

Ex-CIA Chief Faults Greece On Terrorism

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ATHENS — R. James Woolsey, a former U.S. director of central intelligence, has renewed his criticism of the Greek authorities after the top British military representative in Greece was assassinated Thursday in Athens.

"The Greek government is refusing to act and protecting the terrorists," Mr. Woolsey said in comments that were published Sunday in Kathimerini, a pro-opposition newspaper in Athens.

On Saturday, a Greek prosecutor issued a request to interview Mr. Woolsey after he said members of the Socialist government could identify members of the November 17 terrorist group but had done nothing to arrest them.

"I believe there are some people in the Greek government who know certain members of 17 November," he was quoted as saying Thursday by the Greek weekly Pontiki. "Absolutely nothing has been done."

November 17 claimed responsibility Friday for the assassination of the British military attaché, Brigadier Stephen Saunders, saying the attack had been carried out in retaliation for Britain's role in the bombing campaign against Yugoslavia in the spring of 1999.

The deaths of more than 20 people, including four American officials, have



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ELUSIVE PEACE — As U.S. soldiers patrolled Vitina, eastern Kosovo, on Sunday, a year after the entry of NATO military units, violence continued elsewhere in the province. A group of people speaking Serbian shot and killed two ethnic Albanian men and wounded a third in Cubrelj, northwestern Kosovo, the UN said.

been attributed to the terrorist group since 1975, but none of its members have ever been caught.

The Greek minister of public order, Michalis Chrisohoidis, denied news reports that U.S. agencies had given him a list of possible November 17 suspects.

"I have not received any such list," Mr. Chrisohoidis said.

In his remarks published in Kathimerini, Mr. Woolsey warned that Greece's failure to deal with its terrorists had strained U.S.-Greek relations in the past and was now affecting Greece's

relations with Britain.

On Friday, Mr. Woolsey, who led the Central Intelligence Agency from 1993 to 1995, called the Greek authorities "blitheringly incompetent, unable and unwilling to do anything effective against terrorism." (AP, AFP)