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Details of Count Bernadotte's assassination.

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I have drawn Mr. Dept's attention to this telegram. *James Kirkell.*
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IMPORTANT

My immediately preceding telegram.

Following are details of Count Bernadotte's assassination. His convey of three cars left Government House on Jewish side returning to Jewish Jerusalem. First car contained United Nations personnel, Belgian observer and Jewish liaison officer. Second car Red Cross. Third car driven by Colonel Begley American observer with Commander Cox in front. The mediator, Colonel Serret and General Landstrum in rear seat. While proceeding through Jewish Jerusalem at a point about three hundred yards from Salvia Hotel the road was blocked by a jeep containing four men dressed in Jewish uniforms and wearing berets. Medister's convey stopped and one of the assassins punctured the tyre of the leading vehicle with a shot. They then walked down the convey inspecting each vehicle until the last into the rear compartment of which they fired an automatic weapon. Colonel Serret was shot through the head and died immediately. The Mediator was shot in the region of the heart and died very soon afterwards. Colonel Begley got out and grappled with one of the assassins all of whom then fled and made good their escape. The bodies are now in the Y.M.C.A. and are being evacuated by air from Kulundia tomorrow morning.

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