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Letter, protocol nr. 2328/1, sent by the Albanian foreign ministry to the West German embassy on July 3,1990

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Popular Republic of Albania presents her compliments to the embassy of the Federal German Republic and referring to the note of this embassy VN Nr.161/90, date 3 July 1990 has the honor to make known as follows:

As it was made known also verbally, the respective Albanian authorities ask for permission to allow an investigative team from the Investigator Office of Tirana to enter the territory of the embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to clarify the various circumstances related to the events that occurred on 2 July in this embassy. Taking into account what has been said above, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs addresses the request to the embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to allow the entrance into her territory of the investigative team to conduct an investigation on the spot and to interrogate, in accordance with the relevant regulations in Albanian law and international law, the persons with information related to the above events. In anticipation of a reply from the embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Albanian Foreign Ministry expresses the assurance of her high consideration.

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Reply of the West German Embassy, note verbale with protocol nr. VN Nr. 161/90

The embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany offers its respect to the Foreign Ministry of the Socialist and Popular Republic of Albania and has the honor to provide information about the events of 2 July 1990. Around 20.45, the Albanian police shot not only at the refugees outside the German embassy but also in the direction of the German embassy. Near the hole in the wall of the embassy there were some staff members of the embassy and some German masonry workers, as well. One of the refugees was struck by a bullet inside the courtyard of the embassy and was severely wounded. An Albanian policeman entered 10 meters inside the courtyard of the embassy with a gun in his hand. An unarmed staff member of the embassy took away the gun from the hands of the policeman. The pistol (which had fired one bullet) will be returned together with the seven bullets. The embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany takes this occasion to represent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist and Popular Republic of Albania its assurances of her high consideration.

Tirana, 3 July 1990