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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 5, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. SITTMANN
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

FROM: RICHARD A. HAUSER *RMS*

SUBJECT: Alfred Antenucci

You have asked whether recent articles appearing in the Cleveland Plain Dealer concerning Mr. Antenucci require any White House action. This is essentially a non-legal issue, and our views on the subject are set forth in the attached memorandum to Larry Speakes.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Attachments

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 1, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR LARRY M. SPEAKES
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
PRINCIPAL DEPUTY PRESS SECRETARY

FROM: RICHARD A. HAUSER Original signed by RAH
DEPUTY COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Alfred Antenucci

This will respond to your request for our views on the appropriate response to the rising number of media inquiries you are receiving on Alfred Antenucci.

As you are undoubtedly aware, the overriding issue here is not a legal one; there are, however, two subsidiary legal questions which I will address. First, questions may be raised whether Federal funds are available to cover Mr. Antenucci's medical expenses. As discussed in Peter Rusthoven's November 5, 1984 letter to Antenucci's daughter (Tab L), there simply are no Federal funds that would be available for reimbursement of those medical expenses. We have, however, discussed this matter with James A. Wilderotter, attorney for the Brady Foundation and been advised that, based on an informal review of the Antenucci situation, there is a good possibility that the Foundation may assist in the payment of those medical bills.

Second, you have asked whether it is possible for a medal to be awarded posthumously to Mr. Antenucci for his act of bravery. We have been advised by the Executive Clerk that, as a matter of longstanding historical tradition, no Presidential medal has been awarded to a civilian adult American citizen for individual acts of bravery or heroism. The "exceptions" to this have been awards of the Presidential Citizen's Medal (which is for exemplary deeds of service to the country or fellow citizens) to Joe Delaney (the football player who drowned last year rescuing two children) and to two Foreign Service officers who died in the line of duty in the Middle East. Those situations, however, are distinguishable from the one at hand, as Mr. Antenucci did not die during his act of bravery. In view of the foregoing, we doubt that the award of a Presidential medal to Mr. Antenucci would be appropriate.

Attached for your information and use in evaluating the appropriate response to this situation is a chronology of all the actions taken by the President and his staff to thank and recognize Mr. Antenucci. As you will see from that file, Antenucci was thanked personally by the President on several occasions.

Attachment

RAH:SMC:ph 3/1/85

cc: RAHauser/SMCooksey/Subject/Chron. ✓

CHRONOLOGY

- March 30, 1981 Alfred Antenucci wrestles John Hinckley to ground following assassination attempt.
- Antenucci subsequently complains of chest pains and is taken to Georgetown University Hospital.
- April 1-8, 1981 (Tab A) Antenucci stays in Georgetown Coronary Unit where he is visited by Secretary Donovan and a White House staff member.
- April 8, 1981 (Tab A) Antenucci is released from the hospital and taken to the airport by a White House car. He is met at the airport and taken to United Airlines Red Carpet Lounge to await his flight home.
- April 29, 1981 (Tab B) Mrs. Antenucci writes the President to thank him for the thoughtfulness of his staff toward her husband.
- News articles appear in Ohio press that Antenucci is being ignored.
- May 2, 1981 (Tab C) President calls Antenucci to thank him for his heroic act.
- May 4, 1981 (Tab D) President writes Antenucci and includes a handwritten note referencing telephone call.
- June 19, 1981 (Tab E) President sends message for special tribute to Antenucci.
- Sept. 17, 1981 (Tab F) President sends message to be read at Sept. 24, 1984 tribute to Antenucci and Cleveland Labor Leaders.
- Sept., 1981 Antenucci meets the President in Chicago.
- April, 1982 Antenucci has lunch in White House mess with White House staff member.
- May 2, 1984 (Tab G) President sends get well message to Antenucci in hospital.
- May 10, 1984 (Tab H) Another Presidential letter sent to Antenucci in hospital. (Mr. Antenucci died on May 9, 1984.)
- May 14, 1984 (Tab I) President sends condolences to Antenucci Family.

June 14, 1984
(Tab J) Antenucci daughter writes President complaining about lack of recognition and \$28,000 medical bill.

