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John Warnock Hinckley, Jr.
Attempted Assassination of
Ronald Reagan,
President of the United States
March 30, 1981



Volume II

SECTION I

INVESTIGATION CONCERNING
CRIME SCENE - WASHINGTON HILTON HOTEL

A Synopsis of Crime Scene
Washington Hilton Hotel

The attempted assassination of the President of the United States took place on March 30, 1981, at approximately 2:25 p.m., outside the VIP entrance of the Washington Hilton Hotel, Connecticut and T Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. There were approximately 285 people that were present at the scene of the crime, either viewing it from a window across the street or in the immediate area of the Presidential Party. Of these 285 interviewed, there were 29 that actually witnessed an individual fire the weapon at the President or saw the weapon in the hands of that same individual but some would not be able to identify him.

The key eyewitnesses were :

[redacted] civilian, interviewed after shooting, advised he saw assailant draw revolver from pocket and fire twice, then [redacted] hit assailant on back of neck and heard a third shot. [redacted] described assailant, however, interview terminated due to [redacted] suffering from severe stress, and he was taken to hospital by D.C. Paramedics. (b)(7)(c): (D)

[redacted] was videotaping (b)(7)(c): (D) President's departure from hotel, when he heard four-five shots close to him. [redacted] saw White House Press Secretary and police officer fall to ground and then lowered his camera and saw several men grab assailant to his right as assailant fired one more shot. (b)(7)(c): (D)

[redacted] said assailant brushed against him when assailant moved in front of him. [redacted] then observed assailant bend over in semi-crouched position rapidly firing a blue revolver. (b)(7)(c): (D)

[redacted] heard five shots, looked to his left and saw Metropolitan Police Department Sergeant grab arm of individual who was in a crouched position near the wall. Individual had arm extended with short barrelled revolver in his hand. (b)(7)(c): (D)

[redacted] was videotaping President's departure from hotel when he heard two quick pops. He saw assailant in a crouched position with both hands wrapped around a revolver. [redacted] later positively identified Hinckley from a photo spread.

(b)(7)(c)(D)

[redacted] civilian, saw assailant with black handgun move toward President and heard four-six shots. [redacted] saw police officer almost immediately grab assailant, however, man kept firing weapon. [redacted] would be able to identify assailant.

(b)(7)(c)(D)

[redacted] heard pop of handgun and saw assailant in combat position firing handgun. [redacted] rushed assailant, grabbed him by shoulder and pushed him to ground.

(b)(7)(c)(D)

[redacted] civilian, observed assailant lurch forward with arm extended holding a gun and shoot at the President.

(b)(7)(c)(D)

[redacted] civilian, observed assailant step forward and lean toward President with what she believed to be a camera in his hands, but immediately saw muzzle flashes and knew it was a gun which assailant was firing at the President. [redacted] described assailant's clothing, but did not see his face.

(b)(7)(c)(D)

[redacted] United States Secret Service (USSS), was observing crowd at Hilton when he heard a "pop" like a firecracker followed by four-five other "pops". [redacted] turned left towards the sound and observed assailant with handgun held in both hands. [redacted] rushed assailant, who was in a crouched position and wrestled him to ground. [redacted] stayed with Hinckley until he was turned over to FBI custody.

(b)(7)(c)(F)

[redacted] civilian, heard five shots and helped [redacted] wrestle with assailant after shooting. [redacted] did not get good look at assailant.

(b)(7)(c)(D)

[redacted] civilian, heard noise and looked into crowd and saw assailant with gun in hand and observed fire coming from gun barrel.

(b)(7)(c)(D)

[REDACTED] civilian, was standing in lobby when she saw the President exit hotel and heard several shots and saw flashes from press line. She saw assailant with gun in hand, and when crowd backed away, she clearly saw assailant's face and clothing. She later picked Hinckley from a photo spread. (b)(7)(c)(D)

[REDACTED] was taking pictures, when he heard shots fired he then lowered his camera and looked directly at subject and saw assailant shooting at President. [REDACTED] does not believe from own personal observation could identify assailant. (b)(7)(c)(D)

[REDACTED] USSS, heard five shots from press section, and saw group of people holding assailant down. Assailant still had revolver in hand. [REDACTED] escorted subject to D.C. Cellblock. (F)(7)(c)(F)

[REDACTED] civilian, who was standing on ledge across street, noticed an individual work his way through the crowd toward President and then heard shots. He observed this same individual with a revolver in his right hand being wrestled to the ground. [REDACTED] identified Hinckley from photo spread. (b)(7)(c)(D)

[REDACTED] student traveling with school group, saw individual move toward and pull out policeman-type gun, and shoot from hip level. [REDACTED] would not be able to identify gunman. (b)(7)(c)(D)

[REDACTED] heard first shot, fell to one knee and looked into crowd and saw assailant fire pistol in direction of President. [REDACTED] charged assailant and helped apprehend him. [REDACTED] drove Metropolitan Police Department car with assailant to Metropolitan Police Department Cellblock. (b)(7)(c)(D)

The crime scene was secured and photographed by Metropolitan Police Department Crime Scene Technicians prior to a heavy downpour that occurred at approximately 3:00 p.m. Crime scene was thereafter processed and photographed by FBI Agents and the following significant evidence recovered:

- 1.) .22 caliber revolver, model RG 14, serial number L 731332, with six spent cartridges, which was turned over to FBI by SA [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)(F)

USSS. Revolver was photographed at scene and handcarried to FBI Laboratory.

- 2.) Bullet fragment from window of Universal Building located across street from Hilton Hotel.

Recovered from the Presidential Limousine was the right rear quarter panel with bullet damage and the right rear window with bullet damage.

The shooting was reenacted, videotaped and photographed using law enforcement witnesses to determine trajectory of bullets and movement of Presidential Party.

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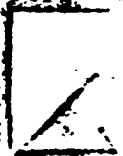
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When the President came outdoors, he recalled camera-men yelling "Mr. President! Mr. President!" As the President approached the car, maybe a few steps away he recalled the assailant yell, "Mr. President! Mr. President!" and then proceeded to pull out his hands from his pockets and point

Investigation on 3/30/81 at Washington, D.C.

SAs [Redacted] and [Redacted] and [Redacted]

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revolver aiming it in a high fashion. He described the revolver as a .22 or .32 caliber, blue in color, with a long barrel.

██████████ stated the assailant was approximately 15 feet from the resident when he saw two blue flames exit the barrel. At the same time ██████████ hit the assailant on the back of the neck in an effort to push him. As he hit the assailant he heard another shot. ██████████ could not determine whether the third shot came from the assailant's weapon or not.

(b)(7)(c)(d)

After the third shot, ██████████ observed two individuals running towards him and the assailant. The two individuals were on top of the assailant and then ██████████ noticed additional officers/Secret Service piling on top. ██████████ was told to get out the way but could not due to the fact his foot was tangled in the pile of men. His boss then made an effort to come to his aid swinging his arms and saying, "I'll help you out." ██████████ further stated he observed another individual running in his direction with handcuffs and he, ██████████ yelled "Kill the son of a bitch." It was subsequent to that, he was hit in the mouth by an officer's elbow.

