



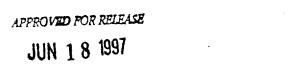
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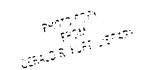


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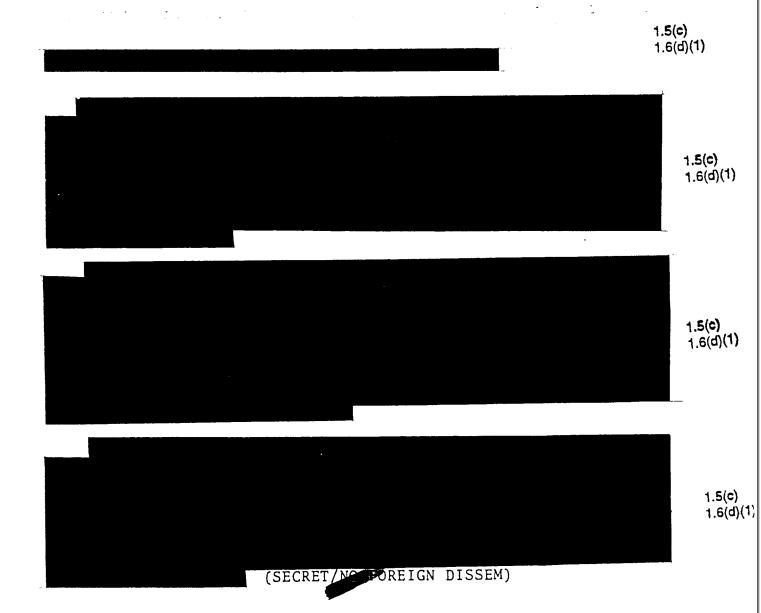
ARTICLES

Attempted Hijack in London by an Unknown Gunman

A lone gunman, wearing an Arab headdress and armed with a gun and a hand grenade, seized a British Airways BAC 111 when it landed at London's Heathrow Airport on an internal flight from Manchester on 7 January. After the 46 passengers had disembarked, the hijacker held a stewardess hostage and demanded to be flown to Paris. A crew of five--pilot, copilot steward and two stewardesses--was still on board. The plane was refueled and a longer-range Trident jet was prepared in case the gunman wanted to go to the Middle East, but he insisted on remaining aboard the plane he had arrived on.

According to later news reports, the man demanded \$230,000 and a parachute and threatened to blow up the plane unless his demands were met. The French government announced that it would refuse the plane permission to land in France. Guns were issued to the normally unarmed airport police who surrounded the aircraft with vehicles and tried to talk the hijacker into surrendering. The pilot warned that the hijacker looked mentally unstable. Several passengers, who did not realize the plane was being hijacked until it landed, said the gunman was in his mid-30's, wore dark glasses and had a scar on his chin. There was no immediate indication of his nationality.

Comment: The modus operandi of this hijacking attempt does not correspond with hijackings mounted by fedayeen organizations. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman, which has never engaged in international terrorism, reportedly planned to hijack a British aircraft or a plane carrying British passengers in early January. (See the 30 December issue, page B-III-3.) There is no indication, however, that this hijacker is connected with the PFLO. (SPIRET)



U.S. Ambassador May Have Been Target of Nicaraguan Terrorists

As more information becomes available

it is increasingly apparent that U.S. Ambassador
Shelton was probably a target of the Sandinist National Liberation Front (FSLN) group who forcibly seized the home of
the former Nicaraguan Minister of Agriculture on 27 December.
There are conflicting reports on this aspect, however.

