

The Case Of “Olof Palme”

The Truth Commission Files

[Palme-report]

SA LINKS IN THE PALME-MURDER:

Olof Palme, the Swedish premier and leader of the Social Democratic Part was an ardent opponent of apartheid. He was gunned down on a Stockholm street (Seavägen) on February 28, 1986, after leaving a movie theatre with his wife Lisbet. A man in an overcoat approached Palme and his wife from behind, drew a Smith & Wesson revolver and shot the premier in his back.

Several leads were followed (victim of a police plot, the work of a Kurdish terrorist group or of a lone assailant with a grudge), but the police have never been able to solve the crime.

According to the journalist-researcher Sven Anér, the Africa specialist/journalist Per Wästberg told the Swedish police 5 days after Palme's murder that there could be a SA involvement, but the police didn't even bother to register Wästberg's two letters. The police seemed clearly not willing to investigate the SA trail. Sven Anér is convinced that some members of the Swedish police had a direct hand in the murder of Palme [see Sven Anér: Polissporet, 1988]. Others don't believe this, although nobody denies the possibility of some involvement in a more indirect way.

Question: Why said (until very recently) the Swedish police all the time that the SA trail was not worth investigating? As we will see there were from the beginning some indications that the South Africans could have been involved in the Palme-murder:

Information from England:

1. A few days after the murder of Olof Palme. The British Intelligence, MI6, received a strange report: the man who had murdered Olof Palme had been acting under orders from the SA security police. Members of the death squad Koevoet, or COIN, were behind the murder. The SA agent, Craig Williamson, was mentioned as the designer of the plans to murder Palme, aided by Swedish police men. [Jesús Alcalá, in: Dagens Nyheter:9/10/96]

2. At about the same time, Karl-Gunnar Bäck, the GS of the Civil Defence Force Association was contacted by an old acquaintance from England. He told him that the MI6 had information on the murder of Olof Palme. The informant claimed that Palme was murdered by (members of the) SA security forces. A Swedish policeman was also indicated (to have participated). Bäck recorded the information on a cassette and send it to Säpo (the Swedish security police) in Uppsala. Months passed by and nobody got back in touch with him. But late summer 1986 Bäck was suddenly informed that "the leads had been investigated and had led to nothing". Bäck was surprised. Säpo had never bothered to speak to him and hadn't even asked for his informant's name. It is now established that the Palme-investigators neither knew of the tape, nor whether or not the lead had been investigated. Säpo claims it is impossible to find the tape. [see also Alcalá; Lars Borgnäs]

South Africa and the police-trail in Sweden:

3. The Palme-investigators received another lead on involvement from SA together with Swedish accomplices. - An informant, a known thug, who for the moment was serving a jail sentence, said

that he was convinced that Swedish policemen helped SA agents in the murder of Palme. Some Swedish police men were members of the IPA, International Police Association. They ran a training camp in Rydsford and they had made several trips to SA where they had met with representatives of the SA security police (DNR 15384, record of investigation from the 15th Nov. 1995). The policemen and the IPA should also have had secret premises and weapons at a meeting place in Wallingatan 32 (Stockholm), a few blocks from the crime scene. According to an informer these policemen were nazis, bore arms while off duty and had frequent contact with South African agents [DNR 15210 Skrivelse av den 6 maj 1993, cited in Alcalá]. It was almost certain that the World anti-Communist League (WACL) had also an office in that same building.

- There has been an internal investigation of six policemen known for right-wing sympathies, who paid, on several occasions, visits to South Africa in the mid 1980s (1985-87. Is it a coincidence that the police station (called the Norrmalm ?? precinct) where they used to work is next door to the Birger Jarl Hotel where Williamson used to stay? [Madi Gray, 2/10/96]. According to Alcalá, when the police is confronted with information of undemocratic, nazi and conspiratory colleagues, they don't, which could be expected, interrogate every person available for interrogation (Question: Why ?)

