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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 13, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JAMES BAKER ✓  
MR. MICHAEL DEAVER

SUBJECT: Attached Memorandum for the Record

Attached for your information is my account of the sequence of events on March 30, as requested in the April 1 memorandum from Craig Fuller.

I have also handed a copy of this memo to Ed Meese for his perusal. If you have any questions or need anything additional on this, I will try my best to be helpful.

A handwritten signature, likely of the Secretary of Defense, is written in the center of the page.

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April 7, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Attempted Assassination of President Ronald Reagan

On Monday, March 30, about 2:30, my Naval aide, Captain Bovey, appeared at the door of my office to advise me there was a radio report that there had been a shooting outside the hotel where President Reagan had been speaking at noon. I glanced over to the President's schedule on my desk and noted that he was scheduled to be through with his talk and depart the hotel at 2:35 p.m. I asked if the President had been near the shooting, and Bovey said the radio reports did not indicate so.

I continued work on the briefing papers for my next meeting, which was to be a talk with Admiral Inman who was introducing his successor at the National Security Agency, General Faurer.

As they came in, Captain Bovey again appeared and said that the radio had now reported that the shooting had taken place in the presence of the President but that it appeared the President had not been hit and was in his car apparently going to the hospital to see how some of the people who had been hit and who had been taken there, were faring. I said this sounds absolutely typical of the President, and then turned my own radio on. The radio was now reporting that the President was on his way to the hospital but had not been hit. Admiral Inman and General Faurer came in, but almost immediately my secretary told me that the White House had called and I was wanted at the Situation Room immediately.

Admiral Inman excused himself and we called for my driver. They did not locate him immediately so Admiral Inman offered to take me to the White House. I drove with him to the Situation Room, arriving I believe a few minutes before 3:00.

On the car radio we heard more and more detailed accounts on the incident. They were now reporting that the President had indeed been hit, and was under treatment at the hospital; that Jim Brady had been seriously hurt and that two others, a Secret Service man and a policeman had also been shot, but that the extent of their injuries was not known. There were accounts too, that the suspect was in custody.

In the Situation Room when I arrived were Dick Allen, Al Haig, Don Regan, Bill Casey, and several other people I did not know. Others kept moving in and out. I believe it was shortly thereafter that Bill French Smith came. Also, there seemed to be various aides of these men present. There was a small tape recorder on the table, and occasionally Dick Allen changed tapes. The television set mounted near the ceiling of the room was giving repeated accounts of the incident and showing films of the actual shooting.

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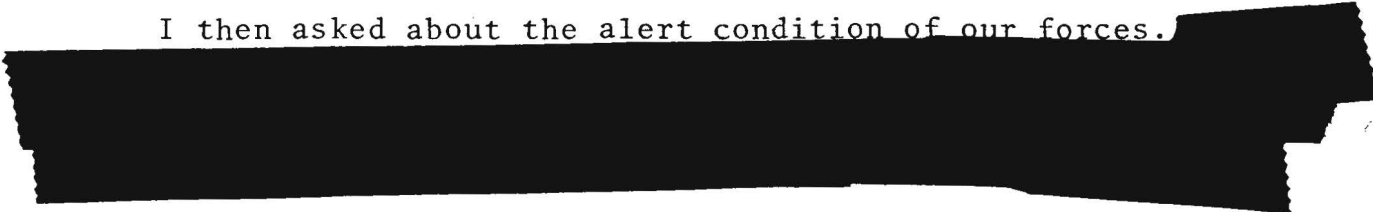
MAIN ACCOUNT

Very shortly after arriving at the Situation Room, I inquired about Ed Meese and Mike Deaver. I was told that Mike had been with the President but was apparently not hurt, and that Ed Meese was at the hospital.

The television films showed Mike Deaver either ducking or falling, and I was concerned he had been shot. Various calls were coming in and were being answered from time to time. Al Haig had one of the secure phones in front of him near one end of the table and another phone in the room was busy. I stepped out to call Ed Meese at the hospital, or Ed Meese called me, I cannot recall which, at approximately 3:15, or perhaps closer to 3:30 o'clock. My conversation with Ed Meese was somewhat reassuring in that he told me that he did not think the President was seriously hurt but that they were going to have exploratory surgery. He then said to me, "Under these circumstances, it is my understanding the National Command Authority devolves on you." I said that I believed the chain started with the Vice President. Ed Meese said the Vice President was on a plane in Texas which was being diverted back to Washington and that it would take him approximately two hours to get here. I asked about the communication to the plane, and which plane it was, and Ed said that he did not know but he did not think there was secure communication. He mentioned again the chain of leadership under the National Command Authority and I confirmed I was the next in line after the Vice President. We talked a bit more about the condition of the President, and I returned to the Situation Room to see if one of the secure phones was free. It was not, but there was considerable discussion going on about the television appearance of Larry Speakes who was in the White House Press Room and whose statement was coming over the television set at that time. Speakes was responding to questions from the press about the location of the Vice President, the condition of the President, and about whether there had been any transfer of the authority from the President. He answered no or occasionally "I don't know" to these questions. Al Haig was visibly restless during this performance and said Speakes should not be answering questions. I agreed, saying that in my opinion a short statement should be handed out and no questions taken, at least until we knew a great deal more. Haig seemed to agree with that.

The phones were still busy, so I stepped outside the room to another security telephone and called General Jones. He said that he had heard the news about the President. I passed on Ed Meese's statements about the President having exploratory surgery, but that he appeared to be in good condition and not badly hurt.

I then asked about the alert condition of our forces.



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I asked General Jones if he had any information about any other activities that might indicate attempts by the Soviets or anyone else to take advantage of the news of the attempt on the President's life, or whether he had any information from any source to indicate whether or not this was merely an isolated attempt on the President as opposed to being linked to some sort of coordinated activity. General Jones said he had no such information. I asked about the position of the Soviet forces and he said they were more or less normal except that there were

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General Jones said that this is not considered extremely unusual and that it did occur from time to time, but that it was outside the normal pattern.

We discussed the general differences between DEFCON 5 and DEFCON 4, and I then told General Jones that

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I also inquired about

I then asked General Jones to ask all of the Commanders in Chief of our designated and specified Commands, as well as DIA and others, to be on the alert for any activity of any kind that might be interpreted as the Soviets or anyone else trying to take advantage of the situation, or proceeding in accordance with any sort of plan or activity that might involve hostile action of any sort against the United States.

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General Jones reported that [REDACTED]

I returned to the Situation Room and noticed everyone watching the television screen, upon which Al Haig had appeared, and was responding to questions about the Presidential succession and the President's condition. I said (to no one in particular), "I wonder why they're running an old tape of Al Haig's." Someone responded that it was not a tape, that Al Haig was in the press room. I said, "But I thought he was right here."

When Haig stated that the line of succession was from the President to Vice President to Secretary of State, someone said "That's a mistake." Haig was now saying that no alert had been given or contemplated and that none was necessary.

Shortly thereafter, Haig returned to the Situation Room and said we should all act in accordance with the statements he had just made.

I said, "Al, one problem with that is that you should know I have already ordered an increase, although a very small one, in the alert conditions of the Strategic air crews", and I then reported my call to General Jones.

Haig said, "Did you do this simply because of [REDACTED] the incident?" I said that I did it because of the incident and because I did not know whether it was simply an isolated incident or the opening episode of some coordinated plan, and that [REDACTED] mentioned above had indeed been part of the reason.

He pressed again, stating in effect that the only reason I had changed [REDACTED]

I said that, No, it was because I did not know enough about the whole matter at that time, and that it seemed to me a prudent and necessary thing to do. He argued that the fact that I had done so might get out and would tend to discredit his previous statement on television.

I replied that [REDACTED]

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I responded that it was my understanding that I had to make decisions in that field and that the decision I had made represented my best judgment. He said that I should read the Constitution (he did not add "buddy" as has been reported in some of the press). More reports were now coming in from phone calls to Dick Allen and others and the matter was dropped. Dick, or someone else, about this time reported that the President was now in surgery. Bill French Smith said he had more information about the gun and the assailant.

I called Ed Meese at the hospital and he confirmed that the President was in surgery. Ed wanted to know the name of the assailant and I relayed the information to him that Bill Smith had provided to the group in the Situation Room. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I also reported to Ed Meese the additional alert I had put into effect and that Al Haig had felt this should not have been done, but that I continued to believe it was a small but necessary precaution taken until we had an opportunity to receive reports from various commands around the world, and from other sources.

Ed Meese concurred and he advised again that the Vice President was expected to arrive now about 6:30, and that very preliminarily one of the doctors had advised Ed that the President appeared to be in good condition and that the doctors were confident the wound would not be fatal, but that the surgery was considered necessary.

I then called General Jones again who reported that all [REDACTED] We discussed the fact that a NORAD exercise had been planned for the next day with a simulated incoming missile attack. We both concluded immediately that this exercise should be cancelled. I inquired as to whether any messages had been received from [REDACTED] and was told that none had, and there were no other reports of any unusual nature. One of the [REDACTED]

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Bill French Smith by this time had a zerox copy of the statute relating to Presidential succession and was discussing the alternatives of the President transferring authority to the Vice President in the event of the President's disability, or in the event the President was not in condition to transmit authority, that the decision would then be made by the Vice President and the majority of the Cabinet. At this time I noticed that Secretary Block and Secretary Edwards, and I think Secretary Baldrige, had come into the Situation Room.

The discussion flowed back and forth with attention being divided between reports on the television screen and conversation about the arrival of the Vice President, and the points that should be made in briefing him. Admiral Murphy (who had been in the room from the beginning) was making a list of points to bring to the Vice President's attention when he arrived, including such matters as tomorrow's schedule, the Constitutional provisions Bill Smith had just mentioned, the alert condition of the Armed Forces, and a draft of a public statement to be made.

Secretary Regan had information about the Secret Service and reported that he had reports tracing the gun through the Treasury tax people. He also reported that there were no unusual incidents around the country that had been reported to the Secret Service. At about this time, it was reported on television that Jim Brady had died from his wounds. This was corrected in 10 to 15 minutes.

It was now perhaps 5:15 or 5:30.

