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Q 311056Z MAR 81  
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7254

UNCLAS ADDIS ABABA 0989

FOR WHITE HOUSE

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TAGS: PDIP

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT REAGAN

ETHIOPIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CALLED IN CHARGE  
URGENTLY MORNING OF MARCH 31 TO EXPRESS SHOCK AND REGRET  
AT ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST PRESIDENT REAGAN, SPEAKING  
FOR THE GOVERNMENT, THE PERMANENT SECRETARY EMPHASIZED CONCERN  
AND WISHES FOR FULL RECOVERY.  
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FM AMEMBASSY RANGOON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1076

UNCLAS RANGOON 1242

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PPDC, BM

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE: BURMESE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY TO PRESIDENT REAGAN

THE BURMESE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT PRESIDENT U NE WIN OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF BURMA HAS SENT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN:

BEGIN TEXT:

THE HONORABLE RONALD W. REAGAN  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NEWS OF THE DASTARDLY ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF YOUR PERSON HAS SHOCKED AND DISTRESSED ME GREATLY. I TRUST THAT THE INJURY HAS NOT SERIOUSLY AFFECTED YOUR WELL-BEING. THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF BURMA JOIN ME IN WISHING YOUR SPEEDY RECOVERY AND RESTORATION TO GOOD HEALTH. WE EARNESTLY HOPE THAT YOU WILL SOON BE ABLE ACTIVELY TO RESUME THEIR NORMANCE OF YOUR HIGH OFFICE AND THE LEADERSHIP OF YOUR COUNTRY AND PEOPLE.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIALIST  
REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF BURMA

END TEXT.  
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FM AMEMBASSY RABAT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8009

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FOR THE SECRETARY

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP

SUBJECT: ATTEMPT UPON THE LIFE OF THE PRESIDENT; MOROCCAN  
WISHES AND SYMPATHY

1. MOROCCAN FONMIN BOUCETTA CALLED ME IN MORNING MARCH 31.  
HE ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO YOU HIS EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY,  
HOPES FOR THE PRESIDENT'S COMPLETE AND RAPID RECOVERY AND  
WISHES FOR "AN EARLY END TO THIS NIGHTMARE".

2. BOUCETTA SAID THAT HE WAS ALSO EXPRESSING SENTIMENTS OF  
KING HASSAN II, WHO HAD SENT HIS OWN MESSAGE DIRECTLY UPON  
HEARING THE NEWS LAST NIGHT, AND FEELINGS OF THE GOM.  
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ASIMET, NEA, KAMINSKY

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MESSAGE:  
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P 311120Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0185

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E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, MV, CE

SUBJ: ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION: MESSAGES FROM MALDIVIAN AND SRI LANKAN PRESIDENTS

1. IN CALL TO COLOMBO FROM MALE EARLY MARCH 31, MALDIVES PRESIDENT GAYDOM EXPRESSED SHOCK TO US OVER ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT REAGAN AND HAPPINESS AT NEWS HE IS OUT OF DANGER. GAYDOM ASKED THAT FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE BE RELAYED TO PRESIDENT REAGAN:

QUOTE: I WAS DEEPLY SHOCKED TO LEARN OF THE CRIMINAL ATTACK MADE ON YOUR LIFE YESTERDAY AND I WISH TO EXPRESS MY DEEP CONCERN OVER THIS MEANINGLESS ACT OF VIOLENCE. I HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN HEARTENED TO KNOW OF YOUR GOOD PROGRESS TOWARDS RECOVERY WHICH I EARNESTLY HOPE WILL BE SPEEDY AND COMPLETE. UNQUOTE.

2. SRI LANKAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ADVISED THAT PRESIDENT JAYEWARDENE IS SENDING FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN VIA SRI LANKAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON:

QUOTE: I WAS SHOCKED TO READ THE REPORT OF THE ATTEMPT ON YOUR LIFE. I AM RELIEVED TO LEARN YOU COULD RESUME ACTIVE LEADERSHIP OF YOUR PEOPLE EARLY. WISHING YOU A VERY SPEEDY RECOVERY. J.R. JAYEWARDENE. UNQUOTE.

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FM AMEMBASSY PARIS

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DIA WASHINGTON DC//  
SECDEF WASHDC  
SECSTATE WASHDC 2906  
WHITE HOUSE  
AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS 6505  
AMEMBASSY LONDON 7806  
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PGM/FW; STATE FOR EUR/P/SP; EUR/WE; INR/P; PM FOR  
BLACKWILL; OSD ISA FOR ILN; WHITE HOUSE FOR  
NSC/WEUROPE-RENTSCHLER; USCINCEUR FOR PAD; USDOE FOR  
DOE; NATO FOR USICA; BRUSSELS FOR USICA; LONDON FOR  
USICA.

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TAGS: NONE

SUBJECT: DAILY MEDIA REACTION REPORT  
TUESDAY MARCH 31, 1981 - SUMMARY  
MAJOR STORIES IN THE FRENCH PRESS TODAY;  
BANNER HEADLINES, PHOTOGRAPHIC AND CONSIDERABLE  
FRONTPAGE AND INSIDE-PAGE REPORTS ON ASSASSINATION  
ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT REAGAN. REPORTS INCLUDE REACTIONS  
FROM WORLD CAPITALS, HISTORY OF PREVIOUS ATTACKS AND

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MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

SPECULATION ON CONSEQUENCES. THE ATTEMPT MOBILIZES RADIO NEWS PROGRAMS. RELATIVELY FEW COMMENTARIES UP TO NOW INCLUDE QUOTIDIEN DE PARIS EDITORIAL SEEING ATTEMPT AS STRENGTHENING FURTHERMORE AMERICA'S DETERMINATION AND PATRIOTIC FEELINGS, AND FRANCE-INTER RADIO COMMENTATOR EDOUARD SABLIER'S SYMPATHETIC MESSAGE NOTING THAT "IN TWO MONTHS, REAGAN HAS ACHIEVED ENCOURAGING RESULTS IN EVERY DOMAIN".

THE SITUATION IN POLAND IS ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL TOPIC WITH MORE SPECULATION ON RESULTS OF POLISH PC CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING AND GENERAL FEELING THAT SOVIET'S VIEWS DID NOT PREVAIL. POLISH VICE-PREMIER JAGIELSKI'S MEETING WITH FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER YESTERDAY IN PARIS IS ALSO NOTED.

DOMESTICALLY, NEWS CENTERS ON GISCARD D'ESTAING'S TELEVISED INTERVIEW LAST NIGHT AND ON HIS PLAN TO EASE UNEMPLOYMENT IN FRANCE.

WRITTEN PRESS COMMENT

THE HEADLINES

ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT:

CONSERVATIVE FIGARO/AURORE: "ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON RONALD REAGAN";

INDEPENDENT QUOTIDIEN: "REAGAN SERIOUSLY WOUNDED";

LE MATIN: "ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON REAGAN";

COMMUNIST HUMANITE: "REAGAN SERIOUSLY WOUNDED".

POLAND:

CONSERVATIVE FIGARO/AURORE: "FRAGILE COMPROMISE";

EVENING FINANCIER NOUVEAU-JOURNAL: "RESPITE IN POLAND";

CATHOLIC EVENING LA CROIX: "THE PARTY CHOOSES

MODERATION";

INDEPENDENT QUOTIDIEN: "POLAND AT A TIME OF TERRIBLE UNCERTAINTY";

COMMUNIST HUMANITE: "ACCORD IN WARSAW".

EXCERPTS:

ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT REAGAN:

INDEPENDENT QUOTIDIEN DE PARIS EDITORIAL BY FOREIGN

AFFAIRS REPORTER PIERRE BEYLAU. EXCERPTS: "AS WE

WRITE THIS EDITORIAL WE KNOW NOTHING OF THE MAN WHO

TRIED TO CHANGE THE WORLD SITUATION BY SHOOTING THE

U.S. PRESIDENT.... ON THE OTHER HAND, WE KNOW THAT IF

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AMEMBASSY LONDON 7807  
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RONALD REAGAN SURVIVES -- AND THIS IS WHAT WE WISH, NOT ONLY FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS, BUT ALSO FOR WORLD PEACE -- HE WILL GAIN FROM THE TRAGEDY AN UP TO NOW UNREACHED LEVEL OF POPULARITY.... IN ANY CASE, AS ALWAYS IN THE DARKER HOURS OF ITS HISTORY, AMERICA, WILL CLOSE RANKS AROUND THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER.... BECAUSE RONALD REAGAN INCARNATES MORE THAN A TEMPORARY POLITICAL FASHION, ...MORE THAN A TEMPORARY REACTION OF NATIONAL PRIDE AFTER THE SETBACK IN VIETNAM, WATERGATE, AND THE FAILURE IN TABBAS. HE SYMBOLISES THE RETURN OF THE U.S. TO ITS ORIGINAL VALUES: FAITH IN GOD, BELIEF IN MAN AND IN INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE, AND LOVE FOR THE HOMELAND.

HENCE IT WOULD BE VAIN TO EXPECT A WEAKENING OF AMERICA. THOSE, BEYOND THE IRON CURTAIN, WHO ARE IN

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CHARGE OF THE OTHER HALF OF THE WORLD BALANCE ARE PERFECTLY AWARE OF THAT AND WILL UNLIKELY TRY TO EXPLOIT THE SITUATION...."

POLAND:

LE MONDE EDITORIAL: "IT IS TOO EARLY TO DRAW A PRECISE BALANCE SHEET OF THE WORKS OF THE POLISH CENTRAL COMMITTEE.... IT APPEARS CLEARLY HOWEVER THAT THE MEETING DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A VICTORY FOR MOSCOW.... BY AND LARGE THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED BY THE KREMLIN'S MANEUVERS AND THIS IS ALL TO ITS CREDIT.... EVERYTHING TAKES PLACE NOW AS IF THERE WAS ON THE ONE SIDE THE PEOPLE AND AN INCREASING PART OF THE PARTY, AND, ON THE OTHER SIDE, A HANDFUL OF APPARATCHIKS WHO HAVE REASONS TO FEAR A LIBERALIZATION OF THE REGIME. THIS BREAK IS MASKED BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE...BUT IT IS CLEAR. THE WAY IS NOW OPEN TO A COMPROMISE. THEN THE POLES WILL HAVE TO UNDERTAKE THE ENORMOUS TASK OF RESTORING CONFIDENT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE...WITHOUT WHICH IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO RESTORE NATIONAL ECONOMY. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN IF MOSCOW CAN ACCEPT SUCH A SCENARIO. THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT THIS IS NOT THE CASE UNFORTUNATELY AND THAT THE KREMLIN IS TOTALLY IN FAVOR OF A CONFRONTATION BEFORE PROVIDING SO-CALLED BROTHERLY AID."

