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Indian Ambassador to U.S.

K. SHANKAR BAJPAI

- -- Personally close to Mrs. Gandhi
- -- Previous postings in Pakistan and China
- -- Attended St. Alban's School in D.C. when his father served as Ambassador to U.S.

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Talking Points

- -- Shocked and outraged by brutal assassination of Prime Minister Gandhi.
- -- Saddened at passing of this great leader, who led world's largest democracy.
- -- Recall our meetings and remember her commitment to peace, security and economic development in India and world. World will mourn the passing of this great leader.
- -- Please convey deepest condolences to the President, new Prime Minister and the people of India as they mourn Prime Minister Gandhi's death.

Statement by the Secretary of State

The Government and people of the United States are shocked and outraged by the brutal assasination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, the leader of a great democracy, the Republic of India.

Mrs. Gandhi served her country as Prime Minister for over 15 years, and was also a major and powerful force in the world community through her dynamic role in global affairs, the Non-Aligned Movement, the United Nations and other forums. President Reagan and Prime Minister Gandhi shared a strong determination to continue the struggle against terrorism.

The United States denounces this despicable act which has taken the life of the Prime Minister and expresses its profound sympathy to the people of India and Mrs. Gandhi's family for their tragic loss.

October 31, 1984

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12:30 P.M. NEWS UPDATE

(UPI) -- President Reagan said Thursday there is "always a danger" the Soviet Union might try to exploit the death of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Reagan said he did not know whether Secretary of State George Shultz, who is heading the U.S. delegation to the Gandhi funeral, will meet with Soviet leaders in New Delhi.

VP (UPI) -- Jabbing away at the goblins of higher taxes and a weaker defense, Vice President George Bush told a Halloween gathering of Long Island Republicans "Walter Mondale's favorite game is to play trick or trick." Up early today, Bush held a private breakfast meeting with city Republicans backing the re-election of Rep. William Green, who is in an expensive and close battle with Democrat Andrew Stein for Manhattan's "Silk Stocking" district. Bush was greeted as he stepped off his plane in Suffolk County yesterday by reporters wearing fake noses and glasses and by flight attendants from the press plane in a variety of colorful Halloween garb. The vice president, who rarely mentions the wide lead his ticket enjoys in the polls, said, "I do believe we are ahead and Mondale and Ferraro are behind, but it isn't because their message is not being heard. It's because their message is being heard, loud and clear, and the American people heard it and thought about it and they're saying, 'No way to the Mondale tax increase, no way to weakening the defenses of the United States of America."

POLLS (UPI) -- Republican polls show President Reagan will win all 50 states and that the GQP will pick up 10 to 15 seats in the House, Reagan campaign spokesman James Lake said today. Lake also said Republicans may lose two seats in the Senate, where they now hold a 55-45 advantage, but declined to be specific. Democrats are predicting bigger losses for the GOP in the Senate. In the presidential race, Lake said, "We have information that shows we're ahead in every state." He acknowledged that Democrats have succeeded in winning back some wayward supporters but said, "We still have an advantage in every state."

NEW YORK (UPI) -- The reputed underboss of the Gambino family, the most powerful organized crime family in the United States, was indicted today on charges of income tax evasion. Aniello "O'Neill" DellaCroce, 70, was arrested at the Ravenite Social Club in Manhattan's Little Italy Wednesday night and two hours later complained of chest pains. He was admitted to New York Infirmary of Beekman-Downtown Hospital.

MOSCOW (UPI) -- The Soviet Union accused the United States Thursday of actively supporting the Sikh separatist movement in India and charged that "reactionary imperialist forces" were behind the assassination of Indira Gandhi. The Soviet media carefully avoided a direct accusation, saying foreign forces were behind the assassination by Gandhi's Sikh guards while charging in separate stories that the United States backed the extremist Sikh movement. To underline who it was blaming, Tass reported large demonstrations outside the U.S. consulates in Calcutta and Madras. American officials in India flatly denied the report. The Communist Party newspaper Pravda accused the United States of "large-scale CIA subversive activities against India," but again did not mention the assassination.

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12:30 P.M. NEWS UPDATE (continued)

STOCKS (UPI) -- Stocks headed higher in the early going today in active trading as Wall Street tried to revive an early week rally despite a slight increase in some shor-term interest rates. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 6.51 to 1,213.89 at 10:30 a.m. EST. Treasury Undersecretary Beryl Sprinkel called on the Federal Reserve to increase the growth of the money supply. His remarks came two days after Treasury Secretary Donald Regan said the Fed could afford to be more generous without risking a return of high inflation.

MOSCOW (UPI) -- The Soviet government today named Alexander Koldunov as chief marshal of aviation, ending speculation that he was in disfavor because of his role in the shooting down of a South Korean airliner, killing all 269 people aboard.

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- Lyndon LaRouche, an ultra-conservative politician who says Henry Kissinger and Queen Elizabeth are part of an international conspiracy, has met with top CIA officials, apparently on matters of national security, the agency akcknowledged today. A spokeswoman was commenting on a report in the The New Republic magazine that LaRouche has had repeated access to high-level officials in the administration, particularly in the CIA. The magazine said LaRouche met personally with Adm. Bobby Ray Inman when he was deputy director of the CIA and with Inman's successor, John McMahon, to discuss intelligence matters. These meetings took place at the CIA's tightly restricted headquarters in Langley, Va., outside Washington. The magazine also reported in its Nov. 19 edition, published today, that LaRouche and his organization played a significant role in promoting the administration's "Star Wars" plan for The Larouche campaign said Wednesday the ballistic missile defense. article "is rife with egregious errors of fact." Deputy White House press secretary Peter Roussel said Wednesday, "We're not aware of any such activity going on."

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) -- Syria gave its blessing today to U.N.- sponsored Lebanese-Israeli troop withdrawal negotiations but refused to guarantee it would not takeover the Israeli positions in southern Lebanon.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM:

JACK F. MATLOCK

SUBJECT:

Managing Soviet Public Statements Re Gandhi

Assassination

Attached at Tab I is State's report on the Soviet campaign of accusation and innuendo regarding alleged U.S. involvement in Mrs. Gandhi's assassination and on the actions State has undertaken to protest.

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TAB I State's Report on Soviet Public Statements Re Gandhi's Assassination

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