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Pat G.
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from **ORM**

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 3, 1984

called Betty Richter 5/3 & told her telegram sent 5/2. pag

MEMORANDUM FOR DODIE LIVINGSTON
THRU: WILLIAM HENKEL
FROM: BETTY RICHTER *BR - advance office + 7565*
SUBJECT: Request for Telegram

At 10:45 am this morning we received a phone call from Lynn Kortavach (614-461-4000) at Reagan/Bush - Ohio.

She said she had been in contact with a Dominic Antenucci whose father is Al Antenucci. Mr. Antenucci is the man who tackled Hinkley at the shooting incident. Mr. Al Antenucci is on the critical list after suffering a heart attack last weekend. Ms. Kortavach thought that maybe the President would like to send a telegram to Al Antenucci. (He is also a very active labor person.)

Since Mr. Antenucci is in intensive care and things do not look good for him, if we want to send a telegram it will have to be done immediately. I leave it in your hands.

Thank you and could you please let me know the action taken on this so I can get back to Lynn at R/B - Ohio since she is in contact with the son?

Al Antenucci
c/o MARYMOUNT HOSPITAL
12300 McCracken Road
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

Rm. ICU-# 18

Phone # - 216 - 581-0500

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May 2, 1984

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X
Mr. Alfred Antenucci
Marymount Hospital
12300 McCracken Road
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

LDJ

Mr. Antenucci:

Nancy and I want you to know that we are pulling for you.

We are very sorry about your hospitalization and we join
the many who are remembering you in their thoughts and
prayers.

Please take care, and God bless you.

RONALD REAGAN

Get well My sent

Anne Higgins
456-7610-

RR:AVH:PAG:pps

✓ bcc: Sue Mathis

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Star
Road*

Antenucci, Alfred

Marymount Hospital
12300 McCracken Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44125

"critical"
*Parfield
Heights*

cc: Pres Gc.

Sue Mathis

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(216) 581-0500

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PMS MR. ALFRED ANTENUCCI
MARYMOUNT HOSPITAL, DLR DONT DWR
12300 MCCRACKEN ROAD
GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO 44125
?WH?

MR. ANTENUCCI:

NANCY AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE ARE PULLING FOR YOU.
WE ARE VERY SORRY ABOUT YOUR HOSPITALIZATION AND WE JOIN
THE MANY WHO ARE REMEMBERING YOU IN THEIR THOUGHTS AND
PRAYERS.

PLEASE TAKE CARE, AND GOD BLESS YOU.

RONALD REAGAN

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September 17, 1981

COPY
from ORM

Dear Mr. McNamara:

message-
Nancy and I are very proud to add our congratulations as your friends in the Cleveland business and labor community gather to honor what you did to help me on March 30.

You will never know how grateful we are for your bravery and quick thinking, and we both thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

With warm personal regard.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN A

✓
Mr. Frank McNamara
8405 Whitehaven Drive
Parma, Ohio 44129

Sent to: Mr. James V. Patton
Vice President-Corporate Relations
Blue Cross/Blue Shield
2006 East Ninth Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Donald R. Jordan
Edward Lechner

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Presidential letter to
Alfred Antenucci, dated
9-17-81, also attached

September 17, 1981

Dear Mr. Antenucci:

Nancy and I welcome the opportunity to extend our congratulations on this special tribute being paid to you by the Cleveland labor and business community.

We are more grateful than we can say for the courageous way in which you came to my aid during the shooting incident last March. You risked your own safety to assist me.

With warm personal regard.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN A

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

sent
RR:LIVINGSTON:vs
cc: H.VanDamm/A.Locke/G.Newell/CF
EVENT: SEPT. 24

Sent to:

Mr. James V. Patton
Vice President-Corporate Relations
Blue/Cross/Blue Shield
2066 East Ninth Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

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Blue Shield
in Northeast Ohio

**September 24, 1981
Luncheon — 12 Noon
Bond Court Hotel, 777 St. Clair Avenue**

GEORGE F. WILL

*Syndicated Columnist
and Author*

George F. Will has degrees from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut; Oxford University; and his Ph.D. from Princeton University. He taught political philosophy at Michigan State University and the University of Toronto.



