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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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VIA LDX

August 12, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER III
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Get-Well Message from the President to the
Pope (S/S 8123562)

The NSC Staff has reviewed and recommends the attached
text be sent with the change indicated.

Kathy J. Lenz
Allen J. Lenz
Staff Director

Attachment

NSC# 8104771

DRAFT

Your Holiness:

I am delighted to learn that the surgery you underwent on August 5 was so successful, and that you have surmounted ~~[with such apparent ease]~~ this last obstacle on the way to full recovery.

Your unfailing courage during this long and painful ordeal has set an example for the entire world.

Together with my countrymen, I continue to pray that your restoration to full and vigorous health will now be increasingly rapid and complete.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

His Holiness
John Paul II
Vatican City

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

VIA LDX

August 11, 1981

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Allen J. Lenz
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Staff Director

~~Ratty~~
Stearman
is here
today
AFL

Allen Key

- ① one minor change
- ② would still like
a staffer to comment
on it - maybe Blair?

Jon

Blair
says it is
fine.

8/11/81
Copy sent to
Stearman +
Blair

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81 AUG 7 P8:16

JANET COLSON

BUD NANCE

DICK ALLEN

IRENE DERUS

JANET COLSON

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

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August 7, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: ALLEN J. LENZ *AL*

SUBJECT: Get-Well Message from the President to Pope

State Department has provided a suggested get-well message for the Pope's recovery from recent surgery. Anne Higgins had expressed interest in such a message being sent from the President and Jim Rentschler's office requested a draft.

Pipes, Stearman, Rentschler, Dobriansky unavailable for comment.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you indicate your approval

Approve _____

Situation Room should LDX approved text once
it is cleared

Other _____

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TO ALLEN

FROM BREMER

DOCDATE 07 AUG 81

KEYWORDS: VATICAN

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JOHN PAUL II

SUBJECT: GET WELL MSG TO POPE JOHN PAUL

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR ALLEN

DUE: 08 AUG 81 STATUS S FILES

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 7, 1981

UNCLASSIFIEDMEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Draft Presidential Message to Pope
John Paul II

As requested, attached is a draft message from the President to Pope John Paul II congratulating him on his successful surgery and wishing him a speedy recovery.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. Paul Bremer III".
L. Paul Bremer III
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

As stated.

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WASHFAX RECEIPT

THE WHITE HOUSE

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MESSAGE NO. 878 CLASSIFICATION UNCLAS No. PAGES 2
FROM ALLEN LENZ (Name) (Extension) (Room Number)

MESSAGE DESCRIPTION GET-WELL MESSAGE

TO (Agency)	DELIVER TO:	Dept/Room No.	Extension
<u>STATE</u>	<u>L. PAUL BREMER III</u>		

REMARKS:

RETURN COPY FOR:

CATHY MILLISON
NSC/S

81/1312 P2:40

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DRAFT

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To Dodie for
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3339 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

May 22, 1981

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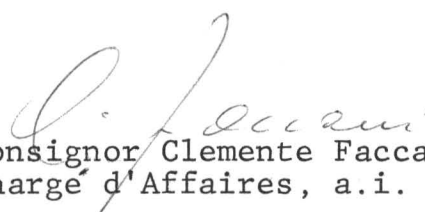
Dear Mr. President:

It is my privilege to convey the following
communication from the Papal Secretary of State.

"I am deeply grateful for your thoughtful message with regard to the attempt on the life of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II. It is consoling to know of the prayerful solidarity of the American people at this time."

Agostino Cardinal Casaroli

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.


Monsignor Clemente Faccani
Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.

The Honorable
Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

3339 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

May 22, 1981

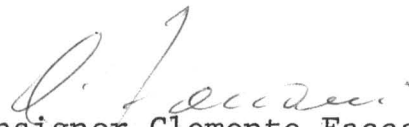
Dear Mr. President:

In the absence of the Apostolic Delegate, I wish to bring to your attention the following communication.

