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May 4, 1981

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Thank you for your courageous act and please accept my every wish for your health and happiness.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN^a

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Mr. Alfred Antenucci
5387 E. 111th Street
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MSA re heroic efforts during assassination attempt

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*Called
Advised in that
Mr. Antonucci had
received a note and
call from the President -*

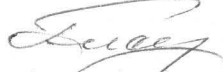
Dear Sally:

This is the clipping I mentioned to you today. I am sorry the exact date (which I had attached) became disconnected but it appeared in L. A. Times between about May 5 to 15.

You may be able to check and see if there was any follow-through on this matter. At any rate, I thought someone should know what appeared in the paper out here and counteract any possible effects.

Thank you for your wonderful help today with the environmental topics.

Sincerely,



(Mrs.) Lucy Sauer
Staff Assistant

Miss Sally Kelly
Agency Liaison Office
The White House - Room 33
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Ronald Reagan

P.S. It was good to talk to you the other day and I'm glad you are feeling better.

Mr. Alfred Antenucci
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LOS ANGELES TIMES - about May 5 to 15, 1981

Man Who Struck Shooting Suspect Ignored by Reagan

CLEVELAND (UPI)—Labor leader Alfred Antenucci, who grappled with the man who allegedly shot President Reagan and possibly spoiled his aim, said Friday that he was disappointed the President did not mention his name in his address to Congress on Tuesday.

Before speaking about his economic package, Reagan offered tributes to the three other men wounded on March 30.

Antenucci, the president of Carpenters Union Local 1750, said he would have felt better if the President had mentioned his name.

"I'm a little disappointed," he said. "I was hoping (Reagan would say something), but he must have his reasons."

Standing Next to Suspect

Antenucci, 68, was standing next to John W. Hinckley, the man accused of shooting Reagan, outside the Washington Hilton. He said he started hitting the suspect on the head after the first shots were fired, and it may have spoiled the man's aim.

Antenucci was taken to Georgetown University Hospital after he complained of chest pains and shortness of breath.

During his hospital stay, he was visited by Secretary of Labor Raymond J. Donovan, and Antenucci said Donovan promised him that Reagan would acknowledge his assistance at some future time.

However, Antenucci said, "I've not even received a card from anyone."

Best wishes * Meilleurs vœux *

* And a speedy recovery,

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Osterucci
and family

Con los mejores deseos

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* C наилучшими пожеланиями *

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S/

RR/AVH/PAG - 4/29/81

Dick Hartwick (sp.?)
Public Affairs/Secret Service
535-5708...meeting Friday, 5/1,
afternoon...will get back to me.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 24, 1981

NOTE FOR ANNE HIGGINS

Anne -

Greg Newell suggests a letter
from the President since we
will not undertake a telephone
call - only thing is we do
not have an address

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Thanks.

Mary Rawlins

*Let's send a letter -
instead of call.*

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.

Memo

From: PAT GLEASON

To: ANNE

Date: May 2, 1981

FYI -- I received a call from Agent Bob Horan, White House Secret Service. He had been contacted by RR regarding a PEOPLE story which mentioned Antennuci (and something about not being thanked).

RR wanted to get the facts on...I reviewed the attached with Horan who gave the President address and phone # for Antennuci. Can assume he's going to call or write.

That's all! -- for now

TALKING POINTS

I've heard about what you did for me on March 30 and I want you to know how much I appreciate your courage.

How are you feeling now?

I'm sorry the Secret Service wouldn't let you in to hear my talk...but maybe there will be another time.

(Mr. Antenucci arrived at the Ballroom too late and the Secret Service wouldn't permit him to enter. That's why he stood outside to see you as you departed.)

I understand the Secret Service "roughed you up" a bit.

(The Secret Service knocked him down in the scuffle, but Mr. Antenucci is most understanding.)

I want to let you know again how much I appreciate your courage.

April 29, 1981

Dear Mr. President:

It was good to see you feeling well enough to speak on television to the nation last night. We have been praying for you and the other three men that were injured. We are so grateful that no one was killed. We also suffered personally in this traumatic experience. My husband was standing in back of Hinckley, when he realized he was the one shooting he jumped on his back and started hitting him to change his line of fire. He held him down until the S.S. men fell on top of him. Then he got out of the way so the S.S. men could take charge, while he was being questioned his blood pressure.



went out of control and he started having irregular heart beats. He was rushed to Georgetown Univ. Hospital. He was hysterical and cried for three days and nights. He remained in the hospital for ten days until they stabilized his blood pressure and heart beats. He is much better now but still is under heavy medication. He will never forget that afternoon. He is a Business Representative in the Carpenters Union and was at the Hilton for the convention. We agree with you that this is not a sick nation. We have received so



many beautiful cards and letters from people praying for my husband. We have

just been overwhelmed. The nurses and doctors at the hospital were

just wonderful working with him
and keeping reporters away from
us. Mr. Russo got in touch with
us and had his office staff make
reservations for us to come home
and provided transportation to the
airport and also kept reporters away.
We wish to thank them for being
so nice. Mr. Ray Donovan was
allowed to visit my husband and
presented him with cuff links and
a tie clasp which he will treasure
for the rest of his life. My husband
and the rest of our family ^{and actions} hope that
by his quick thinking ^{and actions} he saved
someone from being killed and
most of all the President.
We cannot hear



