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Dear Mr. Weissberg

I received your letter of Dec. 24. I am enclosing some information that I gathered concerning the Yemeni National who was arrested in Manila "on ~~some~~ suspicion of possible complicity in the assassination of ~~xxxx~~ very important persons in the U.S." ~~xxxxxxx~~ refer to letter 12/15/68.

THE MODESTO BEE Modesto, Calif.

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headline: MANILA POLICE
LINK 'MODESTAN'
TO DEATH PLOT

Law enforcement and other public offices in Modesto today failed to find the name of Ali Ali Saud, following a report of the arrest of a person by that name in Manila.

United Press International's Manila bureau reported the arrest of Saud, identified only as a Yemeni national from Modesto.

Quoting the Philippine News Service, UPI said Saud was arrested by the police "on suspicion of possible complicity in the assassination of very important persons in the United States.

MODESTO BEE - DEC. 12, 1968 9:1

headline: INVESTIGATION FAILS TO VERIFY
REPORT OF DEATH PLOT ARREST

The U.S. embassy in Manila has been unable to provide verification of any kind to the reported arrest in the Philippines this week of a Yemeni national who was said to have given his address as Modesto.

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United Press International, continuing to check the puzzling one paragraph of news supplied to it by the Philippine News Service, reported no verification also from the Philippine National Bureau of Investigation.

The news item reported Tuesday the arrest of a person named Ali Ali Saud by the police "on suspicion of possible complicity in the assassination of very important persons in the United States".

FEW DETAILS

Late yesterday, the San Francisco bureau of UPI said its query to Manila produced few further details.

The news information gives the man's name as Ali Ali Saud, 35, of Modesto, instead of Ali Ali Saud.

UPI said it had learned from the news agency that the man, Saud, had been arrested in Iligan City, which is on the island of Mindanao, the southernmost in the Philippines. No date was given, although the agency said Saud had been under surveillance the past two months.

Law enforcement and other public offices in Modesto have been unable to find any record of a man named Ali Ali Saud. Today law enforcement records were checked for information on anyone by the name of Ali Ali Saud. All agencies reported no listing.

"There is no record of any official agency requesting surveillance or arrest of this man," a U.S. embassy spokesman in Manila told UPI. "We're completely in the dark."

One official told UPI he believed Saud was a sailor who jumped ship in a Philippine port.

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The Philippine National Bureau of Investigation disclaimed any knowledge of Saudi or his case.

I must make a correction of statement I made in my last letter. The Los Angeles Times does keep on file the "preview" edition. The trouble is, is that many of the Times' reader's miss "minor" news items not printed in the Final Edition.


The Latin American Report Magazine and Citizen's Committee For a Free Cuba in some cities have separate locations while in others cities share the same facilities.

In New Orleans, for example, CCFC is located at 330 Carondelet; L.A.R. :: INTERNATIONAL TRADE MART. In Miami, the main Hq. for CCFC, ~~both CCFC~~ AND L.A.R. are located in the Langford Building, and in Washington, D.C. in the National Press Building.

I'll have more in the next letter about the CCFC.

BEST WISHES.

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