LE MONDE FROM MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT, DANIEL VERNETI "...THE KREMLIN PRETENDS TO BE IN FAVOR OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE POLISH GOVERNMENT AND SOLIDARITY. BUT, IN PRESS COMMENTARIES, IT DENIES IN ADVANCE THE PARTICIPATION OF ONE OF THE INTERLOCUTORS BY DESCRIBING IT AS 'ANTI-COMMUNIST' AND ANTI-POLISH'.... THE USSR, WHICH HAD TOTALLY IGNORED THE DECLARATIONS OF THE EEC LEADERS ON POLAND REACTED RAPIDLY TO THE U.S. WARNING. BUT, CURIOUSLY ENOUGH, IT DID IT AS IF THE WHITE HOUSE WARNING WAS ONLY ADDRESSED TO THE POLISH GOVERNMENT AND NOT TO THE USSR. IT MAY SIMPLY BE THAT IT IS AS DIFFICULT FOR THE SOVIET UNION TO ACCEPT THE ACCUSATIONS OF INTERFERENCE IN THE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF POLAND AS IT IS THAN TO DENY THEM...."

CATHOLIC EVENING LA CROIX: "...IN CALLING FOR 'FREE' ELECTIONS FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE IS EXPRESSING ITS DESIRE FOR A LARGE RESHUFFLING AT ALL LEVELS.... THIS CERTAINLY IS COUNTER TO THE KREMLIN'S DESIRE AND THERE ARE RISKS THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL MULTIPLY ITS PRESSURES AND THREATS ON THE POLISH LEADERS...."

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CONSERVATIVE AUREORE EDITORIAL: THE DIALOGUE OF THE DEAF BETWEEN MOSCOW AND WARSAW...IS GROWING EVERY DAY.... IT IS CLEAR THAT THE (POLISH) PARTY IS VACILLATING.... IT IS USELESS TO ADD THAT THE DECISIONS WERE NOT APPRECIATED BY THE SOVIET LEADERS...."  
POPULAR PARISIEN LIBERE: "...THE DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING RISK FURTHER INCREASING THE ANGER OF THE SOVIET LEADERS.... IT IS UNDENIABLE THAT THE GAP

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SECSTATE WASHDC 2908  
WHITE HOUSE  
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IS INCREASING BETWEEN 'SOCIALISM IN THE POLISH WAY' AND  
MOSCOW'S RIGID AND TOTALITARIAN VIEWS."  
SECRETARY HAIG'S VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST  
ECONOMIC [LES ECHOS] "...THE U.S. SECRETARY'S VISIT  
SEEMS TO COINCIDE WITH SIMON PERES' RECENT PROPOSAL IN  
FAVOR OF AN ALLIANCE INCLUDING ISRAEL, JORDAN, SAUDI  
ARABIA AND EGYPT. IN SHORT, A FRONT INCLUDING ISRAEL  
AND THE ARABS WHO UNDERSTOOD THAT THE FUTURE OF THE  
MIDDLE EAST DEPENDS ON THE RECOGNITION OF THE HEBREW  
STATE.  
DURING HIS VISIT TO CAIRO, HAIG WILL NOT DEAL MERELY  
WITH GEOPOLITICAL ISSUES. ONE OF THE MAJOR TOPICS ON  
HIS AGENDA WILL BE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MULTINATIONAL  
FORCE AIMED AT PROTECTING THE SINAI AFTER THE DEPARTURE  
OF THE ISRAELIS.... IN BLACK AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE

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EAST, THE U.S. SEEMS DESIROUS TO SHOW THAT THE VIETNAM TRAUMA IS OVER. IT IS NOW THE OLD, POWERFUL AND DYNAMIC AMERICA THAT THE USSR WILL FIND IN ITS PATH EITHER IN EUROPE OR IN THE RICH TERRITORIES OF THE THIRD WORLD."

TELEVISION AND RADIO NEWS:

THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST PRESIDENT REAGAN RECEIVED A WIDE COVERAGE ON BOTH RADIO AND TELEVISION NETWORKS. THEIR CORRESPONDENTS IN THE UNITED STATES WERE ON THE AIR UNTIL LATE IN THE NIGHT (SPECIALLY REGARDING RADIO EUROPE AND THE FIRST TV CHANNEL: TF-1) IN ORDER TO GIVE INFORMATION ON PRESIDENT REAGAN'S SURGERY.

ON THE SECOND TV CHANNEL (ANTENNE 2) PRESIDENT VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING, WHO WAS PARTICIPATING IN A SPECIAL ELECTORAL PROGRAM "CARTES SUR TABLE," WAS INFORMED DURING THIS LIVE INTERVIEW OF THE ATTACK ON PRESIDENT REAGAN.

RADIO EUROPE ONE EDITORIAL, ETIENNE MOUGEOTTE  
"NOW THE AMAZEMENT IS OVER, EVERYONE IS EASED TO KNOW THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN WILL RECOVER. BEYOND ANY SHADOW OF DOUBT, HE IS A LUCKY MAN, HE IS COOL AND HAS A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR... AFTER A FEW WEEKS OF UNAVAILABILITY THE PRESIDENT WILL BE BACK ON THE JOB. BUT, THIS MORNING, THE UNITED STATES IS IN A STATE OF SHOCK. EIGHTEEN YEARS AFTER PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION IN DALLAS, THE DOSSIER IS NOT CLOSED...THE FREE SALE OF ARMS IN SOME STATES FAVORS VIOLENCE BUT DOES NOT EXPLAIN IT...THE WORST IS THE FRAGILITY OF POWER...."  
INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, MARCH 31, 1981

FRONT PAGE:

FULL PAGE ON THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON U.S. PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN.

INSIDE:

WP FROM LONDON, "GROUP OF U.K. ECONOMISTS ASSAILS THATCHER POLICIES"; NYT FROM BONN, "WITH SCHMIDT SLIPPING IN POLLS, OTHER PROBLEMS SEEM TO MOUNT"; NYT FROM NEW YORK, "ZIONIST WARNS OF ATTEMPT TO 'DELEGITIMIZE' ISRAEL"; NYT FROM DUBLIN, "NEUTRALITY DEBATE IN IRELAND IS REKINDLED; HAUGHEY'S OVERTURES TO BRITAIN STIR TRADITIONAL FEARS"; NYT FROM NEW YORK, "U.S. POLICIES ON AGENT ORANGE CRITICIZED; HOUSE REPORT FAULTS ACTIONS IN DEFOLIANT CONTROVERSY"; WP FROM WASHINGTON, "REAGAN WELFARE WORK PLAN CALLED FAILURE IN CALIFORNIA IN '70S";

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NYT, "WRIGGLING AHEAD ON CHINA"; WP, "FROM THE FED, A WAR"

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NING"; WP; "TRICKY JOB OF UNEMPLOYMENT"; COLUMNS: "WEST  
AND POLAND (2); TEST FOR NATO" BY JOSEPH FITCHETT; "FRANCE:  
REJECTION POLITICS" BY FLORA LEWIS; "AS HAIG SHOWS HIS  
COLORS" BY ANTHONY LEWIS.

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9698

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TAGS: PPDC, BA

SUBJ: AMIR OF BAHRAIN'S CONDOLENCE MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN  
FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS GIVEN EMBASSY MARCH 31 A COPY AS FOLLOWS OF  
MESSAGE APPARENTLY SENT COMMERCIALY FROM AMIR OF BAHRAIN TO  
PRESIDENT REAGAN:

QUOTE:

ON BEHALF OF MY SELF AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF BAHRAIN I WOULD  
LIKE TO EXPRESS MY UTTER CONDEMNATION OF YESTERDAY'S  
MINDLESS AND DIABOLICAL ATTEMPT ON YOUR LIFE. WE PRAY TO  
ALMIGHTY GOD THAT YOU WILL BE GRANTED A SPEEDY AND FULL  
RECOVERY AND THAT YOU WILL SOON BE ABLE TO RETURN TO YOUR  
PRESIDENTIAL DUTIES AND YOUR WORK OF PROMOTING PEACE  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

ISA BIN SULMAN AL-KHALIFA, AMIR OF THE  
STATE OF BAHRAIN.

UNQUOTE.

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TAGS: PDIP

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CEAUDESCU TO PRESIDENT REAGAN  
1. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS PROVIDED US WITH THE FOLLOWING  
TEXT OF THE MESSAGE ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT REAGAN FROM  
PRESIDENT CEAUDESCU WHICH THE GOR IS SENDING DIRECTLY  
TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I HAVE BEEN SHOCKED TO LEARN ABOUT THE ATTEMPT  
UPON YOUR LIFE. EXPRESSING OUR INDIGNATION  
TOWARD THIS CONDEMNABLE ACT, I AM HAPPY TO  
HEAR THAT YOUR CONDITION IS GOOD AND I WISH  
YOU FULL RECOVERY AND PROMPT RESUMPTION OF YOUR  
HIGHLY RESPONSIBLE DUTIES.

WITH MY BEST WISHES,

NICOLAE CEAUDESCU END QUOTE

2. THE EMBASSY WAS TOLD THAT PRESIDENT CEAUDESCU'S  
MESSAGE WILL APPEAR IN THE ROMANIAN PRESS LATER  
TODAY AND TOMORROW.  
AGGREY

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:  
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O 311201Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY AMMAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0756

UNCLAS AMMAN 02411

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, PPDC, US, JD

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST PRESIDENT REAGAN;

- MESSAGES TO PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN FROM KING AND

- QUEEN OF JORDAN

1. BELOW ARE TEXTS OF A MESSAGE FROM HIS MAJESTY  
KING HUSSEIN TO PRESIDENT REAGAN AND FROM THE KING AND  
QUEEN TO MRS. REAGAN;

2. (BEGIN TEXT)

THE HONORABLE RONALD REAGAN  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
USA

- WE HAVE BEEN MOST DEEPLY SHOCKED BY THE NEWS OF  
THE HEINOUS CRIMINAL ACT AGAINST YOUR GOOD SELF. THE  
GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF JORDAN JOIN ME AND MY FAMILY  
IN PRAYING FOR YOUR SPEEDY AND COMPLETE RECOVERY. OUR  
WARMEST FEELINGS ALSO GO TO MR. BRADY, THE SECRET  
SERVICE AGENT AND POLICEMAN WHO FELL VICTIMS OF THE  
CRIME AND TO THEIR FAMILIES. TOGETHER WITH THE AMERICAN  
PEOPLE AND PEOPLE OF HONOUR, DECENCY AND GOOD WILL THE  
WORLD OVER WE STAND IN SOLIDARITY, FAITH AND PRAYER  
THAT GOD PROTECT AND BLESS YOU AND THAT YOU MAY  
CONTINUE IN THE BEST OF HEALTH SOONEST TO FULFILL YOUR  
GREAT MISSION FOR THE BETTER AND BRIGHTER FUTURE OF  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND FOR ALL OF MANKIND.

