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The following information concerning the death of Mr. Joachim Both has been received from what is believed to be reliable sources:

Between 12 o'clock and 12:30 A.M. on the night of November 9, 1938, Mr. Both is reported to have returned to his home at 185 Lindwurmstrasse, in the company of his wife and son. Ten or twelve persons dressed in civilian clothes were waiting in front of his house. Mr. Both was immediately seized and dragged into the vestibule, where he was struck over the head. His wife and son were thrown out of the house.

The son then ran to a police station about two blocks away from the scene of the attack. The police officer on duty told him that he could not leave the station. The son, Henryk Both, then returned to his home, before which a still larger crowd had collected. On seeing him members of the crowd gave evidence of being ready to attack him, and thereupon he ran away, chased by a few of the mob.

It is understood that in the meantime Mr. Joachim Both had been taken inside of his apartment and shot. His wife had been beaten and had suffered severe injuries to the face. A doctor was called and he examined the body of Joachim Both and certified that he was dead. The police were then called in to remove the corpse, and before leaving locked the apartment.

At the request of the Polish Consulate in Munich, the members of this family having been born in Poland, an investigation was conducted and the body of the deceased was examined by a police surgeon. The cause of death was determined to be concussion of the brain and gunshot wound in the head.

As a result of their experience Mrs. Both and her son were obliged to undergo medical treatment in a clinic for approximately three weeks. It is understood that they have not been able to return to their apartment and they are now living with a married daughter in Munich. Their business, a clothing store, has been closed since the 9th of November, and they have not been able to enter the premises. It is understood that they have been continually annoyed by denunciations, anonymous letters, and threats, which appear to emanate more or less daily from some functionary of the Party or State.