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Welch Murder Gun Killed Greek

ATHENS, Greece—Ballistics tests show that the .45-caliber pistol used to assassinate a top Greek security official last week was the same weapon used to kill U.S. Central Intelligence Agency station chief Richard Welch a year ago, police said yesterday.

A police ballistics specialist said tests on the bullets from the body of Evangelos Mallios provided the first physical link between the two crimes. A leftist group calling itself the "Revolutionary Organization of Nov. 17" has claimed responsibility for both killings.

Nov. 17 is the day observed in Greece for an uprising in 1973 by students at the Athens Polytechnic Institute against the now-ousted military dictatorship.

Meanwhile, George Georgalas, a former minister in the dictatorship, turned himself in to police in connection with allegations that he incited a riot at Mallios' funeral Thursday.

For the Record

The Micronesian Bugging Case

From a statement by the presiding officers of the Congress of Micronesia, issued after this newspaper reported that the Central Intelligence Agency had for some years conducted electronic surveillance against Micronesian officials engaged in negotiations with the United States:

We wish to express our dismay and extreme disappointment at learning that U.S. government officials have conducted electronic surveillance against Micronesian citizens....

The Congress of Micronesia has attempted to protect the best interests and legal rights of the people of Micronesia in the status negotiations. At the same time we have also recognized and tried to accommodate the important strategic interests of the United States....

We are therefore especially concerned that the information gathered through electronic surveillance has been used not so much to learn our negotiating position, but rather to exploit differences of opinion within the Micronesian delegation. The fact that the United States successfully concluded separate status talks with the Marianas, and that the Marshall Islands and Palau districts are now actively considering separate talks, is of serious concern. We can only hope that the United States did not actively use this surveillance in order to promote disunity within Micronesia, thus making it easier for U.S. strategists to achieve their goals at the expense of the people of Micronesia and in direct contravention of the U.S. responsibilities under the (U.N.) trusteeship agreement.