"His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, has directed me to thank you for the kind message of sympathy and good wishes for his recovery that you sent in your own name and on behalf of your fellow Americans. Wholeheartedly committed to ensuring the victory of love over violence and hatred, His Holiness prays that God will bless you and your country and grant His peace to all individuals and peoples."

His Eminence
Agostino Cardinal Casaroli
Secretary of State

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.


Monsignor Clemente Faccani
Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.

The Honorable
Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House

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TO PRES FROM CASAROLI, AGOSTINO C DOCDATE 22 MAY 81
FACCANI, CLEMENTE 22 MAY 81

KEYWORDS: VATICAN

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JOHN PAUL II

SUBJECT: THANK YOU LTR RE PRES GET WELL MSG TO POPE

ACTION: FOR RECORD PURPOSES DUE: STATUS C FILES WH

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Dodie Livingston. See
serv to us.)

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Ken

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Archdiocese of Philadelphia

222 N. 17th Street

Philadelphia, Pa. 19103

May 14, 1981

Office of the Cardinal

Honorable Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

Please accept my sentiments of grateful appreciation for your kind message of sympathy and your assurance of prayers in connection with the vicious attempt on the life of our Holy Father Pope John Paul II.

It is incredible that anyone - even a terrorist - would attempt to harm much less kill this great promotor of love and peace; this defender of human rights and human freedom, this opponent of every form of violence and oppression.

I was deeply touched by your telephone call, knowing the pressures of your own schedule. Your message and offer to help, your assurance of prayers, coming from one who had experienced a similar tragedy, is a tribute to your thoughtfulness.

With prayerful best wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Archbishop of Philadelphia

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TO AMEMBASSY ROME

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PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN
TO HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN PAUL II.

(BEGIN TEXT)

MAY 13, 1981

YOUR HOLINESS:

I HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE SHOCKING NEWS OF THE ATTACK ON
YOU. ALL AMERICANS JOIN ME IN HOPES AND PRAYERS FOR YOUR
SPEEDY RECOVERY FROM THE INJURIES YOU HAVE SUFFERED IN THE
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ATTACK. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.

RONALD REAGAN

HIS HOLINESS
JOHN PAUL II
VATICAN CITY

(END TEXT)

BT

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TOP: RENT

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

026079

ACTION

May 13, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM:

DENNIS C. BLAIR *DCB*

SUBJECT:

Presidential Message to the Pope

Attached is a message for transmission to Embassy Rome to deliver to the Vatican. I composed and the speechwriters have cleared the language.

RECOMMENDATION

That you use the message at Tab I for an immediate Presidential message to the Pope.

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Approve

DK

Disapprove

→ after EM, MKD approval

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(1315 hrs)
msg sent
meese has orig

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

5/13/81

Mr. Allen:

Mr. Meese has approved the
attached message after
running it passed the
President. The President
thought the message should
be shorter.

Kay

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RECEIVED 13 MAY 81 17

TO

ALLEN

FROM BLAIR

DOCDATE 13 MAY 81

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KEYWORDS: VATICAN

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SUBJECT: GET WELL MSG TO POPE

ACTION: ALLEN APPROVED RECOM

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Proposed Presidential Message to the Pope

Your Holiness:

I have just received the shocking news of the attack on you. All Americans join me in hopes and prayers for your speedy recovery from the injuries you have suffered in the attack. Our prayers are with you.

Proposed Presidential Message to the Pope

Your Holiness:

I have just received the shocking news of the attack on you. All Americans join me in hopes and prayers for your speedy recovery from ^{the} ~~whatever~~ injuries you have suffered in the attack. ~~The violence directed at public officials and leaders throughout the world is despicable, but it must not deter us from the crucial and sacred tasks of improving the lives of all the citizens of the world.~~ Our prayers are with you.

RVA see again -
R. shorts