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I had previously called Deputy Secretary Carlucci and advised him of the status and also of the provisions I had taken [REDACTED]. I then called the National Military Command Center to see if any further information had been received, which it had not. General Jones called me to advise the same thing, and a number of other messages were coming in for other people. I talked to Ed Meese again who reported that the surgery had been completed about 5:30 and that the preliminary indications were that the President had come through extremely well. The President was in the intensive care unit. George Bush was expected at Andrews at 6:30 and would then go to the Vice Presidential residence and then come to the Situation Room, being expected about 7:00.

In the Situation Room, Dick Allen was going over a list of additional points to be presented to the Vice President including tomorrow's schedule, and the desirability of having a Cabinet meeting in the morning, and the fact that the President had been scheduled to meet with the Congressional Leadership. I said I thought it would be very important for these meetings, both the

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Cabinet and the meeting with the Congressional Leadership to be held as scheduled. Al Haig said that Von Agt, the Prime Minister of the Netherlands, was due for various meetings and that he felt there should be no attempt to postpone those meetings.

Jim Baker had come to the Situation Room now and reported that the President had actually lost almost 4 pints of blood, that he said when he saw Mrs. Reagan, "Honey, I forgot to duck", and that on the way into the operating room he had winked when he saw Baker and Meese standing by and put his thumbs up indicating that everything would be alright. Even though because of the oxygen mask and the anesthesia apparatus he was not able to talk, he did smile on his way into the surgery.

I checked again with the Military Command Center and General Jones on the secure phone and was advised that the [REDACTED] that there had been no incidents of any kind reported from anywhere around the world and that [REDACTED]

I told General Jones to advise the Commanders in Chief of the specified and designated Commands that the shooting was apparently an isolated incident, and that no information to the contrary had been received, but that they should continue to remain vigilant.

[REDACTED]

At almost exactly 7 o'clock, the Vice President came to the Situation Room and very calmly assumed the chair at the head of the table. The first question presented to him was that of the Dairy Price Support Bill, the first one passed by this Congress and hence the first one required to be acted on by President Reagan. That Bill was awaiting signature and Tuesday was the last day on which it could be signed. Bill French Smith advised that the Vice President could sign it, but the Vice President said that he wanted to wait until he saw how the President felt tomorrow and that the President might perfectly well be able to sign it. I said I was sure in any event that Congress would reenact such a measure in a matter of one day so as to start a new time period running if necessary.

The Vice President asked for my report on the status of the forces, and I gave it to him. He then (or it may have been Jim Baker) mentioned that a plane was needed for Jim Brady's family to get them from Chicago where they were having trouble

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getting space on a commercial airline. I responded that we could take care of that of course. Someone else said that "No, it has been arranged by now". Ed Meese had also arrived with the Vice President and reported on the President's condition and also on the condition of Jim Brady and the others.

The Vice President then asked "What's next?", and we discussed tomorrow's schedule. The Vice President agreed that he would have the National Security Council briefing in the morning normally given to the President, and agreed also with the recommendation that the Cabinet meeting should be held and the Congressional Leadership briefed. It was concluded with very little discussion that instead of the Republican Leadership meeting normally scheduled for the next day, the Leadership briefing should be a bipartisan briefing. The Vice President also agreed that he would meet with Von Agt, the Netherlands Prime Minister, and then said "Let's try to keep everything as normal as possible, including the scheduling."

Don Regan said we should have some reassuring bulletin out before the markets opened and there was general agreement with this. Bill French Smith then reported that all of the FBI reports concurred with the information I had received to the effect that it was a completely isolated incident and that the assassin, Hinckley, with a previous record in Nashville, seemed to be a "Bremmer" type, a reference to the attempted assassin of George Wallace.

There was one suggestion by Jim Baker that perhaps the Cabinet not be called because it called attention to the absence of the President, but the Vice President said "Let's do it and make it a very short meeting so that everyone can get both information and guidance for answering the press."

It was agreed that all statements concerning all of the activities of the afternoon should be made by the White House Press Office and by no one else. The Vice President also asked the group in general, "Please be sure that we level with the American people and give them full and accurate information."

It was at this point, approximately 7:50 p.m., that I telephoned General Jones and told him since none of us had any information to indicate this was anything except an isolated incident by some individual madman.

I asked him to advise the Commanders in Chiefs to be particularly alert for any unusual incidents during the course of the next few days. He reported that the

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CONCLUSION

The above is a generalized running account as I remember the events of the afternoon, aided by some rough notes I made at the time. Although there were a number of people doing a number of things more or less simultaneously, there was not any real confusion. The difficult problem was that while there were massive numbers of reports coming in from the wire services, newspapers, and television screens, there was no way of knowing which of these were accurate. For example, when it was announced about 4:30 p.m. that Jim Brady had died and that some "White House spokesman" had confirmed it, some time was spent trying to locate who this person could have been.

Al Haig reported that he was notifying the Embassies to deliver reassuring messages to the foreign governments around the world and some wires from foreign leaders, such as Mrs. Thatcher, and later Brezhnev, were being received. I was making the calls reported above with respect to the status of the Armed Forces, and Bill French Smith was reporting on the legal matters involving Presidential succession, and FBI information about the suspect. Don Regan was reporting about the Secret Service, and tracing out the information relative to the gun.

Someone, I'm not quite sure who, had already initiated phone calls to the former Presidents (it was reported that one complained he had not been notified soon enough), and others, I believe Max Friedersdorf, had notified the Speaker of the House and the President Pro-Tem of the Senate.

For the future, I would recommend that access to the Situation Room be restricted (Dick Allen tried manfully to do this from time to time throughout the afternoon, but there continued to be a constant movement in and out of the Situation Room by various people with messages, requests for phone calls, delivering additional information, etc.)

FOIA(b)(1) At no time was there any "violent quarrel" or any major disagreement between Al Haig and me. The conversations as described above were in a low key and represented simply different views as to the necessity and desirability of [REDACTED] I never felt I had, or was supposed to have, "command of the Situation Room", nor did I object to Al Haig's actions.

At no time was any classified information improperly disclosed and at no time was there any discussion of anything connected with the National Command Authority except a recital

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of the matters contained in the published Department of Defense Directive on the subject. The "conversations" and direct quotes alleged in the press to have occurred in the Situation Room between Al Haig and me, simply did not take place. At no time did we argue about who had the authority or anything of the kind.

I remained in the White House until about 10:30 that night, when the President was reported to have retired for the night in good condition.

  
Caspar W. Weinberger

April 7, 1981

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PAGE 1 SITUATION(S) MESSAGE(S) LISTING

DATE 04/28/81//118

SITUATION: PRES  
SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:

FLASH

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO ALL DIPLOMATIC POSTS FLASH  
AMEMBASSY KABUL FLASH 5015  
AMEMBASSY CONAKRY FLASH 5304

UNCLAS STATE 080229

PLEASE PASS ICA  
E.O. 12065 N/A

TAGS: PDIP

SUBJECT: STATEMENT TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO GOVERNMENT  
TO WHICH YOU ARE ACCREDITED:

2. YOU WILL HAVE HEARD THAT ON MARCH 30 THERE WAS AN  
ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF PRESIDENT REAGAN. ALTHOUGH HE  
WAS INJURED IN THAT ATTACK, HIS CONDITION IS STABLE AND  
HE IS CONSCIOUS. THE VICE PRESIDENT IS RETURNING TO WASH-  
INGTON THIS AFTERNOON.

3. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. HAIG

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\*\*\*\*\* WHSR COMMENTS \*\*\*\*\*

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AFRECON, SEA, KAMINSKY

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TOR:0892131

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SITUATION: PRES  
SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:  
IMMEDIATE

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FM AMEMBASSY AMMAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0745

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LIMITED OFFICIAL USE AMMAN 02392

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PEPR, PPDC, JO, US

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST PRESIDENT REAGAN

1. IMMEDIATELY UPON LEARNING THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN HAD BEEN WOUNDED IN MARCH 30 ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT, I PHONED PALACE TO INFORM KING HUSSEIN. QUEEN NOOR, WHO COINCIDENTALLY HAD HEARD THE NEWS AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME AND WAS TRYING TO REACH ME. QUEEN SAID THAT SHE WAS SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF KING HUSSEIN AS WELL AS HERSELF. BOTH WERE DEEPLY SHOCKED BY THIS ATTACK, RELIEVED TO HEAR THAT THE PRESIDENT'S CONDITION APPEARS TO BE STABLE, AND HOPEFUL FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY.

2. QUEEN ASKED IF THEY SHOULD TRY TO GET A CALL THROUGH TO WASHINGTON TO SPEAK TO VICE PRESIDENT BUSH. I COUNSELLED AGAINST THIS, NOTING THAT THERE LIKELY IS GREAT CONFUSION AT THIS TIME AS WELL AS ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL BE FULLY OCCUPYING THE VICE PRESIDENT'S TIME. I THANKED THE QUEEN FOR HER AND KING HUSSEIN'S EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN AND PROMISED TO KEEP THEM ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS. ZWEIFEL

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NARA, DATE 6/12/01

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

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MESSAGE:

FLASH

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FM VICE PRESIDENT ABDARD AF2

TO WHITE HOUSE SIT ROOM FOR SEC HAIG

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WE WILL TOUCHDOWN AT 1835 LOCAL AT ANDREWS.  
I PLAN TO HELICOPTER TO THE OBSERVATORY AND MOTORCADE  
TO THE WHITE HOUSE. APPROXIMATE ARRIVAL THERE 1900. FEEL STRONGLY  
ABOUT PROPER MODE OF ARRIVAL UNLESS SITUATION  
DICTATES MORE IMMEDIATE ROUTE TO WHITE HOUSE  
BOTH ANDREWS AND OBSERVATORY WILL BE CLOSED TO  
PRESS. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST OF ANY CHANGE  
IN SITUATION.  
SIGNED G. B.

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

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PRIORITY

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FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3709

UNCLAS PANAMA 02783

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, PM

SUBJ: STATEMENT TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS ON ATTEMPT  
AGAINST THE PRESIDENT

REF: STATE 80229

AMBASSADOR REACHED ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER JOSE MARIA  
CABRERA BY TELEPHONE AND COMMUNICATED STATEMENT PER  
REFTEL. CABRERA AND SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY STAFF WERE  
FOLLOWING EVENTS BY TELEVISION.

