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The Gate-Crasher's

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The young man who rammed his car through a gate into the White House grounds yesterday had declared in a letter turned over to the State Department last week that he would "denounce" his U.S. citizenship on Christmas and seek political asylum in a "third-world" country.

Marshall L. Fields, 25, whose father had been an education specialist for the Agency for International Development until his death this year, did not say in the letter that he intended to crash through the White House gate and request at meeting with Pakistan's ambassador to this country.

His letter was so disjointed and obscure that a security officer for the development agency recommended that a former colleague of the late Fields speak to Mrs. Fields and advise her to seek psychiatric help for her son.

The colleague, Sheldon Cole, said in a telephone interview yesterday that he had not been able to reach Mrs. Fields.

The letter, and accompanying photographs, news clippings and AID documents, were mailed to Kenneth F. Owen, a correspondent for a chain of South African newspapers, and at least one other newsmen in Washington.

Owen said yesterday that

he had received two identical mailings from Fields, who also identified himself as Abdur-Rahim, on December 10 and 13.

"Because it all seemed so kooky, I sent the first batch over to the State Department when I found out that Marshall L. Fields, referred to in the documents, had once worked for AID and was dead," Owen said.

The letter, titled, "Fulfillingness' First Finale," said:

"I come from the East, but I was born in the West. I have returned to break crosses and to kill swine. I have returned as promised. To the Western world, I am the messiah to those who wish to believe; to the East-

ern world, the 'third' world, I am but a mere brother. My name is Isa. My name is Abdur-Rahim. My western name is Marshall Fields."

After a long astrological discussion, the letter continued:

"If it is God's will, I will denounce my citizenship to this country on December 25, 1974 & if it is God's will I will be out of this country to seek political asylum in one of the countries now known to be a member of the "third world. My passport number is B954944, which, if it is God's will, I will have destroyed in one way or another."

The letter said that Fields was "an applicant" to the Islamic party in North

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America, the official term for the Black Muslims, but that he bore "full responsibility for my actions against the government of the United States of America."

Fields said he was president of Universal Enterprises of the People, Inc., "Which I have utilized to gain excess (sic) to materials not usually provided to the public by the Department of State."

There was no further discussion of this group, and there is no listing for it in the Washington telephone directory.

In the envelope received by Owen were poor reproductions of pictures of what seemed to be a person in Arab dress kneeling in prayer near the capitol, a black

man, dressed in a white robe, and wearing a knitted skull cap, with his hands cupped in front of him as if in prayer; and a man, in what seemed to be Arab dress, holding a sword across his chest.

Marshall L. Fields, the young man's father, was 53 when he died last spring of cancer.

He had served in Iraq, Libya, and the Sudan — all predominantly Moslem and Arabic-speaking countries — as an adviser on educational and industrial areas. Upon his death he was deputy chief of education for Southeast Africa in the Agency for International Development.

The clippings in the en-
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sure sent to Owen were from the Pittsburgh Courier of 1956, and one of them showed the young Fields, then 8, with his sister Marsha, translating some Arabic riddles for their grandmother.

The caption under the picture said the children had learned Arabic in Iraq and were bilingual.

Fields spoke Arabic yesterday with officers on the White House grounds.

Frank Scordato, assistant director of AID's Southern Africa division, said that the late Fields was a "conservative, terribly competent man," who worried about his son's dropping out of Howard University after three years "to find himself."