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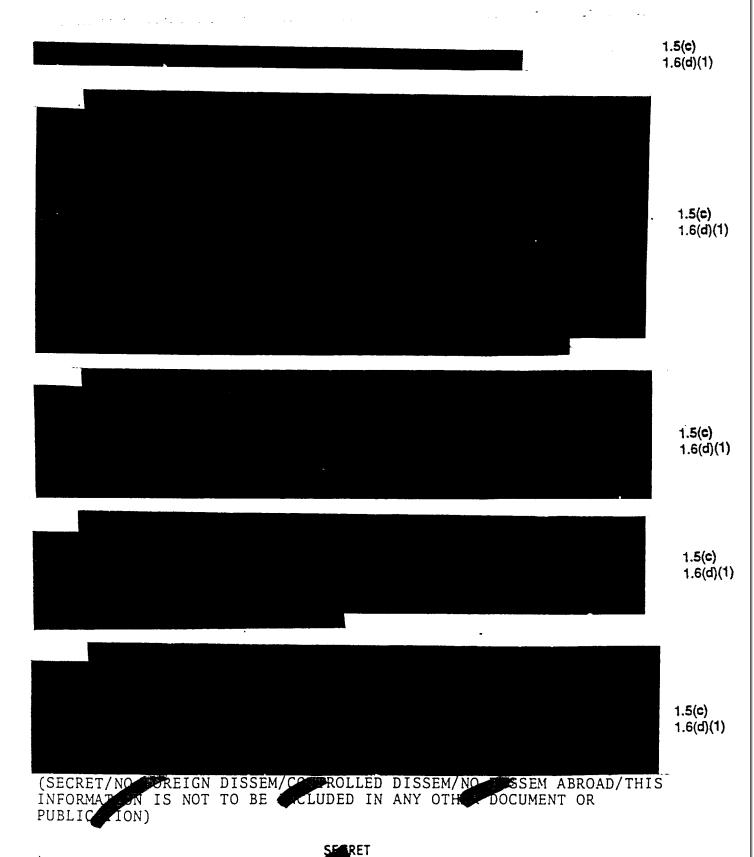
Further, U.S. officials on the scene theorize that the presence of Shelton's four armed guards may have been a deterent.

The Ambassador left the

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party at 10:10 p.m.

In addition, a declaration published by the FSLN on 31 December seems to indicate that the original purpose of the operation was to seize diplomats. Since news of Castillo's party in honor of Ambassador Shelton was publicized in a local paper five days earlier, the party would have presented the terrorists with a convenient target of opportunity. Finally, a 2 January Agence France Presse dispatch from Havana quotes an FSLN leader in Cuba as saying Shelton "escaped us because he was lucky," and the FSLN still hopes to capture him. (SECREM/NO FOREIGN DISSEM/CONTROLLED DISSEM)



Japanese Red Army Ties to Fedayeen Weakened; Status of Hague Terrorists

the PLO does not maintain close ties with the Japanese Red Army (JRA). leaders do not understand the JRA's concept of simultaneous worldwide revolution and instead are concerned with recovering 1.6(d)(1) their homeland from the Israelis. They welcome outside assistance if it is related to this objective and is under the control of the PLO leadership. however,

the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) no longer supports the JRA. (Comment: probably referring to the September 1974 incident in which three JRA terrorists, apparently acting without 1.5(c) the concurrence of the PFLP, seized the French Ambassador in The Hague in order to secure the release of an imprisoned comrade (see the issue of 18 September).

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JRA leader Shigenobu Fusako and the younger sister of Okamoto Kozo are currently living in Beirut. (Okamoto Kozo, the only surviving terrorist from the May 1972 Lod Airport attack, is currently in prison in Israel.)

The Japanese Ambassador in Damascus informed the U.S. Embassy that the four JRA terrorists who seized the French Embassy in The Hague are still under detention at the same military camp where they were taken upon their arrival in Damascus. U.S. Embassy speculated that the Syrian government is anxious to expel the four men, but has not found another government willing to receive them. The Embassy also commented that Syria has not yet returned to the Dutch the \$300,000 ransom paid to the terrorists.

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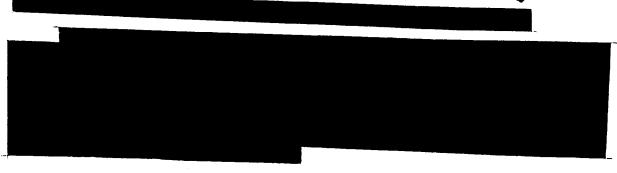
Tupamaro National Convention Moved From Havana to Buenos Aires

A reliable source reports that the third national convention of the Uruguayan Tupamaros will be held in January 1975 in Buenos Aires, instead of Havana as previously believed. The Cuban government does not wish to give additional ammunition to unfriendly Latin American governments before the March meeting of the Hemisphere Foreign Ministers in Buenos Aires. The national convention will consider the future orientation of the Tupamaros and is expected to result in increased emphasis on political activity. At the present time, according to the above source, some 40 Tupamaro leaders are living in Havana and form the single most important and influential Tupamaro group in exile. (SECET/ FOREIGN ISSEM)

Air India Hijacker Remains in Italian Custody

Italian authorities believe that Jozef Homola (previously reported as Homolov), the Canadian citizen who hijacked an Air India jetliner on 25 December, is mentally ill, according to the U.S. Embassy in Rome. (See the issue of 30 December.) Homola was delirious and appeared to be having hallucinations when he was taken into custody following the hijacking. Nevertheless he was imprisoned rather than hospitalized.

