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**Frightening scenario
 has Washington abuzz**

Washington is abuzz about a new spine-chilling book Acropolis has scheduled for fall publication: "The Assassination of Gorbachev." It's hard to know where fact ends and fiction begins in this novel by **Maroun Khoury**, 31, a Lebanese-born, American-trained physician who is well-known in international political circles. He's served as a consultant to Time magazine on the Sharon libel case and to attorneys for the families of hostages in the TWA hijacking.

The controversial novel criticizes the Trilateral Commission, **Armand Hammer** and others for contributing too much money to the Soviet Union. "Why should we strengthen the other edge of their sword as we did in Japan?" asks Dr. Khoury.

In the novel, a hostile general takes over after the Soviet leader is killed, proposes an alternative to perestroika and glasnost, and swiftly invades western Europe by coordinating efforts with **Presidents Castro and Ortega**.

Former CIA Director William Colby, after reading the manuscript, called the scenario "frightening but possible."

A portion of the proceeds from Dr. Khoury's book will go to a foundation he's established, "Semper-Fi Lebanon." The money will be used to educate children of servicemen who died in Lebanon.

— **Karen Feld**

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