte mohnhaupt, berlin
ulrike meinhof, stuttgart	bernhard braun, berlin
jan raspe, stuttgart	ingrid schubert, berlin
carmen roll, stuttgart	annerose reiche, berlin
werner hoppe, hamburg	ilse stachowiak, hamburg
helmut pohl, hamburg	irmgard moeller, hamburg
wolfgang beer, hamburg	sigurd debus, hamburg
eberhard becker, hamburg	christa eckes, hamburg
manfred grashof, zweibruecken	wolfgang stahl, hamburg
klaus juenschke, zweibruecken	margrit schiller, luebeck
wolfgang quante, bremen	monika berberich, berlin
ronald augustin, bueckeburg	johannes weinrich, karlsruhe

1. within 6 hours, by 9:00 pm:

- the imprisoned comrades will be brought together to the rhein-main airport in frankfurt. they will be allowed to speak amongst themselves and with their lawyers without limits. they will have the possibility to obtain informations from radio and television concerning the operation.
- a connection between us and the prisoners will be provided, first by telephone and later by radio. this connection will be maintained until their arrival in the country that will provide them asylum.
- a boeing 707 from lufthansa with a 3 man crew will be fuelled and held ready at the rhein-main airport.

within 10 hours, by 1:00 am:

- the prisoners will have flown out of germany. they will be accompanied only by the ambassador of the kingdom of sweden in germany - backlund - and one of their lawyers. we will tell you the destination during the flight.
- the german government will provide each prisoner with 20,000 us dollars.

2. this statement of ours, statements by the prisoners or their lawyers will immediately be transmitted to the international press agencies and presented unabridged over radio and television in germany. during the entire period of time of the operation, the government must make its decisions publicly known over the mass media. the comrades' departure will be carried directly by television in germany and sweden.

3. we will not negotiate our demands nor extend the period of time in which they are to be fulfilled. if the german republic tries to delay the liberation of the prisoners, then for every hour that the time limit for the 1st or 2nd ultimatum is exceeded, we will shoot an official of germany's foreign office. attempting to storm the embassy will mean the death of everyone in here. in the case of an attack, we will detonate 15 kg of tnt in the offices of the embassy.

after their landing, the liberated comrades will confirm to us over radio that they have received permission to stay. we will then free some of the embassy employees and announce the modalities of our departure.

we will be human beings –  
freedom through armed anti-imperialist struggle.

the police carry the responsibility for the shooting of military attaché andreas von mirbach; in spite of the extended ultimatum, they did not leave the embassy building.

stockholm, april 24, 1975  
commando holger meins