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Police Hunt 2 Men in Bombing at Soviet U.N. Mission

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The New York City Police Department searched yesterday for two "suspicious looking" men who were seen near the Soviet Mission to the United Nations on East 67th Street shortly before a powerful bomb exploded there Tuesday night.

The bomb, believed to consist of 12 sticks of dynamite, injured four mission employees and four city policemen.

Acting on orders from Police Commissioner Robert J. McGuire, the department tightened its security outside the mission and at certain other foreign missions but would not disclose details.

An anti-Castro terrorist group, which calls itself Omega 7, took responsibility for the explosion at the Soviet mission, which is at 136 East 67th Street, between Lexington and Third Avenues, and for

two others that have occurred recently at the Cuban Mission to the United Nations, at 38th Street and Lexington Avenue.

Deputy Inspector Joseph DeMartino, commander of the police arson-explosion squad, said that Tuesday's blast in the driveway to the Soviet mission's underground garage was "capable of killing" anyone nearby. The explosion gouged a hole in the ramp, exposing the garage floor below, damaged the mission building and shattered hundreds of apartment windows in the area and at the Park East Synagogue across the street.

The deputy inspector, appearing at a news briefing in Police Headquarters, said the police were trying to find out whether a security camera, installed by the Soviet Union at scanning the garage entrance, had filmed the bombing.

Asked whether the description of the two men being sought matched that of two men seen near the Cuban mission before last Friday's explosion, Inspector DeMartino said, "It's in the ballpark." But he added that the descriptions — two stockily built men, about 5 feet 9 and 5 feet 10 tall, in their late 40's and wearing trench coats — could fit thousands of people.

In Moscow a spokesman for the Government charged that the United States was following a "double standard" of international law by failing to protect the Soviet mission from terrorist attack while demanding protection for its diplomatic personnel in Iran. Yuri Kornilov, a political observer for the official Soviet news agency Tass, asserted that the bombing had been committed "with the

connivance of American authorities."

In Washington the White House press office issued a statement condemning the bombing and emphasizing that "the United States is totally committed to the carrying out of its responsibilities for the protection of foreign diplomats in the United States."

Secretary General Kurt Waldheim of the United Nations also condemned the bombings at the Soviet and Cuban missions. Donald F. McHenry, the chief United States delegate to the United Nations, Mayor Koch and Police Commissioner McGuire visited the Soviet mission to express regrets.

Of the eight injured in the explosion, Police Officer Robert Moriarity, the most seriously hurt, had 10 pieces of glass removed from his right eye. He remained in the Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital.