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Name of Correspondent: Robert C. Byrd

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Subject: Encloses a letter from his constituent, Mrs. Kathleen Mullins concerning a vehicle design to afford protection to the President.

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April 14, 1981

Dear Senator Byrd:

Thank you for your April 3 letter in which you enclose correspondence from your constituent, Kathleen Mullins, and her diagram of a protective vehicle for the President.

Your thoughtfulness in bringing this material to my attention is certainly appreciated. You may be assured that I have forwarded Ms. Mullins diagram to the Presidential Protection Division here at the White House for appropriate assessment.

With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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April 3, 1981

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Mr. Max Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President for
Congressional Liaison
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Friedersdorf:

Enclosed is a letter I have received from my constituent, Ms. Kathleen Mullins, of South Charleston, West Virginia, with which she enclosed a diagram of a vehicle design to afford protection to the President from would-be assassins.

I informed Ms. Mullins that I had requested an assessment of her idea from White House officials. Should it be possible to provide such a report, I will appreciate your sending it to me for referral to Ms. Mullins.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

With my kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert C. Byrd
Robert C. Byrd

RCB:st
Enclosure

Dear Senator Byrd,

I write, to ask your opinion on and idea I have to protect the President. After all that's happen; I feel the time is now.

The President needs added protection from attempt of assassination's.

First I want to say I'm not an artist.

I'm sending you my drawing, on what could be built to protect our President

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ROBERT C. BYRD, U.S.S.
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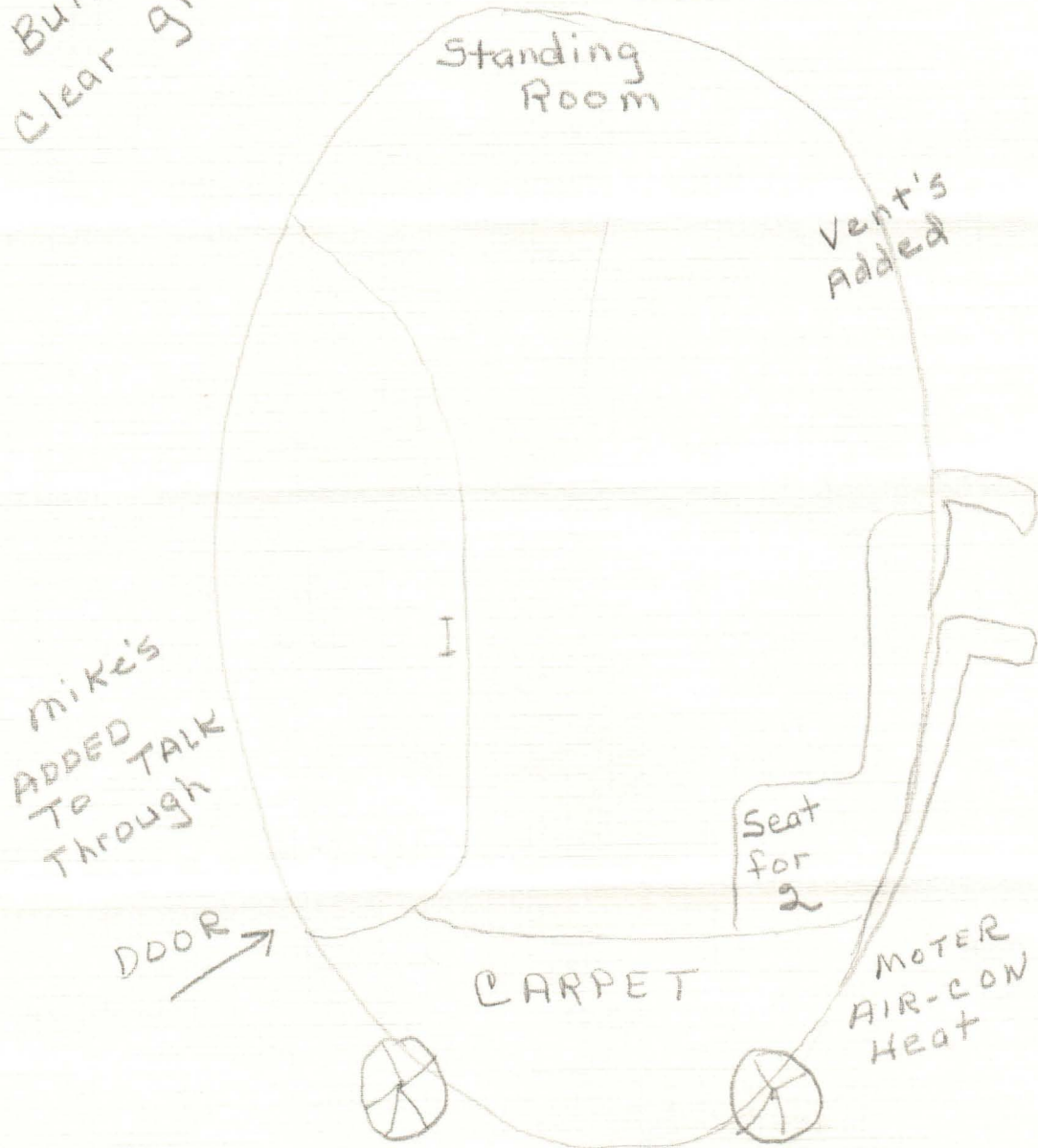
I would like your
opinion; if this type
of protection is
needed or wanted, I
will be waiting to
hear from you.

