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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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TAB A—Chronology of Significant
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CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST ACTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TCE</u> <u>EVENT</u>
14 August 1974	Syria, Damascus	<u>Bomb Explosion at U.S. Pavilion.</u> A homemade bomb exploding at night near the entrance of the U.S. pavilion at the Damascus International Fair caused moderate damage to the building and more serious damage to the "Skylab" exhibit. One pavilion guard and one civilian policeman sustained minor injuries. The Syrian Minister of Interior, who personally visited the site after the explosion, ordered an immediate investigation and arranged for the overnight repair of all visible damage. Guards have been doubled. A newly surfaced group, "The Arab Communist Organization," announced the following day that it was responsible for the bomb explosion. (UNCLASSIFIED)
19 August 1974	Cyprus, Nicosia	<u>Cypriot Mob Kills U.S. Ambassador.</u> The U.S. Ambassador and one local employee, an Embassy secretary, were killed when armed Cypriot demonstrators fired shots at the Ambassador's office and residence. (See Notes.) (UNCLASSIFIED)

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TAB B—Terrorists Threats
and Plans

I. Terrorist Threats and Plans:

Western Hemisphere, Including the United States

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TARGET

PLACE

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PLANNED ACTION

United Nations
Building

United States,
New York,
New York City

Unknown

A man with a heavy Greek accent telephoned the New York Times on 12 August threatening to bomb the United Nations because he was "fed up with the Turks" in regard to Cyprus. (See 14 August issue, page B-I-2.) (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Colombian
Consulate

Puerto Rico,
San Juan

Unknown

** On 1 August the Colombian Consulate in San Juan, Puerto Rico, received a letter, signed "Alejandro, ELAC" (not further identified), warning that those dealing with the Castro regime would be considered a military objective. Several consulates that have been bombed in Puerto Rico also received letters signed ELAC. In addition, the Consul General has received several telephone calls advising that the Colombian Consulate would be the next one bombed. (Comment: After the Argentine Consulate was bombed on 22 April, the Venezuelan Consulate received a telephone call advising it would be bombed next; the Peruvian Consulate was bombed on 26 July and the Venezuelan Consulate on 6 August. See Tab A, 14 August.) (UNCLASSIFIED)

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TAB C—Potential Terrorist
Targets


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POTENTIAL TERRORIST TARGETS IN THE U.S. AND ABROAD

NOTE: This is a list of persons and events, arranged chronologically, which might attract terrorist attack. The following symbols are used when applicable: ** Reported for the first time. * Revision of report in previous issue.

TARGET	DATE	PLACE	EVENT
			
U.S. Civilian and Official Personnel and Installations	Current	Greece	** Contingent on further developments in the Cyprus situation, civil disturbances or terrorist acts directed against U.S. official or private facilities or personnel may occur. (See also Tab B-II.) (UNCLASSIFIED)
Syrian Deputy Prime Minister Abd al-Halim Khaddam	21-24 August 1974	United States	** Syrian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Khaddam is in Washington, D.C. on an official visit. The Secret Service has protective responsibility. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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in similar terrorist activities.)

Jewish Woman in Hijacking Plot Released from Soviet Prison

Silva I. Zalmanson, a Soviet Jewish woman who had been sentenced in 1970 to ten years in prison for her role in an unexecuted plot to hijack a Soviet aircraft, was released on 22 August, reportedly as a result of public protest in the West concerning her poor state of health and continued detention. Zalmanson, her husband, her two brothers and eight others, all but two of them Jews, had been arrested on 15 June 1970 at Leningrad as they started to board a small aircraft for a local flight to a place near the Finnish border, as their first step toward escaping to Israel. Zalmanson has advised news services in Moscow that she does not intend to leave the USSR until she has been permitted to see her husband and brothers, who are still serving prison sentences. She plans to ask authorities to pardon them as well.

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<u>Date:</u>	26 August 1974	<u>Bomb Explosion at Israeli Tourist Office.</u>
<u>Place:</u>	West Germany, Frankfurt	A homemade bomb placed in front of a window of the Israeli State Travel Office exploded but caused no injuries. The blast did result in damage to the office, estimated at about US \$20,000, and slight damage to two cars parked in front of the office. The Frankfurt police are reinstating special guards at the travel office and all other Israeli offices, including the official stand at the Frankfurt Trade Fair. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Western Hemisphere, Including the United States

<u>Target:</u>	Colombian Consulate	The Colombian Consulate in San Juan, Puerto Rico, received a letter warning that those dealing with the Castro regime would be considered a military objective. The Consul General also received several telephone calls advising that the Colombian Consulate would be bombed. (See 21 August issue, page B-I-2.) (UNCLASSIFIED)
<u>Place:</u>	Puerto Rico, San Juan	
<u>Date:</u>	Unknown	

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Target: U.S. Civilian
and Official
Personnel and
Installations

Place: Greece

Date: Current

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ments in the Cyprus situation,
civil disturbances or terrorist
acts directed against U.S. of-
ficial or private facilities or
personnel may occur. (See also
Tab B-II.) (UNCLASSIFIED)

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