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Subject: IRA Dumps

All main German papers carry DPA item (byline Wiesbaden) describing "Police Searches for IRA Arms Dumps".

Süddeutsche Zeitung has fullest text circa 5 column inches. According to the Bundescriminal office in Wiesbaden, the police in Gummersbach are carrying out searches for secret arms and explosives dumps belonging to the IRA. Reference is made to the bomb attack on the British Army base in Osnabrück in June and the fatal attack on a British soldier in Hannover in July which are believed to be connected with a group of "five persons who have since been captured in France and Ireland" and it is believed that this group may have lived between 28 March and 1 July in Reichshof (a small village near Gummersbach).

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Note Gummersbach is a quiet mountainous area about 40-50 kms  
North East of Bonn and slightly to the South of the Ruhr belt.

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