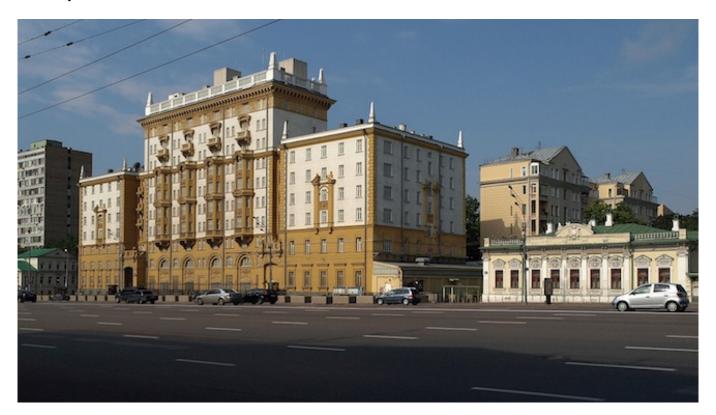


Man Who Tried to Break Into U.S. Embassy Wasn't Naked, Spokesman Says

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The U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

The U.S. Embassy on Thursday denied media reports that said a man who tried to break into its Moscow compound a day earlier had been naked.

"Lots of crazy stuff out there about a 'naked intruder,'" embassy spokesman Will Stevens said on his Twitter account. "It's not true. He was fully clothed."

Earlier Thursday, news agency Interfax cited an unidentified law enforcement official as saying that a man wearing no clothes had tried to break into the U.S. Embassy compound on Novinsky Bulvar.

The "naked" man reportedly told police he was being followed and was attempting to seek refuge in the embassy, Interfax said.

Stevens confirmed a man had tried to enter the compound on Wednesday evening, adding that

"security forces responded immediately and the man was apprehended."

"Clothes on or no?" Twitter user Alex44 asked, just to make sure.

To which the spokesman replied: "Definitely fully clothed."

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