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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



Alfred Antenucci

Dr. Wendelborn - attending physician

Georgetown University Hospital
Go in Emergency Room entrance -
ask directions to elevators and
go to Coronary Care Unit

Room C41-09

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 17, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR JOAN DECAIN

FROM: BOB BONITATI

SUBJECT: Birthday greeting

Please send 90th birthday greetings from the President
to:

Mrs. Rose Barbera
953 Belmont Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11208

Thank you.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Sent
7/2/81

Sent FYI

Konyak

STRAIGHT WIRE - JUNE 19, 1981

Mr. Alfred Antenucci
c/o Statler Office Tower
Grand Ballroom
Euclid Avenue at E. 12th Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

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With our warm personal regard and our greetings to all who are present this evening.

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Antenucci Testimonial

June 19 6:30 cocktails

7:30 dinner

Stadler Office Tower (216) 696-6800

Euclid Ave at E. 12th St. - Grand Ballroom

Cleveland, OH 44115

Cleveland Building Trades Council

216-361-8077

Charles Pinzone - arranging dinner

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WASHINGTON

June 18, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR DODIE LIVINGSTON

FM: Janice Farrell

RE: Presidential Message to Alfred Antenucci

On Friday evening, June 19, there will be a testimonial dinner in Cleveland, Ohio to honor Alfred Antenucci, the man who helped tackle John Hinckley on the day that the President was shot. The President personally telephoned Mr. Antenucci after he was released from the hospital after the incident, but we thought that it might be appropriate to have a telegram sent from the President to the testimonial dinner.

I have attached a backgrounder that was done on Mr. Antenucci prior to the President's phone call. This might help with some ideas for a telegram.

The following are the details that we have on the dinner:

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6:30 p.m. Cocktails
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Sponsor: Cleveland Building Trades Council
Mr. Charles Pinzone (216) 361-8077

You can phone me on X2397 if there is any other information you may need.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 5/4/81

TO: Red Cavaney

FROM: Bob Bonitati

For your info ✓

Per our conversation _____

Other: I'm sure we haven't
heard the last of Mr. Antenucci.

■ Feels Left Out

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Hard-Hat Hero, 68, Proves His Love for America

I Belted That Creep When He Started Shooting at Our President

By ALFRED ANTENUCCI

I was roaring curses as I crushed my knee into the cowardly neck of would-be assassin John Hinckley Jr. Seconds earlier I had clubbed him to the ground with my bare fists as he pumped a barrage of shots at our beloved President outside the Washington Hilton Hotel.

I'm in love with America. And when this creep Hinckley, who was standing next to me, began firing, I did what any red-blooded American would do for his President and country.

I belted him!

I hammered him to the ground as he sprayed the President and his men with bullets.

I was right in the middle of that crush of Secret Service agents and police you saw on TV immediately after the assassination attempt. We were all on top of Hinckley.

I landed in the hospital for 10 days with high blood pressure and an irregular heartbeat — but I'd do it again.

I'm 68 years old. I'm only 5 feet 2 inches tall, but for our President and America I'd fight an army of John Hinckley Juniors.

I pulled myself up by my

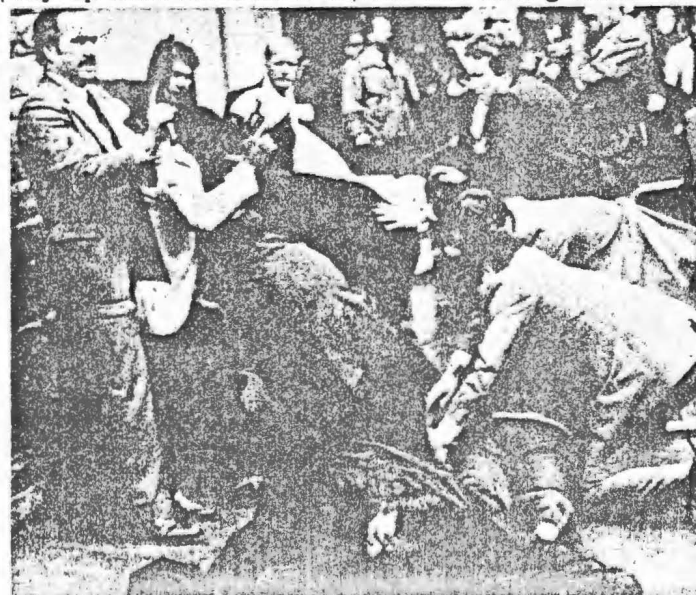
own bootstraps, from shoeshine boy to union boss, in the American tradition. My dad was an immigrant from Italy.

