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 (✓) UNITED KINGDOM: UPDATE TO MI6 ATTACK. BRITISH POLICE HAVE FOUND THE LAUNCHER OF A SHOULDER-FIRED RPG-22 ROCKET IN A SMALL PARK NEAR THE MI6 HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, WHICH WAS ATTACKED ON 20 SEPTEMBER [SEE DITSUM 183-00, 22 SEP 00]. IT IS BELIEVED THE WEAPON WAS MOST LIKELY FIRED FROM THE PARK OR THE NEARBY RAILWAY LINE. THE RPG-22 IS

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 A RUSSIAN-BUILT ANTI-TANK WEAPON USED BY THE RUSSIAN, AS WELL AS THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIAN, ARMY. IT IS RELATIVELY PORTABLE, EASILY HIDDEN, AND ABLE TO BE USED WITH A MINIMUM OF TRAINING. THE RPG-22 IS CAPABLE OF PIERCING CONCRETE ONE METER THICK. THE FIND STRENGTHENS SUSPICIONS THAT THE REAL IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY [RIRA] WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK. A SIMILAR DEVICE WAS FOUND IN A SUSPECTED RIRA ARMS CACHE IN NORTHERN IRELAND, AND CROATIAN POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING IRISH DISSIDENT GROUPS IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENT DISCOVERY OF AN ARMS CACHE CONTAINING RPG-22S IN CROATIA. THERE IS SPECULATION THAT THE ATTACK MAY HAVE BEEN TIMED TO INFLUENCE A CRUCIAL BY-ELECTION IN SOUTH ANTRIM, NORTHERN IRELAND, IN WHICH A UNIONIST OPPOSED TO THE GOOD FRIDAY ACCORDS IS RUNNING. RIRA HAS NOT CLAIMED RECENT ATTACKS FOR WHICH IT IS BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE, MAINTAINING THE FICTION THAT IT STILL ABIDES BY ITS SELF-IMPOSED CEASE-FIRE THAT IT ANNOUNCED AFTER THE OMAGH BOMBING IN 1998. HOWEVER, THE HEAD OF SCOTLAND YARD'S ANTI-TERRORIST UNIT HAS REITERATED THAT AUTHORITIES ARE CONTINUING TO LOOK AT ALL POSSIBLE PERPETRATORS AND HAVE NOT RULED OUT ANY GROUP.
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