He was Washington Editor of National Review magazine. In 1974 he began a syndicated newspaper column which today appears in more than 300 newspapers. He is a contributing editor of Newsweek. He is a regular member of the Agronsky & Company television panel, and appears frequently on Meet the Press.

In 1977 Mr. Will was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for distinguished commentary. Earlier, Time magazine selected him as one of the 200 leaders of tomorrow.

Harper & Row published a collection of his columns, "The Pursuit of Happiness, and Other Sobering Thoughts."

WILLIAM H. BRYANT

*President
Greater Cleveland
Growth Association*

*Comments and
Introduction of Speaker*

William Bryant joined the Greater Cleveland Growth Association in 1969. He served in several capacities before being named President in 1980.



He serves in many related Chamber of Commerce activities — Board of Regents of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute for Organization Management and the Executive Committee of Chamber of Commerce Executives in Ohio. He is head of the Finance Committee of the Convention and Visitors Bureau of Greater Cleveland.

An Ohican, Mr. Bryant has undergraduate and graduate degrees from The University of Akron.

Honor Labor Leaders who came to the aid of President Ronald Reagan during the assassination attempt in Washington, D.C., on March 30, 1981:

*Alfred Antenucci
President and Business Manager
Carpenters Local 1750*

*Frank McNamara
President
Carpenters and Building Trades
Unions, State and Local*

These should
be out by
Fri. A.M. at
the latest

Sept 24

DODIE-

We promised a message for this
for Blue Cross/Blue Shield meeting
honoring Frank McNamara and Alfred
Antenucci.

File attached.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 11, 1981

TO: MARY RAWLINS

Mary, please DO promise a message and route copy and incoming to me.

Thank you.


DODIE LIVINGSTON

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

9/14/81

Mr. James Patton's secretary notified today that we would be sending a message from the President for their presentation on September 24th.

Netta Dickey

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

9/8/81

NOTE FOR DODIE LIVINGSTON

Dodie -

We will regret on the attached
for the President or his representative -

Anne Higgins forwarded this to Greg,
as you will note, suggesting a msg --
ok to tell Mr. Patton P will send
a message to Mr. McNamara and
Mr. Antenucci?

Thanks



Mary Rawlins

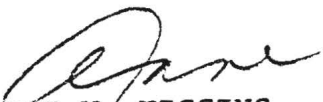
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DATE: 9-8-81

TO: Guy Newell

have you seen
this copy - message
should go - assume
from Dodie as
an event -

FROM:


ANNE V. HIGGINS
Director of Presidential
Correspondence
Room 94
Extension 7610

ANTENUCCI

Dear Mr. Antenucci:

Nancy and I welcome the opportunity to extend our
congratulations on this special tribute being paid

~~██████████~~ to you by ~~your community~~ *the Cleveland labor and business
community.*

We are more grateful than we can say for ~~you~~
the courageous way in which you came to my aid
during the shooting ~~incident~~ last March. You
risked your own safety to assist me.

With warm personal regard.

s/rr

MC NAMARA

Dear Mr. McNamara:

Nancy and I are very proud ~~to add~~ to add

our congratulations ~~and thank you for your~~ as ~~your~~ friends in

the Cleveland business and labor community ~~gather~~ gather to honor what you

did to help me on March 30.

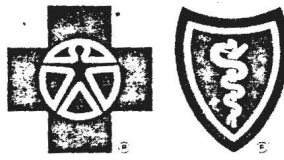
You will ~~never~~ know how grateful we are for
your bravery and quick thinking, and we both
thank you from the bottom of ~~our~~ our hearts.

With ~~with~~ warm personal regard.

s/rr

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Blue Cross
Blue Shield
in Northeast Ohio



2066 East Ninth Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Bob Bonitati

JAMES V. PATTON
VICE PRESIDENT
CORPORATE RELATIONS
(216) 687-7701

August 24, 1981

REGRET
DATE 9/8
TR

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear President Reagan:

On September 24th Cleveland's business and labor community will honor the two labor leaders -- Frank McNamara and Alfred Antenucci -- who came to your aid during the assassination attempt.

