
Operation Edgar Allan Poe

Investigating the Palme killing: investigative hypotheses

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The international newsweekly, *Executive Intelligence Review*, hereby structures its ongoing investigation, to the purpose of defining editorial judgment on both a) the killing of the late Prime Minister of Sweden, Olof Palme, and b) the indicative features of international coverage of the killing, by news media, governmental agencies, and other relevant agencies.

This investigation is herewith named *Operation Edgar Allan Poe*. That name is adopted for the practical purpose of identifying the methods and outlook to be employed in the inquiry: to emphasize our abhorrence of the contrary, more popular methods identified with the fictional Sherlock Holmes.

The general investigative hypothesis to guide the inquiry at this stage, is based on efforts to arrange the full array of available evidence in such a manner as to narrow the investigation down to one among the following general and more particular choices of motives for, and character of the assassination.

1. The Killing was Motivated Either:
 - 1.1 Simply to Kill Olof Palme;
 - 1.2 Less to Kill Palme, than to produce the effect which the killing of Palme was intended to produce.
- 2.1 The Motivation Was of a Personal or Business-Interest Nature, or Some Combination of the Two;
 - 2.11 Personal Revenge
 - 2.12 Action in Defense of Some Personal Interest;
 - 2.13 Revenge for Injury to Business Interests;
 - 2.14 Action In Defense of Perceived Business Interest;
3. The Motivation Was Political, combination of the following:
 - 3.1 Swedish National Matters;
 - 3.11 Intra-Party Motives;
 - 3.12 Non-Intraparty National Motives;
 - 3.2 International Political Matters;
 - 3.3 Strategic Matters As Such.

For purposes of files-organization, each element of the foregoing listing is to be treated as a "Boolean" conception,

overlapping or not-overlapping other elements of the array.

The foregoing list is an array of alternative or overlapping elements consistent with the probable indications that the perpetrator operated in the mode of a professional killer.

The most important clues to be considered, come from the area of news-media coverage of the killing and investigations. Two characteristics of such news-media coverage must receive special emphasis in the inquiry:

4. Efforts to divert suspicion to or away from certain classes of suspects.
5. Efforts to exploit the killing to generate a politically or strategically significant reaction.

It need only be mentioned, that the Soviet disinformation channels are, so far, most active in attempting to generate variously politically or even strategically significant reactions to the killing. The pivotal question, is whether political exploitation of the killing is merely opportunistic, or whether the exploitation reflects in one sense or another the motivation for the killing.

So far, the most probable hypotheses are:

A. That Palme had been actually or plausibly instrumental in some recent action or action-in-preparation, which prompted some agency to require the immediate killing of Palme as either revenge or prevention.

B. That Palme was killed by the Soviets or some related agency, because the political value of Palme's bloody shirt was esteemed to greatly outweigh the usefulness of the living Palme. This would coincide with the use of either elements of international terrorism or Soviet-steered ultra-right-wing groups as accessories to the action.

The special difficulty, is that the public and covert Olof Palme represent somewhat distinct images. That is to emphasize the query: Did the motive for ordering Palme's killing bear upon the authors' perception of Palme's public or covert role?

Obvious circumstances local to Sweden, include:

- 1) The Gyllenhamer affair, and effects bearing upon the fall of the stock-exchange values.
- 2) Increased threats to Sweden's national security.
- 3) Widespread expressions to the effect that Palme's actions had betrayed allies and supporters.



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Olof Palme: Who benefits, politically and strategically, from his assassination?

The distinctive political circumstance, was that Palme's standing was at a lower ebb than during his earlier electoral defeat. The best way to eliminate Palme politically, was to keep him alive as a target of growing hostility from all national sectors, including much of his former electoral base. The effect of his murder, is to revitalize "Palme the martyr," and thus strengthen the perpetuation of the policies with which Palme was associated.

The fact that Palme's killing has features of a professional killing, is strong indication of authorship by some agency qualified to pre-calculate the political sequelae of such a murder. An agency which had the means to deploy a professional killing, would have, "instinctively," reckoned with the fact that killing the politically discredited Palme would elevate his standing to that of a "martyr." This suggests either an agency which intended to produce such political sequelae, or which was so blinded by desire to kill Palme that they were prepared to risk the political after-effects as part of the price for immediately conducting the killing.

Who benefits politically and strategically? Most narrowly, Moscow benefits. More broadly, the benefit accrues to the modern outgrowth of the 1920s "Trust," the political "joint-stock company" interests of the contemporary form of the "bi-polar arrangements" between certain wealthy Western interests and Moscow, including the so-called left wing of the Socialist International. This benefit was pre-calculable; the success of the killing, at first try, in an operation with the characteristics of a professional assassination, strongly indicates an agency which either intended to produce such a pre-

calculated effect, or which was so powerfully motivated by more narrow considerations, as to disregard such pre-calculable effect.

Moscow's charges against the CIA

The Moscow allegation, that the CIA was involved in the killing of Palme, is worse than absurd insofar as this charge is understood to mean the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. However, there are certain powerful, private agencies, which public opinion might confuse with the CIA, which are fully capable of complicity in such a killing. I shall not name any of these agencies (for obvious reasons of discretion), although I have several such immediately in mind. I shall merely indicate the characteristic features of the relevant problem, so that investigators may bear this line of inquiry in mind as they weigh the evidence.