I fought and worked my way up from the bottom to

educate my kids and build a fine home for my family. I literally did build my home with my own hands in a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio.

I'm the president of the Carpenter's Union Local 1750 in Cleveland. I was in Washington, D.C., on the day of the assassination attempt, attending the annual Building and Construction Trades Convention at the Hilton.

I missed President Reagan's speech at the hotel, but I wanted to get a look at him and was waiting outside the



MOMENTS after shots were fired at President, Antenucci and assailant were under this police pile-up.

Hilton with the TV cameras and news people. Right next to me stood this weird-looking guy. He was wearing a long overcoat buttoned all the way up. His hands were thrust deep in his pockets. He needed a haircut, and I remember thinking, "Gee, this guy's neck is dirty."

Suddenly, my attention was diverted to the door of the Hilton. The President came out. You all remember what happened next.

In a flash I saw a gun appear in Hinckley's fists. He held it with two hands and fired off the first shot. I raised both my fists above my head and clubbed them down on the back of Hinckley's head. I heard another shot and I kept battering him.

With each blow, Hinckley sank lower and kept firing. He was crouched between my legs when the Secret Service men piled on.

I was raging mad. America belongs to each and every one of us. We're free. We can elect our leaders and throw them out. We can say what we want and believe what we want.

After I got out of the hospital, President Reagan himself called to say thanks personally. It was the biggest thrill of my life. The President said, "Thank you for the courageous action you took outside the Hilton. We need more guys like you around. What you did was brave. You had no thought for yourself.



ALFRED ANTENUCCI

Reagan Himself Called to Thank Me Personally

It's one of my goals to impress upon our citizens that it's vital we all help each other."

How do I feel about it?

My heart goes out to the Hinckley family — most of all to Hinckley's mom. I know how it feels to be a parent. I have a son who's a golf pro and a daughter who is a federal jury commissioner in Cleveland. I have three lovely grandchildren.

I'm proud that me, the son of an immigrant, was able to provide a good life for my family.

We have a system in this country whereby the poorest kid on the block can become President. I'm proud to be American.

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People

By PHIL ROURA and TOM POSTER

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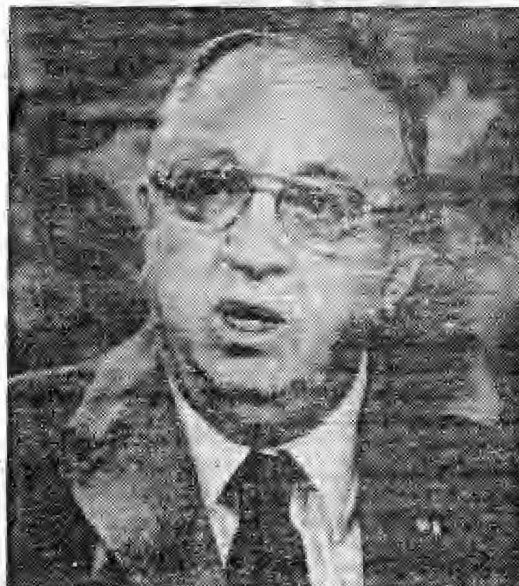
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MEMORANDUM

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WASHINGTON

May 1, 1981

MEMORANDUM TO:

BOB BONITATI

FROM:

GAY SHANAHAN

SUBJECT:

Request for Telephone Call
to Alfred Antenucci

I spoke with the Scheduling Department today, and
it has been decided that a letter from the President
would be more appropriate.

John
I assume we
are to get letter
please do so
from
the subject

G. Shanahan.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL
DATE: 4/21/81
FROM: Elizabeth Dole
VIA:

MEETING: Telephone to Alfred Antenucci, (216) 662-0536.

DATE: ASAP

PURPOSE: To personally thank Mr. Antenucci, the gentleman who helped tackle the man accused of shooting the President on Monday, March 30.

FORMAT: Location: Phone Call
Participants: The President, Alfred Antenucci
Duration: Brief

CABINET
PARTICIPATION: None

SPEECH
MATERIAL: Talking Points

PRESS
COVERAGE:

STAFF:

RECOMMEND:

OPPOSED:

PREVIOUS
PARTICIPATION: While a patient at Georgetown University Hospital, Mr. Antenucci was visited by Secretary Donovan and Robert Bonitati, a White House staff member.

BACKGROUND: See attached.