This recognition will be given during a luncheon meeting hosted by Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Northeast Ohio. Enclosed is the invitation now going out to further explain the event.

The luncheon, part of our HEALTH EDUCATION SERIES, will be attended by chief executive officers of area corporations, other community leaders, labor, legislators and the media. You may recall that before your election as President we tried to arrange for you to address this group but you were unable to work it into your schedule.

Do you wish to issue greetings to be read as the plaques are presented to Frank McNamara and Alfred Antenucci? Also, do you or your designee wish to make the presentation? We would be honored to have Presidential representation on September 24th!

Cordially,

James V. Patton
James V. Patton

JVP:djm

enclosure

Blue Cross
of Northeast Ohio



August 24, 1981

2066 East Ninth Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

(216) 687-7205

You are cordially invited to be the guest of Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Northeast Ohio at a luncheon meeting on Thursday, September 24th, at 12 Noon at Bond Court Hotel in downtown Cleveland. This is part of our continuing HEALTH EDUCATION SERIES to keep the community informed about health concerns which affect us all.

Our speaker will be George F. Will, syndicated columnist and author. He is a regular contributor to Newsweek and his column appears in The Plain Dealer. He is also widely recognized for his work on television. In 1977 he received a Pulitzer Prize for distinguished commentary. Mr. Will is attuned to Washington discussions about the delivery of health care services and we're confident his observations will interest you.

William H. Bryant, President of the Greater Cleveland Growth Association, will give his comments and introduce Mr. Will.

Also, we'll take this opportunity to let Cleveland's business and labor community honor the two labor leaders -- Alfred Antenucci and Frank McNamara -- who came to the aid of President Ronald Reagan during the assassination attempt in Washington, D.C. on March 30th.

Please join us for the luncheon on September 24th; reply cards should be returned by September 17th.

Sincerely,

Donald R. Riordan, Sr.

Donald R. Riordan
President
Blue Cross of Northeast Ohio

E. C. Lechner

Edward C. Lechner
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Medical Mutual of Cleveland, Inc.

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STRAIGHT WIRE - JUNE 19, 1981

X
Mr. Alfred Antenucci
c/o Statler Office Tower
Grand Ballroom
Euclid Avenue at E. 12th Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

COPY
from ORN

Nancy and I feel very privileged to join in this special
~~Message~~
tribute to Alfred Antenucci.

We are very grateful for the courage he displayed in
helping to tackle the man who is accused of shooting me
and three other men on March 30.

This is a very proud moment for Mr. Antenucci and for his
family, friends, and community, and both Nancy and I want
him to know how much we appreciate what he did. He is a
brave American whose first thoughts were of the safety of
others, not himself.

With our warm personal regard and our greetings to all who
are present this evening.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

sent
RR:LIVINGSTON;vs
cc: H.vonDamm/Livingston/Janice Farrell/CF
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13 PMS MR. ALFRED ANTENUCCI

14 C/O STATLER OFFICE TOWER, (C/O ASST MNGR ON DUTY) DLR DONT DWR
15 GRAND BALLROOM

16 EUCLID AVENUE AT E. 12TH STREET

17 CLEVELAND, OH 44115

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19 NANCY AND I FEEL VERY PRIVILEGED TO JOIN IN THIS SPECIAL
20 TRIBUTE TO ALFRED ANTENUCCI.

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22 WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE COURAGE HE DISPLAYED IN
23 HELPING TO TACKLE THE MAN WHO IS ACCUSED OF SHOOTING ME
24 AND THREE OTHER MEN ON MARCH 30.

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26 THIS IS A VERY PROUD MOMENT FOR MR. ANTENUCCI AND FOR HIS
FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COMMUNITY, AND BOTH NANCY AND I WANT
HIM TO KNOW HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE WHAT HE DID. HE IS A
BRAVE AMERICAN WHOSE FIRST THOUGHTS WERE OF THE SAFETY OF
OTHERS, NOT HIMSELF.