Tragedy.

another John Kennedy
Bobby Kennedy and
Martin Luther King
Sincerely
Mrs. Alfred Antenucci
and family

People

By PHIL ROURA and TOM POSTER

Carpenter who saved Reagan waits for a 'thank-you'

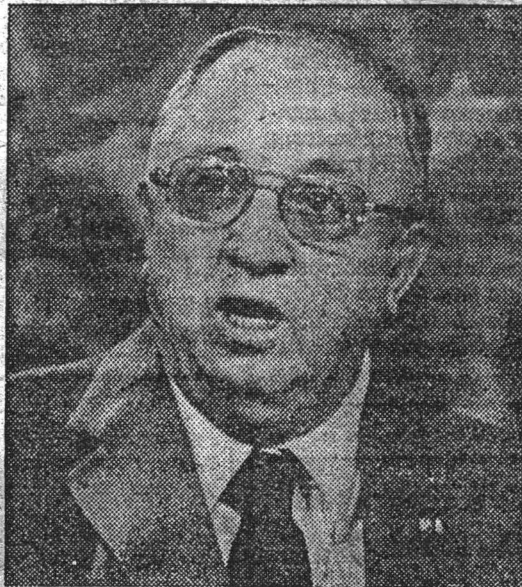
Alfred A. Antenucci is a very disappointed man. He sits by the telephone in his kitchen in a suburb of Cleveland, waiting for a call from the White House, or at least from a high-ranking presidential aide. Antenucci believes he is entitled to the call. So do his friends and some Secret Service and FBI agents.

Why? Because on March 30, Antenucci was the first person to pounce on John W. Hinckley Jr. as Hinckley allegedly fired six shots at President Reagan. As a result, Antenucci suffered chest pains that landed him in George Washington University Hospital, the same place Reagan was taken.

"I CAN'T BELIEVE this myself, no matter how hard I try," Antenucci, a 68-year-old carpenters union business agent, said in an exclusive interview with the People Page. "Not a word. Not a sound. Nobody has called. Nobody has talked to me since I was in the hospital. I would give my life to save the President. I'm not looking for any honors, but you would think that there would be *somebody* who would say something. Like during Reagan's speech to Congress. About 23 people came over and said the President would thank me because it would be his first public talk. But not a word."

Antenucci had attended the AFL-CIO meeting that Reagan addressed at the Washington Hilton Hotel March 30, and he was outside the hotel when the President was shot. After subduing the suspect, Antenucci was interrogated by FBI agents for hours

'Nobody has called (or) has talked to me.'—Al Antenucci



UPI

and then suffered what everyone thought was a heart attack. He was confined to bed for 10 days.

"It wasn't a heart attack, but heart palpitations, an irregular heartbeat, and I've been on strong medication since," he said. "I'm sick as a dog and weak. The medicine caused terrible diarrhea and the doctors say they've got to do something, but don't know what."

Sounding as if he was on the verge of tears, Antenucci added: "I'm really upset. You know, I would give my life for my President. I remember standing there and seeing that gun. I saw the gun. He was next to me. I'm 68, I can't fight a kid. So I hit him on the back of the neck as hard as I could and his gun, which he held with two hands aimed right at Reagan, came down. He kept shooting with one hand."

"I WAS TOLD later by high authorities that four of the six shots hit the sidewalk and probably one of those bullets ricocheted and hit Reagan. I pounded him. I tried to break the aim of fire. But there is doubt in my mind now. I have trouble sleeping. I keep thinking that if I shoved him instead that I could have stopped him. I jumped on him, I was punching him and wrapped my legs around him."

"Then all the Secret Service men jumped on top of us and they were yelling at me, 'Get the hell out of here,' but I couldn't move because my leg was under Hinckley. God, it seems like it never happened but it did. I'd do it again. I'd give my life for my President. But I feel like nobody cares."

Belli high on plea

Flamboyant lawyer Melvin Belli, the "King of Torts," yesterday blasted President Reagan's chief of staff, Ed Meese 3d, for proposing the elimination of the insanity plea in criminal cases. In a speech in San Francisco, Meese urged that states change their criminal codes to



Linda to walk plank

This one's for the producers of the hit musical "The Pirates of Penzance." Sorry, folks, but your big star, Linda Ronstadt, is leaving in early June.

That surprise was confirmed by Linda's spokesman at International Creative Music.

BACKGROUND

Alfred Antenucci, 69 years old, is the head of the District Council of Carpenters in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Antenucci helped tackle the man accused of shooting the President on Monday, March 30. He was hospitalized in the Coronary Care Unit at Georgetown University Hospital in the afternoon of March 30 after he complained of an irregular heartbeat. He was visited in the hospital by a White House Staff member, Robert F. Bonitati, and Secretary Donovan.

Mr. Antenucci was released on Wednesday, April 8. A White House car was sent to pick him up at the hospital. On the way to the airport, Mr. Antenucci was taken on a tour of the cherry blossoms. Upon his arrival at the airport, Mr. Antenucci was taken to the United Airlines Red Carpet Lounge where he was able to wait until his flight departed.

Mr. Antenucci can be reached at his home in Garfield Heights, Ohio at (216) 662-0536.

Name	Date
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Patty Hobbs 7-3-84

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" K. Daborn 11-18-85 M