July 13, 1984
(Tab K) Senator Glenn forwards daughter's letter to White House.

July-Nov., 1984 WH Counsel's Office talks with daughter, advises no Federal funds available and that the Brady Foundation is considering making such funds available.

Nov. 5, 1984
(Tab L) Peter Rusthoven writes daughter advising that Brady Foundation may be able to assist family. Rusthoven also responds to Senator Glenn.

May 4, 1981

C O P Y
from ORM

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Dear Mr. Antenucci:

It was only after reading some of the news accounts of the events of March 30, that I learned of your heroic efforts on my behalf.

You responded in a manner that many individuals half your age would find difficult — and to a danger few people ever know.

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

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN^a

X
Mr. Alfred Antenucci
5387 E. 111th Street
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44137

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msg re. heroic efforts during assassination attempt

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 4, 1981

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Sincerely,

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
5387 E. 111th Street
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44137

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

May 22, 1981

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COMMERCE

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

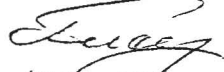
Dear Sally:

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
Washington, D. C. 20500

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.

*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.

Mr. Alfred Antenucci
5387 E. 111th Street
Garfield Heights, Ohio

Dear Mr. Antenucci:

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

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.

Con los mejores deseos *

С наилучшими пожеланиями

and a speedy recovery
and family
mine and no other

Best wishes * Meilleurs vœux *

* 万事如意 *

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."

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



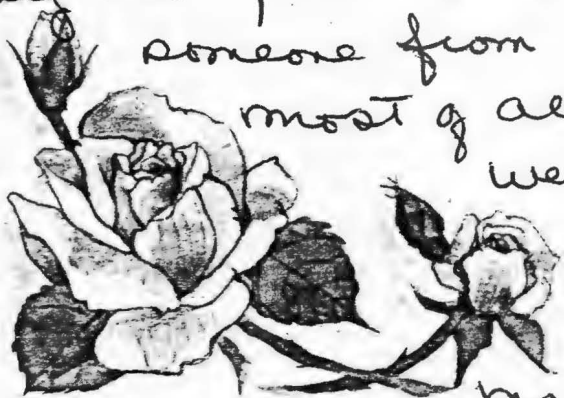
went out of control and he started
having irregular heart beats. He
was rushed to Georgetown Univ.
Hospital. He was hysterical and
cried for three days and nights. He
remained in the hospital for ten
days until they stabilized his
blood pressure and heart beats. He
is much better now heart still is
under heavy medication. He will
never forget that afternoon. He is
a Business Representative in the
Carpenter's 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 hopes 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 Osterwald
and family

Tragedy.

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.

People

By PHIL ROURA and TOM POSTER

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

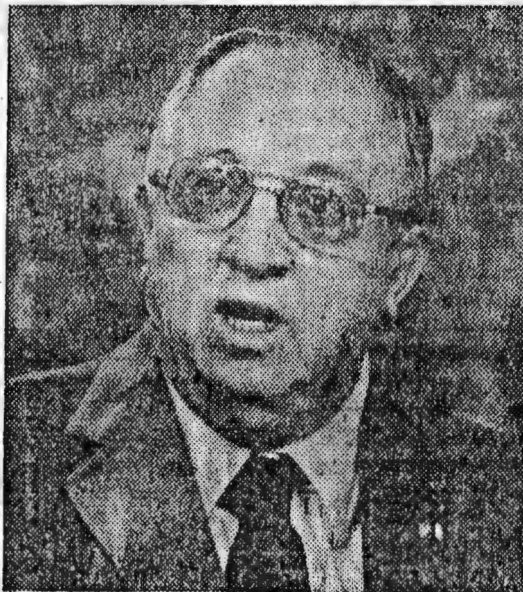
Alfred A. Antenucci is a very disappointed man. He sits by the telephone in his kitchen in a suburb of Cleveland, waiting for a call from the White House, or at least from a high-ranking presidential aide. Antenucci believes he is entitled to the call. So do his friends and some Secret Service and FBI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



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 Management on the West Coast yesterday. "Yes, she

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

3-1-85

TO: Richard A. Hauser

FROM: Sherrie M. Cooksey
Associate Counsel
to the President

File

FYI

COMMENT

ACTION

For the Antenucci file.

