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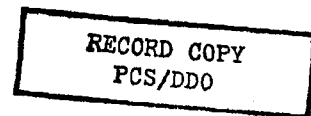


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NOTESEGP Decisions Regarding U.S. Personnel

The Guerrilla Army of the Poor (EGP) has been considering operations this summer against U.S. targets in Guatemala. [redacted] the EGP was planning in mid-July to kidnap or assassinate a civilian attache in the U.S. embassy. The terrorist organization apparently believes that the embassy staff member gave right-wing groups information that led to the death of a prominent leftist.

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At about the same time the EGP reportedly ended, at least temporarily, its targeting of U.S. military personnel in Guatemala. It is unclear whether the terrorists' decision was based on fear of Guatemalan government retaliation or on a belief that activities in support of the government by U.S. military personnel have been curtailed in recent weeks.

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Sweden Deports JRA Member

Takahashi Taketomo, a Japanese Red Army leader, was deported from Sweden to Japan on 19 July. The Swedish government took this action after confirming the identity of Takahashi who had illegally entered Sweden utilizing a false Dutch passport.

Takahashi gave his Swedish police escort considerable trouble upon boarding the flight to Japan and had to be handcuffed. He was turned over to Japanese authorities in Tokyo without incident, despite reports that left-wing supporters and friends were planning protests and demonstrations at the airport.

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Finland Returns Hijackers to Soviet Union

Two Russian youths, who hijacked an Aeroflot plane to Finland on 10 July, were turned over to Soviet authorities in Helsinki on 13 July and flown back to the USSR. (See the 13 July issue.) The Finnish government announced it had extradited the pair under the terms of a Finnish/Soviet anti-hijacking agreement signed in 1974 and effective since August 1975. The two hijackers face 3-15 year prison terms in the Soviet Union.

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