(b)(7)(c)(d)

When ██████████ finally managed to get out, he was instructed by the Secret Service to step back and remain put. It was then that he noticed one individual face down bleeding profusely from the head and another individual to the left also bleeding.

(b)(7)(c)(d)

The interview of ██████████ was temporarily concluded due to his severe stress, on the advice of firefighters, ██████████ and ██████████, Washington, D.C.

(b)(7)(c)(d)

██████████ pulse was taken, he was administered oxygen and taken to Georgetown University Hospital, accompanied by Special Agent (SA) ██████████. SA ██████████ did not accompany ██████████ to the hospital and hence did not participate further in the interview.

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██████████ stated that he observed two blue flames exiting the barrel but was unaware of where the third shot originated from.

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██████████ could furnish no further information at this point.

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[redacted] advised that he lives at [redacted]. His home telephone number is [redacted] and works at [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that he was on his way from lunch at about 2:20 p.m., when he saw the police in the street. He had heard that the President would be at the Hilton Hotel on this day. Expecting to get a glimpse of the President, [redacted] stood in the crowd of onlookers about fifteen feet from the barrier ropes. He heard four shots. [redacted] believed it to be about 2:30 p.m. [redacted] saw a white male, in a tan coat, fire a gun once, maybe twice in the direction of the President. The man held the gun in his right outstretched hand. The crowd was told to move back and in the confusion, he lost his umbrella. [redacted] stated that the man he saw doing the shooting was vigorously resisting the police and Agents.

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SA [redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted] residence telephone number area code [redacted] was interviewed regarding his knowledge of the assault on the President of the United States and provided the following information:

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[redacted] and earlier in the afternoon he was filming President Reagan as he exited the T Street door of the Washington Hilton Hotel.

(b)(7)(c): (D)

[redacted] advised that he was located behind the rope at the press line in front of the T Street door of the hotel and was observing President Reagan through the lens of his camera when he heard 4 or 5 gunshots close to him. [redacted] (Brown) observed the White House Press Secretary fall to the ground and a police officer fall to the ground as he was attempting to draw his revolver, at that point [redacted] lowered his camera and observed several men grab a man to his right at the press line as the man fired one more shot.

(b)(7)(c): (D)

[redacted] stated that the man who had done the shooting was positioned no more than three feet from him. [redacted] also stated the men who were shot were approximately three or four feet from the man who had done the shooting.

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[redacted] advised that a white male with blond hair was then wrestled to the ground.

(b)(7)(c): (D)

[redacted] added that a National Broadcasting Company (NBC) Cameraman named [redacted] (LIU) was also standing very close to the individual who had done the shooting and may also have witnessed it take place.

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On April 9, 1961, [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] at his residence, [redacted] and advised as follows:

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[redacted] They arrived at the Hilton Hotel, early, at approximately 12:15 or 12:30 p.m. They first went into the ballroom to make their official presence known to security people such as the United States Secret Service (USSS). They then went to the main hotel lobby to pass time. They then went back into the ballroom for approximately fifteen minutes to discuss technical preparations and returned to the lobby for another fifteen minute waiting period, wherein they talked with correspondents and engineers. There were people constantly coming and going and there appeared to be nothing unusual or suspicious going on.

(b)(7)(c) (D)

[redacted] met hotel guests "Rita" and her husband who were from out of town and they accompanied [redacted] and [redacted] to observe the President's arrival. [redacted] did not know where "Rita" and her husband went subsequently.

(b)(7)(c) (D)

As President KENNEDY arrived, [redacted] was aware of the [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] then went to an area designated for the press and waited for approximately five or ten minutes thereafter the President came out after his speech. [redacted] were about the first to assemble at the rope. He reported his position as being at the rope and two or three feet [redacted]

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stated that he turned around to look only once and saw a USSR car, but was not sure of the presence of the individual whom he later saw shooting handgun.

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turned the recording equipment on as President emerged from the VIP door.

advised that perhaps the gunman had pushed up against him while moving in front of him, and only a split second later his attention was directed to his right and slightly in front of him. His attention was directed at this individual because from a semi-crouched 'bent over' position, this individual was firing a blue revolver in rapid succession. described this individual to have straight, curly blond hair, trimmed in a 'Glen Campbell' style, and wearing a light color (tan), light weight jacket. He did not take notice of trouser or shoe colors. He was able to observe the barrel and cylinder of a revolver which he thought was a .38 calibre, based on the noise level.

stated that it took from one and a half to two (2) seconds from the start of the shooting to the finish, and because of the rapid succession, he thought he heard four shots.

stated that his attention was frozen on the gunman's hand and the gun and that he () could not move or react. Immediately after what he thought was the first shot was fired, there were two people 'on him' and surrounding the assailant. USSR pushed people away in what he thought was an effort to protect the assailant, because angry people were yelling 'kill him' or 'shoot him.' USSR covered the head of the assailant with some cloth material and because more security personnel surrounded the gunman, view of the assailant's face was obscured. He had only seen the left rear quadrant of the head portion of the assailant.

was shown a photo spread consisting of seven caucasian males. He picked photos number two (2) and five (5) as resembling the assailant because of hair color and length, but could not positively identify him.

The photographic spread consisted of the following individuals:

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1. [REDACTED] United States Secret Service

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2. [REDACTED] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office.

3. [REDACTED] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office.

4. [REDACTED] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office.

5. John Harbeck Hinckley, Jr., Subject.

6. [REDACTED], Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office.

7. [REDACTED] Clerk, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office.

The above photographic spread, consisting of seven white males, was properly initialed and dated, and filed in the Sub 1-A section of WFO file 175-311.

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[redacted] advised that
his home address is [redacted]
His home phone number is [redacted]
[redacted] work address
is [redacted]

They were standing near the wall by the Executive entrance
of the Washington Hilton Hotel. [redacted] stated that he was
standing beside a white man in a light tan/beige jacket.
[redacted] saw the man in the tan/beige jacket fire about four
shots in the direction of the President. The man was gripping
the gun with both hands. The approximate time was 2:30 p.m.
The man was wrestled to the ground and quickly taken away
by the police.

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[REDACTED]

While [REDACTED] was stationed near the security rope, [REDACTED] approached [REDACTED] and asked if the President would be coming out soon. [REDACTED] told him that he did not know and [REDACTED] returned to his duties inside.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that the President's driver came out at approximately 1:20 p.m. to start the car, but did not move it. [REDACTED] said that this is usually a sign that the President will be leaving soon. [REDACTED] returned his attention to the crowd of spectators and stationed himself at the security rope on the curb with his back to the Presidential limousine.

[REDACTED] advised that a few minutes before the President came out, he observed a rustling movement in the crowd. [REDACTED] moved in that direction until he saw that it was a member of the press putting on his coat. [REDACTED] returned to his previous position and began instructing people to stay on the sidewalk.