- MOST SINCERELY, YOUR FRIEND,

- HUSSEIN OF JORDAN

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3. (BEGIN TEXT)  
MRS. RONALD REAGAN  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

- WE HAVE BEEN MOST DEEPLY SHOCKED AND ANGERED BY THE CRIMINAL ACT AGAINST THE LIFE OF THE PRESIDENT AND WE PRAY FOR HIS SPEEDY AND COMPLETE RECOVERY. OUR PRAYERS, WARMEST AND SINCEREST WISHES ALSO GO FOR THE RECOVERY OF MR. BRADY, THE SECRET SERVICE AGENT AND THE POLICEMAN WHO FELL INJURED AS A RESULT OF THIS MOST HEINOUS CRIMINAL ACT AND TO ALL THE FAMILIES OF ITS VICTIMS FOR COURAGE AND FAITH.

- WE AND THE PEOPLE OF JORDAN SHARE WITH YOU AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND PEOPLE OF HONOUR AND GOOD WILL THE WORLD OVER IN EXTENDING TO THE PRESIDENT OUR WARMEST GOOD WISHES AND IN STANDING BY YOU AT THESE HOURS AND TIMES IN SOLIDARITY, FAITH, HOPE AND PRAYER.

- MOST SINCERELY  
- HUSSEIN OF JORDAN  
- NOOR AL HUSSEIN OF JORDAN

(END TEXT)

4. ORIGINALS ARE BEING POUCHED TO S/CPR UNDER  
REGISTRY NUMBER 3788624. ZWEIFEL

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

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MESSAGE:  
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O 311113Z MAR 81 ZFF-4  
FM AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 6160

INFO AMCONSUL JERUSALEM 0300

UNCLAS TEL AVIV 05087

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, IS

SUBJ: ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT REAGAN

REF: STATE 80707 AND 80229

1. MESSAGES CONTAINED IN REFTELS WERE PASSED TO ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER SHAMIR.
2. ISRAELI MEDIA REPORT PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AND FOREIGN MINISTER SHAMIR HAVE SENT MESSAGES TO PRESIDENT REAGAN, THE WHITE HOUSE AND SECRETARY HAIG EXPRESSING SHOCK OVER THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AND BEST WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY; SENTIMENTS WHICH WERE CONVEYED TO AMBASSADOR IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE NEWS OF THE ATTEMPT BROKE. WE ARE TOLD THAT OPPOSITION LEADER PERES IS SENDING A SIMILAR TELEX MESSAGE TO THE WHITE HOUSE.
3. ISRAELI OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED TO AMBASSADOR AND OTHER EMBASSY OFFICIALS JOY OVER LATEST MEDIA REPORTS THAT THE PRESIDENT'S SURGICAL OPERATION WAS SUCCESSFUL, THAT HE IS IN STABLE CONDITION AND CONSCIOUS. LEWIS

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6671

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E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, GB, US

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT REAGAN

REF: A) STATE 080229; B) STATE 080707

1. (U) I PASSED BOTH MESSAGES BY TELEPHONE TO FONMIN MARTIN BONGO UPON RECEIPT WITH REQUEST THAT HE IN TURN PASS THEM ON TO PRESIDENT BONGO. FONMIN WAS MOST GRATEFUL THAT WE WISHED KEEP HIM AND HIS GOVERNMENT INFORMED. DURING PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED MEETING WITH MOPA SEGEN EDOU EYENE MORNING MARCH 31, ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, EDOU-EYENE WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN, ANXIETY AND PROFOUND WISH FOR SPEEDY RECOVERY.

2. (U) IMMEDIATELY UPON MY RETURN TO THE EMBASSY, I WAS CALLED BY ALBERT YANGARI, CHIEF OF PRESIDENT'S CABINET, WHO SIMILARLY EXPRESSED CONCERN AND SAID PRESIDENT BONGO IS SENDING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN. HE WILL SEND ME A COPY WHICH I WILL TRANSMIT WHEN I RECEIVE IT.

3. (U) MEANWHILE, WE IN THE EMBASSY WERE SHOCKED AND SADDENED AT THE NEWS, AND ARE PRAYING FOR A QUICK AND COMPLETE RECOVERY FOR ALL THOSE WHO WERE STRUCK DOWN. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONVEY OUR DEEP SENSE OF CONCERN AND SUPPORT TO THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN BY WHATEVER MEANS ARE APPROPRIATE.  
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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

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MESSAGE:  
IMMEDIATE

O 311230Z MAR 81 (MSG CORR BY WH COMMCEN)  
FM AMEMBASSY DAKAR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7909

UNCLAS DAKAR 02512

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, SG

SUBJECT: STATEMENT TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

REF: STATE 80229

1. I TELEPHONED PRESIDENT DIOUF AT 10:15 P.M. LOCAL TIME MARCH 30 TO DELIVER THE REFERENCED MESSAGE. SINCE DIOUF HAD ALREADY RETIRED THE MESSAGE WAS PASSED TO HIM BY HIS MILITARY AIDE DE CAMP.

2. THE PRESIDENT CALLED ME AT 0845 THIS MORNING TO THANK ME FOR MY COMMUNICATION OF THE PREVIOUS EVENING. HE WAS FOLLOWING THE NEWS BULLETINS CLOSELY, HE SAID, AND WAS RELIEVED TO READ THE FAVORABLE MEDICAL PROGNOSIS FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN. HE EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL WISH AND THAT OF THE SENEGALESE PEOPLE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S RAPID RECOVERY AND RETURN TO THE FULL EXERCISE OF HIS FUNCTIONS. HE WILL BE SENDING A TELEGRAM TO THIS EFFECT TO WASHINGTON TODAY.

3. I CONVEYED OUR GOVERNMENT'S APPRECIATION FOR THE PRESIDENT'S EXPRESSION OF CONCERN. DEJARNETTE

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SUBJECT CATAGORY: ASSASSIN

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MESSAGE:

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P R 311325Z MAR 81  
FM AMCONSUL STRASBOURG

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1784

INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS 1628

UNCLAS STRASBOURG 92

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E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: COE, PPDC.

SUBJECT: MESSAGES TO PRESIDENT REAGAN.

WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE FOLLOWING TWO TELEGRAMS WERE SENT TO PRESIDENT REAGAN ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE.

1. QUOTE

TO: HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

FROM: MR. O. ULLSTEN  
PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS  
OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE  
FOREIGN MINISTER OF SWEDEN  
MR. HANS DE KOSTER  
PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY  
OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

STRASBOURG

MR. PRESIDENT  
ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS AND OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE WE WISH TO EXPRESS FEELINGS OF SHOCK AND INDIGNATION AT THE NEWS OF THE ATTEMPT MADE AGAINST YOUR LIFE.

WE WERE RELIEVED TO HEAR OF THE EXCELLENT CONDITION OF YOUR HEALTH AFTER THE OPERATION.

\*\*\*\*\* WHSR COMMENTS \*\*\*\*\*

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SITUATION: PRES  
SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, OUR MOST SINCERE WISHES FOR A COMPLETE AND SPEEDY RECOVERY.

OLA ULLSTEN  
CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS  
OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE  
FOREIGN MINISTER OF SWEDEN  
HANS DE KOSTER  
PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY  
OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

2.

TO: HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

FROM: MR. FRANZ KARASEK  
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE  
STRASBOURG

MR. PRESIDENT  
WITH FEELINGS OF STRONG INDIGNATION I LEARNED OF THE ATTEMPT MADE AGAINST YOUR LIFE. THE NEWS OF YOUR COURAGE AND EXCELLENT HEALTH CONDITION AFTER THE OPERATION IS A SOURCE OF GREAT RELIEF. PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, MY MOST SINCERE WISHES FOR AN EARLY AND COMPLETE RECOVERY.

FRANZ KARASEK  
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE  
STRASBOURG.

ENDQUOTE  
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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:  
IMMEDIATE

O 311243Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO

TO SECSTATE WYXXYPMMEDIATE 3439

UNCLAS MONTEVIDEO 1056

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, UY

SUBJECT: STATEMENT TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

REF: A) STATE 80229; B) STATE 80707

1. UPON RECEIPT REF A, ADCM TELEPHONED SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, WHO PASSED OFFICIAL US STATEMENT IMMEDIATELY TO FOREIGN MINISTER VALDES OTERO. CHARGE MET SUBSEQUENTLY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER, DURING IN RECEPTION FOR WESTERN HEMISPHERE CENTRAL BANK GOVERNORS. AT THIS MEETING, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DOCTOR O'LEARY'S POST-OPERATIVE STATEMENT, CHARGE CONVEYED TO VALDES THE MEDICAL PROGNOSIS AND EMPHASIZED PROCESS ESTABLISHED TO ASSURE CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT AND US ABILITY TO RESPOND, IF NECESSARY, TO INTERNATIONAL CRISES.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER VALDES, EXPRESSING GREAT RELIEF AT FAVORABLE PROGNOSIS, SAID THAT PRESIDENT MENDEZ WAS OUT OF THE CITY AND THEREFORE HIS PERSONAL MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN WOULD BE SENT FOLLOWING DAY. (MARCH 31). SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT, VALDES SAID HE WISHES TO ASSURE US OF URUGUAYAN FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY AT CRITICAL MOMENT. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH URUGUAYAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, EMPHASIZING THAT GOU WAS WELL AWARE OF AND REASSURED BY USG ARRANGEMENTS FOR MAINTAINING PRESIDENTIAL COMMAND AND CONTROL, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF POLISH SITUATION.

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:  
IMMEDIATE

O 311403Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY MADRID

TO USINFO WASHDC IMMEDIATE

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 2984  
USICA WASHDC

UNCLAS MADRID 04151

SECSTATE FOR EUR/WE (SMITH)  
USICA FOR PGM/PPL, VOA/PL, VOA/PE, EU  
E.O. 12065 N/A

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

1. MADRID 31 -- FOLLOWING ARE THE FULL TEXTS OF  
TELEGRAMS SENT TO PRESIDENT REAGAN AND SECRETARY OF  
STATE HAIG, RESPECTIVELY, BY PRIME MINISTER CALVO-SOTELO  
AND FOREIGN MINISTER PEREZ-LLORCA:

2. QUOTE RECIBA, SENOR PRESIDENTE, TESTIMONIO  
VERDADERA REPULSA GOBIERNO Y PUEBLO ESPANOLÉS POR  
ATENTADO VUESTRA EXCELENCIA ACABA SUFRIR, ASI COMO  
ESPERANZA RAPIDO Y TOTAL RESTABLECIMIENTO SUYO Y SENOR  
SECRETARIO PRENSA. LEOPOLDO CALVO-SOTELO, PRESIDENTE  
DEL GOBIERNO ESPANOL. UNQUOTE

3. THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S CABLE TO SECRETARY HAIG READS  
AS FOLLOWS:

4. QUOTE EXPRESO A VUESTRA EXCELENCIA VERDADERO  
SENTIMIENTO ANTE CRIMINAL ATENTADO QUE HA HERIDO AL SENOR  
REAGAN Y SENOR SECRETARIO PRENSA, BRADY. LOS ESPANOLÉS  
PODEMOS COMPRENDER BIEN DOLOR CAUSADO POR AZOTE TERRORISTA  
QUE PADECE MUNDO ACTUAL. SALUDLE AFECTUOSAMENTE, JOSE  
PEDRO PEREZ-LLORCA, MINISTRO ASUNTOS EXTERIORES. UNQUOTE  
VALLIMARESCU

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

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O 311330Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9519

UNCLAS KHARTOUM 2765

FOR AF/E BRILL  
E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NIMEIRI TO PRESIDENT REAGAN  
PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO WHITE HOUSE AS REQUESTED BY GOSI

YOUR EXCELLENCY

PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

THE WHITE HOUSE,

WASHINGTON, D.C.

