

Case of Murdered Maitre d' at Elegantly Maintained Restaurant in D.C.

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WASHINGTON — At 2 in the morning of May 12, the body of restaurateur Alexis Goodarzi, the self-styled "prince" of Capitol Hill, was found slumped behind the wheel of his orange Porsche sports car. There were three .32 calibre slugs in his head, the work of a professional killer.

Investigators now suspect that the flamboyant Goodarzi was an undercover operative for Iran's dread secret police. One investigator close to the case called him the "Tongsun Park of Iran," a reference to the man-about-Washington who allegedly tried to buy influence on Capitol Hill for the South Korean government.

Like Park, Goodarzi was a social swinger who packed a big bankroll and entertained congressmen. Both men were in their 30s; both moved at a fast pace; both reportedly had tens of thousands of dollars scattered in Washington bank accounts. Park reportedly had ties to

South Korea's KCIA, Goodarzi to Iran's Savak.

But Goodarzi surpassed Park in dash and daring. On the night Goodarzi died, two beautiful women were waiting for him — one in a late-night joint, the other in his condominium. He also provided exotic beauties, our sources say, for congressmen with a taste for illicit romance.

Because one of the women was whispered to be a Korean, House investigators have been asking questions about Goodarzi. Their only interest, as we reported last week, was to determine whether he had any direct connection with the Korean scandal. The House Standards Committee is not investigating his alleged Savak activities nor his Capitol Hill call girl operations.

Ostensibly, Goodarzi was the maitre d' at the soigne Rotunda restaurant on Capitol Hill, a place where congressmen can dine discreetly with their lady friends. But the police believe he was keeping a quiet watch on his prominent clientele and reporting spicy tidbits to Savak

contacts in the Iranian embassy, possibly for blackmail purposes. Our sources say he was in touch with two embassy contacts.

We have also made another significant discovery. Months ago, Iranian sources furnished us with a list of 14 top Savak agents in the United States. They are headed by Col. Mansur Rafizadeh, an Iranian diplomat in New York, whom U.S. intelligence sources confirmed is a Savak bigwig.

The fifth person on the list, an attache at the Iranian embassy, helped arrange to return Goodarzi's body to Iran. He has also made persistent efforts to gain possession of Goodarzi's effects, which include tapes, correspondence, lists of names and other contents from seafarer deposit boxes.

We have agreed to withhold the name of this embassy official, because we have been unable to corroborate from U.S. sources that he is a Savak agent. He acknowledged that he had met with Goodarzi at the Rotunda but denied the meeting had anything to do with intelligence activities. He was

convinced, said the official, that Goodarzi had no contact with Savak agents.

"Our two countries are too close to each other," he said. "for us to want to (traffic in Capitol Hill gossip)."

Footnote: the murdered maitre d' operated on the edge of the underworld. He gambled heavily and had narcotics connections. Police believe he was killed, for reasons unknown, by an underworld executioner.

Castro's Contempt

Sources close to Cuban strongman Fidel Castro say he is privately contemptuous of world rulers who hide behind their bodyguards.

For example, he looks up on Libya's Muammar Qaddafi, though they are supposedly sympatico, as a "sissy." In Castro's opinion, Qaddafi is obsessed with his personal security.

The Cuban conquistador also complained to intimates after his recent African trip that several African leaders were too timid.

Castro has bodyguards of his own, but he keeps them in the

background. He mingles with the populace and makes impulsive appearances, with no apparent regard for his safety. He projects a macho image and has a tendency to swagger.

Missing Secrets

The Army's superspies are scurrying around Ft. Meade, Md., searching for secrets that have mysteriously disappeared.

The Army's elite intelligence unit at Ft. Meade conducted a routine inventory of their classified papers last year. Approximately 300 classified

documents, listed on the books at Ft. Meade, couldn't be found.

Frantically, the Army spooks turned their offices upside down. They found evidence that some of the missing papers had been destroyed. But 249 documents were still unaccounted for.

The Army returned to the search. A "special team" was formed to track down the lost papers. But an Army spokesman acknowledged to us that 158 classified documents were still lost.

The culprits, in the Army's

opinion, aren't Communist spies but bureaucratic bunglers. There is "no indication of any compromise of material," said the spokesman.

Truth About Chile

More than two years ago, we reported that international banking organizations had helped to bring down Chile's socialist President Salvador Allende by refusing him loans. The U.S. representatives on the banking boards, we said, had played the key role.

The story was denied and we

were denounced. But now Richard Nixon, of all people, has confirmed the story. In the final David Frost interview, he said:

"During the Allende regime, Chile, of course, (was) interested in obtaining loans from international organizations where we have a vote. And I indicated that wherever we had a vote, where Chile was involved, that unless there were strong considerations on the other side that we would vote against them."

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