[REDACTED] advised that he then glanced back and observed several Service Agents coming out of the VIP exit. He then returned his attention to the crowd and did not actually see the President emerge. At this time, [REDACTED] heard three shots, a pause, and then two more shots. [REDACTED] advised that at first, he believed the shots to be firecrackers. [REDACTED] turned his head to his left in the direction of the wall in time to observe Metropolitan Police Officer [REDACTED] grab the arm of an individual who was in a crouched position near the wall. This individual had an arm extended with a short-barreled revolver in his hand. [REDACTED] advised that he believes the revolver was in the right hand, because he could see a profile of the individual's face. Next to the individual was a man with a camera on his shoulder. [REDACTED] advised that the individual he observed with the revolver was [REDACTED]

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He was in his mid twenties with short brown hair, a straight nose, and was wearing a tan jacket. [redacted] then observed five or six police officers and Secret Service Agents jump on this individual.

At approximately this same time, [redacted] saw two people on the sidewalk close to him and observed a Secret Service Agent grab his stomach and fall. He also saw another Agent trying to open the door to the President's car. [redacted] did not see the incident, but did see someone's back an instant before the car was closed.

[redacted] advised that a short time later, he observed police and Secret Service Agents attempt to put someone into a police car. There was a problem getting the door open so the individual got into a second police vehicle. [redacted] could not see the individual who was put into the car.

[redacted] advised that after a few more minutes, ambulances began to arrive. The injured Secret Service Agent was placed in the first ambulance and was taken from the scene. A second ambulance, which later carried the injured police officer, was blocking the entrance attempting to leave with an individual, [redacted] later advised that he attempted to get this ambulance back around the driveway in front of the T entrance of the hotel only to find the other entrance blocked by police and other official vehicles. By this time, the ambulance carrying the injured police officer was moving and the ambulance with Mr. Brady was able to leave through that exit.

[redacted]

[redacted] was shown a photo spread containing the following photographs:

1. [redacted] Special Agent, U. S. Secret Service
2. [redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Washington Field Office
3. [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Washington Field Office
4. [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Washington Field Office

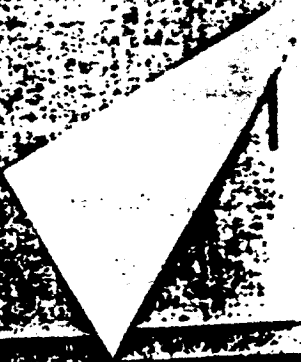
5. John Warnock Hinckley, Jr.

6. [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Washington Field Office (b)(7)(C)

7. [redacted] Clerk, FBI, Washington Field Office

[redacted] advised that he knew photograph number one to be a Secret Service Agent as he had seen him with the Presidential Protection Detail at the Washington Hilton before. He stated that he believed photograph number four to be a Secret Service Agent. He identified photograph number five as Hinckley, only because he had seen Hinckley's photograph on television. [redacted] added that he had only seen the subject's profile during the attempted assassination.

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[redacted] was contacted at his place of employment subsequent to an attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan. [redacted] was advised of the official identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the inquiry and thereafter provided the following information:

He was stationed on the driveway almost immediately behind the Presidential limousine maintaining a restraining rope to keep members of the Press and other spectators from the President. In watching the crowd prior to President Reagan's departure from the VIP entrance of the hotel, [redacted] was told by [redacted] to keep his eye on two individuals in the crowd. One of these persons was [redacted] the other individual was a [redacted] could not further identify.

[redacted] was stationed on one side of the rope which had been strung across the driveway and was located next to the retaining wall while [redacted] whom he could only identify as a sergeant, was manning the other side of the rope. The President emerged from the VIP entrance of the hotel and began walking toward his limousine. [redacted] turned and faced the Press and bystanders in order to keep the crowd from rushing toward President Reagan. At that point in time [redacted] heard three shots and then a short pause. He then heard two more shots and looked in the direction of the wall, which is where he believed the gunfire had come from. He saw a white male with a clean face and dark colored hair against the wall in a crouched position firing a small blue finish handgun from his right hand. Almost immediately a number of police officers and Secret Service Agents rushed the man and wrestled him to the ground. [redacted] believes the man was approximately six feet tall and could not determine what type of clothing the man was wearing. He had never seen this individual before. [redacted] believes he could identify this individual.

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if he were to see him again.

██████████ indicated he then became concerned with keeping the crowds back and his memory from that point on is unclear as to the sequence of events.

The following description of ██████████ was obtained through observation and interview:

- Sex:
- Race:
- National Origin:
- Date of Birth:
- Height:
- Weight:
- Hair:
- Eyes:



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[REDACTED] furnished the following information:

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At approximately 2:20 p.m., on the afternoon of March 30, 1981, she had entered the parking garage on B Street, N.W., which is located opposite the Washington Hilton Hotel. As she was driving in she commented to the attending officer that the President (President Reagan) was here again. The attendant parked the car, she came out of the garage, took a peek, and saw a crowd gathering toward the main entrance of the Washington Hilton.

As she was walking closer to the Washington Hilton, she heard someone say "fire, fire," and then she realized that someone had been shot. She was going to volunteer to give first-aid, but decided not to. Also, at that time she saw a white male, in a light colored suit jump over backward the fence to the right of the entrance of the Washington Hilton. She was amazed at how well he jumped, and someone commented that he was a Secret Service Agent. After this she last observed the whole scene.

Although [REDACTED] did not see anyone approaching the President acting suspiciously she was observing him prior to the sound of the gun shots. After the sound of the shots, she observed Secret Service Agents wrestle to the ground and drive away in a police car an individual who she described as follows:

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	34-45 Years
Hair:	Grey
Height:	Approximately six feet
Weight:	140-145 pounds
Build:	Slender
Clothes:	Dark blue suit

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She recalled that she heard three maybe four shots. Also, she saw a gun in the hand of the subject she described, and said it was black but did not know what kind.

She said that she felt the man in the light blue suit who jumped over the fence was another subject, and did not believe he was with the Secret Service.

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[REDACTED] answering service number [REDACTED]
Also, she frequently resides at the Connecticut Avenue address, and she has a home telephone number of [REDACTED]

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was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview and he furnished the following information.

He said that on March 30, 1961, he was and

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He stated that they proceeded to the Washington Hilton Hotel where the President was to give a speech. He said that

At approximately 1:45 p.m., states that the hotel and arrived at approximately 1:52 p.m. The President exited the limousine and immediately entered the hotel. He said the on the east side of T Street approximately 20 yards from the VIP entrance which the President used.

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While waiting for the President to exit, said he had conversation with believed to be with the Secret Service, who was the driver for the route car of the escort. He recalled during this period of time, he noticed

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At approximately 2:18 p.m., he had heard the President on his way out of the hotel

As the President exited the hotel, he waved to the crowd. The limousine door was opened. Then heard two rapid quick shots, a slight pause and then another two or three rapid shots. said he noted the assailant stepped

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the woman wearing the blue dress and the limousine just prior to the shots and observed two flashes from this individual as he heard the first two shots. At this point, the crowd reacted and people were jumping on each other. [redacted] said he saw a white male fall to the ground as well as a [redacted] officer. There was also a man in a light blue or green suit who fell to the ground clutching at his abdomen. [redacted] said officer [redacted] dropped his motorcycle and immediately ran to the scene of the shooting about 25 yards away. The President was pushed into the limousine and another individual was shouting, get out of here.