- The policemen of this precinct had a record during the 1980's of being involved in police brutality: there was a so-called "baseball league" which was involved in extreme right wing politics and former policemen of that precinct left it to open up so-called private security companies and were involved in arms trade.

- This precinct covers the area where Palme was murdered. Some policemen were that night out on the streets, but nothing was seen and according to Sven Anér the police station didn't react adequately after the murder was reported. Of one policeman it is known that he was too exhausted to chase after Palme's murder due to having consumed a can of coke just before arriving at the scene of the crime [Interview Sven Anér; Alcalá]

- The newspaper photographer, Ake Malström, was the night of the murder listening in on a police radio frequency, where he claimed to have overheard a conversation between two police officers moments after the shooting. The alleged conversation ran: "It's cold up here" to which the other officer replied: "It's over now. The prime minister is dead." The photographer filed a statement, but was never called in for questioning.[News 25/2/94]. - According to Tor Sellström [Interview], Johan Coetzee was sitting at a diplomatic function (early 1996) next to a person of the Swedish Embassy at Pretoria and when Coetzee heard that this lady was from Sweden, he said that he remembered the tough days that Sweden and SA didn't have good contacts , but that however he as commissioner of police always he had good contacts and how the Swedish police had visited SA through the IPA. Question: What did these policemen do in SA, who did they visit there etc.

- Swedish journalist who recently visited South Africa and tried to see the guestbooks of the IPA guesthouses in Cape Town, Jo'burg and Pretoria were told, that they were destroyed [see Dagens Nyheter 10/10/96:5]

Sweden and the PKK-trail:

4. -After the assassination of Prime Minister Olof Palme, Bertil Wedin (or "Morgan" or John Wilson, here called BW) a Swedish right-winger, who in the past had worked for Craig Williamson, acted, according to Hasselbohm, as the initiator of the PKK-lead, which soon became the main lead in the search for Palme's killer. The Kurdish PKK is the Turkish government's main enemy, which has battled Ankara security forces in Turkey since 1984. BW seems to have faked this link with the PKK and passed it to a journalist on the Turkish daily Hurriyet. He located six or seven members of the PKK-group that killed Palme. This promotion of the PKK-lead was made more than three months

before Hans Holmér, Stockholm chief of police and head of the Palme murder investigation, claimed for the first time that "PKK is behind the murder of Olof Palme." This became the investigation's main lead, with police chief Hans Holmér and Ebbe Carlsson as its promoter and lobbyist. A major police sweep of PKK sympathisers in Sweden followed but investigators later had to give up this lead.[see Hasselbohm]

- BW is a Swedish right wing extremist, and former informant for the Swedish security police. He always openly declared that he was working against the Swedish social democratic government and especially against Prime Minister Olof Palme.

He is/was a friend of Göran Assar Oredsson, leader of the neo-nazi party Nordiska Rikspartiet. BW was an officer of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Congo (1961) and Cyprus(1963).In Cyprus he served as a lieutenant, for several periods, on the staff intelligence unit in the UN forces.

In 1966 (the year he resigned from the Swedish army) he went to the American embassy in Stockholm and demanded to be sent to Vietnam to fight. Nothing came of this plan. - In 1967 BW was the driving force behind "The Committee for a Free Asia", a committee that was planning a counter-tribunal on Vietnam that would investigate "the murders and atrocities, committed by the communist side in the Vietnam war." At this time BW became a regular informant for the Swedish security police (Säpo). He supplied them with information on left-wing Swedes.

At the same time as he was a security police informant, BW also worked for a Swedish bank (Stockholm Enskilda Bank). BW, who now calls himself a journalist, produces the newsletter Mediasammandrag (Media Summery) for the bank. Recently BW confirmed that he had been involved in military intelligence work.

