

Terrorism Prober in W. Germany Is Killed by Tape-Player Bomb

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WIESBADEN, West Germany, April 17—A bomb similar to the one that destroyed Pan Am Flight 103 exploded while being examined today, killing an investigator in a case involving Palestinians suspected of terrorism.

Another officer was critically wounded in the explosion at federal police headquarters, said spokesman Arno Falk of the police bureau.

It was not clear whether the bomb had been seized in connection with the Pan Am investigation, but the manner in which it was disguised was said to be similar. Asked how police obtained the bomb that exploded, Falk replied: "This is in

connection with our previous investigation, but we cannot say more than that."

His reference was to raids in Oc-

tober on hangouts of alleged Palestinian terrorists in Frankfurt and Duesseldorf, in which weapons and explosives were seized.

A second explosive device was disarmed without incident after part of the police building was evacuated as a precautionary measure, the police statement said.

Investigators in the Pan Am crash, which occurred Dec. 21 in Scotland, have concluded the bomb exploded when a detonator sensitive to air pressure set off plastic explosives packed into a combination radio and cassette player stored in the cargo hold.

A bomb so disguised was among the items seized Oct. 26 in Frankfurt and Duesseldorf. Two Jordanian men were among those seized. Abdul Fattah Ghadanfar and Hafez Kassem Dalkamoni, are in jail.

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