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Australia Raids Its Intelligence Unit

SYDNEY—Australian police yesterday raided the headquarters of the Australian Security Intelligence Organization seeking files on Croatian terrorist organizations operating in Australia.

Government sources said police acted on the orders of Attorney General Lionel Murphy after the intelligence agency refused to hand over the files to the government of Prime Minister Gough Whitlam. The move came prior to the scheduled visit here next week of Yugoslav Prime Minister Djemal Bjedic.

Croatian terrorists operate within the Ustashi movement which was allied with Nazi Germany during World War II. They have been linked to numerous bombing attacks on Yugoslav facilities in Australia.

The unprecedented action would be equivalent to a raid by the FBI on CIA headquarters. Murphy said he merely visited the intelligence headquarters accompanied by police officers "involved in investigation of Croatian terrorist activities" and that he inspected 'certain files" as a security precaution for the forthcoming visit.