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HQ, FBI- WASHINGTON, D. C. ATTN\* DIVISION 6  
COMMAND CENTER, USDO'S OFFICE OF SECURITY, WASHDC  
SUBJ: ASSASSINATION OF CONGRESSMAN RYAN (CODEL)  
STATE DEPT GEORGETOWN FLASH CABLE 03776

CONFIRMS THE  
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11/29/92 BY 1089 DEM/MLL  
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SHOOTING  
DEATH OF CONG. RYAN FROM CALIFORNIA, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF CODEL,  
PLUS THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION (DCM) AND UNSPECIFIED OTHERS.  
THE GROUP WAS FIRED UPON AS SOON AS ONE'S SEAT CESSNA PLANE WAS  
LOADED AND OTHERS WERE PREPARING TO EMBARK THE LARGER OF THE TWO AIR  
FT.  
ONE OF THE RELIGIOUS SECT MEMBERS HAD EVIDENTLY SECKETED HIMSELF INTO  
THE "DEFECTING" GROUP, ENTIRE

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D THE CESSNA AND PROCEEDED TO SHOOT EVERYONE  
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IN THE CRAFT. THIS WAS A SIGNAL FOR OTHER MEMBERS TO ASSAULT FROM  
AN UNKNOWN POSITION. THIS GROUP APPROACHED THE AIRCRAFT AND FIRED UPON  
CODEL, AND OTHERS.  
AS OF THIS TIME DCM AND CONGRESSMAN (BODY) ET AL HAVE BEEN  
LEFT BEHIND AS ONLY THE PILOTS AND ONE WOUNDED DEFECTING MEMBER  
MADE IT VIA THE BACK UP PLANE TO GEORGETOWN. IT

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IS NOT KNOWN  
AT THIS TIME THE CONDITION OF OTHER CODEL MEMBERS. THE DCM WAS LAST  
SEEN BEING STRUCK BY GUNFIRE BUT AMBULATORY. RYAN WAS LAYING DEAD  
AS THE PILOT TOOK THE BACK UP PLANE OFF FOR GEORGETOWN.  
ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS CAN BE ANSWERED BY CALLING US DIRECTLY  
AT 632 2412.

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