

BOOK-BOMB NL 260

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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., APRIL 4 (AP)—U. N. SECURITY AGENTS LAUNCHED AN INVESTIGATION TODAY INTO THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOMEONE INSIDE THE WORLD ORGANIZATION MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOOBYTRAPPED BOOK THAT BLEW UP IN THE CUBAN DELEGATE'S FACE.

EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT THE BOOK DEFINITELY WAS MAILED AT ONE OF THE TWO U. N. POSTOFFICES, BUT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT CAME TO LIGHT DURING THE DAY POINTS TO A POSSIBLE INSIDE ORIGIN OF THE BOOK-BOMB ITSELF.

A U. N. SPOKESMAN SAID A GUMMED ADDRESS LABEL AVAILABLE ONLY TO U. N. EMPLOYEES AND CORRESPONDENTS WAS USED IN MAILING THE PACKAGE TO CUBAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES NICOLAS RODRIGUEZ ASTIAZARAIN. HE WAS BURNED SUPERFICIALLY WHEN HE OPENED IT IN HIS OFFICE YESTERDAY.

THE BOOK ITSELF WAS VOLUME 13 OF "REPORTS OF INTERNATIONAL ARBITRAL AWARDS"—PUBLISHED BY THE U. N. LEGAL DEPARTMENT IN 1964. THE 835-PAGE BOOK WAS DISTRIBUTED FREE TO ALL U. N. DELEGATIONS, BUT IS AVAILABLE IN BOOK STORES AT \$10.

RODRIGUEZ, WITH ONE OF HIS HANDS BANDAGED, CALLED ON U. N. LEGAL COUNSEL CONSTANTIN STAVROPOULOS, A GREEK, AND TURNED OVER TO HIM THE BOOK AND WRAPPER. STAVROPOULOS ASKED THE U. N. SECURITY SECTION TO INVESTIGATE THE MATERIALS.

THE U. N. SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE PACKAGE BORE A U. N. STAMP AND CANCELLATION AND SAID "I THINK WE CAN SAY IT WAS POSTED" FROM EITHER THE POSTOFFICE IN THE SECRETARIAT AREA OR THE VISITORS' AREA.

THE CUBAN DELEGATE MADE A FORMAL PROTEST LAST NIGHT TO SECRETARY-GENERAL U THANT BLAMING "CUBAN COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES" AND ACCUSING THE UNITED STATES OF COMPLICITY.

HE SAID TERRORIST ACTS SUCH AS THIS DEMONSTRATE "YET AGAIN THAT THERE DO NOT EXIST IN THE UNITED STATES THE MINIMUM CONDITIONS NECESSARY TO PERMIT THE NORMAL FUNCTIONING OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN ITS TERRITORY."

THE U. S. MISSION SENT AN APOLOGY TO RODRIGUEZ LAST NIGHT. AMBASSADOR WILLIAM BUFFUM TOLD HIM NEW YORK CITY AUTHORITIES ARE INVESTIGATING THE INCIDENT.

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