



37 Days: Countdown to World War One

29 June: Austria-Hungary wants revenge

Prof Margaret MacMillan:

The Serbian government is anxious to distance itself from the assassination. A telegram to a Berlin newspaper puts its case:

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“The Serbian ambassador in Vienna warned the Austrian government of the existence of a plot and hoped that the heir to the throne would postpone his visit. But this the Archduke refused to do.”

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The Serbian government is not revealing all it knows . The prime minister and others knew that the secret Black Hand society – which included the head of Serbia’s military intelligence – was up to something. And in any case the Serbian warning to Austria-Hungary was so vague as to be useless.