Sherrill C

Enclosures - Please Read Them:

February 26, 1985
24440 Miles Road Bx 29
Bedford Hrs. Ohio 44146

MR MARK WEINBERG
ASSISTANT PRESS SECRETARY
White House
Washington - D.C. 2000

Dear MR. Weinberg, Sir:

The Family of Alfred Antenucci IS Trying To Use
What Their Father & Husband did To Gain Recognition

For = Themselves = IF you Lived in This Area = you
= Probably = would be = Disgusted = with the way
The = Italians who are Americans = Tried to use what
MR. Alfred Antenucci did in Washington D.C. on 3/30/81
Each Italian American = Seemed = To Identify = with
MR. Antenucci = Some were Very = hard = or difficult
To "Get Along with". Especially IF They Lived in Garfield
Hrs. I do believe the President & His Staff has Shown
The = Proper = Appreciation to MR. Antenucci = and I do
Not See The Reason or Reasons = other Italian Americans
Should = "Gang Up" To "Cash In" on what MR. Antenucci
Did for "we the People". I Support The President and his
Staff on this Issue.

Sincerely,
Spencer Subman

Cleveland Plain Dealer = 2/17/85

Missing White House glory



Alfred Antenucci AP
"I just did what any average guy would have done."

Then came the final snub, according to Bennett.

When the Antenucci family accompanied her father to the building trades convention in Washington in 1982, Donovan and Russo did not return their telephone calls.

Meanwhile, Al Antenucci was showered with honors — named Italian-American Man of the Year in Chicago, feted at a union dinner in Cleveland attended by 750 people, and admitted to the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. He retired at 70. Then there was Antenucci Dr., a short street between Interstate 480 and Turney Rd. in Garfield Heights.

Feb. 26-1985

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Bedford Hts. Ohio 44146

What is a Final Snub? = Sir IF MR. Antenucci did what he did do - Why should the entire Italian American Population = Try to "Cash in" on this incident? Some one somewhere is using this = for a = Selfish motive = I do believe that our President Reagan, handled this situation very well. Most of the Italian Americans in this Area - are - Greedy as they can get.

Spencer Wickman

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

By MAIRY JAYN WOGEL

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 Antenucci'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."

B.S.

WORD PROCESSING
Reports, Letters, Direct Mail. 687-1283 Adv't.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 14-A

The kin of MR. Alfred Antenucci are using everything someone says to get into the "lime light" maybe the family or kin want our President Reagan to join the CARPENTER'S UNION - the more publicity the family gets, the more the Italian Americans will get to be heard - If you lived in this area you would understand how the Italian Americans "Greed" gets them - As the say "we get what we want."

They want the CARPENTER'S UNION to gain recognition

General Heckman

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*The United States of America
honors the memory of*

SPENCER O. HICKMAN

*This certificate is awarded by a grateful
nation in recognition of devoted and
selfless consecration to the service
of our country in the Armed Forces
of the United States.*

This man is my Dad. He was killed
Sept. 9 - 1943 & is Buried in Italy
In an American military cemetery.
John Hickman is his Grandson and
These Italian Cops - Ventura - 9 others
Push John around - Salerno - Italy
was invaded 9/9/43 - When these
Cops Push John - He Goes CRAZY
w/ a gun & he should be investigated.

Benjamin Franklin
President of the United States

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 25, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR DICK HAUSER

FROM: Larry Speakes *S*

We continue to receive press inquiries on our response to the Cleveland Plain Dealer story about the Antenucci family, the survivors of the man who jumped on John Hinckley. The stories center on what the family believes they were promised by representatives of the White House and has played prominently in Cleveland, with the latest inquiry from NBC News.

Whether the family's claims are legitimate or not does not matter. We have a PR problem which is making the President look insensitive and ungrateful and we should do something soon as this could figure in a network news story.

As I see it we have several options:

- 1) Invite the Antenucci family to lunch with the President.
- 2) Take action to have an appropriate medal presented posthumously to Mr. Antenucci.
- 3) Have the President write to Mr. Antenucci's family.
- 4) Have the President call the Antenucci family.

