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SHOOTING OF SOVIET DIPLOMAT

SUMMARY

1. A SOVIET DIPLOMAT WAS SHOT IN A CAR DRIVING IN THE
DIPLOMATIC QUARTER AT ABOUT 0630Z TODAY. ACCORDING TO AGENCY
REPORTS HE IS DEAD.

DETAIL

2. PTI REPORTS NAME HIM AS V. KHITRICHENKO OF THE ECONOMIC
DIVISION OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY. THEY REPORT THAT HE WAS SHOT
DEAD BY TWO UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS ON A MOTORBIKE WHILE DRIVING
IN A SOVIET DIPLOMATIC CAR NEAR THE CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION.
HE RECEIVED 4 BULLETS TO THE HEAD AND WAS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL. HE
HAS SINCE BEEN REPORTED DEAD.

3. A CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION EYE-WITNESS CONFIRMS THE INCIDENT,
WITH SOME VARIANTS OF DETAIL.

4. NO EVIDENCE AS TO THE ASSAILANTS OR MOTIVATION.

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