TALKING POINTS

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 20, 1981

TO: Elizabeth H. Dole
VIA: Red Cavaney/Jack Burgess
FM: Bob Bonitati *B*
RE: Presidential Telephone Call to Alfred Antenucci

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Said White Cn - turned cherry Horn

BACKGROUND

Bob Georgine, President of the Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO, cancelled the program for the closing two days of their National Conference on Tuesday morning, March 31.

He told the 4,300 delegates he was taking this action out of respect for President Reagan and the other three men wounded in the assassination attempt.

Mr. Georgine will be in his office on Monday morning, April 6 and can be reached at 647-1461.

TALKING POINTS

I want you to know how sorry I am that I ruined your meeting last Monday.

I understand that you adjourned your conference on Tuesday morning. I saw the statement you issued and I'm most appreciative.

I also appreciate the warm reception your delegates gave to me and I hope you will let them know that.

As soon as I get out of here, I hope we can sit down and talk for awhile.

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File to Bonitati

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MEMORANDUM FOR DAVE GERGEN

FROM: RED CAVANEY

This morning Bob Bonitati called on Alfred Antenucci at Georgetown University Hospital to inquire about his condition and to express concern. Antenucci, who apparently will be under care in the hospital for at least a week, was overjoyed at the special attention. Bob's visit went unreported by the press.

Mr. Antenucci is a registered Democrat, however, a very big supporter of the President. If you are soon considering telephone calls by the President, this might be a very appropriate one.

cc: Frank Ursomarso

4/13/81

Red
Can this now be
submitted as telephone call
recommendation? Would also
suggest that you all prepare
George for visit -- as
long as have Kirkland is
under consideration
Both Antenucci +
Ger. are good
idea - DG

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PM-REAGAN-SUBDUE 4-1

CLEVELAND LABOR LEADER ILL AFTER GRABBING REAGAN'S ATTACKER
CLEVELAND (UPI) -- ALFRED ANTENUCCI, HEAD OF THE OHIO BUILDING TRADES UNION, IS HOSPITALIZED IN WASHINGTON WITH AN IRREGULAR HEARTBEAT HE SUFFERED A FEW HOURS AFTER HE HELPED TACKLE THE MAN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING PRESIDENT REAGAN, LABOR OFFICIALS IN CLEVELAND SAID TODAY.

ANTENUCCI, 68, OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, WAS IN FAIR CONDITION IN THE CORONARY CARE UNIT AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL.

ANTENUCCI, HEAD OF THE OHIO AFL-CIO BUILDING TRADES UNION, AND ANOTHER CLEVELAND-AREA LABOR OFFICIAL, FRANK J. MCNAMARA, 62, WERE STANDING OUTSIDE THE WASHINGTON HILTON HOTEL MONDAY AFTERNOON, HOPING TO SEE THE PRESIDENT WHEN REAGAN WAS SHOT.

ANTENUCCI AND MCNAMARA, PRESIDENT OF THE OHIO STATE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL, HAD JUST ATTENDED THE AFL-CIO TRADE CONFERENCE THAT REAGAN ADDRESSED BEFORE HE WAS SHOT.

THEY ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO GO GOLFING, BUT STAYED AT THE HOTEL BECAUSE OF RAIN. THEY TRIED TO GET INSIDE THE HOTEL TO HEAR REAGAN'S SPEECH, BUT THE DOOR WAS LOCKED.

"WE KNEW THE SPEECH WAS GOING TO BE FINISHED SOON, SO WE STOOD OUTSIDE, WAITING TO GLIMPSE REAGAN," MCNAMARA SAID.

AS THEY WAITED, ANTENUCCI TOLD HIS SON, DOMINIC, BY TELEPHONE MONDAY NIGHT, "I SAW A YOUNG MAN STANDING IN FRONT OF ME WITH HIS HANDS IN HIS POCKETS.

"THE NEXT THING I KNEW, HE HAD PULLED A GUN OUT OF HIS POCKET," ANTENUCCI SAID. "I SAW THE GUN FIRE TWO SHOTS. MY FIRST REACTION WAS TO PUNCH HIM. I PUNCHED HIM A COUPLE TIMES."

ANTENUCCI TOLD HIS SON HE JUMPED ON THE ALLEGED GUNMAN, JOHN W. HINCKLEY, 25, OF EVERGREEN, COLO. IN THE FRACS THAT FOLLOWED, HE SAID, HE WAS STRUCK BY ONE OF THE SECRET SERVICE AGENTS TRYING TO DISARM THE MAN.