Homola has been officially charged with kidnapping, possession of arms, and the importation of counterfeit Canadian currency. His case is being handled as a welfare and protection problem by the Canadian Embassy in Rome. (CONFIENTIAL)

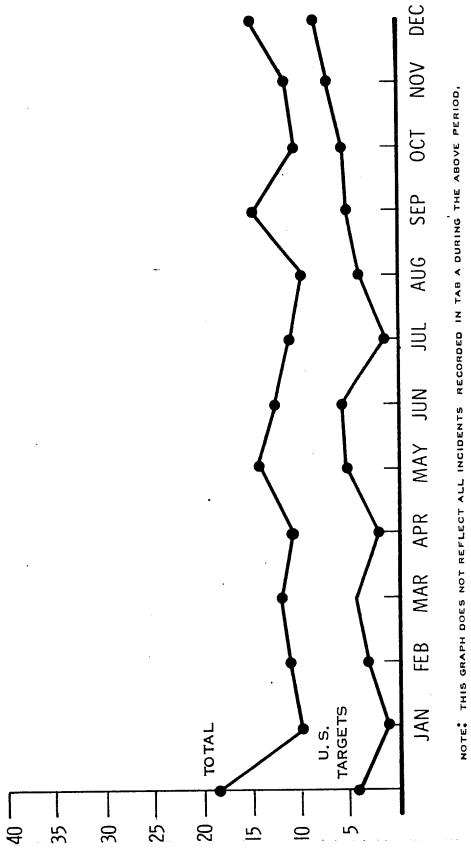


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This information has not been confirmed by other reporting, and to date there is no evidence that the conference actually took place. (SFET)

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Date:

31 December 1974

Place:

South Africa, Johannesburg

Parcel Bomb Explodes.

A bomb concealed in a book exploded in the Johannesburg post office, injuring an employee. It was addressed to a family of Jewish origin, according to the police. Police have not said where the parcel was posted.

(UNCLASSIFIED)

Date:

3 January 1975

Place:

Syria, Damascus

Egyptian and Jordanian Embassies in Damascus Bombed. Bombs exploded in the Egyptian and Jordanian embassies in Damascus, severely damaging the Jordanian offices. bomb at the Egyptian Embassy was apparently placed outside a door and caused damage primarily to windows and doors. Judging from the damage, the bombs appear to have been similar in size to those used in previous bombings of U.S. installations in Syria. Selection of these two Arab embassies and of the 3 January date, which coincided with the opening of the Quadripartite Conference in Cairo, suggests these bombings may have been perpetrated by the Palestinian "Rejection Front" with possible Iraqi backing, according to the U.S. Embassy. It is also possible that they were the work of the so-called Arab Communist Organization, although that group usually has publicly acknowledged its bombings. (CONFINITIAL)

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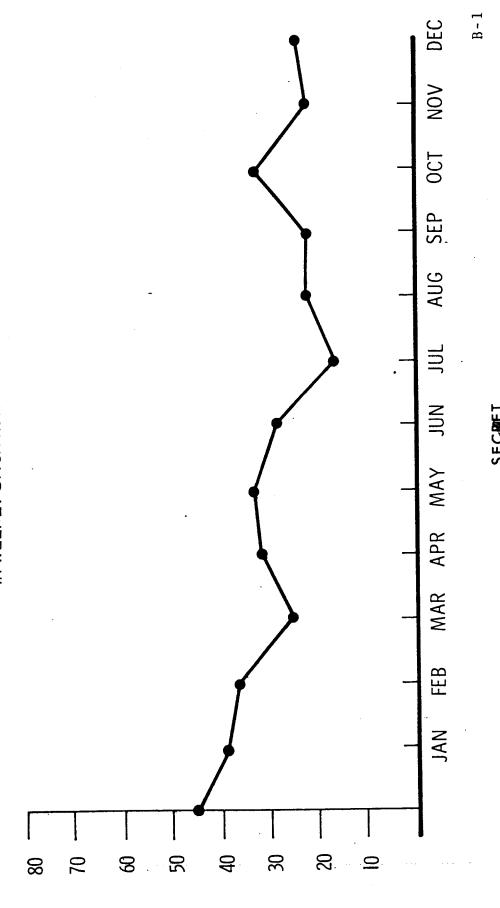
British Airways Jetliner Hijacked.

