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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 85109116

Name of Correspondent: Mr. Mrs. Miss Hon. Delbert L. Latta

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Subject: Encloses letter from Francis Simonis who refers to newsarticle about deceased Alfred A. Antenucci

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 17, 1985

Dear Congressman Latta:

I am writing in further response to your letter to Alan M. Kranowitz, Deputy Assistant to the President, concerning an inquiry from your constituent, Mr. Francis Simonis, on the status of compensation for the family of Alfred Antenucci.

After careful review, it was determined that there are no federal funds available for reimbursement of Mr. Antenucci's medical expenses. In light of that discovery, we encouraged Mr. Antenucci's family to contact the James S. Brady Presidential Foundation for assistance. The Brady Foundation, named in honor of the President's Press Secretary, who was seriously wounded in the assassination attempt, is a private organization founded to assist any needy individual wounded or killed in an assassination attempt on any senior federal official, presidential candidate or on family members of the President and Vice President of the United States, and to provide assistance to that individual's family. It is our understanding that the Foundation will consider this matter in the near future.

We hope you find this information helpful.

Sincerely,



Richard A. Hauser
Deputy Counsel to the President

The Honorable Delbert Latta
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 16, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD HAUSER

FROM: MERI LARSON

SUBJECT: Brady Foundation

I spoke with Pat Frierson of the Brady Foundation about the Antenucci family and whether or not the Foundation was able to provide financial assistance. Pat explained the problems the Foundation Board members have had in getting together to decide on the Antenucci matter. She seemed sure that the family would be receiving assistance as soon as the committee has its meeting within the next couple of months.

Please advise of the changes you would like in the letter to Congressman Latta.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
September 16, 1985

Dear Del:

Thank you for your September 11 letter forwarding a letter from your constituent, Mr. Francis Simonis, who has requested information about the status of compensation for the family of Alfred Antenucci.

Your special interest is appreciated, and please know that I have forwarded this request to the appropriate office for attention.

With best wishes.

Cordially,



Alan M. Kranowitz
Deputy Assistant to the President

The Honorable Delbert Latta
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515


cc: Anne Higgins - for your action.
It would be appreciated if a copy of any response could be forwarded to Legislative Affairs (112 EW).

Thank you.

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

September 11, 1985

Mr. Alan Kranowitz
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Kranowitz:

Enclosed is copy of a letter I have received
from Mr. Francis L. Simonis, Defiance, Ohio 43512.

Your assistance in replying to Mr. Simonis
would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



DELBERT L. LATTA
Representative to Congress

DLL:flh
Enc.

Dear Mr. Latta,

Last spring I read of
the man that saved Pres.
Reagan from being killed
by knocking down John
Hinckley and all the
promises made to him
at time of his act. The
story I read said he had
and none of the promises
made to him and as his
family were over kept.

Please find out what
ever came of this situation
Refer to Feb 17, 1985, Blair Center

In the complete way
The name of his
not remembered was Alfred
A. Antinucci of Garfield
Heights a Cleveland suburb.

Sincerely,

Francis J. Simonis

731 Riverside Ave.

Cleveland, Ohio 43121

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Telephone call to Comments office

Name of Correspondent: Mr. Mrs. Miss

Maria Bennett

MI Mail Report

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

Subject: *Daughter of deceased Alfred Antenucci seeks promised payment of father's hospital and other bills*

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Comments: *States RR called father while in hospital on 5/2/81. Mr. A. was visited by Sec. R. Donovan and R. Bonatati (see attached file for details of herodism)*

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 5, 1984

Dear Maureen:

As we discussed, enclosed is a copy of the letter we have sent to Maria Antenucci Bennett, the woman who telephoned you about her Father, Alfred Antenucci, who died earlier this year from a heart condition that she believes developed from his efforts to subdue John Hinckley, Jr. during the assassination attempt.

Please feel free to call me again if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,



Peter J. Rusthoven
Associate Counsel to the President

Ms. Maureen Reagan
c/o The Republican National Committee
310 First Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 5, 1984

Dear Mrs. Bennett:

I wanted to advise you of the steps we have taken in response to your letters and telephone calls about the medical expenses incurred by your Father, Alfred Antenucci, prior to his death earlier this year from a heart condition that you believe developed from his efforts to subdue the President's assailant during the March 1981 attempt on the President's life.

Although we carefully reviewed not only your letters but all file materials about your Father, it appears 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 his medical expenses. We also, however, asked officials of the James S. Brady Presidential Foundation to review informally correspondence from you and members of your family and other materials, such as newspaper articles, about your Father's actions during the assassination attempt.