In 1976 a Swedish newspaper wrote that BW most probably was behind newspaper advertisements trying to recruit mercenaries for service in Southern Africa. The same year he moved with his family to England. On behalf of the Federation of Swedish Industries (Sveriges Industriförbund), the Swedish Employers' Federation (Svenska Arbetsgivarforeningen) and some 15 companies he arranged seminars and meetings in London, so that Swedish businessmen could meet businessmen, politicians and thinkers from Britain.

- Craig Williamson (see below) recruited BW as a South African spy. BW said he had met Craig Williamson in SA in 1980. Williamson had introduced him to Peter Casselton, based in London, to whom BW had to report. Casselton was a British citizen, but a SA agent, who had given BW the codename "John Wilson".

- BW became involved in break-ins at various anti-apartheid organisation offices in London. A letter from Craig Williamson to BW resulted in a police search of the Swede's twelve-room house in Townbridge, Kent. The police found stolen material, as well as notes from documents stolen from the office of the PAC. They also found a map over the area around the PAC office, showing the way to the underground station Dollis Hill, as well as sketches of the office itself.

BW told the police that via a bank account in Switzerland, he was paid 1.000 pounds per months (much more in today's value) in salary by Williamson, plus costs. He also received camera equipment. After being interrogated at the Rochester Row police station in London, the Swede was soon released on bail.

As opposed to Casselton and Aspinall, BW declared himself not guilty at the court proceedings in Old Baily on 17 December 1982. The judge agreed that he could remain free on bail. During the trial against him in April BW claimed never to have given the SAs information. The judge noted that he then could not understand what BW had done to earn the money the SA had paid him. BW

claimed that he had used the money to write a book on Soviet subversive activities, a work that to no one's knowledge was ever published. But BW admitted he had been at the PAC office on three occasions, but for the purpose of doing interviews. The map of the area around the PAC office and the underground, BW explained by saying he had "a bad memory" and needed it to find his way. He never had to account for the sketches of the inside of the office. The Swede was acquitted. - However, after being acquitted BW admitted to the press that he had supplied information to the company Africa Aviation Consultants on the Isle of Man. But he claimed to have done it in "good faith", without knowing that Williamson's and Casselton's company was a front for the SA security service. In SA the Williamson-lead London operation was regarded a great success.

- According to Hasselbohm, in 1985 BW held a key position in an organisation called Victims Against Terrorism (VAT), a major SA propaganda operation in Europe. May 1985 VAT staged a demonstration outside the ANC office in London, accusing the ANC of carrying out acts of terror. Later another South African agent (Arthur Kemp, notes *1) became a leading figure in this organisation [Searchlight, Nov. 1996:6].

- November 1985 BW and his family flew to Northern Cyprus. On their arrival cards they declared that they were going to settle there permanently. BW was issued with a Turk-Cypriot ID-card in March 1986. On at least one previous occasion the Swede had, for unknown reasons, gone to Cyprus (using the undercover name "John Wilson") together with the SA agent Peter Casselton. Right after his arrival in Northern Cyprus, BW was employed by the Ministry of Information there. Part of his job was to work for Radyo Bayrak, Turk-Cypriot radio. He used the radio to fire off vicious attacks against the social democrats and Olof Palme in particular. He was Middle-East correspondent for the Swedish ultra-right journal "Kontra" (Counter-guerrilla).

- It is after the assassination of Palme that BW took on his new role as the initiator of the PKK-lead. Wedin denied any involvement in the assassination of Olof Palme.

[Based on an interview with and 5 articles written by Swedish journalist Anders Hasselbohm; see also Nadire Mater: Sweden-Palme Oct. 4 Sapa-IPS].

Question: Was this PKK-trail a red herring, fed by Bertil Wedin, to conceal South Africa's role? I think it was. Because Wedin was blown after his appearance in court in 1982, it is unlikely that he was directly involved in Palme's murder. BUT indirectly it looks like he was: the creation of this false trail is probably the strongest indication that something is wrong here.

Strange things in Sweden:

5. Heine Hūman (45), is allegedly a Swede of SA origin, who came to Sweden in the beginning of the 80's [Interview Tor Sellström]. To day he lives in Florida [see Expressen 29/9/96:12-13].

