

Statement of Jan Raspe at the trial in Stuttgart-Stammheim
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i don't have much to say.

we think ulrike was executed. we don't know how, but we know by whom and we can show that this was methodically planned. i remember what herold said: "operations against the raf must always be carried out in such a way as to prevent the development of sympathisors' positions".

and buback "state security exists on the basis of people involving themselves for it. people like herold and myself always find a way."

it was a cold, calculated execution, like that of holger, like that of siegfried hausner. if ulrike had decided to end it, because she recognized this final possibility to affirm herself, to affirm her revolutionary identity against the slow destruction of the will in isolation, she would have told us, or at least she would have told andreas: *such was the nature of their relationship.*

i believe that the execution of ulrike now, at this moment, is a result of the first political breakthrough in the clash between the international guerrilla and the imperialist state germany. there are facts that are speaking for that, of which I don't want to talk now.

this assassination is situated within the state's strategic line over the past six years, to physically and morally exterminate the raf, and to target all guerrilla groups in the federal republic, for whom ulrike plays an essential ideological function.

what I still want to say –

as long as i've been witness to the relationship between ulrike and andreas, over the past seven years, she has essentially been intensity and tenderness, sensibility and clarity.

and i believe that it was precisely because of this relationship that ulrike was able to survive the eight months in the dead wing.

it was a relationship as it can develop between sister and brother, oriented by an identical goal and resulting from that shared perspective.

and thus it was free, because freedom is only possible in the struggle for liberation.

during these years there was no rupture in their relationship. it wasn't possible because of the determining role it would have played in the policy of the raf. and if there had been profound contradictions within the group, they would have been defined in concrete practice. in the course of theoretical work, the only kind that remains possible in prison, no basis for a rupture can be found in our identical situation of struggle or in the history of the group.

the discussions, the letters and manuscripts of ulrike up until this friday night, contain the proof of this. they express the real character of this relationship.

to now pretend there were "tensions," a "coldness" between ulrike and andreas, between ulrike and us, is a crude and sinister lie, meant to turn ulrike's execution into a weapon of psychological warfare. this is buback in all of his repulsiveness.

all of these efforts have until now led to only an even clearer picture of reaction in germany as fascism.

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