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TRANSLATION OF APPEAL IN
FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG, 17 MAY 1996

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APPEAL OF THE COMMITTEE OF 100:
OUR FREEDOM OF OPINION IS THREATENED!

We the undersigned are very concerned about the recent rapid increase of repression in Germany.

We are alarmed by the government's use of "special laws" against publishers, editors, authors and scientists on account of their professional opinions regarding certain matters of contemporary history.

We are particularly concerned about the government's practice of disallowing, under the rubric of "obviousness," all new forensic evidence produced by the defense in court trials.

Disallowing new evidence without consideration borders on perverting the law.

This practice, which has been underway for several years now, violates basic rights of citizens and is unworthy of a free democratic society based on the rule of law.

Because of governmental repression, scientific investigation and public discussion of important questions are intolerably restricted.

The vital process of establishing the truth is being hindered, if not completely obstructed.

We are not taking sides in any matters of controversy.

We are, however, expressing concern about this dangerous development, as responsible citizens who are genuinely concerned for our constitutionally guaranteed freedom of to hold opinion, to inquire and and instruct.

We appeal for help from all persons of authority and from the general public, in Germany as well as other countries which cherish freedom and democracy,

We ask your help in rectifying these abuses.

Please help us insure that the present abuses of freedom and human rights will not continue into the future.

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