The Brady Foundation, named in honor of the President's Press Secretary who was seriously wounded in that attempt, is a private organization founded to assist any needy individual wounded or killed in an assassination attempt on any senior Federal official, Presidential candidate or on family members of the President and Vice President of the United States, and to provide assistance to that individual's family. Because it 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 your family; but officials of the Foundation have indicated to us, based on their informal review of the materials we submitted, that it is possible that assistance to your family may be appropriate under the Foundation's charter.

If you wish to pursue this possibility, the Brady Foundation official you should contact is James A. Wilderotter, Esquire, an attorney with the Washington office of the law firm of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, 1735 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006. Mr. Wilderotter is familiar with the terms of the Foundation's charter, and should be able to provide you or your attorney with details about what kinds of information the Foundation would need to consider a request for its assistance with your Father's medical expenses.

In closing, I want to emphasize that we fully understand that your principal concern in this matter is not reimbursement for any expenses that were incurred, but rather that your Father's efforts to assist the President -- and how much that meant to your Father -- be recognized. We also understand, as your letters make clear, that for various reasons you believe that members of the President's staff have not been as sensitive to this as they should.

I hope you will accept our apologies for any acts or omissions that may have led to such feelings on your part, and would ask only that you also accept that no member of the President's staff has ever had any desire or intent to be insensitive to your Father, his family or the memory of the actions he took when the President's life was threatened.

Sincerely,



Peter J. Rusthoven
Associate Counsel to the President

Mrs. Maria Antenucci Bennett
10844 Brunswick Road
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

cc: James A. Wilderotter, Esquire

bcc: Ms. Maureen Reagan

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 5, 1984

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As we discussed after your informal review of the materials our office forwarded about this matter, we have suggested that Mrs. Bennett contact the Brady Foundation through you, while representing no more than that it is "possible" assistance "may be appropriate under the Foundation's charter."

I want to thank you personally all your help and courtesy on this matter, which are very greatly appreciated. With best regards,

Sincerely,



Peter J. Rusthoven
Associate Counsel to the President

James A. Wilderotter, Esquire
Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue
1735 Eye Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter J. Rusthoven", followed by a horizontal line.

Peter J. Rusthoven

Associate Counsel to the President

Mrs. Maria Antenucci Bennett
10844 Brunswick Road
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

cc: James A. Wilderotter, Esquire

August 8, 1984

Mr. Peter Rusthoven
Associate Counsel to the President
c/o The White House
Old Executive Office Bldg.
Room 115
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Rusthoven:

This letter is in response to our telephone conversation of Friday, August 3, 1984.

The main purpose of my letter to President Reagan was not the money. The primary reason that my family was so upset was that the recognition of my Dad was handled so poorly. Many people on the White House staff made promises to my Dad that were not kept. It was and is still very important to me and my family that the President see my letter. For it is his life that my Dad saved, not yours or anybody else's. I feel that the President should know the events that have occurred over the last three and a half years.

My Father died on May 9, 1984. Five days later we received a letter addressed to my Father from the President. This letter was written and postmarked May 10, 1984. I wonder how you, the President, or anyone else would feel if this happened to a member of your family. We realize that the letter was sent in good faith and appreciate his concern, however we feel that the staff of the President should not have handled this matter so poorly. My Father's death has not yet been properly acknowledged.

You said to me on the phone, that even if the President did see the letter you would be the one to handle the reply. I am sure that this is true, however, I feel that the President should see it. If he chooses not to acknowledge us he has that privilege, but I think it is only fair that he has that choice.

When I wrote the first letter, it was my hope that the President would somehow recognize my Father's brave, unselfish, and heroic act. My family has dealt with the President on a personal level and I feel that my letter should be given this courtesy. After all, it would show some concern for our feelings.

I hope I have made my feelings clear in this letter and I hope that you understand my reason for sending this second letter.

Sincerely yours,

Maria Antenucci - Bennett

Maria Antenucci-Bennett
10844 Brunswick Rd.
Garfield Hts., OH 44125
Home: (216) 581-0556
Work: (216) 522-7185

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: *July 31, 1984*

MEMORANDUM FOR: *James A. Wilderotter*

FROM: PETER J. RUSTHOVEN
Associate Counsel to the President

ACTION:

- Please handle/review
- For your information
- For the files
- Please see me
- As we discussed -
- Please return to me for filing

COMMENT: *Pls call (456-6500) if
you have any questions. Thanks
for taking a look at this -*

PR

June 14, 1984

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.

My Dad never asked for anything. He thought that if what he did was appreciated, someone would make sure that he got something. When he saw the others involved that day get bonuses, he wondered why he never received anything. He never wanted anything if it did not come from the heart and in good faith.