WITH OUR WARM PERSONAL REGARD AND OUR GREETINGS TO ALL WHO
ARE PRESENT THIS EVENING.

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Telegram

Nancy and I feel very privileged to join in this special tribute to Alfred Antenucci.

We are very grateful ^{for} the ~~bravery and~~ courage he displayed in helping to tackle ~~John Hinckley Jr. and the other~~ the man who is accused of shooting me and three other men on March 30.

This is a very proud moment for Mr. Antenucci and for his family, friends, and community, and ~~me~~. Both Nancy and I want him to know how much we appreciate what he did. He is a brave American whose first thoughts were of ~~protecting~~ the safety of others, not himself.

With our warm personal regard and our greetings to all who are present this evening.

s/rr

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 18, 1981

June 19

MEMORANDUM FOR DODIE LIVINGSTON

FM: Janice Farrell

RE: Presidential Message to Alfred Antenucci

On Friday evening, June 19, there will be a testimonial dinner in Cleveland, Ohio to honor Alfred Antenucci, the man who helped tackle John Hinckley on the day that the President was shot. The President personally telephoned Mr. Antenucci after he was released from the hospital after the incident, but we thought that it might be appropriate to have a telegram sent from the President to the testimonial dinner.

I have attached a backgrounder that was done on Mr. Antenucci prior to the President's phone call. This might help with some ideas for a telegram.

The following are the details that we have on the dinner:

June 19, 1981
6:30 p.m. Cocktails
7:30 p.m. Dinner

Statler Office Tower (216) 696-6800
Grand Ballroom
Euclid Avenue at E. 12th Street
Cleveland, OH 44115

Sponsor: Cleveland Building Trades Council
Mr. Charles Pinzone (216) 361-8077

You can phone me on X2397 if there is any other information you may need.

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.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 27, 1981

COPY
from ARM

Dear Mike:

Thank you for sending me the news article about Alfred Antenucci. I appreciate your concern that Mr. Antenucci be recognized for his valiant efforts, and I've taken the liberty to enclose another news article which more accurately begins to portray, in his own words, the recognition Mr. Antenucci did receive from the President.

In addition to a telephone call from President Reagan, Mr. Antenucci was also visited in the hospital by Secretary of Labor, Ray Donovan, and a member of my staff, Mr. Bob Bonitati, who specializes in labor relations.

I appreciate your calling the other article to my attention, since I feel it is important to set the record straight that the Administration certainly does appreciate the risk Mr. Antenucci took to help save the President's life.

I do hope you are enjoying your new position with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

With warm wishes.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth H. Dole
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

X
Mr. Michael A. Forcash
Special Assistant to the Director
Federal Mediation and Conciliation
Board
Washington, D.C. 20427

...as the minimum wage, will be impossible to enforce in home...
pictured here, a 1979 home sweatshop operation in New York City un...
by the Ladies' Garment Workers union. (PAI)

McMahon brought up this article for you
---thought you might want to pass the
to the appropriate people in the Adminis-
on.

ie wants me to return the paper to him.

Lola

IUE News Jun '81

the passage of the Federal Mine
and Health Act, which requires the
of these mines. Youngsters, pros-

abandoned properties, such as roof rails,
explosions; ventilation hazards, and drown-
ings.

rt Says Employer Can't Sue Wildcatter

THE SUPREME COURT has
led that employers cannot sue
dual workers for damages

caused by wildcat strikes. The
court's 7-2 decision is viewed as an
important legal victory for orga-
nized labor.

The ruling upheld a decision by a fed-
eral appeals court that a trucking com-
pany in Flint, Mich., couldn't sue several
employees who in 1976 staged a 13-day
strike that wasn't authorized by the Team-
sters union local to which they belonged.