[redacted] advised that when he heard the shots, he realized there were shots fired and at this time, [redacted] He said the limousine came towards him and after being struck by the limousine, he turned and then headed on Connecticut Avenue with [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that at this point, [redacted] realized the President might have been hit by a shot. [redacted] and [redacted] driver

[redacted] advised that when the Presidential limousine arrived at George Washington Hospital, the President walked into the hospital with an individual on each side of him. He said [redacted]

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[redacted] He noted that [redacted] arrived approximately 20 to 30 minutes later to also assist in the crowd control. [redacted] advised he was unavailable to provide any other information of value. He said he could not identify the assailant.

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advised as follows:

_____ stated he arrived with _____ at the Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., at approximately 1:30 p.m. At that time he found _____ At that time he found _____ President Ronald Reagan was going to arrive between 1:45 and 1:50 p.m. _____ sat down in the lobby opposite the doors the President might possibly enter and talked with the Columbia Broadcasting Systems, Incorporated (CBS), and American Broadcasting Company, Incorporated (ABC) _____ went outside approximately _____ minutes prior to the President's arrival and positioned _____ selves behind the Secret Service (SS) ropes.

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_____ advised he remembers two elderly tourists lined up with the Press behind the ropes.

_____ stated the President arrived around 1:50 p.m. _____ he took pictures of the President getting out of the car and walking a short distance to the Presidential or _____ Important Persons (VIP) security door. _____ proceeded through the regular entrance through the lobby down to the International Ballroom where they were _____ ity checked by SS Agents _____

_____ filmed the President and _____ crowd reaction to the President's lecture from the podium. _____ speech lasted approximately twenty minutes.

_____ advised _____ went outside a few _____ minutes prior to the end of the President's speech to secure _____ a vantage point to film the President's departure. _____ took a position behind the ropes closest to the wall.

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... good, long camera angle of the President walking out. [redacted] was on the ground to the right of [redacted] with a microphone extended under, past the ropes to record any official Presidential commentary.

[redacted]

There were a lot of people intermingled with the Press, but they were orderly and did not interfere with the Press.

[redacted] stated the President came out of the side door and that he had a medium camera view of the President, encompassing the car and the people around him. In the same instance he heard two quick pops; instantaneously he reacted to his right because he knew they were coming from the right by the wall. Through the camera lens [redacted] saw the President being pushed into the car possibly banging his head and people going down.

[redacted] saw a woman screaming, "My husband, my husband!". The woman was a well dressed, white female, approximately twenty-five to thirty years of age, and was good-looking. [redacted] did not follow the woman's actions and does not know what happened to her. Due to the frantic atmosphere [redacted] stated he did not see the husband she was screaming about. In the same fraction of a second he saw the assailant with both hands wrapped around a revolver.

[redacted] was in a crouching position with his arms straight out from his body. At this point, he saw people jumping on the assailant. One spectator, a portly, elderly white male, wearing a yellow slicker or sweater dove on the assailant. [redacted] went to filming the wounded man lying on the ground and the prevailing activity. One man, possibly a White House Staff Member, who was heavy-set, wearing a grey suit, requested a handkerchief. [redacted] reached forward and handed a handkerchief to the man, who proceeded to administer the wound of White House Press Secretary James Brady. Subsequently, the SS [redacted]

agent and the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) officer were filmed lying on the ground. The next sequence filmed was the shoving of the assailant into a MPD squad car by SS Agents and MPD Officers. The ambulance arrived and [redacted] filmed the removal of the wounded, the crowd, the grassy area near the door and the SS Agents with machine guns. [redacted] stated after these events, he and [redacted] went into the Hilton lobby to smoke a cigarette and unwind.

Later, [redacted] filmed spectator interviews with a woman who claimed she was an eyewitness. The female eyewitness previously filmed by [redacted] was later interviewed by W.C. Correspondent [redacted] and [redacted] were interviewed by [redacted]

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[redacted] stated the assailant had light brown or light blond hair, just over the collar. He was wearing a light tan jacket. [redacted] advised he believes he heard five or six shots, the shots occurring so fast, it sounded like an automatic weapon.

[redacted] stated he and [redacted] departed the scene approximately 6:30 p.m. and went to the White House to pick up Correspondent [redacted] (PII). They proceeded to Washington Field Office (Buzzards Point), 1900 Half Street, Washington, D.C. and positioned themselves to film the assailant at the garage ramp exiting Buzzards Point via Federal Bureau of Investigation contingent.

Later that evening, [redacted] They analyzed the film, froze and slowed the frames and explained the events that occurred on television.

[redacted] could provide no further information at this

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On April 10, 1981, Mr. [redacted] was recontacted by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] for the primary purpose of displaying a photo spread to him. (H)(7)(C)(D)

[redacted] was shown a photo spread consisting of seven caucasian males from which he promptly picked out photo number five (5) as being identical to the man he saw (and video-taped) shooting a handgun in the direction of the President on March 30, 1981. He remarked that the hair color was slightly different, but that there was no cause for question that this was the same individual. (H)(7)(C)(D)

The photographic spread consisted of the following individuals:

1. [redacted] United States Secret Service Agent
2. [redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office
3. [redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office
4. [redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office
5. John Warnock Hinckley, Jr., Subject
6. [redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office
7. [redacted] Clerk, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office

The above photographic spread, consisting of seven (7) photos, is filed in the Sub 1-A section of WFO file 175-311.

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[redacted] who gave his home address as [redacted] and telephone number [redacted] and [redacted] work address and telephone number are [redacted] advised that he was standing beside [redacted]

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turned with his camera to his right and saw a short white man with light brown hair and a tan coat. The man fired four to six shots in the direction of the President. [redacted] believes that he recorded the man firing the shots with his camera. [redacted]

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Employed by the [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed by [redacted] who identified herself as a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). [redacted] was interviewed at the Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C.

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On March 30, 1981, [redacted] advised that he was returning from lunch when he noticed the limousine parked in front of the Hilton Hotel. [redacted] decided to wait and see the President (Reagan) and positioned himself across the street from the Hilton Hotel, directly in front of the limousine.

[redacted] stated he could see the President exit the hotel, wave towards him and to the people in the hotel. [redacted] advised he saw a white male with a gun, approximately six feet, one inch to six feet, three inches; lean build; average looking; blonde hair; no facial hair; glasses, thirty to thirty-five years of age; wearing a parka. [redacted] stated before he saw this individual with a gun he saw him with a camera. [redacted] confident that he could identify the above mentioned individual if he saw him again. [redacted] added that he heard four or five shots and possibly even six. He stated that the gun sounded like a .22 caliber, not larger than a .38 caliber, and was a black handgun. [redacted] stated an individual with the gun was by the wall between the main entrance and where the President exited. The male with the gun moved towards the President, and started firing. [redacted] saw a Police Officer grab the man almost immediately, but the man kept firing the weapon. [redacted] four to five people fall to the ground (a gentleman in blue suit, two Secret Service Agents, and a Police Officer). [redacted] stated the Secret Service Agents "on the guy right away".

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[redacted] stated that the only person standing around him was an elderly gentleman, sixty to seventy years old; five feet, five inches to five feet, seven inches; had a grey goatee; wearing glasses, a hat, and a dark coat. The gentleman told [redacted] that he had worked for the Government for thirty years. After the shots, [redacted] and the elderly man hid behind a wall in their vicinity, for approximately thirty seconds. [redacted] then got up and went over to see the individual that was taken into custody. The elderly man left the area.

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[redacted] stated he could be located through his sister, [redacted] has telephone number [redacted]

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and residing at [redacted] telephone [redacted] was interviewed at the Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., D.C. Prior to interview, [redacted] was advised of the identity of interviewing agent and nature of the inquiry. [redacted] advised as follows:

On March 30, 1981, [redacted]

[redacted] where President Ronald Reagan was giving a speech to a labor organization. While waiting for President Reagan to exit the hotel after the speech, [redacted] was positioned against the wall to the left of the VIP entrance near an area where the press was cordoned off with a velvet rope attached to two brass poles. After the President's limousine was driven up, [redacted] noticed the VIP door open and several Secret Service Agents exit the door. [redacted] then directed his attention to the press area to his left preparing for the possibility that President Reagan would approach and greet the gathered crowd near and in the press area.

[redacted] then observed President Reagan exit the VIP entrance, walk toward the Presidential limousine and wave to the crowd to the President's left. [redacted]

[redacted] then looked back over toward the press area when he heard the weak pop of what he thought to be a small caliber handgun.

[redacted] then observed a white male with dirty blonde hair and a light coat in a "combat position," that is firing a handgun in a crouched position to the far right front near one of the brass poles where the press area was cordoned off. [redacted]

[redacted] pushed this individual, grabbed him by the shoulder and pushed him to the ground. Several Secret Service (SS) Agents and at least one private citizen who grabbed the assailant from the back also began struggling with this individual, trying to break his grip on a handgun. [redacted] believed this gun to be a .22

caliber revolver. When the revolver was finally broke from the individual's grip, he was put under control by handcuffing. [redacted] went to place his foot on the gun, which was lying

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on the ground near a drain grate in front of the press, but
a SS Agent confiscated the weapon. (A) (C)

[redacted] MPD cruiser which
was parked across the street from the Washington Hilton
on T Street, N.W. [redacted]

[redacted] MPD cruiser drove up and the alleged assailant was placed
in the rear of this car and driven off. [redacted]
then returned to the press area where he observed MPD Officer
Delahanty lying on the ground with what appeared to be a
gunshot wound in the left shoulder; observed another civilian
individual with what appeared to be a gunshot wound over the
left eye; and observed a SS Agent lying face down holding his
stomach. These individuals were all lying in the same
general area, that is an area between the Presidential
limousine and the cordoned press area.

[redacted] then provided a rough sketch of
the general area where the above activity took place, making
special note where the alleged assailant fired at the
Presidential party from. [redacted] dated and signed
this sketch.

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[redacted] telephone number [redacted] was interviewed regarding the assassination attempt of President Ronald Reagan in Room [redacted] Washington Hilton Hotel. He furnished the following information:

[redacted] stated that he was standing near the Press Pool just outside the Washington Hilton Hotel in an effort to get a glimpse of the President. He said that he was standing between an unidentified news reporter and another individual. The other individual was standing in front of him and to the right.

[redacted] noted that it was this other unidentified individual who was standing in front of him that he observed shoot at the President. This individual was standing about three feet away from [redacted]

As the President approached them the President looked across the street and then an elderly, heavy-set man wearing a yellow coat called to the President, "Hey Mr. President" and at which time the President turned around and waved. At this very instant the same unidentified individual that was standing in front of [redacted] lurched forward with his arm extended holding a gun and started shooting at the President. This individual fired five or six shots before being subdued by the security people that accompanied the President.

[redacted] furnished the following description of the unidentified assailant:

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Height:	Approximately 6'
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Light Brown, straight, semi-long
Dress:	Brown coat/possibly windbreaker
Weapon:	A small caliber revolver, carb.

[redacted] also stated that he had not seen the individual's face and could not recall if the assailant had fired with either his left or right hand.

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[redacted] advised Special Agent [redacted] on April 6, 1961, that she was standing on March 30, 1961, awaiting President Reagan's exit from the Washington Hilton Hotel, T Street exit. [redacted] observed what she assumed to be Secret Service Agents precede President Reagan out the main exit of the Washington Hilton Hotel. President Reagan waved. As he exited, he waved to people on his right, then to the people on his left and waved with his left hand raised to the people on his left. At this point, [redacted] saw what she thought to be someone with a camera step forward and lean toward the President as if to take a picture. [redacted] thought that the President might have to say. Immediately, she saw a flash and knew that it was a gun which the assailant was firing at the President. She also heard the sound of shots being fired. She then saw the President being pushed into the Presidential limousine and the assailant being quickly tackled. She observed three people lying on the sidewalk and people scattering. [redacted] also observed the people on the sidewalk receiving first aid and the police and Secret Service placing the assailant into a police car.

[redacted] described the assailant as wearing a light tan or cream colored suit (she was not able to see his face), light colored shirt and tie. [redacted] continued she could not identify the assailant, however she may have been able to identify his clothing immediately after the shooting. [redacted] advised she continued to observe until the police took the wounded away.

[redacted] remarked that there was a much smaller crowd around the President than usual because of the rain. She has seen the President come and go frequently.

[redacted] stated she has seen photographs of the suspect in newspapers and that she had never seen him before.

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[redacted] residence telephone number [redacted] was interviewed regarding her knowledge of the assault on the President of the United States and provided the following information:

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[redacted] advised she was located [redacted] waiting to view the President as he exited the T Street door of the Washington Hilton Hotel.

[redacted] stated that as the President exited the building she observed three flashes and heard approximately four shots. At that time she observed a white male with blond hair get knocked to the ground by other men.

[redacted] advised she had been watching the line formed by members of the press prior to the President exiting the building and the blond, white male was not at the press line until just before the shots were fired.

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[redacted] United States Secret Service, 1900 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., telephone 634-5100, advised as follows:

[redacted] stated that he reported at [redacted] to the Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., WDC, [redacted] assigned to protect RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States.

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[redacted] continued that President REAGAN arrived at the Washington Hilton at approximately 1:50 p.m. and departed the Hilton via the VIP entrance at approximately 2:35 p.m.

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[redacted] advised that a few moments prior to the President's departure, he and Special Agent, [redacted] United States Secret Service, had taken up positions near the curb to the left of the VIP entrance. At this time, [redacted] advised he was facing the crowd with his back to the entrance.