Sincerely

Kathleen Mullins
4702 Sp. Hill Ave
So. Chas. N. U. 25309

ALL
Bullet proof
Clear glass

president's
Bubble
Kathleen Mullins



pushed by
Secret Service
can be taken to every
site, inside an out.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 19, 1981

Dear Mr. Hodge:

Thank you for your thoughts and observations. Your concern for President Reagan's safety is deeply appreciated. You may be sure that your comments will be given serious consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEAVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mr. Frank S. Hodge
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April 23, 1981

022475

Mr. Michael Deaver
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Deaver:

Today as I was driving home in my car, I heard on the radio that President Reagan had announced that there would be absolutely no change in the security arrangements surrounding him, and that he intends to allow his security forces to continue exactly as they have in the past. Night before last, I read a resume of exactly what happened before and during the assassination attempt, and afterwards determined to write to you because it appears to me that you have the President's interests at heart. I first thought that Ed Meese would have them also, however, I am not at all certain that any of the men surrounding the President actually deserve his trust. I am informed, however, that you share the President's views and very probably would try to get a message to him.

Before I continue to express my views concerning the foregoing, I do wish to state that the Republican Committee may as well quit sending me letters asking for donations to support Republicans when I do not know whether or not they are conservatives. I am willing to support conservative Republicans, but I am no longer inclined to support just any Republican indiscriminately, and in preference to supporting a liberal Republican, would support a Democrat if he were conservative.

I wish to advise that I have President Reagan's interest at heart when I state my opinions on these matters. I was a Presidential elector from Kansas for him, unanimously chosen from the Fourth District, and really spent more money than I should have to help secure his election when I found out that the team he had working for him in Kansas was not at all in sympathy with him and were letting him down.

I merely mention these things because of what I wish to say hereafter. It seems to me there never has been a President more prone to assassination than is President Reagan. I fought for him because I sincerely believe that he is sincere in his efforts to create a new direction in American policy. However, there have been several things which disturb me, the principal one being the fact that the assassination

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attempt took place the day after the Trilateralist party met in Washington. It is quite true that Vice-President Bush carried on very well in the absence of the President, but who stands to gain more from his death than does Bush? I am informed, reliably, that the Bush family and the father and mother and uncle of the young man who attempted to assassinate him are close friends, and that they have donated large sums to his campaign. While it is true that Rockefeller indicated that Bush was no longer a trilateralist, I think this was simply a cover-up which the trilateralists are thoroughly capable of doing. I am also concerned that for some reason, President Reagan has surrounded himself by well known trilateralists. Weinberger has, in effect, associated himself with a man notoriously pro-Castro, and from what I read in the magazines, he is not doing too outstanding a job as Secretary of Defense. This could well be understood, since he apparently has never surrendered his trilateralist convictions.

More to the point is my opinion that William Webster, Chief of the FBI, was grossly negligent in carrying out his duties. He has established an entirely new guideline and was a Carter appointee and a follower of Carter, toadying to the trilateralist and CFR movement headed by David Rockefeller, and is a known associate of Marxist organizations. It is indeed strange that this man who attempted to assassinate the President had been arrested for following him during the campaign, and when boarding an airplane was caught with not one, but three pistols, and fifty rounds of ammunition. Yet the FBI carried no list of his name, per Webster's direction. It seems to me that the first order for President Reagan's safety is to terminate Webster and get a new head of the FBI. Secondly, I think the Chief of the Secret Service, Stuart Knight, should be replaced immediately. It seems to me there was gross and wanton negligence on his part when he knew that Reagan was going to go down this street, yet he did not have men posted, leaving the way open for an assassination. This smacks very much of the book which has now been written concerning the conspiracy to assassinate Lincoln.

