

Bizarre Intruder Rams

His Way to White House

Washington

A young man, dressed as an Arab and seemingly laden with explosives, shattered the Christmas calm of the capital yesterday when he crashed his car through a White House gate at 7:07 a.m. and stood a few feet from the executive mansion for four hours.

With President Ford and his family skiing in Vail, Colo., the building was empty except for staff members. There were Secret Service agents and security guards of the Executive Protective Service on the grounds.

The incident ended when the man, identified as Marshall H. Fields, 25, the son of a deceased U.S. diplomat, surrendered to the White House security police at 11 a.m.

After questioning, he was taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital for psychiatric examination.

The man was wired only to railroad warning flares, considered relatively harmless.

A Secret Service spokesman said Fields' only demand was to speak to the ambassador of Pakistan.

He surrendered after the Howard University radio station met his demand to broadcast an appeal for a meeting with the ambassador.

The ambassador, Sahabzada Yaqub Kahn, has no intention of meeting with Fields, according to a spokesman for the embassy.

The Secret Service already had a file on Fields, a college dropout and former taxi driver, as a person who had made a threat against government officials, a spokesman for the service said.

The threat was reportedly not against the President.

State Department security officials were recently alerted about Fields, according to one official.

Apparently, he had sent a packet of materials, includ-

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ing a threat to "do something" on Christmas Day, to Kenneth F. Owen, the Washington bureau chief for a chain of South African newspapers.

Owen sent the material to the State Department.

The packet contained some confidential government documents held by Fields' father, Marshall L. Fields. The father was an official of the Agency for International Development until his death earlier this year.

State Department officials who saw the packet said it also contained a picture of an "executioner" in Arab garb and a rambling letter in which the son wrote that his name was "Abdur-Rahin."

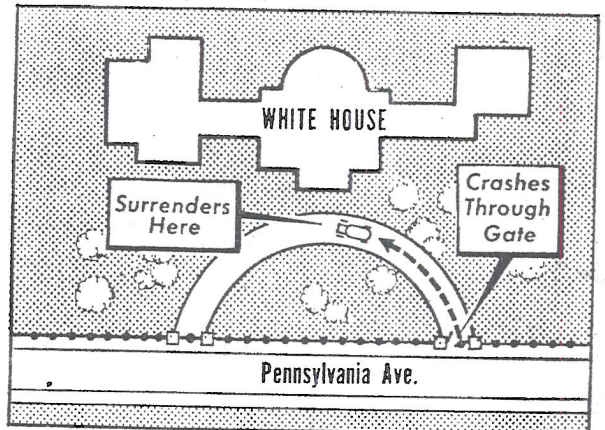
The letter said in part, "I come from the East, but I was born in the West. I have returned to break crosses and to kill swine."

Yesterday's incident began, according to the Secret Service, when Fields smashed a car through the locked northwest gate of the White House grounds, a decorated iron grillwork portal on Pennsylvania avenue.

Journalists and other visitors approach this gate for routine visits to the White House. Four or five security policemen are normally stationed in the adjacent guardhouse.

When the gate snapped open under the car's impact, the man drove the car up the curving driveway toward the White House and parked 20 feet from the colonnaded north portico.

Fields emerged wearing a



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The scene of the strange incident

thin white garment resembling a tunic as well as a white cloth that looked like the Arab headdress called a kaffiyeh.

Tucked into his belt was what appeared from a distance to be a stick of dynamite. Other packets that might have been explosives were attached to his knees with silvery tape. He took black satchels out of the car and put them on the ground in front of him as he stood ten feet or so in front of the west wing of the White House.

In his black-gloved hands, Fields held wires that the Secret Service originally thought were detonators leading to explosive charges.

For the next four hours Fields, gloved hands holding the wires above his shoulders, dark glasses hiding his eyes, stood next to the car.

A light rain fell.

Security police and Secret Service agents carrying automatic weapons moved into positions behind shrubbery on the lawn and on the roof of the White House.

Fields was not attacked because the security forces were assuming that he had explosives. His mother was driven to the White House from her home in suburban Silver Spring, Md., but did not speak to her son.

From time to time, the chief of the White House unit of the Executive Protective Service, Earl Drescher, walked to within a few feet of Fields to talk to him.

A Secret Service spokesman said Fields told Drescher that he wanted to talk to the Pakistani ambassador. He reportedly made no threats to detonate the "explosives."

Drescher told Fields that he could not order the Pakistani ambassador to negotiate. Fields then demanded that his message to the ambassador be carried over WHUR, the radio station of Howard University, a predominantly black institution in the District of Columbia.

Dresher relayed the message to the station, which broadcast it a few minutes later. Fields listened on his car radio.

Then, as chimes from nearby church signaled 11 a.m., Fields pulled a white cloth from his pocket and waved it above his head in a token of surrender.

Security police quickly took him into custody. The "explosives" were taken to Fort McNair for examination by specialists.

A spokesman for the Pakistani embassy said that the ambassador does not know Fields and, because Field is not a citizen of Pakistan, has no intention of seeing him.

A Secret Service spokesman said that Fields could have been stopped as soon as he crashed through the gate. But he added that, because "the White House was empty and it's Christmas Day, we felt some compassion to save him."

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