WE HAVE HEARD WITH GREAT CONCERN AND DEEP  
SORROW OF YOUR BEING SHOT AND WOUNDED WITH A  
TREACHEROUS BULLET.

WE HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING ALL THE REPORTS AND  
DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE NEWS WAS FIRST BROADCAST. WE  
WISH YOU A QUICK RECOVERY TO SOUND HEALTH TO ENABLE  
YOU TO RESUME RUNNING THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION SUPPORTED  
BY THE TRUST OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THEIR FRIENDS  
ALL OVER THE WORLD.

WE DEPLORE ANY SENSELESS MOTIVES BEHIND THIS  
INCIDENT, THE CONSEQUENCES OF WHICH, WE ARE SURE,  
YOU SHALL OVERCOME TO CARRY ON WITH YOUR EFFORTS,  
IN THE SERVICE OF FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND PEACE.

YOUR EXCELLENCY:

ON MY BEHALF AND IN THE NAME OF THE  
PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC  
REPUBLIC OF THE SUDAN I WISH YOU A QUICK RECOVERY  
AND SUCCESS IN THE DISCHARGE OF YOUR NOBLE DUTIES.  
PLEASE ACCEPT MY BEST REGARDS AND HIGHEST  
CONSIDERATION.

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SITUATION: PRES  
SUBJECT CATAGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

GAAFAR MOHAMED NIMERI  
PRESIDENT  
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
OF THE SUDAN - PEOPLE'S  
PALACE - KHARTOUM.  
KONTOS

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O 311329Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9518

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ KHARTOUM 2764

PASS TO WHITE HOUSE FROM AMBASSADOR  
E.O. 12065; GDS 3/31/87 (KONTOS, C. WILLIAM) DR-M  
TAGS: PDIP, SU, US  
SUBJECT: PRESIDENT NIMEIRI WISHES PRESIDENT REAGAN SPEEDY RECOVERY  
1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.  
2. I WAS SUMMONED TO THE PALACE THIS MORNING BY PRESIDENT NIMEIRI WHO WISHED TO CONVEY HIS PROFOUND SHOCK AND DISMAY AT THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT REAGAN. HE ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO THE PRESIDENT HIS PERSONAL BEST WISHES, AND THOSE OF THE ENTIRE SUDANESE PEOPLE, FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY.  
3. HE ADDED SOME STRONG WORDS OF CASTIGATION OF THE FAILED ASSASSIN AND HOPED HE WOULD RECEIVE HIS JUST REWARDS, I.E., CAPITAL PUNISHMENT. HE ASKED IF WE KNEW AS YET WHETHER HE HAD ACTED ALONE AND IF THIS HEINOUS ACT HAD ANY POLITICAL MOTIVATION. I SAID FRAGMENTARY REPORTS AVAILABLE INDICATED HE ACTED ALONE AND HIS MOTIVATION AT THIS STAGE UNKNOWN.  
4. I LEFT WITH NIMEIRI TWO VERY HELPFUL DESCRIPTIONS OF EVENTS, SENT BY USICA, WHICH INCLUDED DR. O'LEARY'S COMMENTS ON EXCELLENT PROGNOSIS FOR RAPID RECOVERY.  
5. MESSAGES OF SUYQORT REFLECTING DEEP RELIEF THAT PRESIDENT'S LIFE HAS BEEN SPARED ARE COMING INTO EMBASSY AT RAPID RATE. WE WILL SEND IN AS APPROPRIATE LIST OF THOSE WHO HAVE CONVEYED WARM WISHES TO THE PRESIDENT FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY.  
6. BY SEPTEL I WILL REPORT ON OTHER SUBJECTS COVERED DURING MEETING. KONTOS

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COL VP  
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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

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MESSAGE:

ROUTINE

R 311414Z MAR 81

FM BANGUI/CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

TO S.E. RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENT DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE

UNCLAS

FOLLOWING FROM DAVID DACKO, PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE

MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT ET CHER AMI,

C'EST AVEC UNE TRES GRANDE EMOTION QUE NOUS AVONS APPRIS LA  
NOUVELLE DE L'ODIEUX ATTENTAT DONT VOUS AVEZ ETE VICTIME STOP NOUS  
TENONS A LE REPROUVER TRES VIVEMENT ET A VOUS ASSURER DE NOS PRO-  
FONDS SENTIMENTS D'AMITE ET DE SYMPATHIE AUXQUES NOUS AJOUTONS  
NOS FERVENTES PRIERES EN DEMANDANT AU TOUT PUISSANT DE VOUS ASSISTER  
PENDANT CES MOMENTS DOULOUREUX STOP AVEC NOS VOEUX DE PROMPT RETA-  
BLISSEMENT VEUILLEZ AGREER MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT ET CHER AMI, LES  
ASSURANCES RENOUVELEES DE NOTRE HAUTE ET AMICALE CONSIDERATION STOP  
ET FIN.

DAVID D A C K O  
PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

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MESSAGE:

ROUTINE

R 311414Z MAR 81

FM BANGUI/CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

TO S.E. RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENT DES ETATS UNIS D'AMERIQUE

UNCLAS

FOLLOWING FROM DAVID DACKO, PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE

MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT ET CHER AMI,

C'EST AVEC UNE TRES GRANDE EMOTION QUE NOUS AVONS APPRIS LA NOUVELLE DE L'ODIEUX ATTENTAT DONT VOUS AVEZ ETE VICTIME STOP NOUS TENONS A LE REPROUVER TRES VIVEMENT ET A VOUS ASSURER DE NOS PROFONDS SENTIMENTS D'AMITE ET DE SYMPATHIE AUXQUES NOUS AJOUTONS NOS FERVENTES PRIERES EN DEMANDANT AU TOUT PUISSANT DE VOUS ASSISTER PENDANT CES MOMENTS D'OULEUREUX STOP AVEC NOS VOEUX DE PROMPT RETABLISSEMENT VEUILLEZ AGREER MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT ET CHER AMI, LES ASSURANCES RENOUVELEES DE NOTRE HAUTE ET AMICALE CONSIDERATION STOP ET FIN.

DAVID D A C K O  
PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

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MESSAGE:

ROUTINE  
R 311430Z MAR 81  
FM VALETTA/MALTA

TO HIS EXCELLENCY MR RONALD REAGAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

UNCLAS

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM DOM. MINTOFF, PRIME MINISTER OF MALTA, MR. PRESIDENT,

MY COLLEAGUES AND I WERE SHOCKED TO LEARN OF THE WANTON ATTACK ON YOUR LIFE AND WERE GREATLY DISTURBED BY THIS FURTHER ACT OF VIOLENCE.

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MALTA I WISH YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, A SPEEDY RECOVERY SO THAT YOU MAY CONTINUE THE USEFUL WORK YOU HAVE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE WELFARE OF YOUR PEOPLE.

DOM. MINTOFF  
PRIME MINISTER  
REPUBLIC OF MALTA

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COL VP  
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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

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O 311421Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2429

UNCLAS TEGUCIGALPA 2185

EO 12065 N/A

TAGS: PDIP, HO

SUBJECT: STATEMENT TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

REF: STATE 80229

I PASSED TEXT OF REFTEL TO FORMIN ELVIR SHORTLY AFTER ITS  
RECEIPT. ELVIR EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S PROFOUND REGRET  
AND DEEP SYMPATHY FOR REAGAN FAMILY AND AMERICAN PEOPLE.  
HE ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PRESIDENT WILL RECOVER QUICKLY.  
BINNS

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\*\*\*\*\* WHSR COMMENTS \*\*\*\*\*

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SITUATION: PRES  
SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:  
IMMEDIATE

O 311320Z MAR 81 ZFF-4  
FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 960

UNCLAS GABORONE 1285

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP

SUBJECT: STATEMENT TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS REGARDING PRESIDENT  
REAGAN

REF: STATE 80707

1. PRESIDENT QUETT K.J. MASIRE TELEPHONED ME THIS MORNING (MARCH 31) TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN OVER THE ATTEMPT MADE ON PRESIDENT REAGAN'S LIFE AND TO WISH PRESIDENT REAGAN A FULL AND SPEEDY RECOVERY. I WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S CONVEYING THE PRESIDENT OF BOTSWANA'S SENTIMENTS TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

2. WE ARE KEEPING THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA INFORMED ON THE PRESIDENT'S CONDITION BY PERSONAL NOTES TO PRESIDENT MASIRE AND BY PROVIDING HIM AND OTHER GOB OFFICIALS WITH INFORMATION TRANSMITTED BY USICA. DURING HIS TELEPHONE CALL, PRESIDENT MASIRE THANKED ME FOR THIS SERVICE AND ASKED THAT IT BE CONTINUED.  
DAWSON

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

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MESSAGE:

PRIORITY

P 311404Z MAR 81

FM AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9836

WHITE HOUSE PRIORITY

UNCLAS PORT AU PRINCE 1795

E.O. 12065: NA

TAGS: PPDC, HA

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

1. THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL HAS ASKED THAT THE TEXT BELOW OF A CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT DUVALIER TO PRESIDENT REAGAN SENT BY COMMERCIAL CABLE ON MARCH 30 BE RETRANSMITTED TO BE SURE IT IS RECEIVED. MESSAGE

FOLLOWS:

SON EXCELLENCE

RONALD REAGAN

PRESIDENT DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE

WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON D. C.

PROFONDEMENT BOULEVERSE PAR LA NOUVELLE DE L'ATTENTAT

LACE ET CRIMINEL DONT VOUS VENEZ D'ETRE VICTIME JE

VOUS PRIE AINSI QUE VOTRE EPOUSE DE RECEVOIR LES

SYMPATHIES DU PEUPLE, DU GOUVERNEMENT HAITIENS,

CELLES DE MA FEMME ET LES MIENNES PROPRES, LE PEUPLE

HAITIEN TOUT ENTIER SE JOINT A MOI POUR VOUS

REITERER SON ATTACHEMENT ET VOUS SOUHAITER VIVEMENT

UN PROMPT RETABLISSEMENT. IL PROCLAME SON INDIGNATION

DEVANT CETTE NOUVELLE AGRESSION DE NATURE A METTRE

EN PERIL LE LEADERSHIP DU MONDE LIBRE QUE VOUS

ASSUREZ AVEC TANT DE COURAGE ET DE LUCIDITE DEPUIS

VOTRE ENTREE A LA MAISON BLANCHE. LE PEUPLE HAITIEN

ET MOI MEME PRIONS AVEC FERVEUR POUR VOTRE RAPIDE

GUERISON.

