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# WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

☐ O - OUTGOING☐ H - INTERNAL☐ I - INCOMINGDate Correspondence  
Received (YY/MM/DD)

8/106/08

Name of Correspondent:

E.C. Davis James G. Martin

☐ MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) (B) (C)

Subject:

Constituent, E.C. Davis, makes  
Suggestions for Presidential Protection;  
also offers his service

## ROUTE TO:

## ACTION

## DISPOSITION

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## ACTION CODES:

A - Appropriate Action  
C - Comment/Recommendation  
D - Draft Response  
F - Furnish Fact Sheet  
to be used as Enclosure

I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary  
R - Direct Reply w/Copy  
S - For Signature  
X - Interim Reply

## DISPOSITION CODES:

A - Answered  
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## FOR OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

Type of Response = Initials of Signer  
Code = "A"  
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DATE: 11/20

FOR: Central files

Please File!

This is the original correspondence.

It has already been updated on computer.

FROM: Hilaire Thomas  
Agency Liaison  
Room 62  
Phone 456-7486

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W HOOO

August 7, 1981

Dear Mr. Davis:

On behalf of President Reagan, I would like to thank you for sharing your suggestions with him to help prevent another assassination attempt.

The Secret Service is closely studying the events of March 30, 1981, to ascertain whether lessons learned from this incident can improve the future safety of the President. The suggestions of citizens are always welcome.

We appreciate your concern and the President sends his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins  
Director of Presidential  
Correspondence

Mr. E.C. Davis  
640 Alexander Street  
Statesville, North Carolina 28677

bcc: The Honorable James Martin ✓  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Sincerely,

Anne Higgins  
Director of Presidential  
Correspondence

Mr. E.C. Davis  
640 Alexander Street  
Statesville, North Carolina 28677

Dear Mr. Davis:

On behalf of President Reagan I would like to thank you for ~~for~~ sharing your suggestions with him ~~concerning-~~ to help prevent ~~a recurrence of~~ ~~last-March's event~~ <sup>another</sup> ~~an~~ assassination attempt.

The Secret Service is closely studying the events of March 30, 1981, to ascertain whether lessons learned from this incident can improve the future safety of the President. The suggestions of citizens are always welcome.

We appreciate your concern and the President ~~for your writing~~ sends his ~~thanks and~~ best wishes

Sincerely,

AVH

cc: The honorable James G. Martin

U.S. House of Rep....

DC...

Maui. Also xerox a copy of response  
+ Mr Davis' incoming. X attn. of  
Linda Bennett in Legislative Affairs-  
TX.



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM FOR MS. LESLIE SORG  
DIRECTOR  
CORRESPONDENCE AGENCY LIAISON  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Draft reply to letter from Congressman  
James G. Martin, ID #031467

In response to your request of July 15, 1981,  
attached is a draft reply for Ann Higgins to  
Congressman James G. Martin concerning the interest  
of his constituent, E. C. Davis.

Steven L. Skancke  
Acting Executive Secretary

Attachments

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Dear <sup>Davis</sup> Mr. ~~Martin~~: *On behalf of P. Reagan I - To letter*

Thank you for forwarding the correspondence from your constituent, E. C. Davis, who is concerned about Presidential security.  
*Representative Martin*

~~For your help in replying to your constituent,~~  
~~please be advised that~~ The Secret Service is closely studying the events of March 30, 1981, to ascertain whether lessons learned from this incident can improve the future safety of the President. The suggestions of citizens are always welcome.

We appreciate your concern, ~~and that of your constituent.~~

Sincerely,

Ann Higgins

cc: The Honorable  
James G. Martin  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

*Rep Martin asked that EC Davis get letter from President.*

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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July 31, 1981

FOR: LESLIE SORG

FROM: LINDA BENNETT *LB*

Leslie, Congressman Martin called regarding the attached correspondence. Could you let me know what the status is. I need to have this answered by the President but don't want to duplicate efforts. My extension is 7030.

Thanks very much for your help.

*TRES RAD 81-07-14*

*8/3 per Carolyn 566-2398. Pres.  
pending <sup>in</sup> USSS. They will  
send to Linda when completed*

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File #800.3

July 29, 1981

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CORRESPONDENCE AGENCY LIAISON  
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Attachments

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We appreciate your concern and that of your constituent.

Sincerely,

Ann Higgins

The Honorable  
James G. Martin  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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DUE DATE  
7/24/81☐ APPROPRIATE ACTION ☒ DIRECT REPLY ☒ COME BACK COPY TO EXEC SEC (SE)

MEMO TO: \_\_\_\_\_ REPLY FOR SIG. BY: \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMENTS/SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Please prepare draft reply for the signature of Ann Higgins with a covering memo to Leslie Sorg, Dir., Correspondence Agency Liaison, from Steven L. Skancke, Acting Ex. Secretary. If this has been misdirected, please return to Rm. 34119, approp. marked as to where it should be referred

SUBSEQUENT ROUTING/ACTION

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☐ TREASURY ☐ CONGRESS  
☐ OTHER (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

## REFERRAL

JULY 14, 1981

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

## ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF ANNE HIGGINS

## DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 031467

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JUNE 4, 1981

TO: M.B. OGLESBY

FROM: THE HONORABLE JAMES G. MARTIN  
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON DC 20515SUBJECT: CONSTITUENT, E.C. DAVIS, MAKES SUGGESTIONS  
FOR PRESIDENTIAL PROTECTION; ALSO OFFERS HIS  
SERVICE

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN  
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE  
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN BASIC CORRESPONDENCE, CONTROL SHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE  
(OR DRAFT) TO:  
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 33, THE WHITE HOUSE

BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT:  
LESLIE SORG  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 24, 1981

FOR: LESLIE SORG  
FROM: LINDA BENNETT

Attached is the correspondence from Congressman Jim Martin and his constituent which we discussed yesterday.