Unquestionably, the President is going to be a target, because when a man is going to try to change the course of history in a country, he is naturally going to be marked by those radicals who are opposing him. And Lord only knows, this country has been so divided by the media, and so dominated by Rockefeller and his trilateralist group that none of us even begin to get the real truth of these matters.

I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to Nancy Reagan. After reading U.S. News and World Report, I am convinced that she is definitely determined to protect her husband, and that the people in the White House who wanted him to overwork himself were definitely thwarted because of her determination and did not want to tangle with her. I feel that if anyone should be interested in seeing a change in these security matters, she should be. My wife joins me in this, and wishes me to so state, since she does not

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care to write. I realize that probably very few people will write, but having been a senator in the Kansas State Senate, I know that for every person who writes there are hundreds more who would write the same thing, but simply do not do it.

I could go on, but I feel that my point has been expressed many times to you. Again, I feel it is ridiculous that the FBI is spending its time on anti-trust matters, prosecuting business men for taking commissions to sell merchandise abroad, and doing everything it can to disrupt the country instead of directing all of its efforts to try to corral criminals like the man who tried to kill the President. And he was not even on their list! Further, I would venture to state that before it is all over, the Rockefeller-Hinckley money will get this attempted murderer off without any penalty other than some period of incarceration in a mental institution.

Sincerely yours,



Frank S. Hodge

FSH lm

cc Mrs. Nancy Reagan
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Washington, D.C. 20500

Mr. L. T. Patterson
P. O. Box 37432
Cincinnati, Ohio 45237

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May 13, 1981

Dear Mr. Wampler:

On behalf of Mr. Deaver, I want to thank you for your message.

The proposals you made for improving the President's security and gaining support for his economic program are appreciated. Your views on these issues have been directed to the appropriate White House offices. Thank you for sharing your insights.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins
Director of Correspondence

Mr. Mark Wampler
Apartment 4
4004 University
Des Moines, IA 50311

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May 1, 1981



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Sincerely,

AVH

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Mr. Mark Wampler

4004 University #4

Des Moines, Iowa 50311

MARK WAMPLER

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~~8520 KINGMAN BOULEVARD~~
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LEGAL RESIDENCE:
WARREN TOWNSHIP (ALLERTON)
WAYNE COUNTY, IOWA

April 24, 1981

Mr. Michael Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D.C.

022673

Dear Mr. Deaver,

The task you of the White House staff face of balancing considerations of Presidential security, health and politics is one that I do not envy. I offer the enclosed proposal as one means of achieving this delicate balance without over reacting to the demands of a single consideration.

The impromptu visits I suggest are a means of making the requisite public appearances to take the President's program to the people without overly exerting the President as he recuperates nor exposing him to undue security risks. Impromptu visits offer a unique opportunity to put out prairie fires before they get out of control. For example, an unscheduled stop in Iowa today could be useful in getting Senator Grassley back on the reservation in regard to the President's budget proposals.

Yours,

Mark Wampler

MARK WAMPLER

4004 University #4

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LEGAL RESIDENCE:

WARREN TOWNSHIP (ALLERTON)

WAYNE COUNTY, IOWA

PRESIDENT-CITIZEN CONTACT vs. PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This paper points out that the one common thread linking all Presidential assailants is that they were aware of where the victim would be at some general time. This factor may be eliminated in part by the use of a number of brief unscheduled impromptu visits previously scouted by the White House advance staff on the sly. In addition to security considerations this paper posits a number of policy considerations in support of impromptu visits.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Mark Wampler is the Vice-Chairman of the Iowa Railway Finance Authority, an instrumentality of the State of Iowa that is attempting to solve the problems wrought by the bankruptcy of the Rock Island railroad. Previously Wampler has been employed on the staff of Iowa Governor Robert D. Ray, by numerous campaigns including the Baker for President Committee and was once a member of the Electoral College. Wampler is an active Republican and a theoretician which has earned him the distinction of being "the free spirit of the Iowa Republican Party" or "Republican without portfolio".

The recent attack upon the President once again highlights the inherent conflict between the Presidential need for both public contact and security. A mechanism that may satisfy these divergent needs and at the same time contribute to the adoption of the President's economic package is a series of impromptu Presidential visits.