An armed man in an Arab head-dress commandeered a British Airways jetliner as it landed at Heathrow Airport and said he would blow it up with himself and five crew members unless he could take off for Paris with \$230,000 and a parachute. It is unclear whether the man was acting from personal or political motives. He apparently has no accomplices. (See Articles.) (UNCLASSIFIED)

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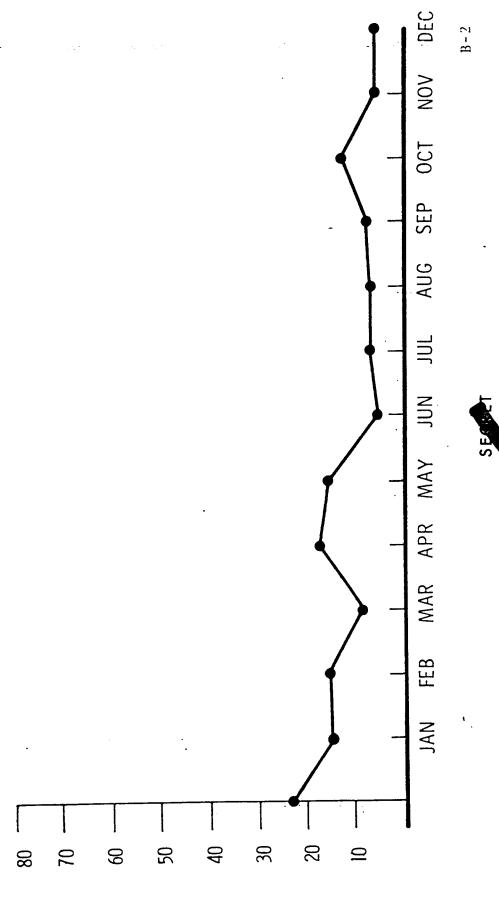
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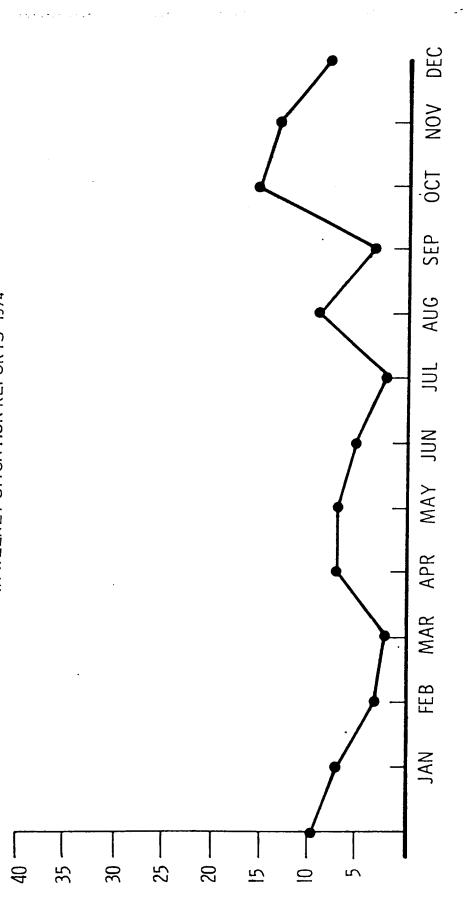
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TAB B—Terrorists Threats and Plans

Terrorist Threats and Plans:

Western Hemisphere, Including the United States

Target: U.S. ARMORY

United States, Place:

Fort Worth

Date:

Current

A revolutionary Mexican group known as The Cabanas is planning to break into a U.S.

armory in Fort Worth, Texas, to steal rifles. (See 30

December issue, page B-I-1.)

(UNCLASSIFIED)

Lebanese Target:

Installations

United States. Place:

New York

Date: Current unidentified member of Irgun (a former Israeli terrorist organization) who threatened that all Lebanese establish1.5(c)

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ments in New York would be wrecked. (See 30 December issue, page B-I-2.) (CON

Target: PROMINENT JEWS

United States, Place:

West Coast

New York

Washington, D.C.