The killing of Palme occurs in the context of two global sets of events:

- 1) The global banking-collapse crisis now in progress, and
- 2) A cascade of extraordinary unleasings of coups d'état and kindred events in the setting of the period from the Geneva Reagan-Gorbachov summit to the present Soviet 27th Party Congress. A powerful faction of bankers in the West, which has reached a global, "bi-polar" agreement, through "back-channels," with Moscow, is acting to pull the United States out of the Strategic Defense Initiative, to pull U.S. strategic influence, rapidly, out of Europe, Africa, and Asia, and back to the Americas. This same faction, is faced, si-

multaneously, with an imminently threatened general collapse of the U.S. banking system, and the chain-reactions this collapse portends for most of the world.

This "bankers' faction" in the West, is an integral part of the present-day equivalent of the 1920s Soviet "Trust" organization, the continuing "Trust"-linked organization within which Olof Palme's political activities have been situated. The killing of Palme by such circles, or by aid of such circles, would be, therefore, an "inside job."

This "bankers' faction" of the West, has built up a massive, privately operated, international intelligence capability, akin to the fictional "third force" of the famous James Bond movies. This capability has penetrated deep into the policy-making and operations capabilities of Western governments, and is able to orchestrate the policies and actions of such governments to suit its own purposes, in an increasing number of cases. It has an operational capability more or less equivalent to that formerly commanded by the CIA.

With aid of the Socialist International and other left-wing and left-liberal political forces, this "third force" (which could be named by names of organizations and key personalities) has gained great power over nations of the West and developing nations. Yet, at the point this "third force" is at the verge of realizing its political objectives within the West, the imminent collapse of the U.S. banking system threatens to destroy much of that power. This powerful "third force" is currently operating with blind fanaticism and desperation, seeking to crush any force which resists it, or even threatens to resist it.

The case of the destabilization of the Philippines, planned first under President Jimmy Carter, and set into motion beginning 1982, is an example. First, this "third force," exerting great power on the U.S. and other governments, toppled President Ferdinand Marcos, and is now moving to dump soon the new provisional President of the Philippines, Mrs. Corazon Aquino. At the same time, the same "third force" is moving to destabilize South Korea, completing another operation first set into motion under President Jimmy Carter. This means, in short order, that the U.S. bases in the Philippines are lost, and the United States is out of the western Pacific and Southeast Asia strategically, altogether.

The same forces are acting to destabilize Egypt, and to turn control of southern Africa over to Soviet naval, air, and missile forces based in Angola and Mozambique. They are moving to a bloody destabilization of Panama, backing the professed Nazi, Arnulfo Arias Madrid, as the "democratizing" agency for the region of the Panama Canal. The list goes on, and is very long.

It is to be said of this "third force," this agency of the "bankers' faction," that "whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad."

The political ideology of this nameable "third force," is not exactly pro-Soviet. They are, after all, an asset of a variety of wealthy financier families joined, in common if

also conflicting aims, with Moscow, in an arrangement for consolidating a "New Yalta" version of a "bi-polar" dictatorship over the planet. They work with Moscow on common interests, but also in conflict with Moscow on other matters. They are turning over Europe, Asia, and Africa, to Soviet strategic domination, while simultaneously acting desperately to preserve their financial interests in both the Americas and parts of the world being abandoned to Moscow's strategic domination.

It is my first-hand knowledge, from a large accumulation of isolated cases of such first-hand knowledge, that this "third force" is presently so hysterical that it appears to have lost its senses entirely. This is the one major force in the West which would have been capable of killing Palme with the view of using Palme's "martyrdom" to reestablish Socialist International control over Sweden in particular. Or, this force would have readily killed Palme, if Palme were suspected of moving as part of a Socialist International effort to coopt the anti-IMF movement now rising in the developing sector and parts of Europe as well. I have no indication that this "third force" was implicated in the killing, only that, on the basis of patterns of recent performance, they would be perfectly capable of such a hysterically insane act.

The "third force" must be included among the list of general suspects, for an additional reason. Under the "back-channel" arrangements between Moscow and the Western, bankers' element of the present-day "Trust," the Soviets leave problems in the Western sector of "bi-polarity" to their back-channel partners of the West, while the Western partners leave matters in areas of Soviet strategic responsibility to Moscow. So, Moscow left the destabilization of the Philippines and South Korea, to the "bankers' faction." So, most of the assassination-plots, harassment, and defamation operations against me ordered by the Soviets, are run through the resources of Western-based, or Sharon-linked private intelligence capabilities. In certain matters of agreement within the "Trust" arrangement, Moscow would say to the bankers' faction: "That's your responsibility; take care of it." In other matters, the Western partners would make the same sort of observation to Moscow, as in the case of the projected political elimination of Yasser Arafat.

If a "Trust"-centered killing of Palme were the case, Palme lies between the cracks of Moscow's and bankers' faction responsibility. Either could be responsible for the act, it could have been conducted jointly, and would almost certainly have been done with a "need to know" degree of knowledge of both.

I can not draw the conclusion that it was the "Trust" which killed Palme; there are other possibilities not to be excluded. One can only say, that whether the "Trust" was directly involved or not, the sequelae of the killing will involve both principal components of the "Trust"; and, if it was not the "Trust" which authored the killing, this fact itself would be a most remarkable feature of the operation.