By the very nature of our political system it would be an absolute impossibility to eliminate from the President's schedule formal public appearances. The call for increased security that will surely come from some quarters will clash openly with the demand for access as usual by others. Yet it must be noted that the one common thread that links all Presidential assailants is their knowledge of the victim's whereabouts and movements. In fact it appears that some of the assailants stalked their prey over a period of time.

The American public expects and demands to see its elected leaders. Indeed, there has been valid criticism in the past that the phalanx of Secret Service agents and hordes of reporters that accompany the President on every foray from the White House act as a buffer to eliminate any meaningful contact between the President and the people. The size of the press corps is evident in the variety of photographs and video tapes available of what should have been a short and uneventful walk from a building to a car. While the very size of the press corps acts to inhibit any intellectual exchange between the President and the public, it must be noted that in this instance the press through no fault of its own provided cover for the attacker.

Another problem with formal appearances is that time is spent on formalities and Presidential conversations are with union leaders, not the rank and file workers; Governors, not taxpayers; Mayors, not city street workers; Farm Bureau leaders, not struggling young farmers. This is not to say that such conversations are in any way wrong, but the possibility exists that such programmed conversations may erect a version of the Hollywood false front and mask the stark reality behind.

Let us now consider impromptu visits. Foremost, with no advance notice to the press and citizenry, the President with his security entourage would be safer than the average person. Secondly, to facilitate an impromptu visit only a small press pool would actually accompany the President on a particular jaunt and thus not interfere with a public dialog.

Perhaps an example would best serve to describe the type of visit I have in mind.

The President is flying from Washington to California. Present on Air Force One is a small press pool. Shortly after take off the President decides that he wants to break the flight with an impromptu visit. The advance men supply the President with a number of options that they have quietly scouted. The President decides to drop in at the Student Union of Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa.

Upon making the selection the President is provided with a briefing sheet on Simpson and his briefing books on student loan cuts and the draft registration. Somewhere before radio contact is established with the Des Moines tower, Air Force One assumes a false tail number supplied by the FAA. The Des Moines tower is thus unaware of exactly who is coming in until the Presidential Seal can be seen on the runway. Air Force One taxis to the Air Guard hangar where a small fleet of helicopters are ready for flight after a military order had been issued shortly before. Within minutes of landing in Des Moines the Presidential party is airborne for the twelve mile trip to Indianola, landing in Buxton City Park and on the grounds of Simpson College. The President strides across the street and into the Student Union, seating himself with a couple of students already discussing the state of the world over a pair of beers. After twenty minutes or so the President rises, shakes hands around the room with other students who have come in and joined the conversation. The President then returns to the waiting helicopters and leaves for Des Moines. Air Force One is waiting and is airborne for California only an hour after landing at Des Moines. Meanwhile the press is reporting President Reagan's frank discussion with a young opponent of the draft who is also concerned about the reduction in student loan funds.

The scenario could be repeated in a number of mutations that would provide the President with several little slices of American life: an urban coffee shop, farmers lined up to sell their grain at a Kansas elevator, a union hall, a Memorial Day celebration, a PTA meeting, a factory gate, a congregate meal site, etc.

President Truman went on a whirlwind tour of stump speeches to push his programs through the 80th Congress. President Reagan too should take his program directly to the American people and in so doing extend the "honeymoon" period. With the electronic media we now have this sales pitch could be made through a number of discussions with individuals and small groups which in turn would be conveyed to an audience of millions. The President's willingness to discuss his proposals one to one would underscore the role individuals can play in solving America's economic ills.

With the availability of such personal contact it would be difficult to begrudge or fault a little extra security during scheduled appearances.

The idea of impromptu visits is to heighten both security and individual contact. It is an ideal means by which the President may take his economic program directly to the people.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 19, 1981

Dear Mr. McKenna:

Thank you for your recent message. Your concern for the safety of the President is appreciated. You may be sure that your thoughts and observations on the matter will be given serious consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEAVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mr. George McKenna
Post Office Box 189
Lancaster, TX 75146

P.O.Box 189 Lancaster, Tx. 75146
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Mr. Michael Deaver

