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**Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs  
William Tyler to Secretary of State Rusk, 'Rumored  
Secret Military Annex to Franco-German Treaty' with  
Attachment on Same Subject**

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**Summary:**

In this document, Assistant Secretary to European Affairs, William Tyler, discussed the State Department's request to the US Embassy to ask the West German government whether there was an arrangement in the French-German Friendship Treaty that included a secret annex on military and nuclear cooperation.

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Subject: Rumored Secret Military Annex to Franco-German Treaty

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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.

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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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I believe the best thing to do is for me to call in the German Minister, von Lillienfeld, 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.

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