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Letter to the Editor of *The Washington Post*

May 17, 2021

Responding to Washington Post May 14 Editorial “Solve these mystery attacks – Americans have been targeted for years. It is time for agencies to ramp up the effort”

Send to: [letters@washpost.com](mailto:letters@washpost.com)

The *Post's* May 14 editorial addressing the “mystery attacks” targeting Americans, including our diplomats serving abroad, quite rightly calls for a focused, data-driven, science-based investigation into the sources and methods of these attacks. As an organization that includes active duty and retired Foreign Service and Civil Service officers, we at DACOR agree that it is time to merge efforts by the State Department, the Pentagon, and other agencies to identify and stop those responsible for the injuries sustained by our diplomats and other government employees.

American diplomats serving abroad shoulder many responsibilities including looking out for the safety of Americans living, working, and traveling in foreign countries. If American diplomats and other government employees are to do their jobs, they deserve to be effectively protected and to know that officials at the highest level of our government have their backs.

Sincerely,

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DACOR is an organization of 1,600 foreign affairs professionals. Founded in 1952, its mission is to bring foreign affairs professionals together in support of diplomacy, the Foreign Service, and public understanding of diplomacy, and to preserve the historic DACOR Bacon House.

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