CABRERA EXPRESSED THANKS FOR THE MESSAGE AND ASKED THAT  
AMBASSADOR INFORM DEPT ON BEHALF OF GOVT AND PEOPLE OF  
PANAMA THEIR SENSE OF RELIEF THAT THE INJURY WAS NOT  
MORE SERIOUS AND FERVENT WISHES FOR THE PRESIDENT'S  
RAPID RECOVERY. MOSS

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SITUATION: PRES  
SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

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MESSAGE:  
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O 302230Z MAR 1  
FM MADRID SPAIN

TO HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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FOLLOWING FROM KING JUAN CARLOS R.  
MADRID, 30 DE MARZO DE 1981  
SU EXCELENCIA RONALD REAGAN  
PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA  
CASA BLANCA  
WASHINGTON

EXPRESO VUECENCIAMI PLENA SOLIDARIDAD, QUE PUEBLO ESPANOL COMPARTE  
CONTRA CRIMINAL ATENTADO ACABA DE SUFRIR Y QUE DESGRACIADAMENTE  
PRUEBA VIOLENCIA TERRORISMO HOY GENERALIZADO.  
MUY SINCERAMENTE ELEVAMOS NUESTRAS ORACIONES POR RAPIDO Y TOTAL  
RESTABLECIMIENTO V.E. PARA MEJOR SERVICIO ESE GRAN PUEBLO AMIGO  
QUE LIBREMENTE LE CONFIA SUPREMA MAGISTRATURA.  
DESEAMOS TAMBIEN MEJORIA SR. SECRETARIO DE PRENSA.  
ENVIOLE TESTIMONIO NUESTRO MEJOR AFECTO.  
JUAN CARLOS R.

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IMMEDIATE  
O 302230Z MAR 1  
FM MADRID SPAIN

TO HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

UNCLAS

FOLLOWING FROM LEOPOLDO CALVO SOTELO PRESIDENTE GOBIERNO ESPANO  
MADRID, 30 DE MARZO DE 1981  
SU EXCELENCIA RONALD REAGAN  
PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA  
CASA BLANCA  
WASHINGTON  
RECIBA 4. PRESIDENTE TESTIMONIO VERDADERA REPULSA GOBIERNO Y  
PUEBLO ESPANOL POR ATENTADO VUECENCIA ACABA DE SUFRIR ASI  
COMO ESPERANZA RAPIDO Y TOTAL RESTABLECIMIENTO SUYO Y SR.  
SECRETARIO DE PRENSAM  
LEOPOLDO CALVO SOTELO  
PRESIDENTE GOBIERNO ESPANO

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

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O 302250Z MAR 1

FM EMBASSY OF THE NETHERLANDS WASHDC

TO HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

UNCLAS

FOLLOWING FROM ANDREAS A.M. VAN AGT  
PRIME MINISTER OF THE NETHERLANDS  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
ON ARRIVAL AT WASHINGTON WE HEARD THE SHOCKING NEWS OF THE  
ATTEMPT ON YOUR LIFE. WE PRAY FOR YOUR SPEEDY RECOVERY. YOU MAY  
REST ASSURED THAT THE VISIT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND MYSELF  
TO WASHINGTON WILL IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES EVEN MORE EXPRESS THE  
STRONG TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND  
PEOPLES.

ANDREAS A.M. VAN AGT  
PRIME MINISTER OF THE NETHERLANDS

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O 302230Z MAR 1  
FM MADRID SPAIN

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

UNCLAS

FOLLOWING FROM JOSE PEDRO PEREZ-LLORCA  
MINISTRO DE ASUNTOS EXTERIORES DE ESPANA  
MADRID, 30 DE MARZO DE 1981

HIS EXCELLENCY

MR. ALEXANDER HAIG

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
WASHINGTON

EXPRESO VM3M VERDADERO SENTIMIENTO DE PESAR E INDIGNACION,  
ANTE CRIMINAL ATENTADO QUE HA HERIDO AL SRM PRESIDENTE REAGAN  
Y SECRETARIO DE PRENSA BRADY.

LOS ESPANOLES PODEMOS COMPRENDER BIEN DOLOR CAUSADO POR  
AZOTE TERRORISTA QUE PADECE MUNDO ACTUALM  
SALUDOLE AFECTUOSAMENTE.

JOSE PEDRO PEREZ-LLORCA MINISTRO DE ASUNTOS EXTERIORES DE ESPANA

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O 302323Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3648  
USICA WASHDC IMMEDIATE

UNCLAS SAN JOSE 2017

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E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, PGDV, SOPN, CS

SUBJ: ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT REAGAN'S LIFE: GOCR COMMUNIQUE;  
OTHER SHOCKED REACTION IN COSTA RICA

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY ISSUED STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF GOCR AFTERNOON  
MARCH 30 EXPRESSING REPUDIATION OF ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT REAGAN'S  
LIFE. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION.

2. BEING TEXT. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC, PROFOUNDLY  
DISTRESSED BY THE VILE CRIME SUFFERED A FEW MINUTES AGO BY THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, RONALD REAGAN, IN  
WASHINGTON, ANNOUNCES ITS ABSOLUTE REPUDIATION OF THIS GRAVE  
NEW ACT OF INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE. THE COWARDLY ACT NOT ONLY  
REPRESENTS A CRIME AND AN AFFRONT TO A SISTER NATION IN THE PER-  
SON OF ITS PRESIDENT, BUT CONSTITUTES AS WELL A BRUTAL VIOLATION  
OF DEMOCRACY, OF THE SECURITY AND OF THE PEACE OF ALL PEOPLES.  
THE PRESIDENT OF COSTA RICA, LIC. RODRIGO CARAZO ODIO, AND THIS  
MINISTRY, IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT AND OF THE COSTA RICAN  
PEOPLE, MAKE PUBLIC THEIR TOTAL CONDEMNATION OF WHAT HAS  
HAPPENED AND EXPRESS THEIR SORROW AND SOLIDARITY TO THE  
GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

3. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INUNDATED WITH CALLS FROM COSTA RICANS  
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, ALL EXPRESSING SHOCK, SORROW AND SUP-  
PORT. A COMMON THEME IS FULL UNDERSTAND-

ING AND SYMPATHY, ESPECIALLY GIVEN COSTA RICA'S OWN, SHOCKING,  
INTRODUCTION INTO THIS KIND OF VIOLENCE MARCH 17, WHEN  
A US EMBASSY VEHICLE WITH THREE MARINES WAS THE OBJECT OF  
A TERRORIST ATTACK, AS WAS THE HONDURAN EMBASSY. SPECIFIC

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MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

LEADERS WHO CALLED PERSONALLY INCLUDED PRESIDENT CARAZO,  
VICE PRESIDENT ALTMANN, FOREIGN MINISTER NIEHAUS, FINANCE  
MINISTER SAENZ, OPPOSITION ASSEMBLY LEADER AZOFEIFA, UNIDAD  
COALITION PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE CALDERON, AND EX-  
PRESIDENT JOSE (DON PEPE) FIGUERES.  
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O 302312Z MAR 81  
FM GOVT MARSHALL ISLANDS

TO SECSTATE WASH D.C.  
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SECSTATE FOR ACTION DEP ASSISTANT SECRETARY EA AND P. PLS CONVEY  
FOLLOWING TO UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FROM GOVERNMENT OF THE MARSHALL  
ISLANDS. QUOTE ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT KABUA, THE CABINET AND THE  
PEOPLE OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS I WISH TO EXPRESS OUR SENSE OF OUTRAGE  
,  
SHOCK, AND SORROW AT THE SENSELESS ACT COMMITTED UPON THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES, MR. RONALD REAGAN. OUR PRAYERS AND HOPES ARE  
WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN AND THE OTHER BRAVE AMERICANS WHO WERE STRUCK  
DOWN. WE JOIN THE WORLD IN EXTENDING OUR HEARTFELT AND SINCERE WISHES  
AND PRAYERS FOR A RECOVERY. HENRY SAMUEL, ACTING PRESIDENT UNQUOTE  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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O 302301Z MAR 1  
FM GUAM

TO THE WHITE HOUSE

UNCLAS

FOLLOWING FROM GOVERNOR PAUL CALVO  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
GOVERNOR PAUL CALVO, REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR OF THE UNITED STATES  
TERRITORY OF GUAM, STATED THAT THE CITIZENS OF THIS ISLAND WERE  
SHOCKED AND IN A STATE OF DISBELIEF WHEN LEARNING OF THE  
ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT REAGAN. WE OFFER THE  
UNITED PRAYERS AND SINCERE BEST WISHES TO THE PRESIDENT AND  
MRS. REAGAN DURING THIS TRAUMATIC AND VIOLENT PERIOD. WE WISH  
THE PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY TO KNOW THAT THE CITIZENS OF GUAM  
ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS INCIDENT AND STAND READY TO  
ASSIST AND SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT, NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.  
GOVERNOR CALVO FURTHER STATED THAT I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT  
INDIVIDUALS STILL PREFER TO REGISTER THEIR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC  
AND SOCIAL FRUSTRATION WITH MISGUIDED HATE, DELIVERED WITH A GUN.  
ELECTED LEADERS THROUGHOUT THE NATION KNOW THIS THREAT TO LIFE  
EXISTS AND LIVE WITH IT DAILY. YET, THIS KNOWLEDGE DOES NOT  
BRING AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION. TO PRESIDENT AND  
MRS. REAGAN, I OFFER THE HEARTFELT PRAYERS, CONCERNS AND SPECIAL  
WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY FROM THE CITIZENS OF THE AMERICAN  
TERRITORY OF GUAM.  
AS THE FIRST WHO ENDORSED THE REAGAN CANDIDACY, LET ME ALSO BE  
ONE OF THE FIRST TO OFFER CONTINUED AND FULL SUPPORT FOR THE  
REAGAN ADMINISTRATION, WHOSE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS WILL CONTINUE  
DESPITE THIS SENSELESS ACT OF VIOLENCE.  
GOVER NOR PAUL CALVO

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IMMEDIATE  
O 302322Z MAR 1  
FM LA PAZ BOLIVIA

