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ATTACK ON MEMBER OF JOINT UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE
GROUP (JUSMAG)

1. WE HAVE JUST HEARD FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY THAT A SERGEANT OF JUSMAG WAS SHOT IN THE BACK AND HAND AT 16.45 HOURS LOCAL TIME WHILE DRIVING HIS CAR NEAR ATHENS AIRPORT WHERE THERE IS AN AMERICAN BASE. THE SERGEANT INTENDED TO DELIVER SOME DOCUMENTS TO THE BASE ON HIS WAY HOME. MEMBERS OF JUSMAG DO NOT NORMALLY WEAR UNIFORM (SEMICOLON) HE WAS THEREFORE IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES, BUT HIS CAR HAD THE DISTINGUISHING NUMBER PLATES ALLOTTED TO SERVICE MEMBERS OF EMBASSIES AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS. THE CONDITION OF THE SERGEANT IS DESCRIBED AS STABLE. HE IS AT PRESENT UNDER-GOING OPERATIVE TREATMENT AT THE AMERICAN BASE. HE WAS ABLE TO CONTINUE DRIVING HIS CAR AFTER THE ATTACK.

2. THE SERGEANT WAS SHOT BY THE PASSENGER ON A MOTORCYCLE USING A POINT 45 PISTOL. THIS IS THE SAME METHOD (AND TYPE OF GUN) USED IN 1976 FOR THE MURDER OF WELSH, THE HEAD OF CIA AND FOR THE MURDER OF CAPTAIN TSANTES, ANOTHER MEMBER OF JUSMAG, LAST NOVEMBER. IN BOTH THESE CASES THE "17 NOVEMBER ORGANISATION" CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY. THAT IS AN ANTI-AMERICAN GROUP USING AS A SLOGAN THE DATE OF THE SUPPRESSION BY THE JUNTA IN 1973 OF THE STUDENT PROTEST AT THE ATHENS POLYTECHNIC, DURING WHICH A NUMBER OF STUDENTS WERE KILLED.

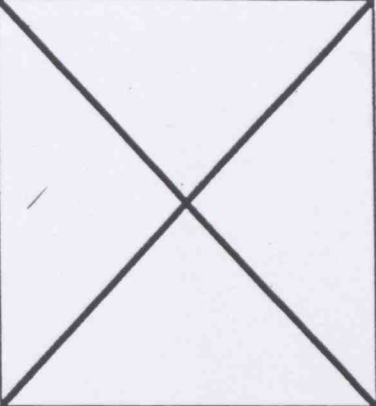
STUDENT PROTEST AT THE ATHENS POLYTECHNIC, DURING WHICH A NUMBER OF STUDENTS WERE KILLED.

3. THERE HAS NOT YET BEEN ANY CLAIM OF RESPONSIBILITY. BUT THE EVIDENCE SO FAR SUGGESTS THAT THIS IS A SIMILAR ATTACK TO THOSE OF 1976 AND LAST YEAR. THE TECHNIQUE IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THAT USED FOR THE MURDER OF KENNETH WHITTY. IF, AS THE AMERICANS ARE AT PRESENT INCLINED TO BELIEVE, THE 17 NOVEMBER GROUP ARE RESPONSIBLE, THEY MAY HAVE DECIDED BOTH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ATMOSPHERE FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION OF WHITTY AND ALSO TO MAKE THAT ATMOSPHERE WORSE.

4. I AM STRESSING TO ALL STAFF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS INCIDENT AND THE MURDER OF WHITTY.

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UNKNOWN GROUP CLAIMS SHOOTING OF BRITISH DIPLOMAT
BEIRUT, THURSDAY - A PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN GROUP CALLING ITSELF
"THE REVOLUTIONARY ORGANISATION OF SOCIALIST MOSLEMS" THIS
AFTERNOON CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR SHOOTING BRITISH DIPLOMAT
KENNETH WHITTY IN ATHENS YESTERDAY.

IN A TYPEWRITTEN STATEMENT DELIVERED TO AN INTERNATIONAL NEWS
AGENCY OFFICE IN BEIRUT, THE GROUP SAID IT KILLED WHITTY IN RESPONSE
TO WHAT IT CALLED BRITISH ATTEMPTS TO RESUME ITS FORMER COLONIAL ROLE
IN THE WORLD BY SPREADING COLONIALIST CULTURE UNDER A NEW GUISE.
WHITTY, WHO RAN THE BRITISH COUNCIL IN ATHENS, WAS SHOT DEAD BY A
GUNMAN IN THE CITY CENTRE. A GREEK LIBRARIAN AT THE COUNCIL WHO WAS
ALSO HIT DIED THIS MORNING.

THE STATEMENT SAID THE KILLING WAS ALSO A PROTEST AGAINST "THE
(BRITISH) AUTHORITIES' CONTINUED DETENTION AND PERSECUTION OF OUR
MOSLEM FIGHTERS IN BRITISH JAILS".

THE GROUP SAID IT WOULD KEEP WORKING TO FREE ALL IT MEMBERS
IMPRISONED IN BRITAIN BUT IT DID NOT NAME THEM.

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