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[redacted] stated that he became aware of President REAGAN's departure from the Washington Hilton by the reaction of the crowd and in what seemed like a moment later he heard a "pop" that sounded like a firecracker followed in rapid succession by four or five other "pops".

[redacted] stated that as he turned to his left towards the sound, he observed a handgun held in both hands protruding from the crowd followed by the individual holding it who was in a crouched position and who appeared to be pushed out by the crowd in back of him.

[redacted] advised that he immediately rushed this individual who he later learned was identified as JOHN HINCKLEY, and wrestled him to the ground joined by other agents and police officers.

[redacted] continued that HINCKLEY was immediately handcuffed and removed from the scene via Washington, D.C. Police Cruiser by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] himself, U.S. Secret Service, and Washington, D.C. police Officer [redacted].

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[redacted] stated that HINCKLEY was taken to a holding cell at Central Cellblock, Metropolitan Police Department 300 Indiana Avenue, N.W., WDC, where he was searched and verbally given his rights by Special Agent [redacted]. He was then taken upstairs to the Homicide Division where he was read his rights by Police Officer [redacted] and he also read them himself.

[redacted] advised that at this time, HINCKLEY stated that he did not wish to make any statement until he consulted an attorney at which point the interview was terminated and preliminary processing begun.

[redacted] stated that he remained with HINCKLEY from the time of arrest until he was turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] at 300 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

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[redacted] was interviewed in his room. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] comes to WDC, for business reasons. He stated that after his scheduled golf game was rained out in the morning, he came back to his hotel. [redacted] stated that from his hotel, he could see all the activity at the Washington Hilton across the street, so he went to see what it was all about.

[redacted] advised that he walked down T Street, N.W., to an area near the Hilton entrance on that street. He took a position near the door that President Reagan used to exit the hotel. [redacted] stated that he stood in a crowd there next to [redacted] (Theoretical) [redacted] and the [redacted] [redacted] stated that his meeting with [redacted] near the Hilton was coincidental, and that they stood together talking; waiting to catch a glimpse of President Reagan. He stated that they stood on the sidewalk between [redacted] and the driveway near the exit door.

[redacted] advised that he saw the President walk out and wave to the crowd; whereupon he heard five shots in rapid succession. [redacted] said that Antwanette [redacted] fell on the assailant, who was positioned immediately in front of where they stood. [redacted] that he and [redacted] both took part in the struggle that involved the assailant, police officers, and Secret Service agents.

[redacted] described the assailant as a young white male with blond hair. He could not elaborate on that description as he did not get a very good view of him, since the assailant was covered by [redacted] and the law enforcement officers.

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[REDACTED] advised that he will be staying at the [REDACTED] until Wednesday morning,

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[REDACTED] advised his home address is [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] office telephone [REDACTED]

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[redacted] Special Agent (SA) United States Secret Service, Washington Field Office, telephone number 534-5100, provided SA [redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), with the following information: D.C.

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[redacted]. At 2:20 p.m. [redacted] was at the Stage East Entrance of the Speech Site. Prior to the conclusion of the Presidential speech, [redacted] told [redacted] he would go up and check the departure site. [redacted] then proceeded down the Hall of the Presidents, through the Holding Room and went outside to the departure site. [redacted] noted the position of the motorcade vehicles, then spoke to [redacted] Presidential Protective Division, Secret Service, the driver of the follow up Secret Service vehicle. [redacted] position at this point was on the street side of the motorcade away from the press and hotel. [redacted] noticed press members crossing between the Presidential Limousine and the above noted follow up Secret Service vehicle. The press began lingering by the left door of the Presidential limousine. Some of the press were actually between the two vehicles. [redacted] then tried to clear this area out.

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[redacted] when at approximately 2:25 p.m. [redacted] heard shots coming from the direction of the hotel on the other side of the motorcade. [redacted] was fairly certain that he heard four to five shots. After the first shot, [redacted] turned to the direction he thought the shots were coming from and saw smoke and a partial arm with a gun coming out of the crowd near the wall by the rope off. [redacted] saw a commotion developing

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in the area where the smoke had come from. Without thinking, [redacted] rushed into the pile of people around the suspect. [redacted] remembered grabbing the suspect's right wrist. The suspect did not have a weapon in his hand when [redacted] grabbed the wrist. Another Secret Service Agent, [redacted] had grabbed the suspect's left wrist and placed a handcuff on this wrist. Finally they also cuffed the right wrist. After the suspect was put under control, [redacted] stepped away from the pile of people and observed that the limousine and follow up vehicle had already left. [redacted] then assisted in controlling the crowd, it was at this point that he realized there were three injured men lying on the pavement. [redacted] remembers handing his handkerchief to Mr. [redacted]

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[redacted] who was helping to attend to the fallen Metropolitan Police Department Officer. At this point in the interview [redacted] added that while the attack involving the suspect was going on, [redacted]

[redacted] were three to four police officers, names unknown, plus [redacted] and [redacted] of the Secret Service besides [redacted]; himself, who were involved in wrestling with the suspect. [redacted] described the suspect as follows:

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	Early twenties

The victims were positioned prone on the pavement as follows: The Metropolitan Police Officer was nearest the assailant. Brady was in the middle near the rear of the limousine. The Secret Service Agent, Tim McCarthy, was lying nearest to the hotel entrance on the right side of the limousine.

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[redacted] provided (b)(7)(c): (D)
the following signed statement to Special Agents (SAs) [redacted]
and [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation (FBI) at 3:12 p.m., March 31, 1981, at above
address.

March 31, 1981
3:12 p.m. Tuesday

I, [redacted] make the following (b)(7)(c): (D)
voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted]
who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of
the Federal Bureau of Investigation. V

At approximately 2:15 p.m. Monday, March 30, 1981,
returned from lunch [redacted]

[redacted] At this point I saw the
President's limousine parked in front of the VIP entrance
of the Washington Hilton Hotel. Several men came out of the
hotel before I saw the President come out. Then there he
(President) was. The President walked from the exit (VIP
exit) and he waved and smiled, a few seconds after that I
heard what I thought was firecrackers, then I looked over to
the crowd and I saw this gun barrel in the person's hand.
The gun appeared to be a short barrel of dark color and I saw
the fired coming out of it. Then I thought to protect
myself, while I was shouting 'they shot the President.' I
thought I heard four (4) shots. The Secret Service Agents or
Police started to yelled 'Get him out of Here.' Then the
President's limousine was gone, it was going toward
Connecticut Avenue. I saw them struggling with a person on
the concrete sidewalk. At this point I decided to call my
husband.

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I have read this two page statement, have initialed all corrections, and it is entirely true and correct.

