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# WITHDRAWAL SHEET

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2. notes	re: 3/31/81 Cabinet meeting (partial of p2,3,5,6) 8p total	3/31/81	<del>P6/B6</del>
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7:00 P.M.  
K/C

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

STATEMENT FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am deeply ~~x~~ heartened by the Doctors' reports of the President's condition -- that he had emerged from this terrible experience ~~w~~ in such good condition and with excellent prospects for ~~x~~ recovery. ~~I~~ I've talked ~~w~~ with ~~the~~ the First ~~L~~ Lady, and she reports that the President is in ~~high~~ good spirits.

I can ~~re~~ reassure the entire Nation -- and a watching world -- that the American government is functioning fully and effectively. We have had full and complete communications throughout this tragedy, and the officers of the Federal Government have been fulfilling their constitutional obligations with ~~g~~ skill and care.

~~During~~ During the President's recovery, I am totally confident that we will continue to ~~function~~ function efficiently. ~~Of~~ I anticipate no problems at all in our ability to continue to carry out all duties of this administration. ~~and~~

We are prayerful. We are sober about our duties. We take heart in the way our constitutional system works.

I know I speak on behalf of the President and the First Family when I say that we are grateful to all who have expressed their concern at this ~~an~~ unacceptable act of violence. We will ~~continue~~ continue to welcome the prayers and support of everyone.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Finally, let me add <sup>our</sup> ~~my~~/profound concern on behalf of two brave law enforcement officers who served to protect the Preident and for a dedicated public servant, James Brady. We shall watch their progress with all our prayers and good hopes.

Heartened

Treacy  
3-30-51

Ladies and gentlemen:

I want to report briefly on the condition of the President who was ~~injured~~ wounded this afternoon along with James Brady, his press secretary, and two courageous law enforcement officers.

I am confident that the President has begun, what I and all Americans hope and pray, will be a full and speedy recovery. I am deeply heartened by the reports of the doctors, ~~and~~ I know that so many millions of Americans who have come to love ~~him~~ <sup>President Reagan</sup> and his family in so short a time are equally encouraged.

Mrs. Reagan, I am ~~pleased to state~~ is in good spirits, ~~and in~~ the days ahead, will ~~continue to be~~ <sup>(also)</sup> the strong and supportive ~~wife~~ <sup>to the President</sup> that she has ~~always~~ been for so many years.

I want to reassure <sup>all of</sup> you, ~~the American people~~ that following ~~this~~ <sup>this</sup> the senseless assault on the President, ~~this~~ <sup>his</sup> government has continued and will continue to function in the most effective manner ~~possible~~ in order to carry out ~~the~~ <sup>his</sup> programs and policies of ~~the President~~.

During the time the President is recovering, and I expect ~~that~~ <sup>this</sup> ~~time~~ <sup>time</sup> period to be ~~very~~ short, the Cabinet and other officials of ~~this~~ government will continue to operate in ~~a highly effective manner~~ <sup>efficiently</sup> ~~both~~ for the President, ~~and~~ his programs and for ~~the benefit of~~ the American people.

To those nations abroad, ~~their~~ <sup>foreign</sup> leaders should know that this nation will fully exercise its duties and responsibilities throughout the world. President Reagan has built the foundations of a strong federal government and because of his leadership, ~~in selecting~~ ~~the men and women to important positions of government~~, he has selected individuals who are able to carry out the ~~role he has~~ <sup>and division of foreign affairs</sup> role he has

established for the United States of America.

Finally, I ask all of you to join with me in asking ~~your~~  
God for ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> fastest and ~~most~~ complete recovery for the President  
and for those who were stricken with him today. I am very confident  
that ~~our~~ <sup>these</sup> prayers will be quickly and fully answered.

Thank you and good night.

About 3:00 p.m.

agent in to  
taken  
on Rega-  
chest -  
that would  
get in the book  
agent shot in  
the chest.

Hail came in  
after

3:06 p.m.

Hail to Karl

John

"had a sinus  
wound" saying

message by  
Gene King

I recommend you  
return to Wash DC  
as soon as  
possible.

Do you need  
"hot over"

"This is all over  
over"

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It is for  
fast - over -

"I'll have a  
message over  
you shortly,"  
all right

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Being dictated  
message to Bud -  
Cleared up Rich aka  
who came up

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Then to sit down at  
3:05

4:15 - Hay to  
mess room

RWA at his file

3-31-81 Senior Staff

V-P participate - one end of tool -  
but sitting back.

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Setting up C.P. at hospital -  
manned by Dave Fischer.  
Helene to help grill Fischer.  
Denis Le Blanc be 3rd person -

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Dick Darman to pull together detailed  
chronology of events.

To handle inquiries.

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Serg Saw Pres. this a.m. - still  
crying jokes: "I knew I couldn't  
get away from a staff meeting."

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Signed dairy bill.

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Dr. Ruge briefing

Pres. is just terrific - has  
been all night.

In private room in intensive  
care unit - 4<sup>th</sup> floor

Uninterruptible night until  
3:30 a.m. because of inter-  
tracheal tube -

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When he couldn't talk  
he started writing 1-line

1-2  
+ when he could talk, he  
spoke them.

a degree of fever - total  
loss of blood was 3 liters.

I don't see how the can do a/g  
but get well.

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Jim Brady:

seriously ill - some  
danger to ~~left~~ frontal lobe.

not talking b/c he's tubed, etc.  
Holding wife's hand - squeezing  
it - making purposeful movements.  
no predictions, but better than  
any of us thought he would be.  
Maybe that will continue.

