

Intruder's Letter Indicated a Need for

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 25—The young man who rammed his car through a gate into the White House grounds today had declared in a letter turned over to the State Department last week that he would "denounce" his United States citizenship on Christmas and seek political asylum in a "third world" country.

Marshall L. Fields, 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 a meeting with Pakistan's Ambassador to this country.

His letter was so disjointed and obscure, in fact, that a security officer for the development agency recommended that a former colleague of the late Mr. Fields speak to Mrs. Fields and advise her to seek psychiatric help for her 25-year-old son.

Mother Was Not Reached

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

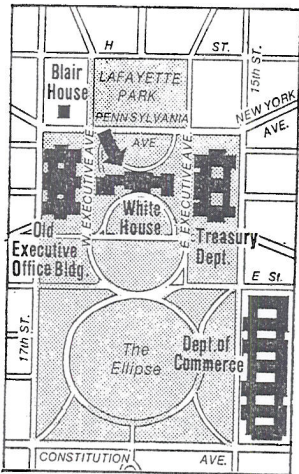
The letter, and accompanying photographs, news clippings and A.T.D. documents, were mailed to Kenneth F. Owen, a correspondent for a chain of South African newspapers, and at least one other newsmen in Washington. Mr. Owen said today that he had received two identical mailings from Mr. Fields, who also identified himself as Abdur-Rabim, on Dec. 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 A.I.D. and was dead," Mr. Owen said.

'I Am The Messiah'

The letter, titled "Fulfilling-ness' 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 Eastern World, the 'Third' World, I am but a mere brother. My name is Isa. My name is Abdur-Rahim. My



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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 Mr. Fields was "an applicant" to the Islamic Party in North America, the official term for an organization of black Moslems, but that he bore "full responsibility for my actions against the Government of the United States of America."

Group Not Discussed

Mr. Fields said that 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 Mr. 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 of cancer last spring. 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 the agency's deputy chief of education for southeast Africa.

Translating Arabic Riddles

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

The caption under the picture said that the children had learned Arabic in Iraq and were bilingual. Mr. Fields spoke Arabic today with officers on the White House grounds.

Frank Scordato, assistant di-

rector of the agency's Southern Africa Division, said that the late Mr. Fields was a "conservative, terribly competent man," who worried about his son's dropping out of Howard University after three years "to find himself."

Unclassified Telegrams

Mr. Scordato said that some unclassified A.I.D. telegrams apparently from the late Mr. Fields's files had also been in the package received by the State Department from Mr. Owen.

James R. Mathews, head of the agency's Physical Security Division, said in a telephone interview today that he had been asked to read the documents and had concluded that there had been no security breach. But he recommended that a friend of the father speak to the mother "because the son,

Psychiatric Help

seemed to need some psychiatric help."

A spokesman for the Nation of Islam said that there would be a news conference tomorrow to discuss Mr. Fields's relation to that religious organization.

The young Mr. Fields lived with his mother in a middle-class neighborhood in Silver Spring, Md., a Washington suburb. A neighbor was quoted as saying that "he never gave me the impression of being someone who would do something radical."

One of the father's colleagues said that young Mr. Fields had driven a taxi for a while after dropping out of Howard, and that at his father's funeral he gave the eulogy and seemed to be self-assured.

A friend of young Mr. Fields said that after his father's death, the son became very involved in Islamic affairs.