

**U.S. DENIES KNOWING
WHO KILLED ENVOY**

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ters)—The State Department today strongly denied that it knew the identity of the persons who assassinated Ambassador Rodger P. Davies in Nicosia, Cyprus, in 1974, or that it had been lax in investigating the killing.

At the same time, a department spokesman, John Trattner, told reporters the United States Government was dissatisfied with the way the Cyprus

Government had investigated the murder.

His statements were prompted by reports that United States intelligence officials had learned the identity of the killers within an hour after Mr. Davies was shot and that the killers currently were members of the Cypriot security forces.

Mr. Trattner said that after the killing of Mr. Davies on Aug. 19, 1974, during an anti-American protest, the Cypriot Government assured Washington it would investigate the incident vigorously, but he said: "The Government of Cyprus is aware that we are not satisfied with its actions to date."