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BEIRUT, LEBANON, JULY 22 (AP) - ~~REPORTS OF AN ABORTED PLOT TO BOMB~~
~~PRESIDENT GAWAL ABDEL NASSER'S VILLA EAST OF CAIRO TODAY ON THE~~
~~EVE OF THE 13TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REVOLUTION THAT BROUGHT NASSER~~
~~TO POWER.~~

THE NEWSPAPER LE SOIR OF BEIRUT SAID THE ARREST OF THE WELL-
 KNOWN EGYPTIAN JOURNALIST MUSTAFA AMIN WAS CONNECTED WITH THE CASE.

BUT IN CAIRO THE GOVERNMENT NEWS AGENCY ASSERTED THAT AMIN WAS
 PICKED UP AT HIS HOME IN ALEXANDRIA YESTERDAY AS HE PASSED
 SECURITY INFORMATION TO BRUCE TAYLOR O'DELL, 27, POLITICAL ATTACHE
 OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN CAIRO. IT CLAIMED BOTH WERE CONNECTED WITH
 THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA).

WITHOUT GIVING ITS SOURCE, LE SOIR SAID AIR FORCE SQUADRON
 LEADER MOHAMMED ISSA NASR SEIZED AN ILYUSHIN BOMBER JULY 16 AT
 MAHOURA AIRPORT TO BOMB THE VILLA IN ALEXANDRIA WHERE NASSER WAS
 STAYING.

BY LE SOIR'S ACCOUNT AIRPORT CONTROL OFFICERS SAW NASR AND
 HIS CONFEDERATES LOADING BOMBS ABOARD THE PLANE, CHALLENGED THEM AND
 FOUR OF THE PLOTTERS WERE KILLED IN A MELEE. BUT NASR AND A
 COMPANION MANAGED TO TAKE OFF IN THE PLANE AND WERE SHOT DOWN 40
 MILES WEST OF ALEXANDRIA, LE SOIR SAID.

THE NEWSPAPER ADDED THAT IN ADDITION TO AMIN, MANY OTHERS WERE
 ARRESTED, INCLUDING TWO HIGH FOREIGN OFFICIALS AND A HIGH OFFICIAL
 OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE MINISTRY.

IN CAIRO, THE GOVERNMENT NEWS AGENCY SAID AMIN WAS ARRESTED IN
 ALEXANDRIA AS HE HANDED OVER TO ODELL (CG) A WEEKLY REPORT
 CONTAINING INFORMATION HARMFUL TO EGYPT'S SECURITY. IT REPORTED
 ODELL ALSO WAS ARRESTED BUT WAS RELEASED UPON CLAIMING DIPLOMATIC
 INNUNITY.

THE AGENCY CHARGED ODELL ACTUALLY WAS A CIA AGENT AND WAS
 COLLECTING "POLITICAL ECONOMIC AND MILITARY INFORMATION HARMFUL TO
 THE SECURITY OF THE COUNTRY." IT CALLED AMIN "AN AGENT OF THE
 CIA."

THERE WAS NO COMMENT FROM THE U.S. EMBASSY IN CAIRO. WHEN THE
 REPORT FIRST LEAKED OUT WEDNESDAY, HOWEVER, THE STATE DEPARTMENT
 DENIED ANY MEMBER OF THE EMBASSY HAD BEEN ARRESTED. IT SAID AN
 OFFICER OF THE EMBASSY HAPPENED TO BE AT AMIN'S HOME IN ALEXANDRIA
 WHEN AMIN WAS ARRESTED, WAS QUESTIONED BY POLICE BUT LATER RETURNED
 TO CAIRO.

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THE AGENCY SAID THE REPORT HANDED TO ODELL HAD QUESTIONS WRITTEN
 IN HIS HANDWRITING, AND THE ANSWERS WERE WRITTEN BY AMIN.

U.S. AMBASSADOR LUCIUS BATTLE WAS SUMMONED TO A BRIEF MEETING
 WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MAHMOUD RIAD TO DISCUSS THE AFFAIR.

ODELL, FROM MASSACHUSETTS, LIVES WITH HIS WIFE AND THREE YOUNG
 CHILDREN IN THE CAIRO SUBURB OF MAADI. THERE WAS NO REPORT
 WHETHER HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO LEAVE EGYPT.

INFORMED SOURCES IN CAIRO SAID THE AGENCY'S ACCOUNT OF THE
 INCIDENT WAS DISTORTED. THEY REPORTED AMIN HAS SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS
 FROM TIME TO TIME WITH AMERICANS AND WAS HAVING A ROUTINE LUNCHEON
 WITH ODELL WHEN ARRESTED.

THE SOURCES SAID ODELL WAS DETAINED FOR 90 MINUTES AND RELEASED
 AFTER SHOWING AN AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT.

AMIN EDITED THE NATIONALIZED WEEKLY NEWSPAPER AKHBAR AL-YOM.
 THE NEWSPAPER FOLLOWS NASSER'S GOVERNMENT LINE AND AMIN HIMSELF
 HAS OCCASIONALLY WRITTEN ANTI-AMERICAN EDITORIALS.

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