TO HIS EXCELLENCY VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

UNCLAS

FOLLOWING FROM GRAL LUIS GARCIA MEZA  
PRESIDENTE DE LA REPUBLICA DE BOLIVIA  
LA PAZ 30 MARZO 1981  
EXCELENTISIMO SENOR  
\$, GEORGE BUSCH  
VICE-PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE  
NORTE AMERICA  
WASHINGTON  
ANTE LAMENTABLE ATENTADO CONTRA SU EXCELENCIA  
EL SENOR PRESIDENTE RONALD REAGAN EXPRESO NOM  
BRE PUEBLO Y GOBIERNO BOLIVIA SINCERO PESAR  
FORMULANDO VOTOS PRONTA RECUPERACION APRECIADO  
MANDATARIO NORTEAMERICANO STOP NUEVA MUESTRA  
TERRORISTA INCANSABLE EXTREMISMO POLITICO ABONA  
POSICION GOBIERNO RECONSTRUCCION FUERZAS ARMADAS  
BOLIVIA EN SU INCOMPRENDIDA E INFLEXIBLE DEFENSA  
VALORES CULTURA OCCIDENTAL Y ERRADICACION TODAS  
FORMAS DE VIOLENCIA QUE IMPIDEN ARMONIA ENTRE  
PUEBLOS AMANTES DE LA PAZ Y SU AVANCE HACIA UN  
MEJOR DESTINO STOP ATENTAMENTE

GRAL LUIS GARCIA MEZA  
PRESIDENTE DE LA REPUBLICA DE BOLIVIA

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IMMEDIATE  
O 302330Z MAR 1  
FM BRASILIA BRAZIL

TO HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

UNCLAS

FOLLOWING FROM JOAO BAPTISTA DE OLIVEIRA FIGUEIREDO  
PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL  
HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, MR. RONALD  
REAGAN, THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, DC  
DCS/C

RELACOES BRASIL/EUA. ATENTADO CON-  
TRA O PRESIDENTE RONALD REAGAN. MEN-  
SAGEM.

91 21030 - DEEPLY DISMAYED AT THE SHOCKING NEWS OF AN ATTEMPT  
AGAINST YOUR LIFE, I EXPRESS MY PROFUND SIMPATY TOGETHER WITH  
MY BEST WISHES FOR YOUR PROMPT RECOVERY. YOURS SINCERELY

JOAO BAPTISTA DE OLIVEIRA FIGUEIREDO  
PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATIVE  
REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL

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O 302343Z MAR 1  
FM LA PAZ BOLIVIA

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

UNCLAS

FOLLOWING FROM HUGO BANZER SUAREZ  
EX-PRESIDENTE DE BOLIVIA  
RUEGO TRANSMITIR GOBIERNO ESTADOUNIDENSE Y FAMILIARES  
SEÑOR PRESIDENTE RONALD REAGAN MI PROFUNDO DESEO DE SU  
PRONTA RECUPERACION Y CONDENA AL ACTO DE VIOLENCIA DE  
QUE FUE VICTIMA SINCERAMENTE  
HUGO BANZER SUAREZ  
EX-PRESIDENTE DE BOLIVIA

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

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O 310005Z MAR 1  
FM BOGOTA/COLOMBIA

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

UNCLAS

FOLLOWING FROM CARLOS LEMOS SIMMONDS  
MINISTRO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES  
DM-086 DEPLORE PROFUNDAMENTE EL CONDENABLE ATENTADO DE QUE  
HA SIDO VICTIMA SU EXCELENCIA EL SENOR PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS  
UNIDOS Y CONFIO EN SU PRONTA RECUPERACION. EN ESTE DIFICIL MOMEN-  
TO QUIERO HACER LLEGAR A SU EXCELENCIA MI SOLIDARIDAD PERSONAL Y LA  
DE LA CENCILLERIA COLOMBIANA. ATENTAMENTE CARLOS LEMOS SIMMONDS  
MINISTRO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES.

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COL VP  
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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

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Q 310040Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8980

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LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MANAGUA 1485

EO 12065 NA

TAGS: PINS, NU

SUBJ: THE ASSAULT ON THE PRESIDENT

1. FORMIN DIESCOTO CALLED FOR THE GRN TO EXPRESS REGRET OVER THE ATTACK ON PRES REAGAN, WHITE HOUSE PRESS SPOKESMAN BRADY AND THE SECURITY GUARDS. DIESCOTO SAID THE GOVT HAD SENT A MESSAGE TO MRS REAGAN, LAMENTING THE WOUNDING OF THE PRESIDENT.
  2. AMB-DESIGNATE CALLED TO EXPRESS HIS SHOCK AND HOPE FOR SPEEDY RECOVERY OF THE PRESIDENT.
  3. MANY FRIENDS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND AMONG THE NON-SANDINISTA POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE ALSO ALLED TO EXPRESS THEIR SORROW AND TO SEND THEIR BEST WISHES TO MRS REAGAN FOR THE SPEEDY RECOVERY OF THE PRESIDENT.
  4. I THANKED DIESCOTO AND CRUZ ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE USG.
- PEZZULLO

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Z 310103Z MAR 81 ZFF4  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO ALL DIPLOMATIC POSTS FLASH  
AMEMBASSY KABUL FLASH 5016  
AMEMBASSY CONAKRY FLASH 5307

UNCLAS STATE 080707

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP

SUBJECT: STATEMENT TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

1. THE PRESIDENT HAS UNDERGONE SURGERY FOR THE GUNSHOT WOUND RECEIVED IN THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION THIS AFTERNOON IN WASHINGTON. THE BULLET HAS BEEN REMOVED. THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN REMOVED TO POST-OPERATIVE CARE, IS IN GOOD CONDITION WITH PROGNOSIS EXCELLENT.

2. PLEASE INFORM YOUR GOVERNMENT OF THIS LATEST DEVELOPMENT AND CONTINUE TO REASSURE YOUR HOST THAT THE CONTINUITY OF OUR GOVERNMENT IS ASSURED.

3. WE WILL KEEP YOU CLOSELY INFORMED AS EVENTS WARRANT.

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

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O 310107Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACI IMMEDIATE 1224  
ALL USCONS MEXICO POUCH

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by *Cotiz*

*4/2/81*

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E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PEPR, MX

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO TO PRESIDENT REAGAN

1. AT 5:30 P.M. TODAY THE PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE SECRETARY CALLED THE DCM TO CONVEY PERSONALLY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO CONCERNING THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT REAGAN. INFORMAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

2. THE PEOPLE OF MEXICO AND MY GOVERNMENT ARE CONCERNED UPON LEARNING OF THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT REAGAN AND DEPLORE THIS ACT. WE AWAIT THE PROMPT RECOVERY OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE WOUNDED MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY.  
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O 310118Z MAR 81 ZFF4  
FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2706

UNCLAS CANBERRA 3109

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, AS, US

SUBJECT: MESSAGES FROM PRIME MINISTER FRASER

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES FROM PRIME MINISTER FRASER HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY:

2. TO PRESIDENT REAGAN: QTE I HEARD THIS MORNING WITH SHOCK AND DISTRESS OF THE ATTEMPT ON YOUR LIFE, AND OF THE SHOOTING OF A MEMBER OF YOUR STAFF AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY SERVICES. ON BEHALF OF THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT I EXPRESS OUR DEEP AND SINCERE CONCERN AND SYMPATHY TO YOU, AND TO ALL THOSE TOUCHED BY THIS DEPLORABLE HAPPENING. THE NEWS WE HAVE RECEIVED OF YOUR CONDITION GIVES US CAUSE FOR RELIEF, AND WE EXPRESS OUR HOPES FOR A SPEEDY AND FULL RECOVERY. UNQTE.

3. TO MRS. REAGAN: QTE ALL AUSTRALIANS HAVE BEEN SHOCKED TO HEAR OF THE ATTEMPT ON THE PRESIDENT'S LIFE AND OF THE CONSEQUENCES FOR OTHERS. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR WISHES FOR A FULL AND SPEEDY RECOVERY FOR YOUR HUSBAND. MRS. FRASER AND I HAVE A VERY SINCERE CONCERN FOR YOU BOTH AT THIS DISTRESSING TIME. UNQTE.

4. TO SECRETARY OF STATE: QTE THE NEWS THIS MORNING OF THE ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF PRESIDENT REAGAN WAS HEARD IN AUSTRALIA WITH SHOCK AND DISTRESS. I HAVE SENT A MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT TO SAY THIS AND TO EXPRESS THE WISHES OF ALL AUSTRALIANS FOR HIS FULL AND SPEEDY RECOVERY. WE EXPRESS ALSO OUR SYMPATHY TO THOSE AIDES OF THE PRESIDENT WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED AND TO THEIR FAMILIES. THIS IS A TERRIBLE OCCURRENCE WHICH WILL BE DEPLORED AROUND THE WORLD. UNQTE.

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Q 310147Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY SUVA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3412

UNCLAS SUVA 1231

EO 12065: N/A

TAGS: PPDC, FJ

SUBJ: MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY

1. FIJI'S ACTING PRIME MINISTER CHARLES WALKER CALLED AMBASSADOR TO EXPRESS CONCERN AND SYMPATHY ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT REAGAN AND SAID THAT THE PRAYERS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF FIJI ARE WITH THE PRESIDENT.

2. VANUATU'S PRESIDENT ATI GEORGE SOKOMANU ALSO CALLED AMBASSADOR TO SAY THAT THE PRAYERS AND CONCERN OF VANUATU WERE WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE OTHER VICTIMS OF THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT.

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O 310130Z MAR 1

FM EMBASSY OF THE NETHERLANDS WASHDC

TO HIS EXCELLENCY VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

UNCLAS

FOLLOWING FROM ANDREAS A.M. VAN AGT  
PRIME MINISTER OF THE NETHERLANDS  
HAVING CONVEYED TO THE PRESIDENT OUR FEELINGS OF DEEP SHOCK  
AND ABHORRENCE AT THE ATTEMPT ON HIS LIFE, I WOULD LIKE TO  
ASSURE YOU THAT OUR SENTIMENTS OF SINCERE SYMPATHY ARE ALSO  
WITH THE THREE OFFICIALS WHO HAVE BEEN VERY SERIOUSLY INJURED.  
WE SEND THEM OUR VERY BEST WISHES FOR THEIR RECOVERY.  
ANDREAS A.M. VAN AGT  
PRIME MINISTER OF THE NETHERLANDS

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FM USINT HAVANA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 0000

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E.O. 12065: GDS 3/30/87 (SMITH, W.S.)