- During the time of Palme's murder Hūman lived in some God-forgotten-place outside Uppsala where he has some sort of car repair shop. Fourteen minutes after the murder of Palme an elderly couple in Stockholm (Bromma) received a mysterious phonecall with the message: "The job is done, Palme is dead". With the only difference of one digit in the area code (Stockholm 08; Uppsala-area 018), their number corresponded to the number of a telephone in a room of a clubhouse of which allegedly only Hūman had the key.

- Hūman left Sweden in a hurry after the Palme assassination, without saying goodbye to his neighbours. These neighbours, who were interviewed by Swedish newspapers, said that there was a lot of funny business going on at night at his place.

- Swedish journalist have tracked him down in Florida (USA) where he lives under another name in

a place outside Miami where a lot of American ex-intelligence people are retired too [Expressen 29/9/96:12-13]. Hüman denied any involvement in the assassination of Olof Palme.

- In the past Hüman claimed to be a South African agent and that he had been involved in Dulcie September's murder [Vrije Weekblad 12/1/90]. ANC intelligence officers interviewed him in Harare (Zimbabwe) but according to Tor Sellström who lived during that time also in Harare, there were doubts about Hüman's claims. He might have done something, but his stories didn't make much sense.

6. There are also reports of three men who camped out in a white combi for some weeks before the murder. It was cold that winter, with snow on the ground, but to avoid registration, they did not stay in a hotel. The camping van is believed to have come from neighbouring Finland to the east and possibly drove out via Norway in the west. It was claimed that the men were South Africans [Madi Gray]

7. Swedish newspapers [Hans Strandberg SvD 1/10/96] claim that two policemen said that South Africa's superspy Craig Williamson was in Stockholm at the time of the anti-apartheid conference (Svensk Folkrikssdag mot Apartheid, 21-23 Feb.1986) and was there also on the night of the murder. Through IPA Williamson allegedly hired a room (under a false name) in a guesthouse belonging to the IPA (Kammakargatan 36), down the road two hundred meters from the spot where Palme was shot (?? I doubt it -KdJ- if this is true, because CW was too well known in Sweden).

- Craig Williamson, former major in SA's security police and since Dec. 1985 employed by military intelligence (MI), knows Sweden and Stockholm well. Williamson had infiltrated ("Operation Daisy") the Geneva-based and Swedish-funded International University Exchange Fund (IUEF). The fund had "virtually been run from Palme's office" and one of the key links was Bernt Carlsson (later killed in the Lockerbie bombing). The IUEF gave scholarships to African (especially supported hundreds of opponents of apartheid) and Latin American students who had fled from right-wing regimes. Williamson became deputy director and trusted assistant of the Swedish IUEF director, Lars Gunnar Eriksson, a friend of Olof Palme. The project of CW and his boss Johan Coetzee was to infiltrate (through the IUEF) the ANC. Eriksson was anti-communist and wanted to support a third force, especially the Black Consciousness Movement [interview Tor Sellström], which was just what the South Africans liked (Notes *2).

- From 1977 until his exposure as spy in 1980, Williamson visited the Swedish capital on several occasions. He had the ear of people with power and usually stayed at the Birger Jarl Hotel round the corner from the Swedish aid agency, SIDA. At least one of these visits -in April 1978- was kept secret from his usual hosts in the Foreign Ministry. Within walking distance of the Aston Hotel where Williamson was then staying, lay the ANC office, where there was an unexplained break-in. Nothing was taken, but the files were disturbed. [Madi Gray, interview]

- At a press conference in Stockholm early in 1980 Lars Gunnar Eriksson said that security police chief Johan Coetzee had approached him in a hotel in Geneva. Johan Coetzee asked Eriksson to keep Williamson's police identity a secret for another six months, so that Williamson could nestle in, closer to the ANC. The revelations shocked Eriksson, who fled to Sweden.

