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(Prepared by the Permanent Committee on Geographical Names
for the Dutch-German Speaking Division)

- 1) The work on the "Gazetteer Federal Republic of Germany" will be completed shortly. It contains the geographical names of all countries represented on the official General Map 1:500,000 (UK 500, World Series 1404). In addition the Gazetteer contains the names of all municipalities not represented on the map due to lack of space. The geographical names so far only arranged in alphabetical order according to the various Länder, must still be alphabetized for the entire Federal Republic of Germany and the municipalities still be provided with the updated numbers of inhabitants according to the state of 1 January 1980. The Gazetteer will be published in 1981.
- 2) The "Ständige Ausschuss für geographische Namen (StAGN)" (Permanent Committee on Geographical Names) prepared a "Scientific Recommendation for the Spelling of the Names of Countries and their Derivations including the Capitals" according to the state of 18 March 1980. It replaces the present "List of Names of Countries" and is scheduled to be published in the technical journal "Kartographische Nachrichten" (Cartographic News) in 1980.
- 3) The "Report on the Standardization of Geographical Names in the Federal Republic of Germany" has been forwarded in English via the Foreign Ministry to the Chief Cartography Section of the United Nations after having been approved by the "Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Vermessungsverwaltungen der Länder der Bundesrepublik Deutschland (AdV)" (Working Committee of the Survey Administrations of the Länder of the Federal Republic of Germany) and by StAGN.
- 4) The "Toponymic Guidelines" for the Federal Republic of Germany have been prepared by StAGN and are available.
- 5) StAGN must still prepare a list of the German exonyms.
- 6) A list of the landscape names in the Federal Republic of Germany has been prepared at the Office of StAGN on the basis of the General Map 1:500,000.
- 7) At the 2nd Regional Cartographic Conference of the United Nations for the Americas held in Mexico from 3-14 September 1979 the report "Preparation of a Concise Gazetteer according to United Nations Recommendations by EDP" (E/CONF. 71/L 19) was submitted on the part of the Federal Republic of Germany by Scientific Dir. Böhme.