TRÈS HAUTE CONSIDERATION

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

PRESIDENT A VIE DE LA REPUBLIQUE D'HAITI  
JEAN CLAUDE DUVALIER  
END OF MESSAGE. BERGESEN

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O 311431Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY ANKARA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6411

UNCLAS ANKARA 02551

E.O. 120657 N/A

TAGS: PDIP, TU

SUBJECT: CONCERN ABOUT ATTACK ON PRESIDENT REAGAN

1. NUMEROUS PHONE CALLS AND MESSAGES OF CONCERN  
OVER THE ATTACK ON PRESIDENT REAGAN AND SATISFACTION  
AT HIS IMPROVING CONDITION HAVE BEEN COMING IN ALL  
DAY FROM TURKISH CITIZENS AND OFFICIALS AND FROM  
DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES.

2. AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH ARE DEPUTY  
PRIME MINISTER TURGUT OZAL AND MEMBERS OF THE TURKISH  
GENERAL STAFF AND THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. OTHER  
TOP OFFICIALS WILL BE SENDING THEIR GOOD WISHES  
DIRECTLY TO WASHINGTON. SPAIN

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O 311443Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1414

INFO USICA WASHDC  
AMCONSUL Leningrad 2400

UNCLAS MOSCOW 04429

STATE FOR EUR/SOV, PA

USICA FOR EU, VOA

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, UR, US

REF: STATE 80707

SUBJECT: PRESS INQUIRY: CONTACT WITH SOVIETS  
RE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

1. IN RESPONSE TO NUMEROUS PRESS INQUIRIES ON  
THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT, WE HAVE CONFIRMED  
THAT WE HAVE CONVEYED TO SOVIET GOVERNMENT THE  
MESSAGE SENT FROM WASHINGTON TO ALL DIPLOMATIC  
POSTS (REFTEL).

2. WE ALSO RECEIVED NUMEROUS INQUIRIES ABOUT  
WHETHER THE SOVIETS HAD SENT AN OFFICIAL MESSAGE.  
AS DEPARTMENT MAY ALREADY BE AWARE, TASS CARRIED  
FOLLOWING ITEM AT 1057 GMT:

BEGIN TEXT:

MOSCOW MARCH 31 TASS FOLLOWS FULL TEXT OF LEONID  
BREZHNEV'S TELEGRAM TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE USA:  
TO HIS EXCELLENCY, RONALD W. REAGAN, PRESIDENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WE HAVE LEARNED WITH INDIGNATION ABOUT AN ATTEMPT  
ON YOUR LIFE. WE ARE FIRMLY CONDEMNING THAT  
CRIMINAL ACT.

ON BEHALF OF THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP AND ON MY OWN  
BEHALF I WISH YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, FULL AND EARLY

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RECOVERY. L. BREZHNEV. END TEXT. MATLOCK

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MESSAGE:  
IMMEDIATE

O 311453Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY AMMAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0762

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E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, PPDC

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST PRESIDENT REAGAN;  
KING HUSSEIN'S REACTIONS

1. IN COURSE OF A BRIEF AUDIENCE ON MARCH 31, KING HUSSEIN AGAIN EXPRESSED TO ME HIS SENSE OF OUTRAGE AND DEEP SHOCK AT THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT REAGAN. HE SAID THAT HE AND QUEEN NOOR HAD STAYED AWAKE A GOOD PART OF THE NIGHT TRYING TO KEEP ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS.

2. THE KING SAID THAT HE HAD CONSIDERED PLACING A TELEPHONE CALL TO EITHER SECRETARY HAIG OR VICE PRESIDENT BUSH, BUT AGREED WITH THE POINT I HAD MADE LAST NIGHT THAT THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY DIFFICULT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. NOW, HE AND QUEEN NOOR WOULD LIKE AT AN EARLY TIME TO ARRANGE TO SPEAK BY TELEPHONE WITH MRS. REAGAN IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. I TOLD THE KING THAT IT PROBABLY WOULD BE BETTER TO WAIT A FEW DAYS FOR THINGS TO SETTLE DOWN A BIT, BUT PROMISED TO SEND HIS REQUEST ALONG TO FIND OUT WHEN IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE FOR SUCH A CALL.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE IF MRS. REAGAN WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO A CALL FROM THEIR MAJESTIES, AND IF SO WHEN SUCH A CALL MIGHT BE ARRANGED.  
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MESSAGE:

IMMEDIATE  
O 311456Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2790

INFO THE WHITE HOUSE IMMEDIATE

UNCLAS JIDDA 02077

E.O. N/A

TAGS: PPDC, SA

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM CROWN PRINCE FAHD

1. THE EMBASSY RECEIVED A LETTER FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN FROM CROWN PRINCE FAHD. THE FOLLOWING IS THE EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION. THE ORIGINAL WILL FOLLOW BY POUCH.

(31 MARCH 1981)

H.E. PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - WASHINGTON  
I WAS EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED AND UPSET WHEN I RECEIVED THE NEWS OF THE CRIMINAL ASSAULT AGAINST YOUR EXCELLENCY AND AGAINST SOME OF THE PERSONS WHO ACCOMPANIED YOU BY AN ACT OF A SINFUL CRIMINAL.

WHILE I EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MY GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT AND DEEP BITTER FEELING AND STRONG CONDEMNATION OF THIS SINFUL CRIMINAL ACT I AT THE SAME TIME THANK GOD FOR SAVING YOU FROM THIS ASSAULT AND MAY GOD BESTOW UPON YOU QUICK HEALTH RECOVERY AND GRANT YOUR EXCELLENCY THE BEST OF HEALTH AND TO PROTECT YOU AGAINST SUCH SINFUL MISHAPS.

SIGNED, FAHD BIN ABD AL-AZIZ AL SAUD

END QUOTE. PLACKE

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MESSAGE:

IMMEDIATE  
O 311459Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2791

INFO THE WHITE HOUSE IMMEDIATE

UNCLAS JIDDA 02078

E.O. N/A

TAGS: PPDC, SA

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM KING KHALED

1. THE EMBASSY RECEIVED A LETTER FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN FROM KING KHALED. THE FOLLOWING IS THE EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION. THE ORIGINAL WILL FOLLOW BY PDUCH,

QUOTE: 25/5/1401 H  
(31 MARCH 1981)

H.E. PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - WASHINGTON

I WAS GREATLY PSET WHEN I RECEIVED THE NEWS REGARDING THE TERRIBLE CRIMINAL ASSAULT WHICH WAS MADE AGAINST YOUR EXCELLENCY AND AGAINST SOME OF YOUR ESCORTS AND WHILE I EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MY EXTREME DISAPPOINTMENT AND GREAT CONDEMNATION OF THAT CRIMINAL ACT I THANK GOD FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR EXCELLENCY AND I ASK THAT GOD ALMIGHTY WOULD GRANT YOU QUICK RECOVERY AND BESTOW UPON YOU GOOD HEALTH AND PROTECT YOU AGAINST SUCH UNPLEASANT ACCIDENTS.

SIGNED, KHALED BIN ABD AL-AZIZ AL SAUD

END QUOTE. PLACKE

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PRIORITY

P 311453Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2387

UNCLAS ATHENS 04913

PLEASE PASS TO PRESIDENT REAGAN  
E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP

SUBJ: REACTION TO ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT  
ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY STAFF AND THE LARGE  
AMERICAN CITIZEN POPULATION IN GREECE, I WANT TO EXPRESS  
OUR HEARTFELT RELIEF THAT YOUR SURGERY WAS SUCCESSFUL,  
WE WERE STUNNED BY THE ACT THAT MADE IT NECESSARY, AND  
WISH YOU A RAPID AND COMPLETE RECOVERY. THE MANY  
EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM GREEK CITIZENS  
PARALLEL OUR OWN THOUGHTS. MCCLOSKEY

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

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MESSAGE:  
PRIORITY

P 311352Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2789

INFO AMCONSUL DHAHRAN 6944  
USLO RIYADH 7349

UNCLAS JIDDA 02075

EO 12065: NA

TAGS: PDIP, SA

SUBJECT: WELL-BEING OF THE PRESIDENT

1. WE ARE RECEIVING EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN FOR THE WELL  
BEING OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE OTHERS INJURED IN THE  
ATTEMPT ON HIS LIFE, SYMPATHY FOR HIM AND MRS. REAGAN  
AT THIS TRYING TIME AND SUPPORT FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE  
FROM SAUDI OFFICIALS, PRIVATE CITIZENS AND OUR DIPLOMATIC  
COLLEAGUES.

2. WE WILL FORWARD THOSE OF A PERSONAL CHARACTER THROUGH  
NEA/ARP. PLACKE

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:

ROUTINE

R 311501Z MAR 81 (MSG SUBJ TO CORR  
FM MONTEVIDEO/URUGUAY SVCD BY WH COMMCEN)

TO HIS EXCELLENCY RONALD REAGAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA

UNCLAS

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM DOCTOR APARICIO MENDEZ, PRESIDENT  
OF URUGUAY:

AL EXCELENTISIMO SENOR PRESIDENTE DE LOS  
ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA  
RONALD REAGAN  
WASHINGTON D.C.

((#))

HONDAMENTE CONMOVIDO ANTE EL REPUDIABLE ATENTADO DE QUE FUERA  
OBJETO, QUE HIERE LOS MAS CAROS PRINCIPIOS DE LA CONVIVENCIA  
HUMANA, HAGO LLEGAR A VUESTRA EXCELENCIA LAS EXPRESIONES DE  
LA MAS PROFUNDA SOLIDARIDAD DEL PUEBLO Y DEL GOBIERNO DE LA  
REPUBLICA ORIENTAL DEL URUGUAY, A LAS QUE AGREGO LAS PERSONALES  
MIAS, ASI COMO LOS MEJORES VOTOS POR SU PRONTO RESTABLECIMIENTO.