TAGS: PDIP, PPDC, CU

SUBJECT: CASTRO EXPRESSES WISHES FOR PRESIDENT'S RAPID RECOVERY

REF: STATE 80229

1. FOREIGN MINISTER MALMIERCA CALLED ME TO MINISTRY AT 6 P.M. MARCH 30 TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR INFO IN REFTEL (WHICH I HAD EARLIER TRANSMITTED TO MINISTRY). PRESIDENT CASTRO, HE SAID, HAD ASKED THAT I BE CALLED IN AND REQUESTED TO EXPRESS TO MY GOVERNMENT ON HIS BEHALF PROFOUND CONCERN OVER THIS LAMENTABLE ACT OF VIOLENCE AND HIS MOST SINCERE WISHES FOR PRESIDENT'S RAPID RECOVERY.

2. MALMIERCA ADDED PERSONAL COMMENT THAT ATMOSPHERE OF REASON IN WHICH COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD MIGHT CONSTRUCTIVELY DISCUSS THEIR DIFFERENCES COULD ONLY BE FURTHER DAMAGED BY ACTS OF TERRORISM AND VIOLENCE. ATTACK AGAINST ANY WORLD LEADER THUS INJURED ALL AND WAS IN INTEREST OF NONE. HE ADDED HIS EXPRESSIONS OF REGRET TO THOSE OF PRESIDENT CASTRO AS WELL AS WISHES FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN'S RAPID RECOVERY.

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SITUATION: PRES  
SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:  
IMMEDIATE

O 300210Z MAR 1  
FM EMBASSY OF PORTUGAL WASHDC

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

UNCLAS

FOLLOWING FROM PEDRO RIBEIRO DE MENEZES  
CHARGE D AFFAIRES A.I. OF PORTUGAL  
ON THE OCCASION OF THIS GRIEVOUS AND PROFOUNDLY SORROWFUL INCIDENT,  
PLEASE ALLOW ME TO EXPRESS TO YOU, FOR MYSELF AND IN THE  
NAME OF THIS EMBASSY, MY MOST SINCERE WISHES FOR THE RAPID  
AND COMPLETE RECOVERY OF PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN.  
PEDRO RIBEIRO DE MENEZES CHARGE D AFFAIRES A.I. OF PORTUGAL

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SITUATION: PRES  
SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:

IMMEDIATE

O 310230Z MAR 1

FM LIMA PERU

TO HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

UNCLAS

FOLLOWING FROM FERNANDO BELAUNDE TERRY

PRESIDENT OF PERU

ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF PERU

I WANT TO CONVEY TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND MRS REAGAN OUR

WHOLEHEARTED WISHES FOR YOUR PROMPT AND COMPLETE

RECOVERY. WE EARNESTLY HOPE TO SEE YOU BACK IN THE

WHITE HOUSE GALLANTLY CONTINUING WITH YOUR INSPIRING

LEADERSHIP OF YOUR GREAT NATION

FERNANDO BELAUNDE TERRY

PRESIDENT OF PERU

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Q 310210Z MAR 1  
FM EMBASSY OF FIJI WASHDC

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

UNCLAS

FOLLOWING FROM FILIPE BOLE AMBASSADOR OF FIJI TO THE UNITED STATES  
ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE FIJI, I AM DEEPLY  
SHOCKED AND SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION  
OF PRESIDENT REAGAN.  
WE ARE PRAYING FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN'S AND THOSE OF HIS AIDES SPEEDY  
RECOVERY.  
FILIPE BOLE AMBASSADOR OF FIJI TO THE UNITED STATES

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SITUATION: PRES  
SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:  
IMMEDIATE

O 310225Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3071

UNCLAS SAN SALVADOR 2398

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP

SUBJECT: GOES ADVISED OF PRESIDENT'S CONDITION

REF: STATE 080707

CHARGE SPOKE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVEZ MENA AND ADVISED HIM OF CONTENTS OF REFTEL. FONMIN EXPRESSED HIS OWN REGRETS OVER WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE PRESIDENT PLUS THOSE OF THE JRG, AND THE WHOLE OF THE GOES. IN A PRESCHEDULED MEETING LATE MARCH 30TH, PRESIDENT DUARTE AND VICE PRESIDENT GUTIERREZ VOICED THE SAME SENTIMENTS, CALLING PRESIDENT REAGAN A GREAT LEADER OF THE WESTERN WORLD AND EXPRESSED HOPES FOR HIS SPEEDY RECOVERY. CHAPEN

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:  
IMMEDIATE

O 310405Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY BEIJING

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1223

UNCLAS BEIJING 3110

E.O. 12065: NA

TAGS: PDIP, CH, US

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN FROM PRC PREMIER  
1. THE MPA HAS ASKED THE EMBASSY TO FORWARD TO PRESIDENT  
REAGAN THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRC PREMIER ZHAO ZIYANG.

BEGIN TEXT:

MR. RONALD REAGAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICAN  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

U.S.A.

SHOCKED TO LEARN OF YOUR BEING WOUNDED IN AN  
ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. I WISH YOU A SPEEDY RECOVERY.

ZHAO ZIYANG,

PREMIER OF THE STATE COUNCIL  
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA  
BEIJING, MARCH 31, 1981

END TEXT.

2. VICE PREMIER/FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA HAS ALSO ASKED THE EMBASSY

TO CONVEY TO THE PRESIDENT HIS DEEP CONCERN AND BEST WISHES  
FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY.

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SITUATION: PRES  
SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:

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D 310436Z MAR 81 ZFF-4  
FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 3962  
THE WHITE HOUSE NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO AMCONSUL KARACHI 2811  
AMCONSUL LAHORE 9484  
AMCONSUL PESHAWAR POUCH

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E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PPDS, PDIP, PEPR, PK, US

SUBJECT: (U) ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT REAGAN

REF: (A) STATE 80229; (B) STATE 80707

MESSAGES IN REFTELS CONCERNING UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT ON THE  
LIFE OF PRESIDENT REAGAN AND HIS SUCCESSFUL RECOVERY FROM  
SURGERY HAVE BEEN CONVEYED BY AMBASSADOR TO MFA SEC GEN  
SHAHNAWAZ. SHAHNAWAZ EXPRESSED HIS AND HIS GOVERNMENT'S  
DEEP REGRET, AND RELIEF THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN IS  
PROGRESSING SO WELL. HE SAID GOP WILL BE TRANSMITTING AN  
OFFICIAL MESSAGE OF REGRET AND GOOD WISHES LATER.  
(DECONTROL 30 APRIL 1981.) HUMMEL

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COL VP  
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SITUATION: PRES  
SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:

IMMEDIATE  
O 310450Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY MOGADISHU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4368  
THE WHITE HOUSE WASHDC

UNCLAS MOGADISHU 1640

E.O. 120657 NA

TAGS: PPDC

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT: PRESIDENT SIAD'S MESSAGE TO  
PRESIDENT REAGAN

1. AT 12:30 THIS MORNING (1630 WASHINGTON TIME, MARCH 30)  
PRESIDENT MOHAMED SIAD BARRE CALLED ME TO COME SEE HIM TO  
TALK ABOUT THE ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT REGAN'S LIFE. WE MET  
AND LISTED TO VOA RADIO REPORTS AND TALKED FOR THREE HOURS.  
2. PRESIDENT SIAD INSTRUCTED THE FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO WAS  
PRESENT FOR A FEW MINUTES AFTER I ARRIVED AT THE PRESIDENT'S  
BUNGALOW AT VILLA SOMALIA, TO SEND A MESSAGE TO THE WHITE  
HOUSE AS SOON AS THE MINISTRY OPENED LATER TODAY. BUT BEFORE THAT  
CAN BE DONE, HE WANTED ME TO CONVEY A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO  
PRESIDENT REGAN. HE SAID "PLEASE SEND MY BEST WISHES, MY  
RELIEF THAT PRESIDENT REGAN IS ALL RIGHT, AND MY HOPE FOR A  
QUICK AND COMPLETE RECOVERY."  
3. I SAID I WOULD DO SO, THANKED HIM AND SUGGESTED THAT ONCE  
IT WAS PREPARED, A COPY OF THE LATER, FORMAL MESSAGE BE GIVEN  
TO ME FOR TRANSMISSION TO WASHINGTON.  
4. THE EMBASSY WILL REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE SOMALI  
GOVERNMENT, PASS ALONG THE REASSURANCE REGARDING THE CONTINUITY  
OF THE US GOVERNMENT (STATE 80707) AND PROVIDE THE  
SOMALIS WITH ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION WE RECEIVE.  
PETTERSON

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SITUATION: PRES  
SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:  
IMMEDIATE

Q 310457Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1959

UNCLAS WELLINGTON 01677

E.O. 120657 N/A

TAGS: PDIP

SUBJECT: STATEMENT TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

REFS: A) STATE 80229, B) STATE 80707

1. WE HAVE CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF REFTELS TO SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NORRISH AND SIMON MURDOCH, PRIME MINISTER'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. NORRISH HAD CALLED EMBASSY ON FIRST HEARING NEWS TO CONVEY GNZ CONCERN, PARTICULARLY THAT OF FOREIGN MINISTER TALBOYS.

2. PM MULDOON HAS ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

"IMMEDIATELY UPON HEARING THE RADIO REPORTS OF THE ATTACK ON PRESIDENT REAGAN, AND HAVING THEM CONFIRMED BY THE HON. FRANK GILL, OUR AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, I AUTHORIZED MR GILL TO CONVEY TO THE WHITE HOUSE AT THE EARLIEST SUITABLE MOMENT, THE HOPES OF THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN WILL MAKE A SPEEDY RECOVERY. MR GILL WILL NOTE THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF NEW ZEALAND ARE SHOCKED BY THIS VIOLENT INCIDENT."

"NOW THAT I HAVE HAD FURTHER DETAILS OF THIS TERRIBLE ATTACK UPON PRESIDENT REAGAN, I HAVE SENT A MESSAGE DIRECT TO THE PRESIDENT."

"IN THIS MESSAGE I HAVE SAID THAT NEW ZEALAND IS OUTRAGED AT WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN WASHINGTON AND THAT THE PRAYERS AND GOOD WISHES OF OUR PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THIS COUNTRY ARE WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN, HIS FAMILY AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE."

