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NOTES

Cypriots Arrested in Death of Ambassador Davies

Cypriot authorities have arrested five men for the August 1974 murder of U.S. Ambassador Rodger Davies. A sixth man has also been charged but not apprehended. Ambassador Davies was killed in his office during an anti-American riot outside the embassy by Greek Cypriots protesting Washington's failure to prevent the Turkish invasion of northern Cyprus.

The six men are members of EOKA-B,

an armed underground right wing group demanding the union of Cyprus with Greece.

Three of the men in custody have been charged with manslaughter. If found guilty under Cypriot law they will face a maximum sentence of life imprisonment. Sentences for manslaughter, however, are usually reduced to 15 years or less. The other three individuals are charged with illegal use of firearms. Such a charge is punishable by 15 years in prison. Again in practice a lesser sentence is usually given. (UNCLASSIFIED)

British Manager of U.S.-Owned Firm Killed in Northern Ireland

The British manager of the DuPont synthetic fiber plant in Londonderry was gunned down outside his home on 2 February. Police rounded up several men for questioning about the killing, and on 7 February a 22-year-old man was charged with the murder. Although there was speculation that the Provisional IRA was responsible, that organization issued no statement about the slaying, and some authorities theorized that the act was committed by the Irish Republican Socialist Party, a Trotskyite group thought to have been working closely with the Provisionals recently. Although the Provisional IRA had recently announced its intention to step up attacks on security forces and "economic targets,"

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