MCNAMARA SAID HE WAS STANDING NEAR ANTENUCCI WHEN "THE PRESIDENT CAME OUT (AND) THIS PUNK STARTED SHOOTING."

"THAT'S WHEN WE WENT AFTER THE GUY," MCNAMARA SAID. "AL GRABBED HIM FIRST. AL HAS MORE GUTS THAN ANYBODY ELSE.

"THEN I STARTED PUNCHING HIM (THE GUNMAN). I HIT HIM SO HARD IN THE HEAD I WAS LEFT WITH BLOOD ON MY KNUCKLES," HE SAID.

MCNAMARA SAID HE WASN'T AFRAID DURING THE INCIDENT BECAUSE "THINGS WERE HAPPENING TOO FAST FOR ME TO BE FRIGHTENED."

BOTH MEN WERE QUESTIONED BY THE FBI, AND ANTENUCCI BECAME EMOTIONALLY UPSET, COMPLAINING OF AN IRREGULAR HEARTBEAT, HIS SON SAID.

HE WAS TAKEN TO GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL BY A SECRET SERVICE AGENT AND ADMITTED IN THE CORONARY CARE UNIT.

THE TWO MEN HEADED A GROUP OF ABOUT 350 OHIO BUILDING TRADES PEOPLE ATTENDING THE THREE-DAY CONFERENCE.

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WASHINGTON

ALFRED ANTENUCCI

(216) 662-0536

5387 East 111th St.
Garfield Heights, OH 44125

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FR: ~~Bob~~ Bonitati *B*
RE: Hospital Visit to Alfred Antenucci

Early this afternoon I paid a visit to Mr. Alfred Antenucci at Georgetown University Hospital. As you know, Mr. Antenucci helped tackle the man accused of trying to shoot President Reagan on Monday.

Mr. Antenucci is the head of the District Council of Carpenters in Cleveland, Ohio (not the head of the Ohio Building Trades Union as reported by UPI).

I told Mr. Antenucci that I was visiting him on behalf of the President and the White House staff. I expressed admiration for his courage, discussed Monday's incident, and told him that I was sure he would eventually be hearing from the President. I also indicated to his son, who was present, that if there was any way we could be of assistance to please give me a call.

Mr. Antenucci is 69 and long active in the Building and Construction Trades. He had been visited earlier this morning by Bob Georgine, President of the AFL-CIO's Building and Construction Trades Department and by William Konyha, President of the Carpenter's Union.

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CLEVELAND LABOR LEADER ILL AFTER GRABBING REARER'S ATTACHER
CLEVELAND (UPI) -- ALFRED ANTONUCCI, HEAD OF THE OHIO BUILDING
TRADES UNION, IS HOSPITALIZED IN WASHINGTON WITH AN IRREGULAR
HEARTBEAT HE SUFFERED A FEW HOURS AFTER HE HELPED TACKLE THE MAN
ACCUSED OF SHOOTING PRESIDENT REARER. LABOR OFFICIALS IN CLEVELAND
SAID TODAY.

ANTONUCCI, 68, OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, WAS IN FAIR CONDITION IN
THE CONSUMERY CARE UNIT AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL.

ANTONUCCI, HEAD OF THE OHIO AFL-CIO BUILDING TRADES UNION, AND
ANOTHER CLEVELAND-AREA LABOR OFFICIAL, FRANK J. MONAHAN, 52, WERE
STANDING OUTSIDE THE WASHINGTON HILTON HOTEL MONDAY AFTERNOON, HOPING
TO SEE THE PRESIDENT WHEN REARER WAS SHOT.

ANTONUCCI AND MONAHAN, PRESIDENT OF THE OHIO STATE BUILDING AND
CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL, HAD JUST ATTENDED THE AFL-CIO TRADE
CONFERENCE THAT REARER ADDRESSED BEFORE HE WAS SHOT.

THEY ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO GO GOLFING, BUT STAYED AT THE HOTEL
BECAUSE OF RAIN. THEY TRIED TO GET INSIDE THE HOTEL TO HEAR REARER'S
SPEECH, BUT THE DOOR WAS LOCKED.

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ANTONUCCI SAID. "I SAW THE GUN FIRE TWO SHOTS. MY FIRST REACTION WAS
TO PUNCH HIM. I PUNCHED HIM A COUPLE TIMES."