"I HOPE THAT AT THIS TIME PEOPLE WILL FOREBEAR FROM COMMENTING AT LENGTH ON WHAT IS CLEARLY ANOTHER DISTURBING

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

AND SADDENING EXPERIENCE FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF AMERICAN  
CITIZENS AND THEIR FRIENDS IN OTHER COUNTRIES."  
MARTINDELL

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SITUATION: PRES  
SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

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MESSAGE:  
IMMEDIATE

O 310541Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7248

UNCLAS ADDIS ABABA 0982

WHITE HOUSE FOR THE PRESIDENT

E.O. 12065 N/A

TAGS: PDIP

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT REAGAN

WE ALL REJOICE AT YOUR ESCAPE AND WISH YOU THE SPEEDIEST  
RECOVERY. GOD BLESS YOU. AMERICAN EMBASSY ADDIS ABABA,  
ROBERTS

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

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MESSAGE:  
IMMEDIATE

O 310640Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY MBABANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1713

UNCLAS MBABANE 0954

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, WZ, US

SUBJECT: SWAZILAND'S CONCERN FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN  
PRIME MINISTER PRINCE MABANDLA DLAMINI TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR  
AT 0500Z 31 MARCH TO EXPRESS KING SOBHUZA II'S AND  
SWAZILAND GOVERNMENT'S MOST SINCERE SORROW OVER ASSASSINATION  
ATTEMPT AGAINST PRESIDENT REAGAN. PLEASED TO LEARN  
THAT PRESIDENT'S PROGNOSIS IS GOOD, PM NEVERTHELESS ASKED  
AMBASSADOR TO "TELL AMERICAN PEOPLE WE ARE PRAYING FOR HIM."  
FOREIGN MINISTER RICHARD DLAMINI AND DEPUTY FM MNCINA HAD  
TELEPHONE AMBASSADOR AT HOME WITHIN MINUTES OF RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT  
LATE EVENING MARCH 30 TO EXPRESS SHOCK AND HOPE FOR  
PRESIDENT'S RECOVERY.  
MATHERON

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:  
IMMEDIATE / ROUTINE

O R 310630Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2713

INFO AMCONSUL MELBOURNE 9853  
AMCONSUL PERTH POUCH  
AMCONSUL SYDNEY 9982  
AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON 1546  
USICA WASHDC  
CINCPAC HONOLULU HI  
CINCPACAF HONOLULU HI  
CINCSAC OFFUTT AFB NE  
HOUSAF WASHDC//XOXX/PAX//

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E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: MARR, PEPR, PDIP, AS, US

SUBJECT: ALERT STATUS OF JOINT FACILITIES

1. "THE CANBERRA TIMES" MILITARY CORRESPONDENT FRANK CRANSTON WRITES IN SPECIAL EDITION MARCH 31 THAT THERE ARE "NO SPECIAL U.S. ORDERS TO BASES HERE". TEXT OF CRANSTON ARTICLE FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE - NO ORDERS WERE ISSUED TO UNITED STATES BASES IN AUSTRALIA TO IMPROVE THEIR DEFENCE READINESS IN THE WAKE OF THE ATTEMPTED MURDER OF PRESIDENT REAGAN IN WASHINGTON. ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS OF CRISIS IN WASHINGTON, SUCH AS THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY IN 1963, U.S. FORCES ABROAD HAVE BEEN PLACED ON ALERTS AS HIGH AS "DEFCON 2" - PREPARATION FOR IMMINENT HOSTILITIES - FROM THEIR

NORMAL PEACETIME STATUS.

AT PRESENT THE U.S. FORCES, IN VIEW OF THE AFGHANISTAN AND POLISH SITUATIONS, ARE BELIEVED TO BE AT DEFCON 3, WHICH REQUIRES THEM TO BE READY TO GO TO A HIGHER STATUS

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WITHIN 24 HOURS.  
CONFIRMATION THAT THE AMERICAN FORCES WERE NOT INCREASING  
THEIR LEVEL OF PREPAREDNESS FOLLOWING THE ATTEMPT ON  
PRESIDENT REAGAN'S LIFE WAS CONVEYED TO THE AUSTRALIAN  
GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON WITHIN MINUTES OF THE SHOOTING.  
THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. HAIG, ADVISED THE AUST-  
RALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THAT THOUGH THE CRISIS  
MANAGEMENT TEAM OF RELEVANT U.S. DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARIES  
AND OFFICIALS INCLUDING THE SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS WERE  
GATHERED TOGETHER, NO MOVE HAD BEEN MADE TO PUT THE FORCES  
ON ALERT.  
ANY MOVE TO DEFCON 2 WOULD HAVE TO BE CONVEYED THROUGH THE  
BUSY U.S. NAVY COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE AT NORTH EST CAPE IN  
ORDER TO RELAY IT TO U.S. STRATEGIC NUCLEAR MISSILE SUB-  
MARINES AND TO SOME LAND-BASED U.S. INSTALLATIONS. END QUOTE.  
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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

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MESSAGE:  
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O 310620Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4571

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PLEASE PASS WHITE HOUSE  
E.O. 12065: N/A  
TAGS: PPDC, PEPR, NP, US  
SUBJECT: KING'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT  
REF: STATE 80229

1. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMED EMBASSY EARLY MORNING OF MARCH 31 THAT THE PALACE WAS RELEASING THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FROM THE KING AND QUEEN OF NEPAL. MESSAGE IS BEING TRANSMITTED TO NEPALI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON FOR DELIVERY TO THE WHITE HOUSE. FULL TEXT FOLLOWS BELOW:

2. QUOTE. THE QUEEN AND I HAVE BEEN DEEPLY SHOCKED BY THE NEWS OF THE ATTEMPT ON YOUR EXCELLENCY'S LIFE. THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF NEPAL JOIN US IN PRAYING THAT YOU WILL RECOVER SOON AND WILL CONTINUE TO LEAD YOUR COUNTRY TO STILL FURTHER PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY.

SIGNED, BIRENDRA R. UNQUOTE.

3. COMMENT: WHILE WE HAVE BEEN KEEPING THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND PALACE SECRETARIAT INFORMED OF THE NEWS OF THE PRESIDENT'S HEALTH THROUGHOUT THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF MARCH 31 (LOCAL TIME (AS PER REFTEL)), PALACE SECRETARY CHIRAN THAPA TOLD ME, SHOULD I NOT BE ABLE TO GET THROUGH TO HIM, TO CALL THE KING DIRECTLY WITH NEWS OF THE PRESIDENT'S HEALTH. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THIS HAS NEVER BEEN SUGGESTED BEFORE, I.E., EMBASSY DIRECTLY TALKING WITH HIS MAJESTY. IN THE EVENT, IT WAS NOT NECESSARY, BUT I THINK IT IS AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF THE DEGREE OF CONCERN AND DISTRESS FELT HERE.  
BURLEIGH

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

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O 310230Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0000

UNCLAS SANTO DOMINGO 2128

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, DR

SUBJ: MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN FROM DOMINICAN  
PRESIDENT ANTONIO GUZMAN

1. ACTING FOREIGN SECRETARY PADILLA CALLED EMBASSY THIS EVENING  
(MARCH 30) TO REQUEST THAT FOLLOWING MESSAGE DICTATED BY PRESIDENT  
ANTONIO GUZMAN BE CONVEYED TO PRESIDENT REAGAN:

2. (COMPLIMENTARY OPENING) QUOTE WITH DEEPEST FEELINGS, I  
ADDRESS YOUR EXCELLENCY TO EXPRESS TO YOU ON BEHALF OF THE  
PEOPLE AND THE DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS MYSELF, OUR  
PROFOUND CONCERN AND STRONG CONDEMNATION OF THE ATTACK AGAINST  
YOU AND TO TELL YOU OF OUR MOST SINCERE HOPES FOR YOUR SPEEDY  
AND TOTAL RECOVERY, IN ORDER THAT YOU CAN CONTINUE DIRECTING  
THE DESTINY OF THE NOBLE NORTH AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THE GREATEST  
DEMOCRACY OF THE WESTERN WORLD. I SALUTE YOUR EXCELLENCY  
WITH EXPRESSIONS OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND PERSONAL BEST  
WISHES. (SIGNED) ANTONIO GUZMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE DOMINICAN  
REPUBLIC. UNQUOTE.

3. VICE PRESIDENT MAJLUTA ALSO CALLED EMBASSY THIS EVENING TO  
ASK THAT HIS DEEP CONCERN AND BEST REGARDS BE PASSED TO  
PRESIDENT REAGAN AND HIS FAMILY.

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

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PRIORITY

P 310701Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2716

UNCLAS CANBERRA 3140

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PEPR, AS, US

SUBJ: STATEMENTS ON ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

1. PRIME MINISTER FRASER AND OPPOSITION LEADER BILL HAYDEN EACH DELIVERED BRIEF STATEMENT AT OPENING OF PARLIAMENT MARCH 31 EXPRESSING THEIR CONCERN ABOUT WELFARE OF PRESIDENT AND OTHERS INJURED IN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. BOTH DEPLORED THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AND EXPRESSED PARTICULAR SYMPATHY FOR FAMILIES OF THOSE INJURED. FRASER ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD SENT MESSAGES (CANBERRA 3109). HAYDEN SAID THAT HE, ON BEHALF OF AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY, WOULD ALSO BE SENDING MESSAGES TO PRESIDENT, MRS. REAGAN AND VICE PRESIDENT.

2. TEXT OF FRASER AND HAYDEN STATEMENTS WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL.  
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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:  
IMMEDIATE

Q 310715Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8382

UNCLAS KUWAIT 1450

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP

SUBJECT: KUWAITI CONCERN OVER ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION  
OF PRESIDENT REAGAN

REF: STATE 80707

1. UNDER SECRETARY OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
RASHID AL-RASHID PHONED AMBASSADOR EARLY MORNING  
MARCH 31 TO INQUIRE ABOUT LATEST STATUS REPORT ON  
PRESIDENT'S HEALTH AND PROGNOSIS FOR RECOVERY. RASHID  
SAID ON HIS OWN BEHALF AND THAT OF FOREIGN MINISTER SHAIKH SABAH  
THE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT WAS VERY RELIEVED TO LEARN OF  
PRESIDENT REAGAN'S PROGRESS AND EXCELLENT CHANCE FOR  
MAKING A FULL RECOVERY. RASHID SAID HE WANTED TO  
EXPRESS REGRET OF HIS GOVERNMENT THAT SUCH AN INCIDENT  
COULD HAPPEN AND WAS THANKFUL THAT TRAGEDY HAD BEEN  
AVERTED.