He was promised an invitation to the White House to have his picture taken with you and our family, which included my Dad, family, and my daughter and myself. He never wanted in recognition of his any other things that are too many, when promises are made, they are not taken. You do not take someone at their word, you break it. He often wondered why they

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final letter
to all

6/18

He died of an irregular heart-
lar heartbeat or any other heart
1. The shooting upset him so
r it. He suffered so much in the

roud of his President and his
ssed down to his children. I
in the U.S. District Court in
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.

My Dad may have changed the course of history by preventing the assassination of the President of the United States elected in a zero year. This, however, is for history to judge. I do not want my father's name to be lost in the shuffle of history, and I sincerely hope that you do something to prevent this.

Mr. President, my Dad was very pleased and honored to have met you in Chicago in September, 1981, and to have been invited to the White House by one of your aides for lunch in April, 1982. We do realize you are a busy man and that you have world burdens to consider. However, you seemed so concerned when he was in the hospital, but since his death we have not heard anything. We can't help but wonder why.

Our lives have never been the same since March 30, 1981, and now our lives will never be the same without my Dad.

I truly hope you yourself see this letter, and I thank you for taking the time to read it.

Very truly yours,

Maria Antenucci Bennett

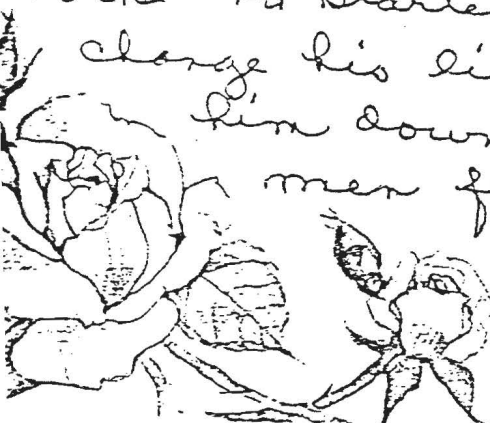
Maria Antenucci Bennett

10844 Brunswick Road
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125
(216) 581-0556

April 29, 1981

Dear Mr. President:

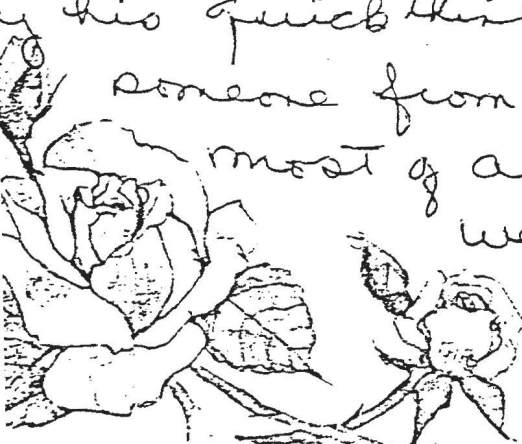
It was good to see you feeling well enough to speak on television to the nation last night. We have been praying for you and the other three men that were injured. We are so grateful that no one was killed. We also suffered personally in this traumatic experience. My husband was standing in back of Hinckley, 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 be change, while he was being restrained his blood pressure



... 8 ... and he started
having irregular heart beats. He
was rushed to Georgetown Univ.
hospital. He was hysterical and
died for three days and nights. He
remained in the hospital for ten
days until they stabilized his
blood pressure and heart beats. He
much better now but still is
under heavy medication. He will
never forget that afternoon. He is
Business Representative in the
gentle's Union and was at the
lton for the convention. We agree
with you that this is not a sick
nation, we have received so
many beautiful cards &
letters from people
praying for my
husband. We have
it been overwhelmed, the nurses
& doctors at the hospital were



... wonderful, working with him
... keeping reporters away from
... Mr. Russo got in touch with
... and had his office staff make
... reservations for us to come home
... and provided transportation to the
... airport and also kept reporters away
... I wish to thank them for being
... so nice. Mr. Ray Donovan was
... allowed to visit my husband and
... presented him with cuff links and
... the clasp which he will treasure
... the rest of his life. My husband
... and the rest of our family loves that
... by his quick thinking ^{and actions} he saved
... someone from being killed and
... most of all the President.



We cannot bear
another John Kennedy
Bobby Kennedy and
Martin Luther King
Sincerely
Mrs. Alfred Antenucci
and family

copy.

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.