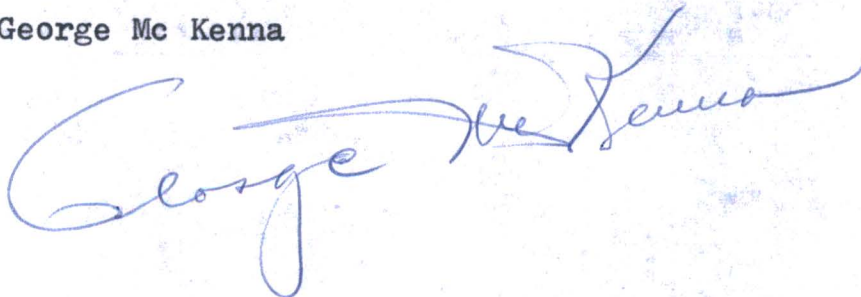
Dear Sir; It is being said by some that the President cannot be protected. Of course we all know that is "Hogwash" actually it is due to indecent composure on the administrations part in keeping many Carter Appointees on in critical positions. (For what reason only God Knows).

I would suggest as a plain citizen; that President Reagan was given a clear mandate to turn this Nation around and to clean house. Mr. William Webster of The F.B.I. and Mr. Knight of the Secret Service should be ushered out with a "No Thanks". These men have been operating under Marxist Levy Directives, foisted by the Atty General's Office after the Death of J. Edgar Hoover. These directives are aimed more at the citizen as - Free enterprise executives and The Congress and harassing them rather than doing the job they were created for.

Better we get strong Patriotic Men with some military experience like General D. Graham and General John Singlaub in charge of such dept's as the FBI & the Secret Service; then maybe we can sleep nites, the President also, it has been said that our State Dept is loaded with Zionists, Leftists, Cork Soakers and everything else, Maybe we can get a State dept that is for The United States, one time; In other words it's about time the sovereign citizen gets him or herself a Giant lobby; their own Government.

Please pass on our sincerest regards to the President,

George Mc Kenna



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ID # 023846

WH 006

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

June 17, 1981

Dear Senator Baker:

The White House has sent your recent letter concerning your constituent, Vince Fodera, to the Treasury Department for a reply.

My inquiry has revealed that the Secret Service has received Mr. Fodera's plans for "The President's Visible Tunnel" from two prior sources. Representative Boner relayed them on May 7, and Mr. Fodera himself sent them directly to Secret Service Director H. Stuart Knight on April 6. At that time the plans were forwarded to the Service's Office of Protective Research so that the design might receive further study by their research and development engineers. As Assistant Director Snow wrote to Mr. Fodera at that time, the device was found to be operationally unsuitable because of its size and weight.

After the inquiries from you and Representative Boner, the Secret Service's technical experts have elaborated further upon their original opinion. They feel the device's weight and bulk would make it prohibitively expensive and unwieldy for operational use. Additionally, they feel that the possibility of the Tunnel's structural failure, brought on by malfunction, human error, or natural phenomena such as wind, could present a serious potential danger to protectees.

The Secret Service sincerely appreciates the effort and concern represented by Mr. Fodera's invention and regrets that they are unable to use his idea.

If I may be of further assistance in this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

W. Dennis Thomas
Assistant Secretary
(Legislative Affairs)

The Honorable
Howard H. Baker
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Ending June 19, 1981

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My log indicates that the Office of Public Affairs responded to above correspondence on June 3 with a letter sent to Treasury for Mr. Thomas' signature.

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

MAY 26, 1981

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
ATTN: U. S. SECRET SERVICE

ACTION REQUESTED:
APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 023846
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MAY 4, 1981
TO: MAX FRIEDERSDORF
FROM: THE HONORABLE HOWARD H. BAKER JR.
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON DC 20510

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES CORRESPONDENCE FROM MR. VINCE FEDORA
CONCERNING HIS DESIGN AND INVENTION CALLED
"THE PRESIDENT'S VISIBLE TUNNEL"; WRITER
REQUESTS INFORMATION THAT WILL ASSIST HIM IN
RESPONDING TO THIS LETTER

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN BASIC CORRESPONDENCE, CONTROL SHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 33, THE WHITE HOUSE

BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT:
LESLIE SORG
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

DEPT OF THE TREASURY
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PRESERVATION COPY

May 19, 1981

Dear Howard:

I want to thank you for your May 4 letter, on behalf of Mr. Vince Fedora of Nashville, Tennessee, enclosing his invention, the Visible Tunnel.

Please be assured that the President very much appreciated receiving Mr. Fedora's proposal. I have taken the liberty of forwarding this material to the appropriate White House office for further review.

Again, thank you for writing on behalf of Mr. Fedora. Please do not hesitate to contact me whenever I can be of further assistance to you.