2. RASHID ALSO MENTIONED THAT AMIR OF KUWAIT SHAIKH  
JABER AL-AHMAD AL-SABAH HAD SENT A CABLE TO THE WHITE  
HOUSE EARLIER THIS MORNING EXPRESSING HOPE FOR  
THE PRESIDENT'S PROMPT AND FULL RECOVERY.  
DICKMAN

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SITUATION: PRES  
SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1171

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E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, LE

SUBJECT: STATEMENT TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

REFS: (A) STATE 80229, (B) STATE 80707.

I PASSED CONTENTS OF BOTH REFTELS TO PRESIDENT SARKIS BY  
TELEPHONE. HE HAD CALLED ME AS SOON AS THE NEWS OF THE  
ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT BROKE TO GET LATEST OFFICIAL NEWS  
AND TO EXPRESS CONDOLENCES AND HIS WISHES FOR PRESIDENT  
REAGAN'S SURVIVAL. HE HAS ALSO INSTRUCTED HIS AMBASSADOR  
IN WASHINGTON TO CONVEY HIS RELIEF AT THE LATEST REPORT  
OF THE PRESIDENT'S GOOD CONDITION.  
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PAGE 44 SITUATION(S) MESSAGE(S) LISTING

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SITUATION: PRES  
SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:  
PRIORITY

P 310726Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7000

UNCLAS BUCHAREST 2379

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP

SUBJECT: STATEMENT TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

REF: STATE 080707

WE INFORMED THE MFA DIRECTOR FOR THE AMERICAS, AMBASSADOR CORNELIU BOGDAN OF THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT REAGAN, GAVE HIM THE LATEST MEDICAL REPORT AND ASSURED HIM OF THE CONTINUITY OF OUR GOVERNMENT. BOGDAN SAID HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH PRIME MINISTER ANDREI WHO EXPRESSED HIS INDIGNATION OVER THE ATTACK ON PRESIDENT REAGAN AND OFFERED HIS BEST WISHES FOR THE PRESIDENT'S SPEEDY RECOVERY.  
AGGREY

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DATE 04/28/81//118

SITUATION: PRES  
SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:  
PRIORITY

P 310842Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8514

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E.O. 12065: N/A  
TAGS: PDIP  
SUBJECT: MOBUTU EXPRESSES REGRETS

1. PRESIDENT MOBUTU TELEPHONED ME EARLY MORNING MARCH 31 TO EXPRESS HIS DEEPEST REGRETS OVER THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT REAGAN, TO ASSURE ME THAT HE AND ZAIRE CONTINUE TO STAND SOLIDLY WITH THE UNITED STATES, AND TO SAY HOW GLAD HE WAS THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN HAD ESCAPED MORE SERIOUS INJURY AND WAS EXPECTED TO BE BACK IN OFFICE IN SEVERAL WEEKS.
  2. MOBUTU SAID HE HAS ALSO SENT A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN VIA ZAIRE'S EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.
  3. DURING THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION, HE SAID HE WAS MOST GRATIFIED THAT A/SEC CROCKER WOULD VISIT ZAIRE AS PART OF HIS ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS.
- OAKLEY

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SITUATION: PRES  
SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:

IMMEDIATE  
O 310859Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO USINFO WASHDC IMMEDIATE (MSG ON SVC BY WH COMMCEN)  
SECSTATE WASHDC 7721  
SECDEF WASHDC  
USICA WASHDC  
DOE WASHDC  
USDOC WASHDC  
TREASURY/DEP WASHDC  
WHITE/HOUSE WASHDC  
AMEMBASSY PARIS 9646  
AMEMBASSY SECUL 3691

UNCLAS TOKYO 05705

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USINFO FOR PGM/RC, VOA, STATE/EA/J, STATE/PM/BLACKWILL,  
SECDEF FOR JCS/J-5FE/JAPAN, ASD/ISA/EAPR/JAPAN, CASD/PA,  
CIA WASHDC, USDOE FOR DOE, TREASURY/IMA, NSC, AMEMBASSY  
PARIS FOR USOECD/ICA FOR HOFFMAN, DOE  
E.O. 12065: N/A  
SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT, MARCH 31, 1981  
SUMMARY: JAPANESE TELEVISION NETWORKS GAVE TOP COVERAGE  
TUESDAY TO REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON ON THE ATTEMPTED  
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT REAGAN. THE NETWORKS SAID  
THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WAS SHOCKED BY THE SHOOTING  
OF THE PRESIDENT AS THE GOVERNMENT WAS MAKING PREPARATIONS  
FOR PRIME MINISTER SUZUKI'S MAY VISIT TO THE U.S. FOR  
SUMMIT TALKS WITH THE PRESIDENT.  
1. NHK-TV, TBS-TV, FUJI-TV AND OTHER TELEVISION NETWORKS  
GAVE DETAILED COVERAGE OF THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT BY  
CARRYING CORRESPONDENT AND WIRE SERVICE REPORTS. ALL  
NETWORKS CARRIED VIDEOTAPE SCENES OF THE SHOOTING WHICH  
SHOWED THE PRESIDENT BEING PUSHED INTO HIS CAR BY THE  
SECRET SERVICE.

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

NHK AND OTHER NETWORKS CARRIED COMMENTS FROM TOP GOVERNMENT LEADERS. THE NETWORKS SAID PRIME MINISTER SUZUKI WHO WAS SHOCKED BY THE INCIDENT STATED, "I WILL PRAY THAT THE OPERATION WILL BE SUCCESSFUL AND THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL RECOVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE." THE NETWORKS SAID SUZUKI STATED THAT HE PLANS TO PREPARE FOR HIS TRIP TO WASHINGTON WHILE KEEPING IN CONTACT WITH THE U.S. SIDE.

TBS-TV SAID PRIME MINISTER SUZUKI HAS SENT A CABLE OF SYMPATHY TO PRESIDENT REAGAN WHICH EXPRESSED SUZUKI'S HOPES FOR THE PRESIDENT'S EARLY RECOVERY. THE NETWORK SAID ATTENTION IN JAPAN IS NOW FOCUSING ON WHETHER THE U.S.-JAPAN SUMMIT TALKS CAN BE HELD IN MAY.

NHK-TV REPORTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER ITO WHO JUST CONFERRED WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN LAST WEEK IN WASHINGTON, ALSO EXPRESSED HIS HOPES FOR THE PRESIDENT'S QUICK RECOVERY AND STATED THAT HE EXPECTS THE INCIDENT WILL HAVE NO BIG EFFECT ON U.S. FOREIGN POLICY.

ALL NETWORKS CARRIED  
REPORTS ON THE SUCCESSFUL RESULTS

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HT WAS REMOVED FROM THE PRESIDENT'S LUNG. NHK-TV SAID THE DOCTORS WHO OPERATED ON THE PRESIDENT HAVE STATED THAT HIS RECOVERY WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO WEEKS BUT THAT IT WILL TAKE TWO MONTHS FOR THE PRESIDENT TO REGAIN NORMAL HEALTH.

NHK REPORTED THAT FORMER PRESIDENT FORD WHO IS PRESENTLY VISITING JAPAN, WAS SHOCKED BY THE SHOOTING INCIDENT SINCE THERE HAD BEEN TWO ATTEMPTS ON HIS LIFE WHILE HE WAS IN OFFICE. THE NETWORK SAID FORD STATED THAT THE SECRET SERVICE IS MAKING MAXIMUM EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE PRESIDENT BUT THAT THE "LONERS" AMONG POSSIBLE ASSASSINS ARE THE MOST DIFFICULT TO CONTROL.

2. KYODO NEWS SERVICE REPORTED THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON THE PRESIDENT MAY AFFECT THE GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO SETTLE THE U.S.-JAPAN AUTO PROBLEM BEFORE PRIME MINISTER SUZUKI'S U.S. VISIT. INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER TANAKA STATED THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT THE INCIDENT TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY ON THE AUTO PROBLEM OR ON OTHER ISSUES BUT EVERYTHING NOW DEPENDS ON REAGAN'S CONDITION. KYODO SAID JAPANESE BUSINESS LEADERS HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED SHOCK OVER THE SHOOTING OF THE PRESIDENT. YOSHIHIRO

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

INAYAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS, NOTED THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS JUST STARTED TAKING BOLD MEASURES WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. HE EXPRESSED FEARS THAT THE INCIDENT MIGHT WEAKEN THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S STRONG DETERMINATION. REPORTS ON THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT DID NOT MAKE THE MORNING EDITIONS.  
ITEM. FORSTER

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DATE 04/28/81//118

SITUATION: PRES  
SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION

MESSAGE:  
IMMEDIATE

O 310847Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY BERLIN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5409

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E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, GE

SUBJECT: STATEMENT TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

REFS: (A) STATE 80229, (B) STATE 80707

1. AS INSTRUCTED, THE AMBASSADOR CONVEYED THE MESSAGES AT OPENING OF BUSINESS MARCH 31 TO BARTH, CHIEF OF THE US, CANADA, JAPAN AND AUSTRALASIA SECTION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. BARTH EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT THE CALL, SYMPATHY FOR THE PRESIDENT AND HIS FAMILY, AND RELIEF AT THE REASSURING NEWS, WHICH HE SAID HE WOULD TRANSMIT TO HIS AUTHORITIES. HE TOLD THE AMBASSADOR "UNOFFICIALBY" THAT CHIEF OF STATE HONECKER IS SENDING A MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT.

2. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND MARCH 31 FRONT-PAGED THE NEWS OF THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT IN A BRIEF, FACTUAL REPORT ATTRIBUTED TO THE ADN CORRESPONDENT IN WASHINGTON. OKUN

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SITUATION: PRES  
SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:  
IMMEDIATE

O 310931Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7894

UNCLAS OUAGADOUGOU 1774

E. O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, UV

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT REAGAN-BEST WISHES FROM UPPER VOLTAN PRESIDENT  
REF: STATE 080707

1. UPPER VOLTAN PRESIDENT, LT. COLONEL SAYE ZERBO CALLED  
CHARGE MORNING OF MARCH 31 TO EXPRESS, ON BEHALF OF HIMSELF,  
HIS GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF UPPER VOLTA, SHOCK AT THE  
ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT REAGAN AND THE SINCERE  
HOPE FOR A QUICK AND COMPLETE RECOVERY.  
2. CHARGE EXPRESSED THANKS TO PRESIDENT ZERBO AND INDICATED  
THAT U. S. GOVERNMENT OPERATION AND CONTINUITY WAS ASSURED.  
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SITUATION: PRES  
SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:  
IMMEDIATE

O 311015Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8933

UNCLAS LUXEMBOURG 0390

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP

SUBJ: REACTIONS OF PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER  
TO ATTACK PRESIDENT

BOTH PRIME MINISTER WERNER AND FOREIGN MINISTER FLESCH  
TELEPHONED ME AT HOME EVENING MARCH 30 ON HEARING NEWS  
ON RADIO OF ATTACK ON PRESIDENT REAGAN. PRIME MINISTER  
ASKED THAT I CONVEY TO MY GOVERNMENT HIS DEEP FEELINGS  
OF SORROW AND CONSTERNATION AT AN ACT SO CONTRARY TO THE  
PHILOSOPHY OF THE UNITED STATES AND HIS FERVENT WISHES  
FOR THE PRESIDENT'S QUICK AND COMPLETE RECOVERY.  
LOWENSTEIN

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DATE 04/28/81//118

SITUATION: PRES  
SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:  
IMMEDIATE

Q 310942Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1392

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DIA WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE  
SECDEF WASHDC IMMEDIATE  
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E.O. 12065: RDS-1 3/31/91 (MCCALL, SHERROD B) DR-M  
TAGS: PDIP, UR, US  
SUBJECT: STATEMENT TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS ON PRESIDENT  
- REAGAN'S CONDITION: USSR

REF: STATE 80707

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT)
2. ACTING POLITICAL COUNSELOR CALLED ON A. MYSHKOV,  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE MFA USA DEPARTMENT, MORNING  
MARCH 31 TO DELIVER STATEMENT CONTAINED REFTEL ON  
PRESIDENT REAGAN'S CONDITION AND TO STATE THAT THE  
CONTINUITY OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS ASSURED.  
(PREVIOUS MESSAGE CONTAINED STATE 80229 WAS TELEPHONED  
TO MFA USA DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR V. ISAKOV AT  
0125 HOURS LOCAL TIME.)
3. MYSHKOV, AT THE OUTSET, CONVEYED HIS DEEP REGRETS  
OVER THE ATTEMPT ON THE PRESIDENT'S LIFE AND  
INQUIRED ABOUT THE STATE OF THE PRESIDENT'S HEALTH.  
AFTER ACTING POLCOUNSELOR EXPLAINED THE LATEST  
DEVELOPMENTS, MYSHKOV EXPRESSED RELIEF THAT THE  
PRESIDENT WAS IN GOOD CONDITION. HE SAID HE WOULD  
DELIVER OUR REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO HIS SUPERIORS AND  
INDICATED THAT THERE WOULD BE AN OFFICIAL MESSAGE  
FROM THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT ON THIS MATTER. HE ALSO  
ASKED ABOUT THE CONDITION OF THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS

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SITUATION: PRES  
SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

SPOKESMAN JAMES BRADY AND THE OTHER VICTIMS OF  
THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT.  
4. RADIO MOSCOW RUSSIAN BROADCASTS ARE GIVING  
PRIORITY COVERAGE TO THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION.  
THE LATEST BROADCAST CITES INFORMATION THAT THE  
GUNMAN, JOHN HINCKLEY, JR., IS THE SON OF A  
WEALTHY MAN, HAS BEEN UNDER PSYCHIATRIC CARE, AND  
WAS A MEMBER OF A "NEO-SOCIALIST" GROUP. MATLOCK

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PAGE 54 SITUATION(S) MESSAGE(S) LISTING

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SITUATION: PRES  
SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

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MESSAGE:  
IMMEDIATE

O 311002Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY MASERU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4980

UNCLAS MASERU 00897

E.O. 12065 N/A

TAGS PDIP LT

SUBJ MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN

1. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS ASKED THE  
EMBASSY TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES OF  
SYMPATHY FROM PRIME MINISTER JONATHAN AND KING  
MOSHOESHOE II TO PRESIDENT REAGAN

" TO: H.E. PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

FROM: THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE PRIME MINISTER

- DR. LEABUA JONATHAN OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO  
YOUR EXCELLENCY,

IT WAS WITH GREAT SHOCK AND DISMAY THAT WE RECEIVED  
THE NEWS OF AN ATTEMPT ON YOUR LIFE. WE ARE HOWEVER  
HAPPY AND GRATIFIED THAT ALMIGHTY GOD GAVE YOU PRO-  
TECTION AND SPARED YOUR LIFE. ON BEHALF OF THE  
GOVERNMENT, PEOPLE OF LESOTHO AND ON MY OWN BEHALF,  
I WISH YOU A SPEEDY RECOVERY, LONG LIFE AND HAPPINESS."

" TO: H.E. PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

FROM: HIS MAJESTY MOSHOESHOE II, KING OF LESOTHO  
YOUR EXCELLENCY,

WE HAVE LEARNED WITH GREAT SADNESS AND HEAVY HEARTS  
THE NEWS OF AN ATTEMPT ON YOUR EXCELLENCY'S LIFE.  
ON BEHALF OF THE BASOTHO AND ON OUR OWN BEHALF, WE  
WISH TO EXPRESS OUR GREATEST DESIRE THAT THE ALMIGHTY  
GOD MAY RESTORE ONCE MORE TO YOU THE GOOD HEALTH AND  
VITALITY THAT WILL ENABLE YOU TO CONTINUE TO CARRY  
FORWARD YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO LEAD THE GREAT AMERICAN  
PEOPLE."

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:  
IMMEDIATE

Q 311010Z MAR 81 ZFF-4  
FM AMEMBASSY RABAT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 9007  
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E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PPDC, MO, US

SUBJ: MESSAGE FROM KING HASSAN TO PRESIDENT REAGAN

1. AMBASSADOR ALI BENJELLOUN CALLED THE CHARGE EARLY MARCH 31 TO INFORM HIM THAT KING HASSAN HAD ALREADY SENT A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN EXPRESSING HIS PROFOUND SHOCK AT THE COWARDLY ATTEMPT ON THE PRESIDENT'S LIFE. THE KING'S MESSAGE (IN SUMMARY) FOLLOWS: THE KING EXPRESSED HIS AND THE MOROCCAN PEOPLE'S SOLIDARITY WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DURING THIS DIFFICULT PERIOD. KING HASSAN PRAYED THAT GOD GRANT THE PRESIDENT A FULL AND SPEEDY RECOVERY AND JOINED THE MOROCCAN PEOPLE IN WISHING HIM A LONG AND HAPPY LIFE.

2. AMBASSADOR BENJELLOUN SAID THAT THE ARABIC TEXT OF THIS MESSAGE, WHICH HE READ OVER THE PHONE TO THE CHARGE, HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

3. AMBASSADOR BENJELLOUN REQUESTED CHARGE UNDERTAKE TO ALERT VOICE OF AMERICA THAT KING HASSAN HAD CABLED PRESIDENT REAGAN. EMBASSY HOPES VOICE OF AMERICA WILL MENTION MOROCCAN MESSAGE IN NEWS BROADCASTS AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. BENJELLOUN WAS PARTICULARLY PROUD THAT MOROCCAN MONARCH HAD BEEN AMONG FIRST TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN AND SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN. SEBASTIAN

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:  
IMMEDIATE

O 311006Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY LOME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1416

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E.O. 12065: RDS-1 3/31/01 (JOHNSON, MARILYN P.) DR-M  
TAGS: PDIP, TO  
SUBJ: TOGOLESE PRESIDENT'S REACTION TO ATTEMPT ON THE  
LIFE OF PRESIDENT REAGAN

REF: STATE 80707

1. (U) PRESIDENT EYADEMA TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR AT 0815 TO EXPRESS HIS SYMPATHY TO PRESIDENT REAGAN AND THE USG. HE STATED HE HAD FOLLOWED THE NEWS CLOSELY SINCE LAST EVENING AND THAT MEMBERS OF THE TOGOLESE GOVERNMENT WERE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT REAGAN'S LIFE. A FORMAL MESSAGE HAS BEEN SENT TO WASHINGTON THROUGH TOGOLESE CHANNELS.
2. (U) PRESIDENT EYADEMA PRAISED PRESIDENT REAGAN'S EFFORTS TO BRAKE THE COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE (FREINER L'OFFENSIF DES COMMUNISTES) AND NOTED THAT U.S. POLICY WAS NOT AGAINST ALL OF AFRICA. HE STATED THAT TOGO IS NOT AND NEVER WILL BE COMMUNIST. IN CONDEMNING RUSSIAN MOTIVES AND ACTIONS, PRESIDENT EYADEMA SPECULATED ON THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT HAD BEEN MASTERMINDED (TELEGUIDE) BY THE SOVIETS.
3. (U) THE DIRECTOR OF THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE HAD TELEPHONED THE AMBASSADOR AT HOME AT 0530 TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT REAGAN'S LIFE. THE AMBASSADOR READ TO HIM THE STATEMENT CONTAINED IN REFTEL AND RELATED LATEST INFORMATION FURNISHED BY VOA SPECIAL BROADCASTS ON PRESIDENT'S CONDITION AND RETURN OF VICE-PRESIDENT BUSH TO TAKE CHARGE DURING CRISIS. WRITTEN STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THE PRESIDENCY AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

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Q 302237Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5656

UNCLAS CARACAS 3306

E.O. 12065: NA

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SUBJECT: STATEMENT TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

REF: STATE 080229

1. I DELIVERED THE MESSAGE ORALLY TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER  
(REFTEL).

2. PRIOR TO RECEIVING THE MESSAGE I HAD RECEIVED CALLS FROM  
THE FOREIGN MINISTER IN THE NAME OF THE PRESIDENT, THE FORMER  
PRESIDENTS OF VENEZUELA, SEVERAL MINISTERS AND THE LEADERS OF  
THE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES ALL EXPRESSING "SOLIDARITY" AT  
THIS DIFFICULT MOMENT AND BEST WISHES ON THE HEALTH OF  
PRESIDENT REAGAN.

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