REITERO A VUESTRA EXCELENCIA LAS SEGURIDADES DE MI MAS ALTA Y  
FRATERNAL CONSIDERACION

DOCTOR APARICIO MENDEZ  
PRESIDENTE DE LA REPUBLICA ORIENTAL DEL URUGUAY

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: ASSASSIN

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:  
IMMEDIATE

O 311544Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY ROME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0831

UNCLAS ROME 0747Z

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PPDC, IT

SUBJECT: ITALIAN PRESIDENT PERTINI'S MESSAGE ON  
OCCASION OF ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT REAGAN  
1. ITALIAN PRESIDENT PERTINI, NOW IN COSTA RICA, HAS  
SENT A TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT REAGAN. MESSAGE IN

EMBASSY TRANSLATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE CRIMINAL ATTACK OF WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN THE  
VICTIM AND THE NEWS CONCERNING IT WHICH HAS REACHED  
ME WHILE I WAS OUTSIDE MY COUNTRY HAVE PROVOKED IN ME  
A SENSE OF HORROR AND INDIGNATION. INTERPRETING THE  
FEELINGS OF THE ITALIAN PEOPLE, I SEND TO YOU AND TO  
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE MY HEARTFELT WISHES THAT YOUR PROMPT  
RECOVERY WILL PERMIT YOU TO TAKE UP AGAIN THE WORK YOU  
HAVE BEGUN WITH SUCH DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT IN THE  
SERVICE OF YOUR GREAT COUNTRY. SANDRO PERTINI. UNQUOTE.

2. PRESIDENT PERTINI IS QUOTED IN THE PRESS AS HAVING  
SAID, IN ADDITION: QUOTE: I AM SHOCKED BY THIS ACT OF  
VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.  
VIOLENCE IS ALWAYS CONTRARY TO REASON. THE NEWS WHICH  
REACHES US FROM AMERICA IS AT LEAST REASSURING. WE  
HOPE THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN WILL BE ABLE TO RESUME HIS  
WORK RAPIDLY. UNQUOTE. PAGANELLI

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MESSAGE:  
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O 311547Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY ROME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0832

UNCLAS ROME 07473

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PPDC, IT

SUBJECT: SENATE PRESIDENT FANFANI'S MESSAGE OF CONDO-  
LENCES TO PRESIDENT REAGAN

1. ITALIAN SENATE PRESIDENT, AMINTORE FANFANI, WHO  
IS ACTING CHIEF OF STATE IN THE ABSENCE OF PRESIDENT  
PERTINI, HAS SENT A TELEGRAM OF CONDOLENCES TO PRESIDENT  
REAGAN. MESSAGE IN EMBASSY TRANSLATION IS AS FOLLOWS:  
QUOTE: TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, SINCERE WISHES FOR A  
PROMPT RECOVERY. TO YOUR WIFE, AND TO OUR FRIENDS, THE  
PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, THE HEARTFELT SOLIDARITY  
OF THE ITALIAN PEOPLE ON THIS SAD OCCASION. UNQUOTE.  
PAGANELLI

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IMMEDIATE

0 311556Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3655

INFO AMEMBASSY ROME IMMEDIATE 0165  
USICA WASHDC PRIORITY

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E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, OVIP, PEPR, PGOV, CS, IT

SUBJECT: ITALIAN PRESIDENT PERTINI EXPRESSES HORROR AT ATTEMPT  
ON PRESIDENT REAGAN

REF: SAN JOSE 2017 (NOTAL)

ITALIAN PRESIDENT SANDRO PERTINI, WHO ARRIVED IN SAN JOSE  
MID-DAY MARCH 30 TO BEGIN A 36-HOUR VISIT TO COSTA RICA,  
THAT AFTERNOON EXPRESSED, PUBLICLY, HIS PERSONAL  
CONSTERNATION AND HORROR AT THE ATTACK ON PRESIDENT  
REGAN. AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN KEEPING PERTINI ABREAST OF  
DEVELOPMENTS IN WASHINGTON VIA CONTACT WITH PRESIDENT  
CARAZO. (FULL REPORT ON THE ITALIAN'S VISIT TO COSTA RICA,  
PRINCIPAL THEME OF WHICH THUS FAR HAS BEEN PRAISE FOR  
COSTA RICA'S DEMOCRACY, WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTEL).  
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O 301557Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8530

UNCLAS KINSHASA 03450

PASS VOA AFRICA SERVICE  
E.O. 12065: N/A  
TAGS: PPDC  
SUBJECT: MOBUTU MESSAGE TO REAGAN  
REF: KINSHASA 3410

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED FOREIGN OFFICE DIPLOMATIC NOTE THIS AFTERNOON WITH FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MOBUTU TO PRESIDENT REAGAN:  
BEGIN QUOTE MR. PRESIDENT, IT WAS WITH STUPEFACTION THAT WE LEARNED THE NEWS OF THE ATTEMPT AGAINST YOUR AUGUST PERSON WHICH NEARLY COST YOU YOUR LIFE. THE ZAIRIAN PEOPLE, THE POPULAR REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT, MY FAMILY AND MYSELF JOIN ALL THOSE WHO HAVE A HORROR OF VIOLENCE TO EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND YOUR FAMILY AS WELL AS TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OUR SINCERE WISHES FOR A RAPID RECOVERY.  
HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END QUOTE.

/S/ MOBUTU SESE SEKO KUKU NGBENDU WA ZA  
BANGA

2. COMMENT: IN ADDITION TO DIPLOMATIC NOTE, PRESIDENT MOBUTU, VICE PREMIER BOMBOKO, AND OTHER HIGH-RANKING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR TO EXPRESS SYMPATHY. SPECIAL AFTERNOON EDITION OF KINSHASA DAILY "SOLONGO" DEVOTED FULL FRONT PAGE TO NEWS OF ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ALONG WITH PHOTOS OF PRESIDENT REAGAN, VICE PRESIDENT BUSH AND FORMER PRESIDENT KENNEDY. DAKLEY

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ROUTINE

R 311414Z MAR 81

FM BANGUI/CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

TO S.E. RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENT DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE

UNCLAS

FOLLOWING FROM DAVID DACKO, PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE

MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT ET CHER AMI,

C'EST AVEC UNE TRES GRANDE EMOTION QUE NOUS AVONS APPRIS LA NOUVELLE DE L'ODIEUX ATTENTAT DONT VOUS AVEZ ETE VICTIME STOP NOUS TENDONS A LE REPROUVER TRES VIVEMENT ET A VOUS ASSURER DE NOS PROFONDS SENTIMENTS D'AMITE ET DE SYMPATHIE AUXQUELS NOUS AJOUTONS NOS FERVENTES PRIERES EN DEMANDANT AU TOUT PUISSANT DE VOUS ASSISTER PENDANT CES MOMENTS DOULOUREUX STOP AVEC NOS VOEUX DE PROMPT RETABLISSEMENT VEUILLEZ AGREER MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT ET CHER AMI, LES ASSURANCES RENOUVELEES DE NOTRE HAUTE ET AMICALE CONSIDERATION STOP ET FIN.

DAVID D A C K O  
PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE

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FM MONTEVIDEO/URUGUAY

TO HIS EXCELLENCY RONALD REAGAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA

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FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM DOCTOR APARICIO MENDEZ, PRESIDENT  
OF URUGUAY:

AL EXCELENTISIMO SENOR PRESIDENTE DE LOS  
ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA

RONALD REAGAN

WASHINGTON D.C.

HONDAMENTE CONMOVIDO ANTE EL REPUDIABLE ATENTADO DE QUE FUERA  
OBJETO, QUE HIERE LOS MAS CAROS PRINCIPIOS DE LA CONVIVENCIA  
HUMANA, HAGO LLEGAR A VUESTRA EXCELENCIA LAS EXPRESIONES DE  
LA MAS PROFUNDA SOLIDARIDAD DEL PUEBLO Y DEL GOBIERNO DE LA  
REPUBLICA ORIENTAL DEL URUGUAY, A LAS QUE AGREGO LAS PERSONALES  
MIAS, ASI COMO LOS MEJORES VOTOS, POR SU PRONTO RESTABLECIMIENTO.

REITERO A VUESTRA EXCELENCIA LAS SEGURIDADES DE MI MAS ALTA Y  
FRATERNA CONSIDERACION

DOCTOR APARICIO MENDEZ

PRESIDENTE DE LA PUBLICA ORIENTAL DEL URUGUAY

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O 311608Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

TO THE WHITE HOUSE WASHDC IMMEDIATE

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7985

UNCLAS KINGSTON 2616

FROM AMBASSADOR LAWRENCE

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PPDC, JM

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN

1. I JOIN ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE STAFF HERE AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN JAMAICA IN SENDING YOU OUR PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES FOR A FULL AND SPEEDY RECOVERY.

2. REMEMBERING ESPECIALLY YOUR EARLY INTEREST AND EFFORTS TO IMPROVE JAMAICAN AMERICAN RELATIONS. PRIME MINISTER SEAGA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA, THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION MICHAEL MANLEY, AS WELL AS COUNTLESS NUMBERS OF JAMAICAN CITIZENS HAVE EXPRESSED TO ME AND THE MEMBERS OF MY STAFF THEIR CONCERN FOR YOUR WELFARE AND THEIR HORROR AT THE DESPICABLE ATTEMPT AGAINST YOU, JAMES BRADY AND THE LAW OFFICERS PROTECTING YOU.

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O 311552Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY ROME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0833

INFO AMCONSUL FLORENCE 6246  
AMCONSUL GENOA 5525  
AMCONSUL MILAN 7076  
AMCONSUL NAPLES 8878  
AMCONSUL PALERMO 5516  
AMCONSUL TRIESTE 3656

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E.O. 12065: RDS-4 3/31/01 (PAGANELLI, ROBERT P.) DR-M  
TAGS: PINT, IT  
SUBJECT: ~~(S)~~ ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY INITIAL REACTION TO  
ATTACK ON PRESIDENT REAGAN  
1. ~~(U)~~ THE INITIAL PCI REACTION TO THE ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE  
OF PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS TWO FACES. AN UNSIGNED (THERE-  
FORE MORE AUTHORITATIVE) COMMENTARY ON PAGE ONE OF  
"L'UNITA" MARCH 31 EXPRESSES "EMOTION AND TREPIDATION" AT  
THE ATTACK ON "LEADER OF THE WORLD'S NUMBER ONE POWER", AN  
EVENT WHICH "CASTS A SINISTER SHADDW ON THE WORLD AND  
CREATES FEAR IN ALL WHO BELIEVE IN THE CAPACITY OF  
INTELLIGENCE, REASON AND CIVILITY TO DEFEAT THE OUTBURSTS  
OF IRRATIONALITY AND BARBARISM." THE COMMENTARY RAISES  
THE QUESTION WHETHER THE SHOOTING WAS PART OF A BROADER  
CONSPIRACY OR AN INDIVIDUAL ACT OF MADNESS BUT AVOIDS  
SPECULATION AND MERELY NOTES THAT AMERICA HAS KNOWN BOTH  
IN THE PAST.  
2. ~~(U)~~ IN CONTRAST TO THE ABOVE IS A SIGNED COMMENTARY  
BY "L'UNITA" EDITORIAL WRITER GIANCARLO LANNUTTI ON THE  
LAST (PRINCIPAL FOREIGN NEWS) PAGE OF THE SAME EDITION.  
LANNUTTI TAKES THE POSITION THAT THE ATTACK ON PRESIDENT  
REAGAN IS THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF VIOLENT POLITICAL

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ACTS (JOHN AND ROBERT KENNEDY, MARTIN LUTHER KING) WHICH WERE COVERED UP BY POLITICIANS AND INVESTIGATORS IN ORDER TO "TRANQUILIZE THE COUNTRY AND AVOID RESPONSIBILITY FOR A VIOLENCE WHICH CONTRADICTED AND CONTRADICTS THE STEREOTYPE OF AMERICA AS THE 'PROMISED LAND' BRINGING OVERWHELMINGLY TO THE FORE THE OTHER FACE OF AMERICA, THAT OF THE WAR IN VIETNAM, RACIST VIOLENCE AND TODAY ALSO EL SALVADOR."