I appreciate your assistance in tracking this down. Please let me know what you find out. My extension is 7030.

*Try - Tres. Secret Service*

JAMES G. MARTIN  
9TH DISTRICT, NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTIES:  
IREDELL  
LINCOLN  
MECKLENBURG

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515  
TELEPHONE: (202) 225-1976

7486  
Leslie Long

June 4, 1981

Mr. M.B. Oglesby  
Special Assistant for  
Legislative Affairs  
The White House  
East Wing Room 112  
Washington, D.C. 20500

031467

Dear B.:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter that I recently received from a constituent of mine. I would be most appreciative if you would see to it that Mr. Davis receives a reply to his letter from the President. In addition, it would be helpful if I could receive a copy of this letter. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

*Jim Martin*

James G. Martin  
Member of Congress

5/15/81  
JAMES MARTIN, CONGRESSMAN  
115 CANNON HOUSE OFF. BLDG.  
WASHINGTON DC

DEAR MR. MARTIN:

Would you please send  
or deliver the enclosed letter  
to the President. Please read  
it yourself. I mailed him the  
original 6 weeks ago with no reply.  
If the secret service got it  
its obvious why the President  
didnt get it. Thank you.

Sincerely

E.C. Davis

1981

Statesville, N.C.  
April 5, 1981

Honorable Ronald Reagan, President  
United States of America  
c/o U.S. White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

As a combat veteran, an "expert" rifleman, and former General Dwight D. Eisenhower's personal bodyguard, I would like to make some suggestions that would possibly help prevent a recurrence of the tragedy you experienced. However, I think it more likely to happen again than it was the first time.

To quote you: "We must deal with our adversary (assassin or assailant) from a position of strength." A crack outfit such as never existed before, can be selected, secured, trained, and employed, that would not have let Mr. Hinckley get off the first shot.

Please consider the following suggestions:

1. Organize from all sources; seasoned, experienced combat veterans who know guns, fighting, and people.
2. Train these people to be as efficient at being a guard as the Green Berets, Commandoes, or U.S. Pilots are at their jobs.
3. Require reconnaissance of each area, place, spot, and danger before you go. Have it guarded day and night until you arrive and leave. If they cannot make it absolutely safe, think of your country and don't go.. We need you.
4. You need combat-proven weapons, teams, and methods to make a crack team. I would suggest shotguns for close range, M-16's for medium

range, and sniper-scoped rifles for long range work--like Kennedy needed.

I would suggest three-man teams, with each of the above weapons on four sides of you as you are out in the open and exposed.

5. These twelve men should observe in all directions away from you.

(We always watched people, windows, doors, hills, rocks, trees, etc., not the General.)

6. Weapons and men need to be ready this instant! This split second!

Combat experience makes you ready or you don't survive. You absolutely must get him first. You can vomit or cry or void afterwards if you like.

They must get him before he gets anyone. We were ready to remove the safety aim and fire in one motion at anyone, anywhere. This kind of terror and instant death made it safe for the General, and it will make it safer for you. This kind of team would be good for close-up and medium range. A long-range, scoped rifle like I build would be extremely deadly in the hands of a hit-man up to 1,200 yards. The only safety from this type killer is to avoid exposure to his sights, which can be effectively done most of the time.

7. Announce publicly that you are reorganizing and beefing up your security to keep away punks and would-be fame-seekers.

8. It is not a question of a guard dying in the line of duty. It is assumed that all enforcement officers may. But they, and the public, must face the following question: "Would you rather be held accountable for, or blamed with (1) opening fire on a would-be assassin, killing him and an innocent bystander; or (2) hesitating to shoot for fear of killing someone else; and let the President of the United States be killed while you are supposed to protect him?"

9. Consider a law of immunity for a guard in such cases.'

10. Require that the M-16 and sniper handlers have vision of at least 20/45 without glasses.

I would be proud to be your guard, and could, even at the age of 62. I walk 6 miles per day and climb 60 flights of stairs daily; but I would rather organize or help organize and train the group for you.

You are too good a man to lose because some punk wants to impress his girlfriend. Your programs are too good to be stopped. You have more courage, wisdom, and righteousness than any U.S. president that ever lived. But it only takes a punk or communist to kill you. Let's don't let them do it.

Sincerely,

*E. C. Davis*  
E. C. Davis

P.S.: Please answer this letter personally. I don't want a Secret Service Agent <sup>brush</sup> ~~bought~~ off.

Chy

copy sent to Sally Kelly 3/15/82