The high court decision settled an issue
which had long been unresolved follow-
ing enactment of the Labor-Management
Relations (Taft-Hartley) Act of 1947, un-
der which an employer may sue a union
for damages caused by union-encouraged
violations of a collective bargaining agree-
ment. The Supreme Court ruled in 1962
that individual union officials can't be
held liable for damages caused by a wild-



Union Man Who Saved President Waits in Vain for Word of Thanks

by Les Finnegan

IN NEW YORK CITY, "the Car-
penter Who Saved Reagan" was
the subject of a detailed four-
column, top-of-the-page feature
with picture in the country's largest
circulation newspaper, the N.Y.
Daily News. The carpenter is, of
course, the Carpenters Union of-
ficial from Cleveland, Alfred An-
tenucci, who threw himself at John
W. Hinckley Jr., the man attempt-
ing to assassinate President Reagan
on March 30, and brought him to
earth with the gun still smoking in
his hand.

Police, Secret Service men and the FBI
all consider Al Antenucci a hero, but ac-
cording to the *Daily News* he is also
"a very disappointed man." How come?
Here's the explanation in Antenucci's own

words on how he feels about never having
received a single phone call from anyone
in the White House even while he was in
the same hospital Reagan was taken to
when doctors suspected a possible heart
attack:

"I can't believe this, no matter how
hard I try. Not a word. Not a sound. No-
body 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. But not a word."

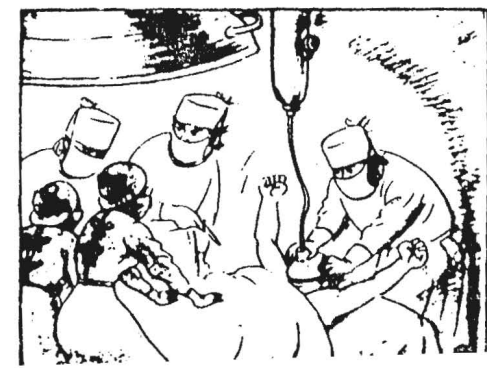
Some Washington newsmen, perhaps
cynical ones, wonder whether the White
House insensitivity is a reflection of its
pervasive anti-unionism. Antenucci is a
union business agent and, when he col-
lared the President's would-be assassin, he
was in Washington to attend the AFL-
CIO building and construction trades
meeting that Reagan addressed. (PAI)

Sony Announces TV Technology Break

SONY CORP. has introduced a
high-resolution television re-
cording system which the company
says records and plays back video-
tape with a much sharper image
than conventional systems. The
Sony system could eventually re-
place film as a medium for produc-
ing motion pictures, industry of-
ficials say.

Sony's system, including cameras, re-
corders, monitors and large-screen projec-
tors, uses 1,125 horizontal lines, more than
twice the 525-line standard used in com-
mercial television in the United States, Ja-

codisc players, and in broadcasting and
theater use. But Sony has not decided
when it will be marketed or its cost.



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

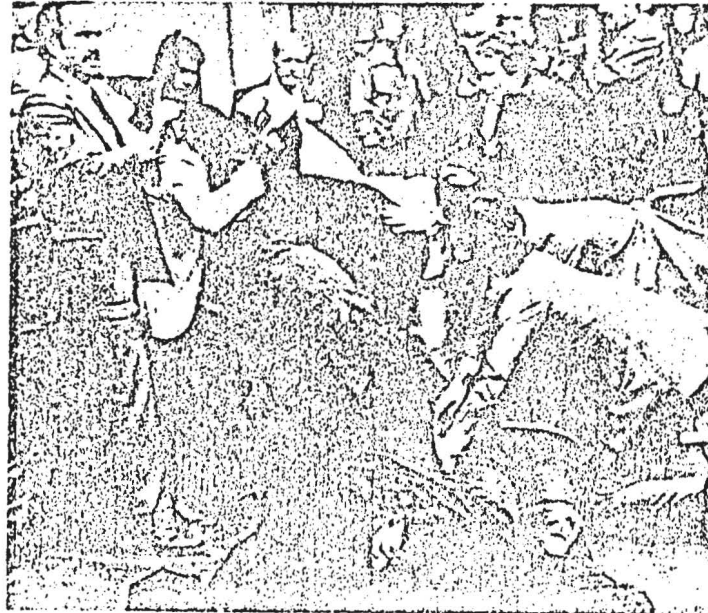
own bootstraps, from shoeshine boy to union boss, in the American tradition. My dad was an immigrant from Italy.