Current Date:

** The Jewish Defense League received an anonymous telephone call warning that two prominent Jews would be murdered on the West Coast and in New York or Washington, D.C., according to an FBI report. The caller hinted that the PLO was involved

in the threat. He claimed

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* Indicates a revision of a threat reported in previous issues.

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to be calling on behalf of certain organizations which he refused to identify.
(UNCLASSIFIED)

Target:

Prominent

Personality

Place:

Argentina

Date:

12 January 1975

Unidentified terrorists may kidnap or assassinate a pro-

minent personality at the

Grand Prix of Argentina scheduled for 12 January. (See 30

December issue, page B-I-2.)

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Target:

U.S. OFFICIAL

Place:

Argentina,

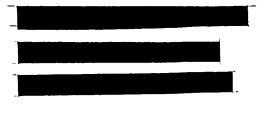
Buenos Aires

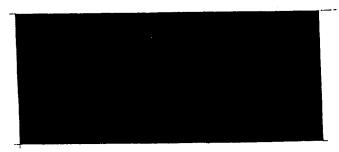
Date:

Current

** The director of USIS in Buenos Aires may be the target of terrorist action, according to a mid-December Embassy report. An unidentified woman carrying a package was chased away from the director's garage on 8 December. She ran to a car in which companions were waiting. The federal police speculated that the woman might have been trying to place an explosive device. Security has been increased at the residence.

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Target:

U.S. AMBASSADOR

Place:

Nicaragua, Managua

Date:

Current

** The Sandinist National Liberation Front (FSLN) is planning to kidnap the U.S. Ambassador to Nicaragua and presently has him under surveillance, according to a press report from Cuba, of unknown reliability. (Comment: The FSLN recently negotiated \$1 million ransom, the release of 14 guerrillas, and a flight to Cuba in exchange for 14 prisoners they held. See Articles.) (UNCLASSIFIED)

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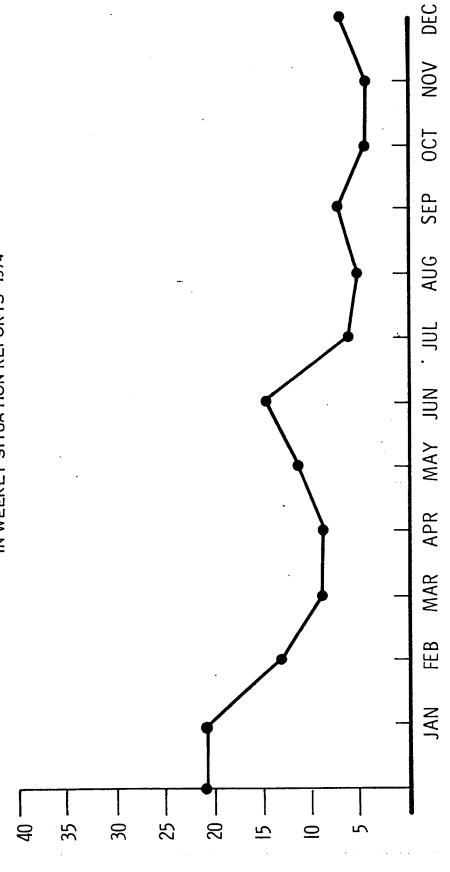
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Terrorist Threats and Plans: II. Europe

Target: Unspecified,

Possibly Jewish

Emigre Center

Place: Austria, Vienna

Current Date:

Salah Khalaf, head of the BSO, is planning to organize a series of international terrorist operations. The first incident reportedly will be an explosion in Vienna, using a bus, to protest continued Austrian assistance to Soviet Jewish emigres. (See 10 December issue, page B-II-1.)
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Target: U.S. PERSONNEL

AND INSTALLATIONS

Place: Turkey

Date: Current ** The Turkish People's Liberation Army has been planning to attack U.S. personnel and installations in Turkey in order to secure the release of imprisoned comrades, according to an Air Force report. This threat may have been neutralized, though, by the recent arrest of several TPLA members. (See Articles.) (CONFINTIAL/ NO FOREIGN DESEM)

Target: El Al Aircraft

Israeli Diplomats

Place: Western Europe

Date: Unspecified

PFLP chief George Habbash recently directed the PFLP to focus its attention on "Zionist" targets in Western Europe, and mentioned the need to hi- jack an El Al aircraft and assassinate Israeli diplomats. (See 30 December issue, page B-II-2.) (SECT/NO FOREIGN DISSEM/NO SEM ABROAD/CON-

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III. Terrorist Threats and Plans: Middle East

Target: Unknown

Place: Possibly Israel

Date: Unspecified

The PLO will attempt to secure the release of Archbishop Capucci by diplomatic negotiations through Saudi Arabia and the U.S. If such negotiations fail, the PLO plans to resort to dramatic violent means to secure Capucci's release. (See 30 December issue, page B-III-1.) (STRET/NO FOREIGN DISSEM/NO DISSEM ABROSO/CONTROLED DISSEM)

Target: Jordanian

Ministries

British Embassy

Place: Jordan, Amman

Date: Current

Fatah may be preparing operations to be carried out in Jordan and the West Bank, using weapons brought in by Palestinians ostensibly returning from the Hajj pilgrimage. Targets include the Jordanian ministries of Foreign Affairs and Information and the British Embassy in Amman. (See 30 December issue, page B-III-2.) (SFORT ON FORT GN DISSEM)

Target: U.S. EMBASSY OR

PERSONNEL

Place: Lebanon, Beirut

Date: Unspecified

tack against the U.S. Embassy in Beirut using rocket-firing devices fitted on a car. An alternate plan is to kidnap U.S. diplomats or their dependents. (See 30 December issue, page B-III-2.) (SE-CRET/NO-OREIGN DISSED/NO

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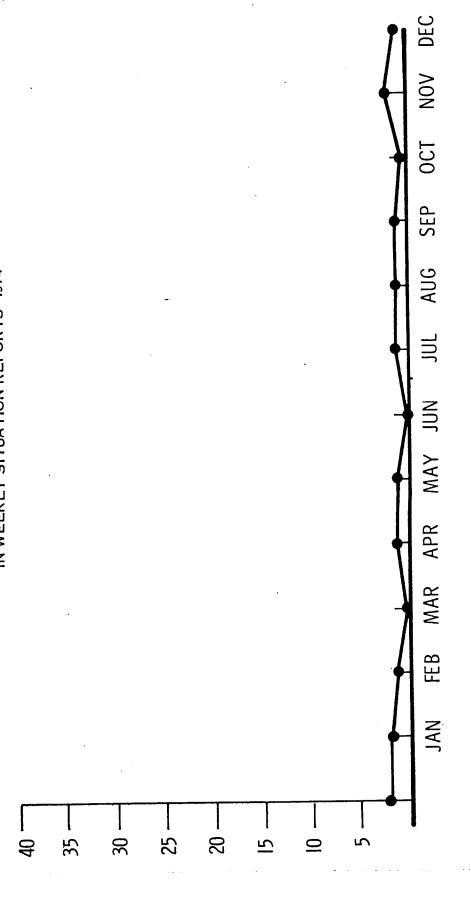
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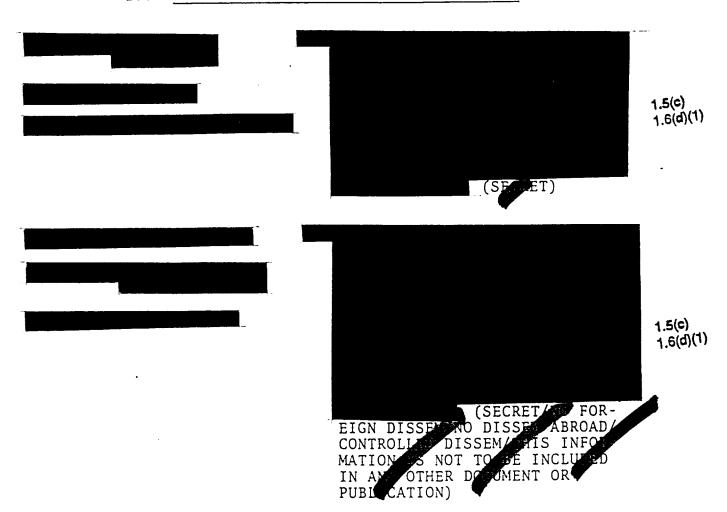
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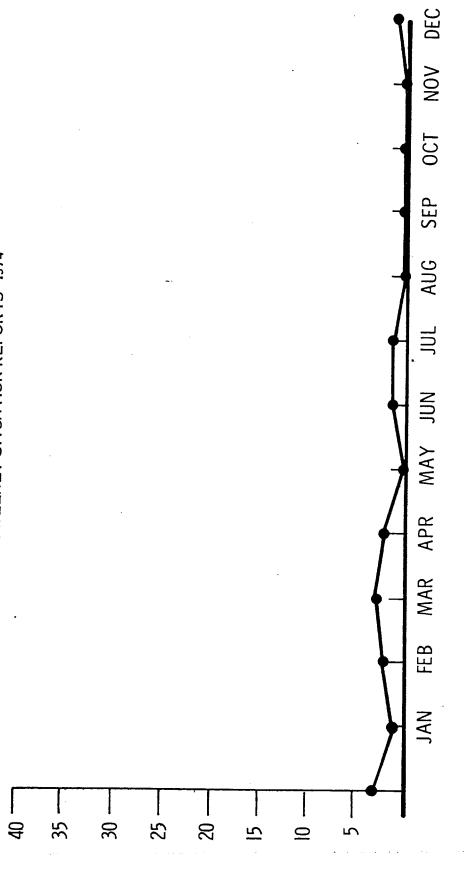
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V. Terrorist Threats and Plans: Far East

