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Daimler Suspects Questioned

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The Investigative Committee has identified and questioned suspects in its criminal investigations into vehicle purchases by government agencies from carmaker Daimler, the federal body said.

This is the first time it has claimed to have suspects since opening the cases in September 2010.

The committee shared the information in a November letter to Just Russia member and State Duma Deputy Sergei Petrov, which anti-corruption blogger Alexei Navalny posted Thursday on his blog. Under investigation is whether the Federal Security Service, as well as the federal branch and various regional branches of the Interior Ministry, committed embezzlement and abuse of authority in signing contracts for the delivery of Mercedes-Benz vehicles.

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