

Khomeini 'brainwashes' followers; embassies brace for terrorists

The aging Ayatollah Khomeini is getting too big for his burnoose. According to intelligence sources, he not only thinks he was the one who cost Jimmy Carter the election four

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Shiite Moslem fundamentalists devoted to Khomeini are planning to carry out another bombing attack on an American facility in the Middle East before Election Day, according to what a State Department source called a "specific" warning received by U.S. intelligence.

The trouble is, our intelligence agencies have been getting so many threats and warnings about imminent attacks on American embassies in the Middle East that they can't handle them all.

In fact, sources told our associate Lucette Lagnado, there's a distinct possibility that the flood of intelligence is designed to confuse the experts and lead the embassies to relax when nothing happens — making a later strike that much easier.

"There is deliberate misinformation being given out to wear down our analysts," one source said.

But the State Department is taking no chances. It has ordered several embassies in the Middle

East on full alert. In addition to the battered Beirut embassy and the ambassador's residence there, the endangered embassies include those in Kuwait (already bombed once), Oman, Bahrain and Jordan. (The embassy in Amman, Jordan, is especially vulnerable, situated less than 10 feet off a main road and thus easy prey for truck-bombers.)

Administration critics blame Reagan for the continuing threat of terrorist attacks. They say Khomeini and his suicide squads have been encouraged by Reagan's failure to retaliate against the terrorists or their sponsor governments for the earlier bombings.

If the critics are right, of course, there would be no reason for Khomeini to carry out a pre-election strike to sink Reagan. Logically, he'd rather see Reagan re-elected so he can kick sand in his face for another four years. But since when has logic governed Khomeini — or foreign policy critics, for that matter?

The terrorists' ultimate goal is to drive the United States out of the Middle East entirely. Their perception of how this can best be done — with Reagan or Walter Mondale in the White House — will presumably decide whether they actually carry out their threat before Election Day.

Meanwhile, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is due to release its report this week on the September bombing in Beirut. Our sources tell us the report will be "hard-hitting," but not tough enough to please the Democrats.

Apparently, the report won't fault either the decision to move the embassy to East Beirut or the replacement of Marines outside the embassy with Lebanese guards. But it will sharply criticize the failure to take such elemen-

tary precautions as temporarily blocking the entry road while waiting for the steel gates to be positioned.

BACK COUNTRY VANDALS: senseless vandalism, usually considered a phenomenon of big-city blight, has reached the rugged back country of Alaska. Near the awesome Mendenhall Glacier, the National Park Service put up Skaters Cabin, in which hikers can find protection from the arctic winds that whistle across the glacier. But vandals keep breaking the cabin's windows.

A Park Service memo notes that the rangers have "tried a variety of products, including material designed for use in prison facilities." None of them proved a match for the vandals, so the service has come up with a bizarre solution: Hikers are issued portable replacement windows, which they can install themselves.

WATCH ON WASTE: According to an analysis by the Office of Personnel Management, thousands of federal employees are paid more than they should be. The analysts concluded that 185,000 bureaucrats — about 14 percent of the total — hold job grades higher than they should. "Misgrading," as it is called, costs the taxpayers about \$700 million a year.

CONFIDENTIAL FILE: Intelligence analysts have begun to fear that next year's elections in Greece could spark violence that conceivably could turn this valuable NATO ally into a dictatorship of the right or left.

The anti-American rantings of socialist Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, sources say, have polarized the nation to the point that outright violence has become a distinct possibility.

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