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SP,

FYI

As of
last night

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3/31/81 5:45 p.m.

As of between 2:30 and 3:00 today:

5,000 telegrams and mailgrams received
(equally divided between those
addressed to the Pres. and those
to Mrs. Reagan)

2,000 phone calls (non-directive)

All were supportive of the President,
Mrs. Reagan, concern and sympathy, etc.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 1, 1981

FOR: SHEILA
FROM: SHERYL *Sheryl*
SUBJECT: Calls taken by the
Comment Office since
Monday afternoon.

2,000 calls have come in since Monday's incident, over half of them asking for the First Lady or requesting that she know of their sympathy and concern.

As of last night, 5,000 mailgrams and telegrams to both the President and Mrs. Reagan had been received. No count available yet today.

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