With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

MLF:CMP:ASR:asr

cc: w/incoming, to U.S. Secret Service - Public Affairs
Office, 1800 G Street, N.W., Room 805, Washington, D.C. 20223,
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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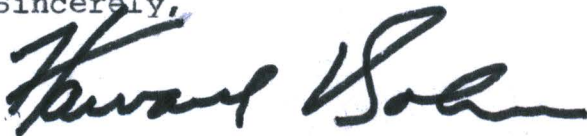
Mr. Max Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President
for Legislation
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. Friedersdorf:

I have enclosed correspondence from Mr. Vince Fedora of Nashville, Tennessee which I believe is self-explanatory. I am grateful for your review of this matter, and for any information you might provide that will assist me in responding to this inquiry. In your response please refer to REM.

Sincerely,



Howard H. Baker, Jr.

HHBJr/rem

Enclosure

April 6, 1981
615/352-8288

Dear Senator Baker,

Enclosed is information as to protecting the president and those with him in similar future situations.

I have no idea as to how to go about obtaining a purchase order or a requisition of funds from the government in order to begin building this portable protection.

If there is any way you can help me or point me to the people who can be helpful in this project I'd greatly appreciate it.

Thank you so much,

Vince Fodera

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5726 Stoneway Trail
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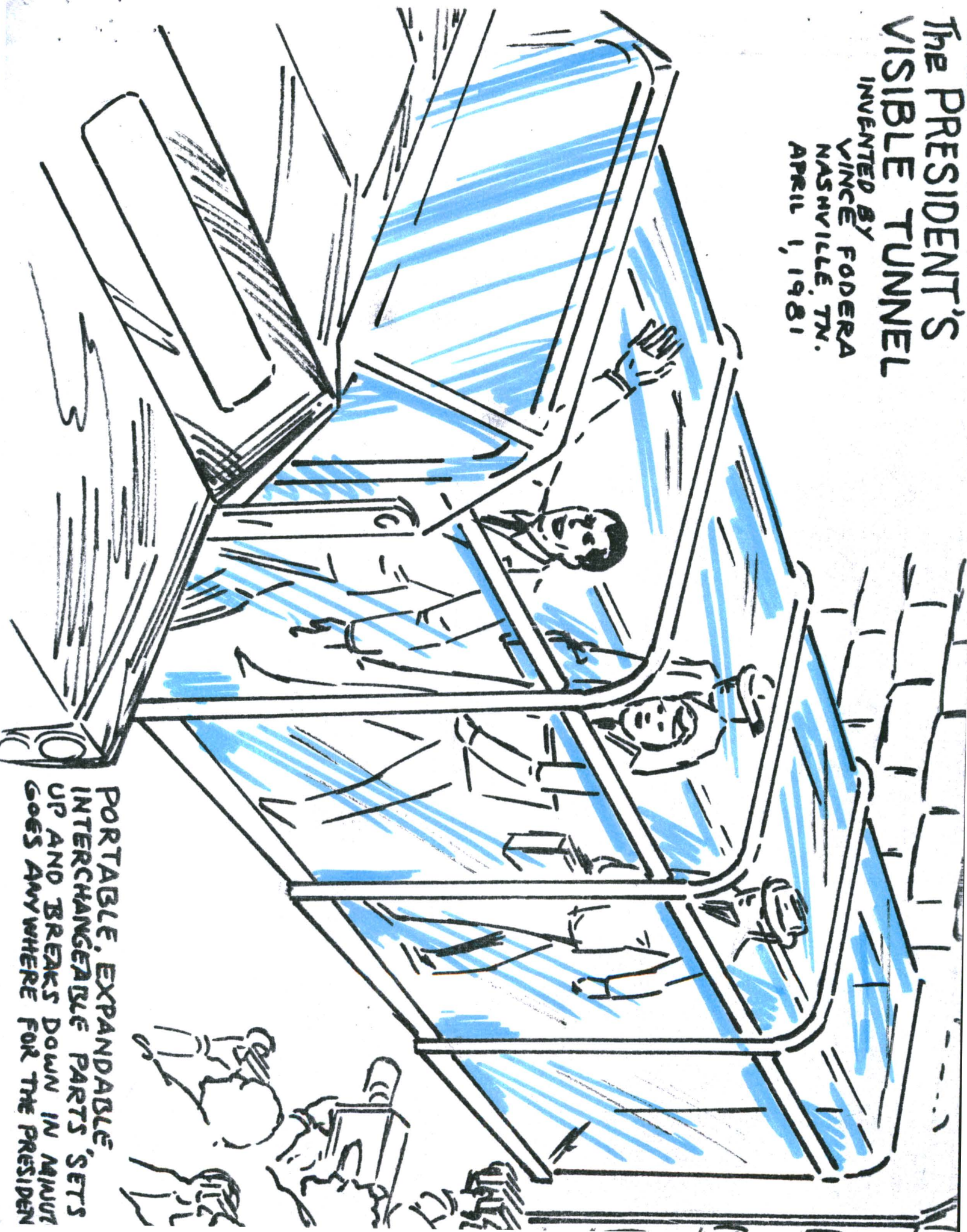
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