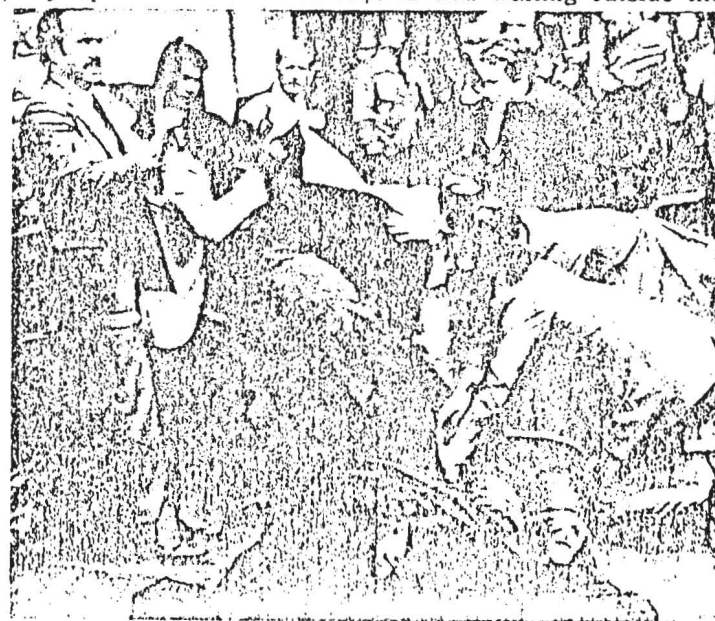
I'm 68 years old. I'm only 5 feet 2 inches tall, but for our President and America I'd fight an army of John Hinckley Juniors.

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

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



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

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

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.

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."

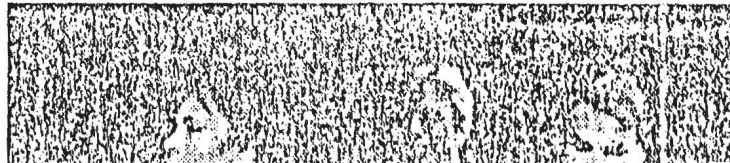
Sounding as if he was on the verge of tears, Antenucci added: "I'm really upset. You know, I would give my life for my President. I remember standing there and seeing that gun. I saw the gun. He was next to me. I'm 68, I can't fight a kid. So I hit him on the back of the neck as hard as I could and his 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 arm 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



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.

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."

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

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pls find PGR's
response to
Sen. Glenn.
Thanks
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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JULY 16, 1984

C O P Y
from ORM

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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REFER QUESTIONS AND ROUTING UPDATES TO CENTRAL REFERENCE
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KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING
LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS
MANAGEMENT.

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. E. Oglesby, Jr.
Assistant to the President

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MBO:KRJ:JID:jid
cc: w/copy of inc to Peter Rusthoven, Rm 115 -
for appropriate action

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May 14, 1984

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RONALD REAGAN

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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 this matter.

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John Glenn
United States Senator

JG/ds

Tai [unclear]
June 14, 1984
I.D. 23-968

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1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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TO:

Dick Haus

FROM: MARK WEINBERG

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White House's 'regrets' stun kin of shooting hero

By MAIRY JAYN WOGÉ

STAFF WRITER

A White House spokesman said yesterday any misunderstandings with the late Albert A. Antenucci, who tackled the president's would-be assassin in 1981, and his family were regretted.

The family said last night they were shocked at the White House response to a Plain Dealer story that detailed their efforts to get recognition for Antenucci for saving the life of President Reagan.

Maria Bennett, Antenucci's daughter, said she and her mother, JoAnn Antenucci, believed the response "misses the entire point of the PD story." It was published Sunday.

Antenucci, a carpenter union official, punched and jumped on John W. Hinckley Jr. when Hinckley began firing at President Reagan in front of a Washington hotel March 30, 1981.

Antenucci had heart palpitations after the encounter and was taken to Georgetown University Hospital.

He died of the ailment in May 1984.

According to interviews with Anten-

ucci's daughter, and his son, Dominic A. Antenucci, promises made by a cabinet member and presidential aides to Antenucci were unmet and recognition for his deed was withheld.

The promises included a luncheon with Reagan at the White House, payment of travel bills for the family while Antenucci was hospitalized in Georgetown and payment of Antenucci's hospital bills.

A copy of the story was delivered to the White House with a request for a response. Assistant Press Secretary Mark Weinberg issued the following statement:

"The president communicated his appreciation to Mr. Antenucci on several occasions, including by telephone and by letter. He sympathizes with the family's loss.

"At the president's direction, members of the White House staff looked into whether it would be possible for federal funds to be used for reimbursement of some of the expenses (the family) bore during Mr. Antenucci's illness. Unfortunately, federal funds are not available for that purpose, and it was suggested that the

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Hero's kin

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Antenucci family contact the James Brady Presidential Foundation to see if funds might be available through that organization.

"If there are any misunderstandings, we naturally regret them."

"The president probably did not even read the article," Bennett said. "He is not that insensitive. All we want is recognition for my father."