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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)

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