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A U.S. embassy political officer assigned to a oneman post at Tuy Hoa, 240 miles northeast of Saigon, was killed Saturday by an explosion in his residence.

The U.S. Embassy statement identified the dead man as William E. Bennett, 36, whose wife and three children live in Springfield, Va.

The cause of the explosion was unknown, spokesmen said.

Bennett is the first American official to die violently in Vietnam since Dec. 15, 1973.

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