- When auditors checked IUEF's books, they found a financial mess. Williamson had been siphoning off IUEF funds to build Daisy Farm, in the Pretoria region. Daisy Farm focused on apartheid foes abroad. It was section A, a special unit of the SA police which was in charge of the anti-apartheid strugglers abroad and its chief was Williamson [Sapa 30/9/96].

- CW admitted that Wedin was working for him, but also another Swede. Don't know who that would be (perhaps Hüman?).

- CW admitted to be responsible for the murders of Ruth First and the wife and daughter of the ANC-activist Marius Schoon but denied any involvement in the assassination of Olof Palme.

The Swedish People's Parliament against Apartheid:

8. This "parliament" was organised by the Swedish anti-apartheid groups and announced a long time before it was actually held (from 21-23 February 1986). Among others the participation of Oliver Tambo, Thabo Mbeki and Abdul Minty of the ANC was announced as well as that of representatives of the UDF and SWAPO.

- A possible scenario?:

It is imaginable that South Africans would be interested and moved in with some agents or even a hitsquad (see point 6). Craig Williamson who knew Stockholm well, would almost certainly be involved (see point 7).

Craig Williamson said in an interview with Tor Sellström that "Sweden was badly worked and not well penetrated. So it was very much left to political contacts", which could only mean, with right wing groups in Sweden, who could function as a kind of local (sleeping) network (?? see point 3; perhaps men like Hüman and Wedin and their contacts).

- Although security would be tight (as indeed it was), it would be easy to keep track of the movements of persons like Tambo, Mbeki etceteras, because there were places they certainly would visit before, during or after this parliament: like the HQ of the Socialist Democratic Party (a place that Palme visited also regularly), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the SIDA-building, places in the Centre of Stockholm not very far from each other. [see map Expressen 29/9/96:10] It is an area Craig Williamson knew very well as well.

- A week before Palme was killed, in the meeting where he was reading his prepared manuscript, according to Madi Gray "he gestured and put the manuscript down on the desk in front of him. He raised his head (left his prepared speech) and said: We are all responsible for apartheid. If the world wants apartheid to end, it could end to morrow by simply withdrawing support to the apartheidsregime.' At the time it was such a revolutionary statement, that it took everybody's breath away". It certainly angered as well the Swedish extreme right as the South Africans.

- During this "Parliament"-period the local network and the hitsquad could have been activated against one or more of the representatives of the ANC, UDF or SWAPO (or even against Palme??). For some reason (tight security?) this plan is blown off.

- It might even that the local Swedish network than says, OK why don't you help us with something we want to be done. The whole operation was already mounted and they didn't succeed to do anything with Tambo and the others. Although the assassination of Palme is not in the prime interest of the South African's, they give their support to the local Swedes.

(this is a hypothetical scenario discussed with several informants).

- With the centre of town under surveillance, it could be known that Palme, on the night of 28/2/86 dismissed his bodyguards and went to the cinema with his family. More or less two hours to organise the killing. With a structure already in place, not much of a problem. The perpetrator could be a hired contract killer (notes *3), someone of the Swedish extreme right circles, a SA agent (White was mentioned) or even the bum Christer Pettersson (notes *4).

- The police said the murder was too unprofessionally done to be the work of agents. But, how do

you hide your trail, your cover up? Perhaps the best way, is to make it look like as an unprofessional job, hiding the people behind it. Police superintendent Hans Ölvebro thought that it was "improbable that a group could have organised itself so quickly".[News 25/2/94], but above we showed how it could have been done.

Allegations from South Africa:

9. Eugene de Kock mentioned Craig Williamson in his mitigation plea at Pretoria Supreme Court, as the one who had masterminded the assassination of Olof Palme in 1986. De Kock believed that the Swede Bertil Wedin (56 y.old) living in Kyrenia North Cyprus, was the murderer (see above). De Kock said he learned of SA involvement in Palme's killing during a meeting "in 1992 or 1993" with Philip Powell, now an Inkatha Freedom Party (IPF) senator.

