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CIA Man's Home Bombed

DENVER—A pipe-bomb explosion outside a Central Intelligence Agency official's suburban home may have been caused by radicals inspired by the bombing of a bank hours earlier, or may have been the work of a "crackpot," police said yesterday.

The bomb exploded in front of the home of CIA Regional Director James Sommerville at 11:30 p.m. Monday, dislodging bricks, shattering windows and shredding portions of the roof on the one-story brick house in South Denver. Windows in a house next door were broken. No one was injured.

A bomb squad detective said the blast did not appear related to the dynamite explosion at the American National Bank in Denver 12 hours earlier in which six employees received minor injuries. But he said the bomb may have been planted by radicals who got the idea from the bank explosion.

Police said they were checking with other cities in which terrorists have set off explosions to see if there is a pattern to the bombings. A department spokesman said, "We don't know if this was the work of a terrorist group or whether it might have been just some crackpot."