AS THEY WAITED, ANTONUCCI TOLD HIS SON, DOMINIC, BY TELEPHONE
MONDAY NIGHT, "I SAW A YOUNG MAN STANDING IN FRONT OF ME WITH HIS
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ANTONUCCI TOLD HIS SON HE JUMPED ON THE ALLEGED GUNMAN, JOHN W.
HICKLEY, 25, OF EVERETT, WASH. IN THE FRAMES THAT FOLLOWED, HE
SAID, HE WAS STRUCK BY ONE OF THE SECRET SERVICE AGENTS TRYING TO
DISARM THE MAN.

MONAHAN SAID HE WAS STANDING NEAR ANTONUCCI WHEN "THE PRESIDENT
CAME OUT (AND) THIS PUNK STARTED SHOOTING."

"WHEN HE WENT AFTER THE GUN," MONAHAN SAID, "HE GRABBED
HIM FIRST. HE WAS MORE OUTS THAN ANYBODY ELSE."

"THEN I STARTED PUNCHING HIM (THE GUNMAN). I HIT HIM SO HARD IN
THE HEAD I WAS LEFT WITH BLOOD ON MY KNUCKLES," HE SAID.

MONAHAN SAID HE WASN'T AFRAID DURING THE INCIDENT BECAUSE "THINGS
WERE HAPPENING TOO FAST FOR ME TO BE FRIGHTENED."

BOTH MEN WERE QUESTIONED BY THE FBI, AND ANTONUCCI BECAME
EMOTIONALLY UNSET, COMPLAINTS OF AN IRREGULAR HEARTBEAT, HIS SON
SAID.

HE WAS TAKEN TO GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL BY A SECRET SERVICE
AGENT AND ADMITTED IN THE CONSUMERY CARE UNIT.

THE TWO MEN HEADED A GROUP OF ABOUT 250 OHIO BUILDING TRADES
PEOPLE ATTENDING THE THREE-DAY CONFERENCE.


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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 3, 1981

TO: Peter McCoy
FM: Bob Bonitati
RE: Alfred Antenucci



As I indicated to you on the telephone, the gentleman who tackled the man accused of shooting President Reagan is about to be released from Georgetown University Hospital.

He is scheduled to be released sometime before noon tomorrow (Saturday, April 4). He is planning to have a press conference shortly after his release and is doing a tape interview for the "Today" Show.

Mr. Antenucci is currently in the Coronary Care Unit. He does not currently have a telephone in his room, but I am sure one could be installed quickly if Mrs. Reagan were to want to place a call. Mr. Antenucci's son, Domenic, is currently at the hospital and can be reached at 625-2411 which is a telephone in the Coronary Care area. Mr. Antenucci's doctor is Dr. Wendelborn who can also be reached at 625-2411.

When I visited Mr. Antenucci on Wednesday, I offered to be of assistance and he has asked for some transportation to the airport for a 3:20 P.M. flight as well as a tour of the cherry blossoms before he leaves Washington. I am currently trying to meet his request.

Let me know if I can provide any more information or if I can be of further assistance to you.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 6, 1981

TO: Red Cavaney
VIA: Jack Burgess
FM: Bob Bonitati *B*
RE: Update on Alfred Antenucci

We talked to Georgetown University
Hospital and it appears that
Mr. Antenucci will be in the
hospital for two or three more
days.

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Bob
-file *B*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 3, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR DICK DARMAN

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE *EHD*

SUBJECT: Suggested visitors/phone calls

As per your request, I have one recommended visitor during the President's recuperative period, Mr. Bob Georgine, President of the AFL-CIO Building Trade Department. Mr. Georgine hosted the National Conference at the Washington Hilton Hotel at which the President spoke. Immediately following the shooting, he disbanded the conference. Attached TAB A is the background material and talking points. If a visit is not undertaken, a phone call is suggested.

Attached TAB B is a recommended telephone call to Mr. Alfred Antenucci. Mr. Antenucci, who developed heart problems and was hospitalized, tackled John Hinckley during the course of his assassination attempt on the President. He was roughed up in the process.

Attachment

BACKGROUND

Bob Georgine, President of the Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO, cancelled the program for the closing two days of their National Conference on Tuesday morning, March 31.

He told the 4,300 delegates he was taking this action out of respect for President Reagan and the other three men wounded in the assassination attempt.

Mr. Georgine will be in his office on Monday morning, April 6 and can be reached at 647-1461.

TALKING POINTS

I want you to know how sorry I am that I ruined your meeting last Monday.

I understand that you adjourned your conference on Tuesday morning. I saw the statement you issued and I'm most appreciative.

I also appreciate the warm reception your delegates gave to me and I hope you will let them know that.