Target: USIS BUILDING

Place: Taiwan, Taipei

Date: Current

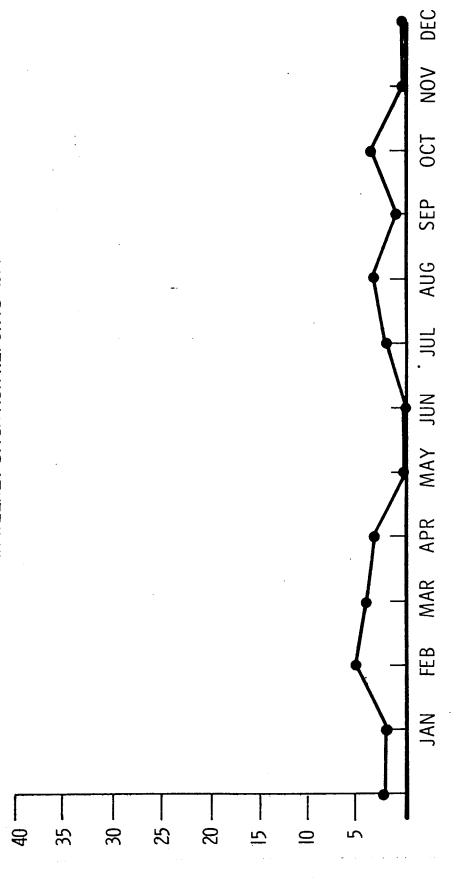
** An unidentified male Mandarin speaker telephoned the USIS switchboard operator in Taipei and warned that his friend was going to place a time bomb there. No explosives were found in a search of the building, but security has been increased in case someone may attempt to place a bomb there. (CONFIRTIAL)

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VI. Terrorist Threats and Plans: Worldwide

No terrorist threats worldwide were reported during 31 December 1974 - 7 January 1975

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POTENTIAL TERRORIST TARGETS IN THE U.S. AND ABROAD

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:

Israeli Foreign

Minister

Place:

United States,

Washington, D.C.

Date;

Week of 12 January

Target:

U.S. Diplomatic

Community

Place:

Ethiopia,

Addis Ababa

Asmara

Date:

Current

** The political situation in Ethiopia is deteriorating and there is a growing anti-American mood, with a number of minor harassment incidents reported and the anticipation of more attacks against U.S. citizens as the situation

** Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal

Allon will visit Washington,

D.C., among other cities the week beginning 12 January.

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the insurgent fighting around Asmara, while not directed against U.S. citizens, could result in injury to them coincidentally. (SECOT/NO FORE DISSEM)

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AB C—Potential Terrorist

Target:

Various Latin

American Countries

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Place:

United States

Date:

Current

** Various Latin American countries that favor lifting

sanctions against or establishing diplomatic relations

with Cuba continue to be possible targets for terrorist

acts by anti-Castro groups.

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Target: U.S. Personnel

Place: Uruguay, Montevideo

Date: Current

U.S. Embassy personnel in Uruguay could become the target of terrorists because of internal conflicts between the military and extremists resulting from the assassination of the Uruguayan military attache in Paris. The Embassy has increased its security precautions. (CONF. ATIAL)

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