We can make the President look good by saying that once he heard of their disappointment, he directed that (whatever) be done.

I'll appreciate your thoughts on how to proceed.

cc: Donald T. Regan
Ed Rollins
Sherrie Cooksey
Mark Weinberg

1. prepare chronology
2. explore medals



IT has asked handle about Clarke handle this. Found in book some w/ Frank Stallone

with inquiries Antenucci relationship in historical relationship

*Arkiana
Stone war
became symbol
in bilateral
relations.*

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DATE RECEIVED: JULY 16, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JOHN GLENN

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

from ORM

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LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS
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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

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

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

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May 14, 1984

Mrs. Jo Ann Antenucci
5387 East 111th Street
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

Nancy and I send our condolences on Mr. Antenucci's death. May Our Lord console you with His peace and warm memories of your life together. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. With our deep sympathy,

RONALD REAGAN

Anne Higgins
456-7610

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bcc: Jane Davis, Legis. Affs.

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COMMITTEES:
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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:

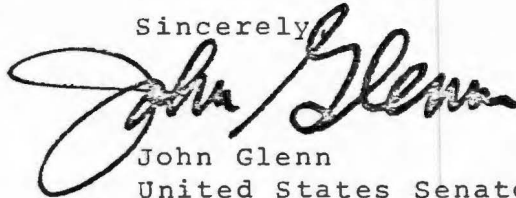
I have been contacted by one of my constituents, Marie Antenucci Bennett, regarding her late father's role in subduing John Hinckley when he attacked the President in 1981.

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 this matter.

Sincerely,



John Glenn
United States Senator

JG/ds

June 14, 1984

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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, my Mom, my brother and his family, and my daughter and myself. That was the only thing he ever wanted in recognition of his heroism. He was promised many other things that are too numerous to mention. However, when promises are made, they should be fulfilled. When you take someone at their word, you expect these promises to be kept. He often wondered why they were not.

My Dad died on May 9, 1984. He died of an irregular heart-beat. 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.

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

RR called Father while in hosp. May 2, '81
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May 14, 1984

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May 10, 1984

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Get-Well
Message

Dear Mr. Antenucci:

Nancy and I were sorry to learn about your illness. These must be trying days, but you should be pleased to know that there are a lot of people who care for you. I am sure this support will keep your spirits high.

God bless you, and please know that Nancy and I will be thinking of you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN 

Mr. Alfred Antenucci
Room ICU 18
Marymount Hospital
12300 McCracken Road
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

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cc: Margaret Tutwiler, Rm. 175

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RE: Special Illness

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 10, 1983

Dear VnameV:

Nancy and I were sorry to learn about your illness. These must be trying days, but you should be pleased to know that there are a lot of people who care for you. I am sure this support will keep your spirits high.

God bless you, and please know that Nancy and I will be thinking of you.

Sincerely,

(8/4/83)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Anne,

P-4

I called the Diarist in Scheduling and she has a record of the President calling Mr. Antenucci on 5/2/81. They only have a listing of the phone call , they do not list why the President called him.

Do you want me to send the P-4 (Attached or do you want to do something more.

MAK

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OK*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 3, 1984

Maureen:

Would it be at all possible to get a telegram out to this gentleman ASAP. Word has it that he is not long for this world and a telegram from the President would be a nice touch. The reason we think this one is special is because Mr Antenucci (Al) was the gentleman at the Washington Hilton who wrestled the gun from John Hinckley's hand the day he shot the President. Rumor has it that the President called to thank him for his efforts back then...but we aren't sure.

Thanks for anything you can do.

Julie

P.S. He has just had a heart attack.

JULIE BRINK
Office of Margaret D. Tutwiler
456-7620

STAFF REQUEST FOR PRESIDENTIAL GREETINGS

REQUEST TO: Maureen Keegan
Room 93,
ext 2276

FROM: Margaret Tutwiler
Room 175
x 7620

Mark in appropriate box and give additional information as requested
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<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. & Mrs.	<u>12300 Mc Craken Road</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dr.	<u>Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125</u> <u>Room ICU 18</u>

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