3. (et) PCI DIRECTORATE MEMBER LUCIANO BARCA CALLED EMBOFF THIS MORNING (MARCH 31) TO EXPRESS HIS "SOLIDARITY" AND HOPES FOR THE PRESIDENT'S SPEEDY RECOVERY. IN A PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED MEETING LATER IN THE DAY THE HEAD OF THE PCI'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECTION ANTONIO RUBBI EXPRESSED THE PARTY'S CONDOLENCES OVER THE INJURIES TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF AND INDICATED THAT A WRITTEN MESSAGE WAS BEING PREPARED. DURING THE COURSE OF BOTH CONVERSATIONS EMBOFF, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, SAID HE FOUND PARTS OF THE LANNUCCI COMMENTARY OFFENSIVE. RUBBI SAID HE HAD NOT SEEN THE COMMENTARY; BARCA AGREED THAT SOME OF THE LANGUAGE WAS "UNCALLED FOR" AND ATTRIBUTED THIS IN PART TO THE SHOCK OF THE NEWS AND THE PRESSURE UNDER WHICH LANNUCCI WAS WORKING.  
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R 311104Z MAR 81

FM USS GROTON

TO PRESIDENT USA WASHINGTON DC

UNCLAS //NO0000//

SUBJ: CONDOLENCES

1. THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE USS GROTON (SSN694) SEND THEIR  
CONDOLENCES AND WISH YOU A SPEEDY RECOVERY.

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O 311342Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4528

UNCLAS ALGIERS 1297

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PPDC, AG, US

SUBJECT: ALGERIA EXPRESSES SYMPATHY AND BEST WISHES TO PRESIDENT  
1. MFA ACTING DIRECTOR OF WESTERN EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN  
AFFAIRS ABDELKADER MEKIDECHÉ CALLED ME EARLY MARCH 31 TO CONVEY  
ALGERIA'S DEEP REGRET AND PROFOUND CONSTERNATION FOLLOWING THE  
ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT REAGAN'S LIFE, AS WELL AS ITS BEST WISHES  
FOR A PROMPT AND FULL RECOVERY.

2. MEKIDECHÉ STRESSED HE WAS SPEAKING IN THE NAME OF THE  
ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE ACTING FOREIGN  
MINISTER (PRESIDENT BENJEDID AND FOREIGN MINISTER BENYAHIA  
ARE ON A TOUR OF AFRICA). HE ASKED THAT I TRANSMIT HIS  
MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY.  
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O 311635Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0986

UNCLAS NIAMEY 01623

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PPDC, US, NG

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN FROM PRESIDENT  
SEYNI KOUNTCHE

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE THE  
FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN FROM NIGERIAN  
PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE: (INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION)  
QUOTE I HAVE JUST LEARNED BY WAY OF YOUR EMBASSY OF  
THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT OF WHICH YOU WERE THE VICTIM  
YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. IN CONGRATULATING YOU ON HAVING  
BEEN ABLE TO HAVE ESCAPED THAT ATTEMPT, I ASK YOU TO  
ACCEPT THE EXPRESSION OF OUR GREAT SYMPATHY AND THE  
SUPPORT WE OFFER FOR YOUR PROMPT RECOVERY. VERY HIGHEST  
CONSIDERATION. SIGNED COLONEL SEYNI KOUNTCHE, PRESIDENT  
OF SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL, CHIEF OF STATE. UNQUOTE  
2. MESSAGE WAS READ ON REGULAR MID-DAY NEWS BROADCAST  
OF RADIO VOIX DU SAHEL. CHAVEAS

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MESSAGE:

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O R 311650Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY RABAT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8018

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WHITE HOUSE

UNCLAS RABAT 2275

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E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PPDC, MO, US

SUBJECT: TEXT OF KING HASSAN'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN

REF: RABAT 2243

THE MOROCCAN NEWS AGENCY "MAP" HAS PUBLISHED A FRENCH  
TRANSLATION OF THE MESSAGE SENT ORIGINALLY IN ARABIC BY KING  
HASSAN II TO PRESIDENT REAGAN LATE MARCH 30 (REFTEL). EMBASSY  
TRANSLATION OF MAP DISPATCH READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE MR. PRESIDENT AND GREAT FRIEND,

WE HAVE LEARNED WITH DEEP EMOTION OF THE ATTEMPTED ATTACK  
PERPETRATED AGAINST YOUR PERSON.

--THROUGH YOU, THIS CRIMINAL ACT WAS UNDOUBTEDLY DIRECTED  
AGAINST THE VALUES WHICH YOU EMBODY AND WHICH YOU DEFEND WITH  
COURAGE.

--ALL MEN WHO CHERISH PEACE AND JUSTICE REPROVE THIS ODIOUS  
ACT AND IT IS RIGHT TO CONSIDER THIS REPROOF AS AN  
ILLUSTRATION OF THE SENTIMENT OF SYMPATHY WHICH YOU  
EVOKE EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD AND AS EVIDENCE OF SINCERE  
WORLD SOLIDARITY.

--UNIVERSAL VIRTUE IS ON YOUR SIDE AND THERE YOU WILL  
FIND THE RIGHT ROAD WHICH ILLUSTRIOUS MEN TAKE TO LEAD  
THEIR PEOPLES TOWARD A BETTER DESTINY. WE PRAY TO GOD  
FOR YOUR WELL-BEING AND FOR THE SAFEKEEPING OF THE  
IDEALS OF PEACE AND JUSTICE WHICH YOU INCARNATE.

--WE REAFFIRM TO YOU OUR GREAT ESTEEM AND WE EXPRESS TO

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YOU AGAIN THE SENTIMENTS WHICH THE MOROCCAN PEOPLE  
CHERISH TOWARD THE NOBLE AND BROTHERLY AMERICAN PEOPLE.  
--HASSAN II, KING OF MOROCCO. UNQUOTE SEBASTIAN

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FM AMEMBASSY BISSAU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0000

UNCLAS BISSAU 0597

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, US, PU

SUBJECT: GOGB REACTION TO ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT REAGAN'S  
LIFE

REF: STATE 080229

1. THE AMBASSADOR NOTIFIED THE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT REEGAN'S LIFE LAST NIGHT, EMPHASIZING THE PRESIDENT WAS IN GOOD CONDITION AND A FULL RECOVERY WAS EXPECTED. ON BEHALF OF THE GOGB, THE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER EXPRESSED DEEP SHOCK AT THIS EVENT, STATED HIS GOVERNMENT'S RELIEF TO LEARN THAT THE PRESIDENT'S OPERATION HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND ASKED THAT BEST WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY BE CONVEYED TO PRESIDENT REAGAN.

2. THE GOGB WILL BE SENDING A MESSAGE DIRECTLY TO THE WHITE HOUSE.  
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O R 311620Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY PRAIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3166

INFO AMEMBASSY BISSAU 2571

UNCLAS PRAIA 0482

EO 12065: NA  
TAGS: PPDC, CV  
SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN FROM PRESIDENT PEREIRA  
FOLLOWING MESSAGE JUST RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT ARISTIDES  
PEREIRA (EMBASSY TRANSLATION): QUOTE HIS EXCELLENCY RONALD  
REAGAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
WASHINGTON, D.C. HAVING LEARNED OF THE ASSASSINATION  
ATTEMPT AGAINST YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE PEOPLE OF CAPE VERDE  
JOIN ME IN EXPRESSING REVULSION AND CONDEMNATION OF THAT  
ODIOUS ACT, AND CONVEY OUR SYMPATHY AND BEST WISHES FOR YOUR  
RAPID AND COMPLETE RECOVERY. WITH HIGHEST CONSIDERATION,  
ARISTIDES PEREIRA, PRESIDENT, REPUBLIC OF CAPE VERDE. UNQUOTE.  
MESSAGE DATED MARCH 31, 1981.  
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P 311625Z MAR 81  
FM TEL-AVIV/ISRAEL

TO HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

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FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM SHIMON PERES, ISRAEL LABOUR PARTY:  
I WAS SHOCKED TO LEARN OF THE ATTEMPT ON YOUR LIFE  
AND LIKE VERY MANY THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE WORLD,  
AM OVERJOYED THAT YOUR LIFE WAS NOT JEOPARDISED  
AND THAT YOU SO QUICKLY OVERCAME THE INJURY.  
I AM DEEPLY GRIEVED ABOUT THE SERIOUS STATE OF  
THE MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF AND WITH YOU, HOPE THEY  
RECOVER FROM THEIR CRITICAL INJURIES.  
THE BULLETS FIRED AT YOU WERE AIMED AT ALL THOSE  
WHO CHERISH FREEDOM AND ALL WHO CHERISH FREEDOM  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IDENTIFY WITH AND PRAY FOR  
THE WELL-BEING OF YOU ALL.  
WITH HEARTFELT AND SINCEREST WISHES,  
SHIMON PERES  
CHARMAN  
ISRAEL LABOUR PARTY

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O 311745Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY ASUNCION

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1002  
THE WHITE HOUSE IMMEDIATE

UNCLAS ASUNCION 1164

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, PA

SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT  
1. FOREIGN MINISTER NOGUES CALLED ON ME IN MY OFFICE THIS  
MORNING, MARCH 31, AT THE SPECIFIC REQUEST OF PRESIDENT  
STROESSNER. HE CONVEYED THE GOP'S DISMAY, SYMPATHY,  
AND BEST WISHES FOR THE PRESIDENT'S PROMPT RECOVERY FOLLOW-  
ING THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. I EXPRESSED DEEP APPRECIATION  
FOR THE GOP'S INTEREST, GAVE HIM THE LATEST POSITIVE REPORTS  
ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S CONDITION, AND SAID I WOULD INFORM  
WASHINGTON OF GOP'S CONCERN.

2. NOGUES AND I REPEATED THE ESSENCE OF OUR RESPECTIVE  
MESSAGES TO TV NEWSMEN WHO AWAITED US AT THE DOOR AS THE  
MINISTER TOOK HIS LEAVE.