May 7, 1981

Director
House Congressional Liason
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Re: Mr. Vince Fodera
5726 Stoneway Trail
Nashville, Tennessee 37209

Dear Sir:

In response to a request for assistance, I am writing to express my interest in the request of the above referenced person. It is my understanding according to Mr. Fodera, he is pleased to present to the President of the United States and other government officials, his design and invention called "The President's Visible Tunnel". He states that history has shown, during assassination attempts, not only is the leader the target, but other dignitaries as well. Mr. Fodera contends that "The Visible Tunnel" comes in interchangeable sections, can be transported to any location, and set up by a crew of four people within 30 minutes. Enclosed is information pertaining to the tunnel Mr. Fodera is submitting to familiarize the people in charge of the President's protection.

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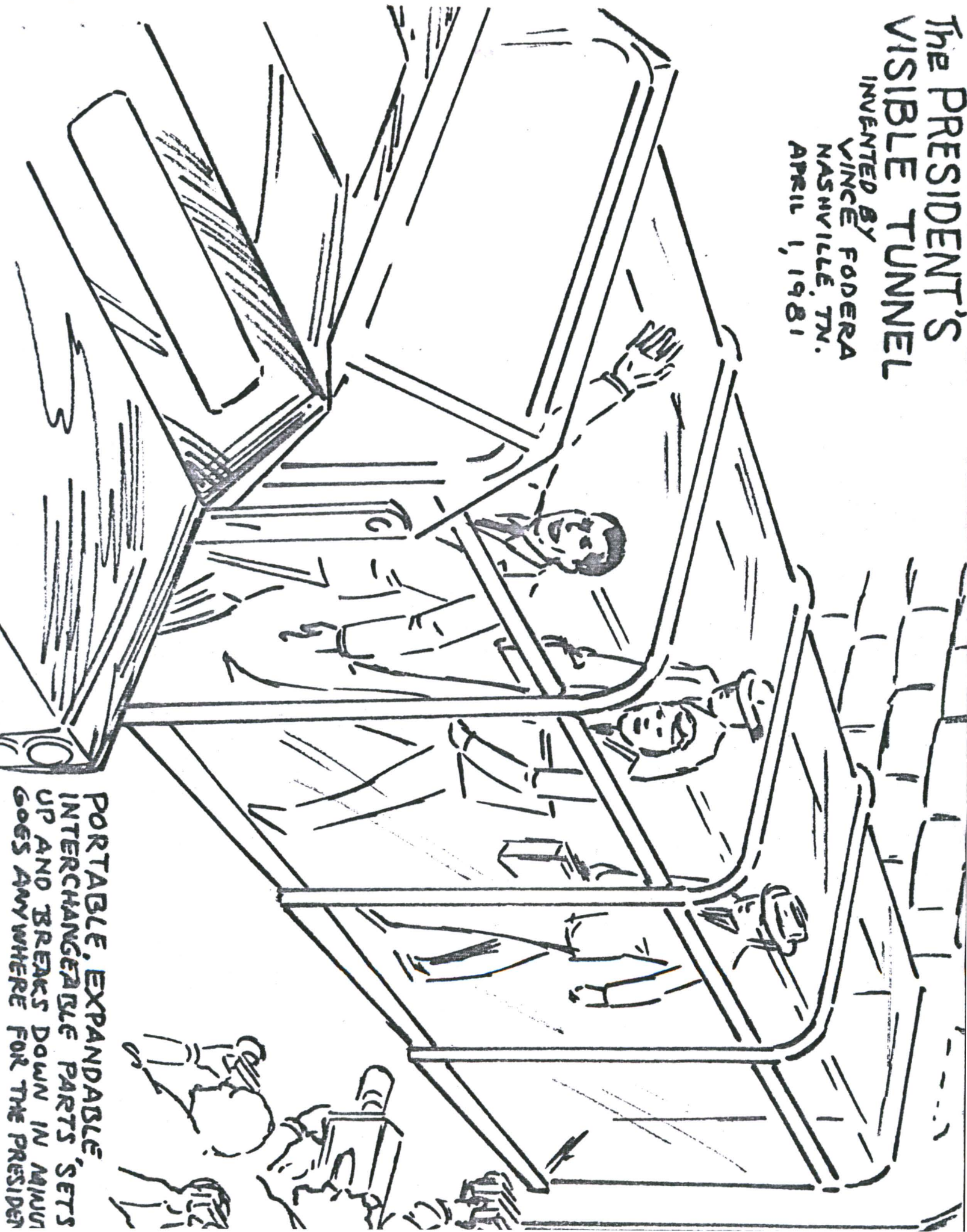
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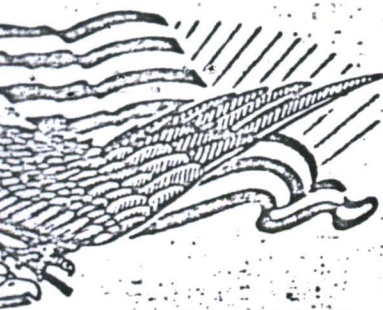
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NOON, APRIL 4, 1981.