As soon as I get out of here, I hope we can sit down and talk for awhile.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 1, 1981

TO: Elizabeth Dole
VIA: Red Cavaney/Jack Burgess
FR: Bob Bonitati *B*
RE: Hospital Visit to Alfred Antenucci

Early this afternoon I paid a visit to Mr. Alfred Antenucci at Georgetown University Hospital. As you know, Mr. Antenucci helped tackle the man accused of trying to shoot President Reagan on Monday.

Mr. Antenucci is the head of the District Council of Carpenters in Cleveland, Ohio (not the head of the Ohio Building Trades Union as reported by UPI).

I told Mr. Antenucci that I was visiting him on behalf of the President and the White House staff. I expressed admiration for his courage, discussed Monday's incident, and told him that I was sure he would eventually be hearing from the President. I also indicated to his son, who was present, that if there was any way we could be of assistance to please give me a call.

Mr. Antenucci is 69 and long active in the Building and Construction Trades. He had been visited earlier this morning by Bob Georgine, President of the AFL-CIO's Building and Construction Trades Department and by William Konyha, President of the Carpenter's Union.

I would like to suggest that when the President is able, he call Mr. Antenucci to commend him for his valiant efforts.

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TO: Dave Gergen
FM: Bob Bonitati
RE: Georgine Visit to the President

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You may be interested to know that the Building and Construction Trades Conference met this morning and, out of respect for the President and those wounded, cancelled the remainder of their program for the next two days. They also issued the attached statement.

cc: Elizabeth Dole

→ Mike Dedden
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like receiving
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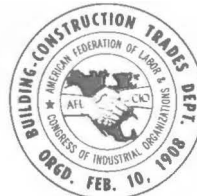
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

MARCH 31, 1981

GEORGINE CANCELS LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

President Robert A. Georgine of the Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO, today cancelled the program for the closing two days of the Department's Legislative Conference.

He told the 4,300 delegates he was taking this action out of respect to President Reagan and the other three men wounded in an assassination attempt as the President was getting into his car after addressing the Conference Monday afternoon.

The full text of Georgine's statement to the delegates follows:

We gather here this morning still stunned, still horrified, still outraged by the tragic events outside this hotel yesterday afternoon.

All last night, all this morning, hour after hour, in conversations with our friends, in the slow motion and stop action of all our modern techniques of electronic communication we have relived the latest chapter of what seems to be a continuing American tragedy.

Our feelings are shared by millions of our countrymen. But I believe we may feel even a little deeper, even more painfully than they. For it was here that the awful events occurred.

Only minutes before, we had listened to the President of the United States. Our General Presidents, on your behalf, personally had extended your welcome. And as the President spoke, his Press Secretary, James S. Brady, had stood to my right over there just off stage listening to the Chief Executive and scribbling notes on his copy of the text of the address to you.

And as Mr. Reagan left the ballroom to your resounding cheers, Brady was a step behind. There, moments later, the routine scene became an unspeakable horror movie. Still another assassination attempt. Four individuals gunned down from almost point blank range. Well, we are all too familiar with what happened. The pertinent question is what do we do now -- what do we do as a group and what do we do as individuals. One answer is obvious. We turn to a source greater than all combined power for strength and for guidance.

We offer our most devout prayers for the fast recovery of President Reagan. We pray for the critically wounded Jim Brady. We ask for the recovery of Secret Service Agent Timothy J. McCarthy and Washington Metropolitan Police Officer Thomas K. Delahanty.

We send our deepest sympathy to the families of all four men felled in this cruel, senseless attack.

And so I would ask at this time that we all stand in silence.

What is now appropriate? It is my conclusion -- a decision shared by our General Presidents -- that out of our deep concern for President Reagan and for the wounded -- out of our respect for them -- we forgo all formal activities as a conference.

Our minds simply cannot be in our activities at this time. The hearts of our participants would not be in their work. It simply is not appropriate that we continue.

And so, sorrowfully, I am adjourning the formal conference at this time.

There are functions scheduled which are planned by state and local councils and international unions in conjunction with the Department but not by the Department. A number of these, I understand, will continue as scheduled. However, I suggest you check with the organizer of the specific events.

An example is visits that have been arranged for this afternoon to Capitol Hill. Although the Department has cancelled the buses, unless the Congressmen cancel the meeting the delegates should proceed.

Well, my friends, that is it. Our hearts are heavy. Our spirits are dapened. We hope for brighter days. And our strength is sustained by the knowledge that we are surrounded and supported by people like you here in this room -- who understand, who appreciate.

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