10. Former hitsquad leader Dirk Coetzee said Anthony White , also a founder member of Longreach was the killer of Palme. Williamson's military intelligence front Longreach was reporting to Brigadier "Tolletjie" Botha. Coetzee first learned of the Palme link through a former agent in the Longreach outfit, "Riaan" Stander, a low ranking former security policeman. Stander made also these revelations to a Swedish journalist in 1995. He says White was assisted in the assassination by British "spy" Mike Irwin (British marines in Northern Ireland and the Falklands war) who also worked for Longreach. Peter Casselton (now living in Pretoria and visiting his friend Eugene de Kock regularly) told the Swedish state television that White had nothing to do with the killing of Palme, and that the murderer was a European living in hiding somewhere in the Mediterranean. [SouthScan Vol.11 No.37, 4 October 1996].

Question: Why did Coetzee not come earlier with these declarations? He talked so much!

11. James Anthony White (50), former Selous Scout and once a ruthless killer for Ian Smith's Rhodesia. White was one of the main killers of the Nyadzonia ZANU-camp in Mozambique (August 1976), where 600-1000 people were killed. He made also two failed attempts to murder Zimbabwean liberation leader Joshua Nkomo in Lusaka, according to a book by his former Selous Scout commander, Ron Reid-Daly. The first involved parking a car packed with explosives on a route often taken by Nkomo; the second was an attack on Nkomo's house that destroyed the building and killed several people inside - but not Nkomo [M&G 1/10/96: White tried to kill Nkomo]. White moved to SA after Zimbabwe's independence in 1980.[SAPA, 30/9/96]. He is known as a "loner" mercenary with a history of "selling to the highest bidder".

White was a founder member of Longreach. He was involved in contraband operations in the 1980's and a member of a poaching and ivory smuggling network which operated in Zimbabwe soon after the country's independence in 1980 [Sapa 30/9/96].

White was linked to both the South African and the Mozambican security services. White is running a furniture factory (a sawmill) on the outskirts of Beira in Mozambique. He is manufacturing exclusive hardwood furniture and doors through a timber concession he obtained from the Mozambique government [Sapa 30/9/96] Mozambique's Frelimo government has sheltered White for years. White became close to Frelimo during the latter stages of the war against Renamo, when he protested loudly at attempts by Renamo to extort money from businesses working in hardwood forests under Renamo control [see Paul Fauvet, Maputo 1/10/96]

- White denied any involvement in the assassination of Olof Palme.

Motives:

1. ?? South Africa (a hypothesis): Swedes stood for more than 50% of the ANC's civilian budget in

the 80's. Sweden was one of the countries that was pushing sanctions hardest and the first to carry them out (after 1985 -when it really started). But assassinating one person doesn't make much sense. The government (neither the conservative one) didn't change its policies towards South Africa.

2. ?? Swedish extreme right-wing groups (a hypothesis): They hated Palme. But to the extent that they wanted to kill him? Might be a possibility. It is very difficult to get information about these circles. But (according to Tor Sellström) there is something that starts in Katanga and there are links to mercs in South Africa (see Lasse Berg's documentary film: "Lieutenant Erik"). It leads to Rhodesia, to the Seychelles-coup , to the World Anti Communist League and to UNITA and through that to Angola and Executive Outcomes.

3. ?? A combination of 1 and 2 (see point 8)

4. ?? Work of a lone assailant who had some reason to wish Palme dead (the view of some policedetectives)

5. ?? Other groups or organisations: Palme the victim of a police plot; of a Kurdish terrorist group; of the East German Red Army fraction; of Abu Nidal's Palestinian terrorist organisation; of the secret Iraqi secret service; of the KGB, the CIA/P2, Mossad and of international arms dealers.

Notes:

*1 According to Searchlight [Nov.1996:6] Arthur Kemp was a prime suspect in the murder of Chris Hani in 1993.