B-12 THE NASHVILLE BANNER, Saturday, April 4, 1981

Nashville Man Designs Tunnel For President

By BARRY BRYANT
Business News Writer

Vince Fedora is at it again.

The inventor of GG Ball (GG stands for Great Girls) has designed a tunnel to protect the President of the United States from bullets of would-be assassins.

"I'm amazed nothing like this has ever been done," said the 51-year old Nashville artist and inventor.

"The President's Visible Tunnel" is a series of clear plexiglass sections that connect to form a protective barrier for a president as he leaves a building for his limosine.

The 1 1/4 inch-thick plexiglass will stop a .44 caliber magnum bullet fired at point-blank range, Fedora said.

Fedora hasn't actually built a tunnel, but it took the him only a couple of days to whip up a model and send photographs and specifications to the White House for examination.

"I've had the idea for some time," he said. When Lynette Fromme tried to shoot President Ford outside his limosine, it occured to Fedora that a president could use the extra protection.

A bulletproof vest wouldn't protect his head. Why not a tunnel?

"Because of the incident Monday (the attempt on President Reagan's life), it revitalized the idea. I immediately built this model, and sent a copy to the White House," he said.

The sections can be rolled out and quickly linked together. Each section is four feet long and seven and a half feet high, with a five-foot passageway.

Sound amplifiers throughout the tunnel would enable the president hear questions and talk to the crowd outside in a normal voice, Fedora said.

He admits that might cramp the president's style. "It's unfortunate that that is our society, but more it is important at this time is to protect our president."

The estimated cost per section is \$7,000 to \$8,500.

Inventing has always been a passion for Fedora. His GG Ball game drew about 150 people to the Municipal Auditorium.



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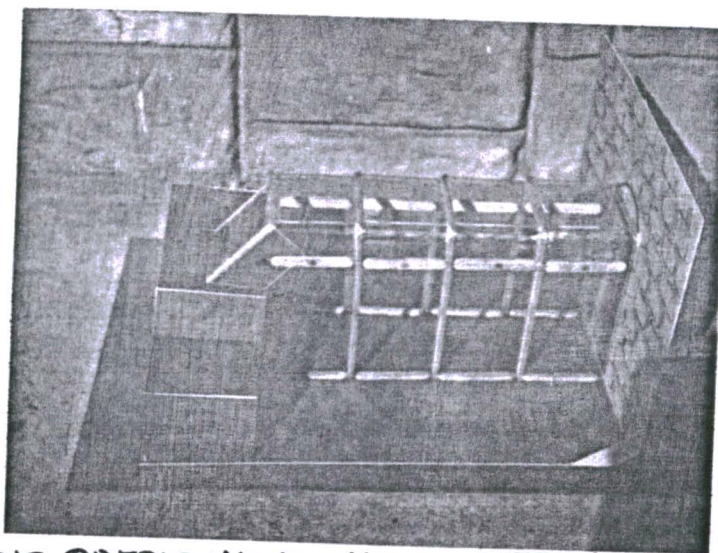


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THE PRESIDENT'S VISIBLE TUNNEL

by VINCE FODERA

APRIL 3, 1981