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NOTES

U.S. Ambassador to Cyprus Slain as Mob Attacks Embassy

U.S. Ambassador Roger P. Davies was shot and killed on 19 August in what U.S. officials termed a carefully coordinated attack on the Embassy in Nicosia. The attack came when a demonstration by Greek Cypriots suddenly became violent. Automatic weapons and rifle fire broke out from at least two points and concentrated on the Ambassador's residence and second-story office. There is evidence that some rifle fire came from the upper floor of a nearby building, supporting the belief that the violent attack was preplanned. A local employee of the Embassy was also killed during the attack. Preliminary reports indicated that the extremist EOKA-B organization, which favors the union of Cyprus with Greece, participated in the attack, and also that men in National Guard uniforms were seen shooting at the Embassy. According to an Associated Press report, warrants were issued on 20 August for the arrest of three persons in connection with the slaying of the Ambassador. Their names have not been disclosed. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Attempt to Kill Jamaican Security Minister in Miami

An attempt was made to kill Eli Matalon, Jamaican Minister of National Security and Justice, on 15 August, according to a UPI story in the 16 August Washington Post. Matalon, who is leading a crackdown on drug smuggling in his country, was visiting the offices of the Drug Enforcement Administration in Miami, and discovered a bulky package in his car when he left the DEA building. He became suspicious and summoned authorities, who defused a foreign-made fragmentation grenade. The grenade was live and the pin had been removed, but its wrapping had prevented it from exploding. Matalon dismissed the incident as an "occupational hazard" and asked that it be played in a low-key manner. A full investigation is underway, and DEA is providing protective service for Matalon and his family for the remainder of their stay in the Miami area. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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