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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1189

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E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, LE

SUBJECT: CONDOLENCE AND CONGRATULATORY CALLS CONCERNING  
PRESIDENT REAGAN

1. I HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF CALLS EXPRESSING BOTH CONCERN  
FOR THE PRESIDENT AND RELIEF THAT HE HAS SURVIVED THIS  
ATTEMPT ON HIS LIFE. IN ADDITION TO PRESIDENT SARKIS,  
THERE HAVE BEEN CALLS FROM SEVERAL MINISTERS, A NUMBER OF  
AMBASSADORS, AND A WIDE GAMUT OF IMPORTANT POLITICAL AND  
RELIGIOUS FIGURES. A FULL LIST WILL BE SUBMITTED.

2. I CONSIDER THAT THESE CALLS, WHICH REPRESENT NEARLY  
THE WHOLE POLITICAL SPECTRUM, REFLECT NOT ONLY HUMAN  
SYMPATHY BUT ALSO A PRO-WEST AND PRO-AMERICAN ATTITUDE  
WHICH PERSISTS IN SPITE OF POLICY DIFFERENCES WITH THE  
U.S. THEY ALSO INDICATE A GENUINE AFFECTION FOR THE  
PERSON OF THE PRESIDENT.

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O 311753Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY ROME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0845

INFO AMCONSUL FLORENCE 6248  
AMCONSUL GENOA 5527  
AMCONSUL MILAN 7081  
AMCONSUL NAPLES 8881  
AMCONSUL PALERMO 5518  
AMCONSUL TRIESTE 3657

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E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PEPR, US IT

SUBJECT: EARLY ITALIAN REACTION TO ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT'S LIFE

1. WE ARE REPORTING SEPARATELY ON THE CONDOLENCES EXPRESSED BY PRESIDENT PERTINI, NOW IN COSTA RICA, ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC FANFANI AND PRIME MINISTER FORLANI. THEIR SENTIMENTS ARE SHARED AT ALL GOVERNMENTAL LEVELS WITH WHICH WE ARE IN CONTACT AND REFLECT GENERAL REACTIONS OF ITALIAN CITIZENRY.
2. MID-DAY MARCH 31 FANFANI SUMMONED THE CHARGE TO DEPLORE PERSONALLY THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AND TO EXTEND ITALY'S CONDOLENCES AND SOLIDARITY. HE WISHED TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SYMPATHY TO THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN AND BEST WISHES TO THE VICE PRESIDENT.
3. FOREIGN MINISTER COLOMBO, HERE BRIEFLY BETWEEN FOREIGN VISITS, HAS ALSO SENT MESSAGES TO SECRETARY HAIG AND VICE PRESIDENT BUSH CONVEYING HIS SYMPATHY AND BEST WISHES FOR SPEEDY RECOVERY. OTHER FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES HAVE UNIFORMLY VOLUNTEERED THEIR CONDOLENCES, DEEP REGRET AND HOPE FOR FULL RECOVERY BY THE PRESIDENT

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- AND THE OTHER VICTIMS.
4. VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE ADRIANO OSSICINI (INDEPENDENT LEFT) HAS MADE A STATEMENT ON THE SENATE FLOOR EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES AND CONDEMNING TERRORIST ACTIONS AGAINST POLITICAL FIGURES.
  5. CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY: ITALY'S MAJOR PARTY REACTED WITH HORROR AND CONCERN TEMPERED BY LATER REPORTS THAT THE PRESIDENT'S RECOVERY SEEMS ASSURED. DC SECRETARY PICCOLI, WHO STAYED IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND INTERIOR MINISTER FROM THE FIRST NEWS OF THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT, WILL TELEGRAPH A MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCES TODAY. MEANWHILE, HE HAS EXPRESSED "PROFOUND SENSIBILITY TO A TRAGIC EVENT THAT ADDS TO THE ANGUISH OF OUR TIMES. WHATEVER MOTIVE THE YOUNG AMERICAN MAY HAVE HAD FOR SHOOTING, HIS ACT CONVEYS THE FEARFUL SENSATION THAT WE ARE LIVING IN A TIME OF TERRIBLE CONVULSION, DOMINATED BY THE UNFORESEEN, IN WHICH THE ERUPTION OF VIOLENCE SEEMS WITHOUT END." OUR DC CONTACTS, ALTHOUGH AWARE OF AND CONCERNED BY THE POSSIBLY WIDER POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS OF THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT, ALSO CLEARLY APPRECIATED THE HUMAN SIDE OF THE DRAMA AND ITS EFFECT ON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.
  6. TELEPHONED MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM SOCIALIST PARTY SECRETARY CRAXI AND SOCIALIST DEMOCRATIC PARTY SECRETARY LONGO.
  7. REACTION FROM PCI REPORTED SEPTEL. PAGANELLI

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P 311542Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY ACCRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2225

UNCLAS ACCRA 03009

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PPDC, GH

SUBJECT: MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN  
THE AMBASSADOR HAS JUST RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE  
FROM PRESIDENT LIMANN WITH THE REQUEST THAT IT BE  
TRANSMITTED TO PRESIDENT REAGAN:

BEGIN QUOTE:

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

WE HAVE LEARNED WITH SHOCK AND DISMAY OF THE SENSELESS  
ATTACK ON YOUR PERSON, AND ARE RELIEVED THAT YOUR LIFE  
HAS BEEN SPARED. THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF GHANA  
JOIN ME IN WISHING YOU A SPEEDY AND COMPLETE RECOVERY,  
WITH THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST ESTEEM.

SIGNED: DR. HILLA LIMANN, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF GHANA. END QUOTE.

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O 311802Z MAR 81  
FM AMEMBASSY LOME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1424  
USICA WASHDC IMMEDIATE

UNCLAS LOME 01617

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, TO

SUBJ: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT EYADEMA TO PRESIDENT REAGAN  
1. TOGOLESE MEDIA MARCH 31 CARRIED TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM  
PRESIDENT EYADEMA TO PRESIDENT REAGAN. UNOFFICIAL TRANS-  
LATION FOLLOWS:

QUOTE IT WAS WITH CONSTERNATION, HEIGHTENED EMOTION AND  
DEEP SHOCK THAT I JUST LEARNED OF THE CRIMINAL AND  
HEINOUS ACT THAT HAS BEEN PERPETRATED AGAINST YOU.  
THIS CRIMINAL ATTACK CONSTITUTES A BLOW AGAINST LIBERTY  
AND JUSTICE AND AN ATTEMPT TO CHALLENGE THE PATH TAKEN  
BY YOUR COUNTRY TOWARD ACHIEVEMENT OF THESE IDEALS.  
IN THESE DRAMATIC CIRCUMSTANCES, MR. PRESIDENT, THE  
ENTIRE TOGOLESE PEOPLE, ITS PARTY, THE TOGOLESE PEOPLE'S  
RALLY, ITS GOVERNMENT AND I PERSONALLY PRAY TO THE GOD  
ALMIGHTY FOR YOUR SWIFT RECOVERY SO THAT YOU MAY CONTINUE  
TO DIRECT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DOWN THE PATH OF  
JUSTICE, PEACE AND LIBERTY. UNQUOTE.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUGGESTED REPLY BY VICE PRESIDENT  
BUSH TO FOREGOING MESSAGE:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS ASKED ME TO THANK YOU AND THE  
TOGOLESE PEOPLE FOR THE TIMELY AND THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE YOU  
SENT TO HIM FOLLOWING THE MARCH 30 ATTEMPT ON HIS LIFE.  
YOUR ABHORRENCE OF THIS CRIMINAL ACT AND THE ESPOUSAL OF  
LIBERTY AND JUSTICE IN YOUR MESSAGE ARE SHARED BY ALL OF  
US.

VIOLENCE IN ALL FORMS IS REPUGNANT TO THE IDEAS OF PEACE

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AND UNDERSTANDING THAT AMERICANS AND TOGOLÉSE CHERISH.  
A SINGLE BULLET CAN NOT AND WILL NOT DETER US FROM  
PRESSING ON TO ACHIEVE PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR ALL  
MANKIND. THE PRESIDENT AND HIS FAMILY APPRECIATE YOUR  
PRAYERS FOR HIS RAPID RECOVERY.

3. FOR ICA. THE FOLLOWING FRENCH TEXT IS PROVIDED FOR  
POSSIBLE USINFO USE.

QUOTE. EXCELLENCE,

C'EST AVEC CONSTERNATION, UNE VIVE EMOTION ET UN  
BOULEVERSEMENT TOTAL QUE JE VIENS D'APPRENDRE LE  
CRIMINEL ET ODIEUX ATTENTAT QUI VIENT D'ETRE PERPETRE  
CONTRE VOTRE AUGUSTE PERSONNE.

CET ATTENTAT CRIMINEL CONSTITUE UN COUP LACHE CONTRE LA  
LIBERTE ET LA JUSTICE ET UNE TENTATIVE DE REMISE EN  
CAUSE DE L'OPTION QUE S'EST FIXEE VOTRE PAYS.

DANS CES CIRCONSTANCES DRAMATIQUES, MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT,  
LE PEUPLE TOGOLAIS TOUT ENTIER, SON PARTI LE RASSEMBLEMENT  
DU PEUPLE TOGOLAIS, SON GOUVERNEMENT ET MOI-MEME PRIONS LE TOUT  
PUISSANT POUR VOTRE PROMPT RETABLISSEMENT, AFIN QUE VOUS  
PUISSIEZ CONTINUER A DIRIGER LES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE,  
DANS LA VOIE DE LA JUSTICE, DE LA PAIX ET DE LA LIBERTE.  
TRES HAUTE CONSIDERATION.

GENERAL D'ARMEE GNASSINGBE EYADEMA  
PRESIDENT FONDATEUR DU RASSEMBLEMENT DU  
PEUPLE TOGOLAIS  
PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE  
END QUOTE. JOHNSON

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SUBJ: PRESIDENT BENDJEDID SENDS MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY TO PRESIDENT REAGAN

REF: ALGIERS 1297

1. MFA SECRETARY-GENERAL (AND ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER) DEMBRI CALLED ME LATE MARCH 31 TO EXPRESS HIS PERSONAL SHOCK AT THE ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF PRESIDENT REAGAN AND TO INFORM ME THAT THE MFA HAD JUST TRANSMITTED TO THE ALGERIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THE TEXT OF A MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY AND BEST WISHES FROM PRESIDENT BENDJEDID TO PRESIDENT REAGAN.

2. DEMBRI SAID THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE SENT THIS MESSAGE EARLIER, BUT WAS PREVENTED FROM DOING SO BY THE NEED TO CLEAR THE TEXT WITH PRESIDENT BENDJEDID, WHO IS CURRENTLY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. MEANWHILE, HE SAID, HE HAD ASKED ACTING DIRECTOR FOR WESTERN EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS MEKIDECHE TO EXPRESS THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT'S SYMPATHY THIS MORNING (REFTEL).ROSS

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