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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

ID# 232726

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DATE RECEIVED: JULY 16, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JOHN GLENN

SUBJECT: WRITES ON BEHALF OF MARIE ANTENUCCI BENNETT
REGARDING HER LATE FATHER, ALFRED ANTENUCCI,
RELATIVE TO EVENTS ON MAR 30, 81

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 5, 1984

Dear Senator Glenn:

Thank you for your letter to Assistant to the President M. B. Oglesby, Jr., forwarding the letter you received from Maria Antenucci Bennett about the medical expenses incurred by her Father, Alfred Antenucci, prior to his death earlier this year from a heart condition that she believes developed from his efforts to subdue the President's assailant during the March 1981 attempt on the President's life.

After carefully reviewing the materials we had received from Mrs. Bennett and others about his matter, it appeared that there are simply no Federal funds (aside, of course, from benefits that might be provided for by law to any citizen) that would be available for reimbursement of these medical expenses. We also, however, asked officials of the James S. Brady Presidential Foundation to review informally information about Mr. Antenucci's actions during the assassination attempt.

Because the Brady Foundation is a private organization, its decisions on whether assistance is warranted in a particular case are of course its own, and would depend on its review of all the relevant facts after a formal application for assistance was submitted. Hence, we can make no promises about what decision the Foundation would make if such a formal application were made on behalf of the Antenucci family. Officials of the Foundation have indicated to us, however, based on their informal review of the materials our office submitted, that it is possible that assistance to the family may be appropriate under the Foundation's charter.

Accordingly, we have advised Mrs. Bennett of the foregoing and provided her information about contacting the Foundation. I hope this letter has helped respond to your concerns, and appreciate your advising the White House of your interest.

Sincerely,



Peter J. Rusthoven
Associate Counsel to the President

The Honorable John Glenn
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

cc: M. B. Oglesby, Jr.

August 3, 1984

Dear Senator Glenn:

Thank you for your recent letter outlining Marie Antenucci Bennett's concerns regarding the Administration's actions following her father's death.

Your special interest is appreciated. Please know that the appropriate Administration officials are currently reviewing these concerns. I have asked that you be notified as soon as there is any additional information to relay.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr.
Assistant to the President

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for appropriate action

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May 14, 1984

Mrs. Jo Ann Antenucci
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

July 13, 1984

The Honorable M. B. Oglesby
The White House
Congressional Liaison
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Oglesby:

I have been contacted by one of my constituents, Marie Antenucci Bennett, regarding her late father's role in subduing John Hinckley when he attacked the President in 1981.

Mrs. Bennett feels very strongly that certain promises were made to her father during his hospital stay (he suffered an irregular heart beat and high blood pressure after helping subdue Hinckley) and that these promises were never kept. All of this was explained in a letter from Mrs. Bennett to the President dated June 14, 1984. Mrs. Bennett has since called the White House on several occasions regarding her letter because she feels very emotional about her father and the lack of compassion she and her family are receiving from the President.

I would appreciate it if this matter could be thoroughly reviewed and a written report sent to my office as soon as feasible.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



John Glenn
United States Senator

JG/ds

June 14, 1984

IDA 236968

President Ronald W. Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

My Dad was Alfred Antenucci. As you know, he tackled John Hinckley on March 30, 1981. The next day when he was in Georgetown University Hospital, he was visited by a cabinet member and a staff member of the White House. He was promised at that time that his medical bills and family expenses would be paid. As of this date, my parents have paid \$28,000.00 in medical expenses. These bills are a direct result of the assassination attempt.

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My Dad died on May 9, 1984. He died of an irregular heartbeat. He never had an irregular heartbeat or any other heart problems before March 30, 1981. The shooting upset him so much that he could hardly bear it. He suffered so much in the last three years.

He was a proud American — proud of his President and his country, and this pride he passed down to his children. I have been a federal employee in the U.S. District Court in Cleveland, Ohio, for the past ten years.

We are very proud of my Dad and the part he played in history. I know that if he had to do it again, he would do the same thing in a minute because it was the right thing to do. He reacted in a split second, and because of it, no one was killed. He was never publicly acknowledged for this, and he never knew why.

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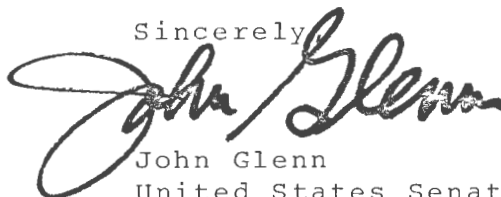
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