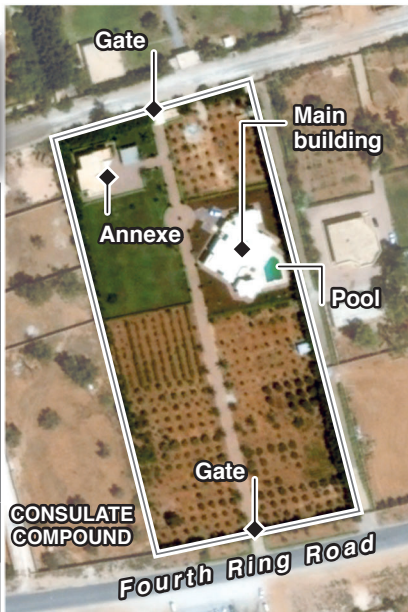


How the attack on the U.S. Consulate unfolded



■ Sep 11, 10:00pm (local time):

Libyan extremists begin firing on U.S. Consulate building. Around 25-30 employees in compound

■ **10:15:** Attackers gain access to main building and set compound on fire. Many escape in ensuing chaos but Ambassador **Chris Stevens**, and state department employee **Sean Smith** remain inside

U.S. security officers enter building and find body of Smith – but smoke, flames and gunfire force withdrawal before they can locate Stevens

■ **10:45:** Security officers from annexe attempt to retake consulate building but are repelled

■ **11:20:** U.S. and Libyan forces recapture main building and evacuate staff to annexe

■ **Midnight:** Annexe comes under heavy fire from attackers – two-hour firefight results in two more Americans killed and two wounded

■ **Sep 12, 2:30am:** U.S. and Libyan security forces retake annexe. Officials believe Stevens got out, or was pulled out of main consulate building and taken to hospital, during battle for annexe

Hospital doctor says he tried to revive Stevens for 90 minutes but he died of severe asphyxiation due to smoke inhalation