I fought and worked my way up from the bottom to

educate my kids and build a fine home for my family. I literally did build my home with my own hands in a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio.

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



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

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.

FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Big Note -

Thought you might like
to consider having one
of your outreach people
take a look at this.

Timing is bad but maybe
something can be done.

As an aside, I've landed on
my feet here as Special Asst.
to the Director. Thanks for
the chance to work with you -
it gave me the opening I
needed.

Paula Jayne
JUN 23 RECD

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SERVICE

Over -

MICHAEL A. FORGASH

Julie

The new call center
all well. Thanks!!

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Michael Forgash

JUN 23 RECD

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WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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from CRM

- O - OUTGOING
- H - INTERNAL
- I - INCOMING

Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 22 10 7 1/2

Name of Correspondent: Mary Rose O'Connell

MI Mail Report User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: requests the President award the Medal of Honor to Alfred A. Antonucci.

ROUTE TO:

ACTION

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With best wishes,

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Kenneth M. Duberstein
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Mary Rose Oakar
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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President Ronald W. Reagan
The White House
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Stamped on Antenucci

May you continue in the best of health.

Sincerely yours,

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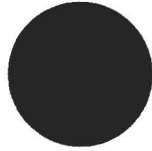
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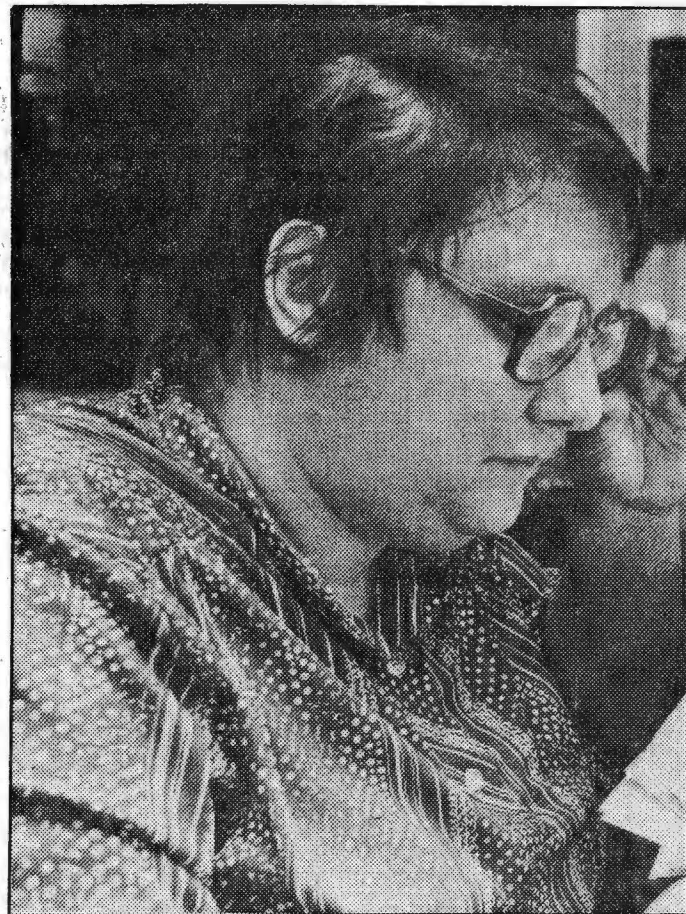
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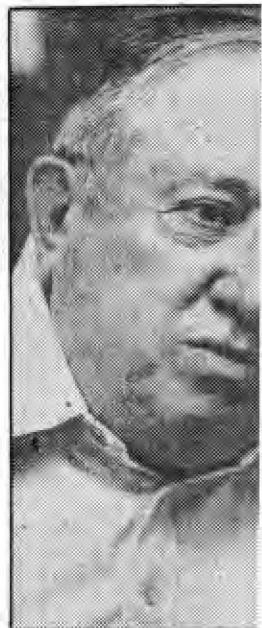
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