*2 According to Hasselbohm the IUEF was the architect behind a meeting between the ANC and the Black Consciousness Movement (BCM), and a few other organisations. In order to hide the real purpose of Steve Biko's trip to England (planned for the autumn of 1977), IUEF had arranged for Biko to give a number of speeches. As IUEF's Deputy Director, Craig Williamson knew that Steve Biko was to meet the ANC. Because Williamson's detailed information on the London meeting, it became possible for the regime to derail the talks in London. Only weeks before the meeting, Steve Biko was arrested at a road-block and tortured to death.

*3 Reporters-investigators as Sven Anér, Olle Alsén and Anders Hasselbohm they all believe that the murder is the work of a contract killer linked to the Swedish police (Anér); or to Gladio, the secret Nato "stay behind" network to defend Europe in the event of a Soviet invasion (Alsén) or to the South African secret police (Hasselbohm).

Hasselbohm [see his articles] mentioned the American hitman Michael Townley, who once worked for the Chilean secret service DINA, which had Olof Palme on his death list. According to Hasselbohm at the time there were close ties between the South African and Chilean security services. And there were links running from Craig Williamson (via Italy) to Michael Townley.

*4 The petty criminal Christer Pettersson, is a braindamaged drug addict, who was arrested in December 1988 and charged on identification by Palme's wife. He was tried and jailed despite protests that bungling police and intelligence services were using him as a patsy. Pettersson was acquitted after 10 months and paid massive compensation.

Recently a man, referred to as "the Chevy man", because he witnessed the murder while parked in his Chevrolet said that he was "95% sure" that Pettersson was the killer. The man hadn't positively identified Pettersson in previous interrogations because he feared for his life.

A second witness (Sigge Cedergren), also changed recently his testimony just before his death . Cedergren was Pettersson's drug dealer. On his death bed he told the police that he had supplied Pettersson with the gun (a Smith and Wesson .357 Magnum that never has been found), but had not known of Pettersson's intentions.[SAPA-AFP, Stockholm 1/10/96]

According to Bodil Dreifaldt, Palme looked just like a man to whom Pettersson owned a lot of money. Was it perhaps just a stupid accident or could it be (if Pettersson was involved) that he was made to believe that the man he had problems with, would walk at Seavägen.

Amsterdam, Nov. 1996

Postscript 1997: Since the end of 1996 some new information was published:

- According to SAPA-AFP (16/2/97) new evidence pointed to Swedish killer in Palme murder. Chief public prosecutor Jan Danielsson rejected speculation about South African involvement in the murder, saying this theory had merely served to distract the police from "a more promising lead". No South African trail.

- According to "Intelligence Newsletter" [Paris, 3/6/97] the American journalist Allan Francovich died when passing through customs at Houston airport on April 18 1997. His death was officially attributed to a heart attack. Francovich, who lived in London, had been working for several months on the assassination of Olof Palme. During the stay in the US he planned to meet the person whom his sources had indicated was the killer. Francovich had the man's name, address and picture. He had become a profession killler after he joined Savak, the former Iranian secret service, where he had been trained by the CIA. Francovich was about to reveal that the operation to murder Palme (code name: "Operation tree") was mounted during a series of meetings staged late 1985 by an ultra secret organization within NATO." No South African trail!

- According to "Independent on line" [24/7/97] The Maputo police arrested in 1997 (July), the SA buisnessman Richard Fair in connection with espionage and possession of illegal firearms. Fair co-owns a boat transport business with Swedish national Nigel Barnett. Flair admitted in a Swedish television interview, that he once flew into Mozambique with Barnett, Anthony White and and Peter Casselton as the pilot. All three were names last year by Eugene de Kock and Dirk Coetzee as being involved with "superspy" Craig Williamson in the assassination of Prime Minister Olaf Palme. All have denied involvement in the assassination plot. Casselton died in February 1997. An police-investigation didn't shed new light on the Palme investigation.

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