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## Honourable Minister Freeland,

In response to your inquiry, I hasten to inform you that although the Christian Democratic Union of Germany (CDU) is leading in local elections, Mrs. Merkel's chancellery has found it necessary to undertake additional measures to strengthen her position.

Thus the topic of the Bundeswehr neo-Nazi terror plot aimed to assassinate senior government figures including the current minister of justice and to trigger aggression against refugees has been extensively promoted. Actions of those people were obvious and had never been obstructed by either local officers or general command of the armed forces for a long time. It resembles a time-bomb prepared in advance and blown up at the convenient for the CDU minute. Subsequently, the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD) criticized Minister of Defence Ursula von der Leyen for being too soft when dealing with the crisis. These unpopular statements have lowered the ratings of the SPD and at the same time seemed to acknowledge that Merkel's policy of multiculturalism was correct.

German Media are now diligently promoting the idea that the responsibility for the migration crisis lies not on the millions of asylum seekers committing numerous crimes on the German soil and unwilling to assimilate into the European community, but rather on thousands of far-right radicals who allegedly frame the migrants up. Programmes of "political education" have been introduced in both armed forces and various educational institutions. There are also live broadcasts of huge protests of neo-Nazis aimed to intimidate the people.

Considering the events that followed, I conclude that the scandal in the German armed forces was intentionally engineered. With one well-designed move Mrs. Chancellor forced her main rivals to declare the divided right-wing radical organizations, which hadn't managed to unite into any potent political force, the main menace in Germany, and dismiss allegations of her misguided pro-migrant policy. This way she secured the victory of her party in the coming elections.

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