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Agent injured - intubation care unit  
very good, too.

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U. P. Bush:

I came away w/ impression that  
things worked very well.

my position will be to sit  
in for P - but I give  
no impression but that  
anyone but P. is running things.

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Mike P. is on vacation - he's  
just not here - keep procedure  
in w/ staff + if staff  
want me to stand in for P,  
I will.

I want to reassure people -  
go about my business & conclude  
all of you for the way it all  
went.

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10:30 V-P will visit w/P.

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V-P left at 8:14 -  
"Thank you all."

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Meese:

All steps were taken to  
keep w/P functioning. Well,  
demand author was passed to  
V-P. All Press Q's to  
press section.

Baker: President was in charge -  
Sec of State was in charge of  
Situation rooms.

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Ceremony w/ Van left off -  
Signature will be as normal.

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Try to plan a 20 minute meeting 6/7 VP & P - every day beginning Wednesday on.

Baker: stay quiet about what happened yesterday re: Haig. just hurts P. - Don't talk about. Affects the way all of this was perceived.

Geiger: teamwork of Staff & Cabinet was as fine as ever.

Baker: we're in a very good position to knock down neg. stories.

Witzgen: must think in a protective way. Protect WH

Baker: Constant open-line communication w/ AT Haig in S. Tor

Baker: - SS makes procedural investigations  
- FBI - Criminal investigation

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Cabinet Meeting - attendance  
discouraged

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Presidential Messages - Just  
release the content  
I deliver them.

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2:00 scheduling meeting

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Go forward on Tuskegee  
Greek.

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Mexico - keep it on but  
check how strenuous

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Tuskegee

Black colleges  
community during campaign

get language for K.H. or D. Barber

9:03  
9.02

# Cabinet Meeting

3-31-81

V-P in his chair

"Get this meeting started +  
end it as quickly as you  
can."

The news is very good about  
P.

Just doing symbolically -  
Just crossing jobs -  
Federal report is recalled.  
All the more reason why we  
project 1/9 as ongoing.

Testing should continue.  
With staff will continue to act.  
V-P will not be injecting  
himself or his staff into the  
process.

"I'll sit in as a stand-in  
assistant."

Buiness as usual - going  
forward - supporting P.

P. program - Keeping sights  
set - just the right  
stance.

Don Page gave a final  
hard report wh/ you will  
find very encouraging.

[Page gave report]

told how P. was making jokes.  
Everybody chuckled - kidding P.  
P. in small private room

Very optimistic -

Can lay to rest story about  
2 - 2 1/2 months.

How long expect to be in  
hospital - 10 days - possibly  
less.

Some damage to left  
lower lobe - doesn't heal  
overnight.

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Chances of infection quite slim

V.P. might be appropriate not  
to visit D. get on try to  
talk on phone

everybody's dying to change  
over, but should resist.

He needs his rest.

Jim Watt: Just let us know when  
we can go over.

Heese: D.K.

V.P.: I'll continue to  
serve as contact w/ him.  
Take any messages etc.

Ruge: Must conduct ourselves  
w/ decorum around ICU  
distraught families w/ other  
patients.

Baldridge: I've been in hospital  
if you don't want to see people.  
Best favor to do him is to stay  
away

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Russ:  
Reported also on Secret Service agent  
of Jim Brady.

Couldnt have selected a better  
person to take care of Jim Brady.

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Wm. H. Smith -

I awaked about midnight -  
denied bail -

Will have a psychological  
hearing today -  
preliminary hearing Thursday -

6 shots - recovered  
6 shells & 5 bullets -

All shots came from same  
gun - 6<sup>th</sup> bullet hit car  
& letter disintegrated or lost.

No fingerprints on gun -

He was a lover.

Hotel he stayed at was  
searched. # of items found  
indicating premeditation -

Came from Howard - young  
actor Judy Foster - said  
would kill B. for her.

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indication of Shylock  
small type shot of  
gun - Bohian  
assassins.

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Don Regan:

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Security - P. was  
exiting from Presidential  
Entrance. But no particles  
from section outside.

Have to always blame  
P's getting out of security  
if inspectors studying procedures.

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Don't see what else could be  
done

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in car they were going  
for WH 'fund.

P. said: "Hey you  
hunt my ribs" - X  
agent from for jury  
in car. Then looked &  
saw wound.

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P. asked for a report from  
this a.m. why? "I  
want to apologize for  
him."

Testifying to committee soon or  
S.S. & ATF — cut back —

Baldridge — some people  
do a/c to avoid budget  
cuts.

V/P:

not take P.'s place — but  
will help you w/ visits from  
outside.

Any request to see P.  
will be Deane/Murray/Baker.

"If I can help, let me  
know."

Ed Mess:

In recovery room: P. wrote note:  
"all in all, I'd rather be in Philadelphia"

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3-31 a.m.

Ed - Mike Baker - "Oh, no, another staff meeting!"

Tom Mike Deaver: "I guess this blows the schedule for the day."

Sarah Brady doing great.

Meese: The whole key ought to be business as usual.

Alert press office just to coordinate if there are press appearances -

Follow all normal procedures for division meetings.

Congratulated everybody -  
no panic - worked well.

Presented picture to country that gov't. went on.

V-P - all (it's) - never  
of munge - + world  
situation

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Hay: Roy. sent myrtle  
message - call here for  
Debyin.

Work sit. did not drag  
one bit.

Sit. in Poland still  
bad, but a little better.

Walter got 70% of  
what he wanted & Debyin  
not still.

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press closed by announcing  
all the various meetings  
dissolved at 9:33