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Thomas J. Baker was the Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) for the crime scene and further investigation of the attempted assassination of President Reagan by John Hinckley on March 30, 1981.

Baker was an FBI Special Agent for 33 years in a variety of investigative and management positions regarding crime and terrorism. He served as a management instructor at the FBI academy in Quantico, Virginia. He was appointed the Legal Attaché at the American Embassy in Canberra, Australia and at the embassy in Paris, France. Baker was involved with planning and management of major events worldwide, including the Calgary Winter Olympics and the World Cup for soccer.

Thomas Baker holds a Bachelor's degree from Fordham University and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice. He has also completed the Senior Command Course at the Police Staff College, Bramshill, England.

Currently, Mr. Baker's firm, Baker Associates International Consultants, advises law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and worldwide on innovations in cyber, forensics, communications and identification systems.

Baker is a member of the Board of Directors of the JUSTICE Federal Credit Union, serving employees of the Department of Justice. He is an active member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the FBI National Academy Associates, the FBI National Executive Institute Associates, the International Association for Identification (IAI), and the Society of Former FBI Agents.

SCOPE NOTE

Thomas Baker donated a three-ring binder to the Library that was presented to him as a commemorative of the work done by himself and his team on the investigation of the attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan. The binder is titled, "Assault of President Reagan March 30, 1981." The contents include a letter of commendation from FBI Director William Webster, FBI and press photos from the assassination site and subsequent investigation, newspaper clippings, and internal FBI memorandum and forms detailing the work done by Baker's team and discussing rewards and incentives for their work. It also includes the full front section of the April 2, 1981 *Washington Post*, and an editorial page article on the shooting in the March 30, 2011 *Washington Post*.

The Library has not done any additional arrangement on this material. The material has been removed from the binder and placed in folders. It is in the original order from the binder. The binder and its original sleeves have been retained.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

- Item #1 William Webster to Thomas J. Baker (Binder: Assault of President Reagan...)
- Item #2 Photo of Press/Security Group with Hinckley Visible (Binder: Assault of Pres...)
- Item #3 Photo from Minutes after the Shooting (Binder: Assault of Pres. Reagan...)
- Item #4 Photo of Open Limo Door Where Ricochet Bullet Passed Through (Binder:...)
- Item #5 Photo of the Side of the Presidential Limo Showing Bullet First Hit (Binder:...)
- Item #6 Diagram of the Scene Prepared by the FBI Lab (Binder: Assault of President...)
- Item #7 Photo Showing Overview of Washington Hilton as it Appeared in 1981
(Binder: Assault of President Reagan, March 30, 1981)
- Item #8 John Hinckley's Mug Shot (Binder: Assault of President Reagan,...)
- Item #9 Photo of Gun Fired by Hinckley (Binder: Assault of President Reagan, ...)
- Item #10 Photo of Two Agents Searching the Crime Scene (Binder: Assault of)
- Item #11 Photo [Investigating the Crime Scene] (Binder: Assault of Pres. Reagan,...)
- Item #12 Photo of Agents and Police Preparing to Reenact the Crime (Binder: Assault...)
- Item #13 Newspaper Clipping from the March 31, 1981 *New York Daily News*
(Binder: Assault of President Reagan, March 30, 1981)
- Item #14 Newspaper Clipping from the April 1, 1981 *Washington Post* (Binder:...)
- Item #15 Newspaper Clipping from the April 2, 1981 *San Francisco Chronicle*
(Binder: Assault of President Reagan, March 30, 1981)
- Item #16 FBI Memo Describing FBI Actions Immediately Following the Assassination Attempt (Binder: Assault of President Reagan, March 30, 1981)
- Item #17 FBI Communication (Airtel) Describing Actions of FBI Personnel [No Cash Award Form Included] (Binder: Assault of President Reagan, March 30, 1981)
- Item #18 Form (FD-255) Recommending Six Individuals for Cash Awards (Binder:...)
- Item #19 Memo Reporting on Conference of Leadership on Future Direction of Investigation (Binder: Assault of Pres. Reagan, March 30, 1981)
- Entire First Section of the *Washington Post*, April 2, 1981
- Washington Post* Article by Baker, March 30, 2011
- Original Sleeves from Binder "Assault of President Reagan, March 30, 1981"