/s/ [Redacted]

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WITNESSES:

- /s/ Special Agent [Redacted], FBI, WFO, March 31, 1951
- /s/ Special Agent [Redacted], FBI, WFO, March 31, 1951

The following background and description was obtained through interview and observation:

- Name:
- Age:
- Sex:
- Date of Birth:
- Height:
- Weight:
- Hair:
- Eyes:
- Social Security Number:
- Residence:
- Telephone:
- Marital Status:

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at approximately 3:43 PM, as follows:

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Before she realized what had happened, she said the convention hall doors were closed and she was denied admission by Secret Service Officials.

[REDACTED] therefore decided to walk upstairs to the location where she had previously seen the President's limousine and photograph the President when he exited. Another convention member, [REDACTED] who had also missed the speech, decided to join [REDACTED]

Approximately twenty minutes before the President appeared, [REDACTED] stated that she positioned herself across from and behind the President's limousine behind a road-off area, approximately five feet from the stone retaining wall. She was standing directly behind the rope in a place where she had a clear, unobstructed view. While she waited for the President, she said the policeman, [REDACTED] assailant, scrutinized her very car.

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that she may have posed a potential security risk, said that she uncapped her camera lens in an effort to eliminate any of her fears regarding her intentions. She also said that she saw the convention badge attached to her turtleneck shirt which she believed helped identify her as a guest of the hotel.

As time passed, she said she became aware of the presence of both the press corps and a television camera being positioned to her left. During this time, [redacted] was standing directly behind her and another young man described as nineteen to twenty years old, curly blond hair, 6'1" to 6'2" tall, dressed in grubby clothes, wearing a burgundy shirt and tacky, old pants. He began to make several derogatory remarks about the President which she described as "hitching" and he seemed to enjoy the attention he was receiving from the gathering spectators. She said his remarks were innocuous in nature and more sarcastic than threatening. According to [redacted] he said that if the President came out to leave and nobody was there to greet him?, or something similar to this statement. He continued to ramble on with similar-type remarks until a Secret Service Agent entered the limousine and started the engine. By this time, the crowd had grown and there was much more commotion and activity anticipating President Reagan's appearance.

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Minutes before the President exited the hotel, a camera man described as a black male, began pushing his way toward the front line where [redacted] was standing. Someone was yelling, "Press, Press, let the press through!" [redacted], according to [redacted] began to complain that he had waited twenty minutes and did not appreciate being pushed aside by a press reporter. Eventually, the reporter pushed himself to the front line between the wall and [redacted]

[redacted] said that she remembered snapping one or perhaps two photographs of the President as he exited the hotel. As he approached the open area, near the limousine, an outstretched arm appeared over her right shoulder and fired two shots in rapid succession. She described the subject's arm as covered with a dark material and his hand that of a white male. The gun she described as black.

with a long barrel, similar to that of a target pistol. She stated she heard two separate shots, saw the smoke ascending from the barrel and realizing what was happening, spun around to her left to avoid a collision with a Secret Service Agent who was diving at the assailant. She explained that she ran behind a concrete wall directly behind a large concrete planter and crouched down for protection with two other bystanders described as two black youngsters. She recalled hearing several additional shots being fired as she ran to hide. A minute later, she peered around the wall, noticed a group of people struggling and several others lying on the ground. She snapped one more photograph, snapped the camera into its camera case and ran up the sidewalk and into the Hotel. She met with [REDACTED] moments later in the lobby and went directly to the Hospitality Suite located on the fourth floor. As she calmed down and watched the news reports on the television she decided to return downstairs to report her eyewitness account to the police authorities.

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[redacted] was interviewed at her office and provided the following informa-

[redacted] stated that she was in her office on Monday morning, March 30, 1981. She was looking out her window across T Street from the Hilton Hotel when President Reagan walked out. She stated she saw the President wave to his right at the people across T Street. She then heard four gunshots and saw a strange look appear on the President's face.

[redacted] stated that upon hearing the gunshots she turned to the right of where the President was standing because it seemed to her that was where the shots had originated. She advised that she saw a sandy haired man in the crowd with his hands clasped together.

After the Presidential limousine pulled away, [redacted] the police put a sandy haired man in the second police car to pull up. [redacted] advised that she had no way of knowing whether the man with the gun and the man taken away in the police car were one and the same. Because of the crowd she never saw more than his hair and she was sure she could not make an identification of the assailant.

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[redacted] furnished the following information:

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On this day, March 30, 1931, [redacted] was at his desk with his back to the window. Shortly before 2:30 p.m., he heard that he thought was the backfire of a car. He turned around and saw the President approximately three feet from his limousine in front of the Washington Hilton Hotel. He (the President) was lying at the crowd of people. At that point, [redacted] saw an individual who he later believed to be the subject, coming into the hotel from the underpass under the ballroom of the hotel. [redacted] saw something in his hand, which he at first thought was a microphone. He was pushing people aside, and was working his way to the front. When he got to the front of the crowd, [redacted] saw fire from what then realized was a gun, including the backfire he had heard earlier. He heard three, maybe four shots.

[redacted] said that Secret Service agents and the police were six individual in a minute. Regarding the shots that he heard, [redacted] saw [redacted] thought that the crowd of people around the individual with the gun may have deterred the shots. The second shot was in the air and the third shot looked more deliberate. [redacted] then saw the President surrounded by Secret Service agents who took away in his limousine. RACE - WHITE SEX - MALE

(both) advised that he had witnessed these events from across the street and (twelve stories up) SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NO. [redacted]

(both) furnished the following information regarding individual he saw with the gun:

Sex: male
Race: white
Age: mid-fifties
Hair: grey
Height: 5'10" to 5'11"
Weight: 160 pounds

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[redacted] furnished the following information:

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[redacted] which overlooks the entrance to the Washington Hilton across the street, when he heard what sounded like a car backfire once. The sound appeared to come from the underground parking area. Since he was aware of the Presidential activity across the street, he turned to look out the window. He stated that he initially saw President Reagan waving to the crowd and then saw an individual moving from the area of the press vehicles (parked under the underpass at the hotel entrance) toward the front left edge of the crowd with his right hand extended forward. [redacted] initially thought the individual was a media correspondent, stating that he "looked like Marvin Kalb." The individual was moving forward very briskly toward correspondent Sam Donaldson, pushing his way through the crowd. At this time, [redacted] stated that he saw a uniformed police officer attempt to hit or block the subject's right arm; the officer appeared to deflect the arm upward when [redacted] heard a second shot. The subject continued to move forward, extended his arm, and fired a third and possibly a fourth shot in rapid succession. [redacted] advised that he first thought the individual was holding a microphone in his hand, but then saw muzzle flashes emanate from the object held in that hand. The weapon appeared to [redacted] to be a small handgun, dark in color and appeared small enough to readily be concealed in a person's hand. The events that [redacted] described, from the sound of the initial "backfire" to the last shot heard by [redacted] transpired in approximately five seconds. After hearing the last shot, [redacted] saw the subject surrounded by police officers and agents and pushed against the wall. [redacted]

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SAs [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted]

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saw three people laying on the ground and noted that the President was pushed into a vehicle which departed rapidly.

described the subject as follows:

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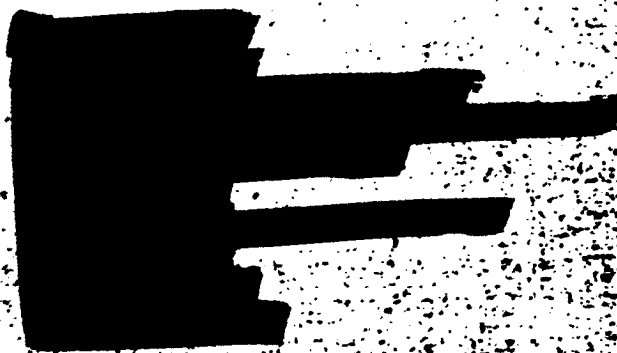
Race: White
 Sex: Male
 Height: Approximately five feet, nine inches, to five feet, ten inches
 Weight: 150 to 160 pounds, slight build
 Hair: Light colored, curly, shaggy
 Other: Dapper, well-dressed, wearing a light colored suit with burgundy stripes; distinctive nose.
 Complexion: Tan, possibly Middle Eastern/Indian type look.

advised that from his vantage point, he was looking down on the scene and did not see the individual's face that clearly; he stated, however, that the individual looked "very much like Marvin Kalb." He advised that he might "possibly" be able to identify the individual if he saw him again, but that he focused more on his hair and clothes than anything else. further stated that this individual appeared to be alone; it did not appear to as if anyone was aiding him or accompanying him.

could provide no additional information.

The following description of was obtained through observation and interview:

Race:
 Sex:
 Hair:
 Height:
 Age:
 Build:
 Social Security Account Number (SSAN):



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[redacted] residence telephone area code [redacted] was interviewed concerning his knowledge of the assault on the President of the United States and provided the following information;

[redacted] advised he is attending a convention at the Washington Hilton Hotel 1919 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. (WDC), and was situated on the T Street, N. W., side of the hotel when President Reagan's party emerged from the hotel.

[redacted] stated that he heard a series of gunshots and then observed several men attempting to disarm a man who had a gun in his hand. [redacted] stated that while the scuffle was taking place the man holding the gun fired another shot.

[redacted] advised that following the shooting, he assisted the wounded until the ambulance arrived.

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was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] and Special Agent [redacted] Secret Service. She furnished the following information:

[redacted] On March 30, 1981, she learned that President Reagan would be at the Hilton. She did not see Reagan arrive but wished to see him depart. Therefore, she went to the first floor of the Universal North Building and waited in the lobby. This first floor lobby is on the same street level as the Hilton VIF entrance, and has a floor to ceiling picture window.

[redacted] was standing in the lobby when she saw Reagan. She heard several shots and saw flashes coming from the press line. On closer inspection, she observed an arm with a protruding rifle from the press line.

As victims fell on the sidewalk and people started running away from the assailant, she obtained a clear unobstructed view of the assailant's face as well as his clothing.

[redacted] was shown a photo array compiled by SA [redacted]. This array consists of eight (8) color photographs of young Caucasian males. [redacted] immediately selected photo [redacted] which is of subject Kinchley, as being the individual that he had observed firing the shots at Reagan and his entourage.

The individuals in the photo spread are identified

1. [redacted] Special Agent, United States Secret Service.
2. [redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office.

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3. [REDACTED] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office.

4. [REDACTED] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office.

5. John Farnock Hinckley, Jr.

6. [REDACTED] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office.

7. [REDACTED] Clerk, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office.

8. [REDACTED] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office.

The photo spread was subsequently placed in a 1-A envelope and will be maintained in the WFO main case file.

[REDACTED] repeatedly emphasized that she saw Hinckley holding and firing the pistol.

[REDACTED] provided the following description of the subject she had observed:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	Mid-20s
Height:	Medium
Weight:	Medium
Hair:	Light colored
Build:	Stout
Facial characteristics:	Round
Clothing:	Light colored trenchcoat

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[redacted] was interviewed by the below listed Agent in the company of Special Agent [redacted] United States Secret Service. [redacted] was advised of the reason for this interview, an investigation into the attempted assassination of President Reagan on March 30, 1981.

[redacted]. He was in the company of "pool" photographers and exited the hotel by means of the T Street entrance, around the corner from the VIP entrance. He then proceeded to the vicinity of the VIP entrance, positioning himself at the side of the presidential limousine which was opposite that which the President would use.

[redacted] stated that he arrived at this position of three seconds before the President exited the hotel. [redacted] was at that time focusing his camera on the limousine [redacted] [redacted] suspecting that the President would take this opportunity to stand at the limousine door and wave to the crowd. Upon seeing shots fired, [redacted] immediately lowered the camera to his eye and looked directly at the subject. He saw a young man standing and firing at the President and his party. [redacted] first noticed about the suspect was the position from which he was shooting. Two suspect stood with his feet firmly planted about two feet apart, facing the direction of the President directly and using two hands to grip the weapon. [redacted] first reaction was that the suspect could not possibly be going to [redacted] since he looked too clean-cut. [redacted] noted to himself that the suspect looked like he might be a Reagan supporter, looking [redacted] and fairly clean-cut.

[redacted] stated that he has since seen many photographs and television pictures of the suspect and this entire incident. [redacted] stated that he does not believe that he could, from his own observations, describe or identify the suspect. What [redacted] he could make at this time would be highly colored by the film and photographs which he has seen since then.

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[redacted] stated that on the afternoon in question, he
took approximately 15 feet of motion picture film of the inci-
dent. Because of the sudden nature of this incident, the
camera was over-exposed for the scene and during most of this
film, [redacted] was slowly backing into the street and away from
the scene. However, this short piece of film is available for
viewing [redacted]

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[redacted] Special Agent (SA) of the United States Secret Service (USSS), assigned to the [redacted] of the Washington Field Office, Washington, D. C. (WDC), residence [redacted], home telephone, [redacted] work, 634-5100, was advised of the identity of the SAs. He then furnished the following information:

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At approximately 2:25 p. m. he came out of the front entrance of the Washington Hilton Hotel located between Connecticut and T Streets, N. W., WDC. He preceded President Reagan outside and went to the right front portion of the limosine to observe the crowd across the street. To his left was Special Agent [redacted], USSS, who took a position near the right rear tender of the Presidential limosine. To the left of [redacted] was a sectioned off area for the press. [redacted] stated that he then heard three shots which came from his left side. At this time he reached for his revolver and looked to see if the President had been covered. He saw that the President was covered and was being thrown into the limosine. He heard two additional shots fired from the press section area which was to his left. [redacted] then saw a man fall, whom he did not know. When he got over to this man a bunch of people were holding him down. This man still had a revolver in his hand. The weapon was taken away and the subject was then handcuffed.

[redacted] ordered a Metropolitan Police Officer to get a marked unit there for transporting the subject to the central cell block. The subject did not say anything en route to the cell block except that his cuffs were too tight.

[redacted] advised that SAs [redacted] and [redacted] along with a Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Officer accompanied the subject to the cell block.

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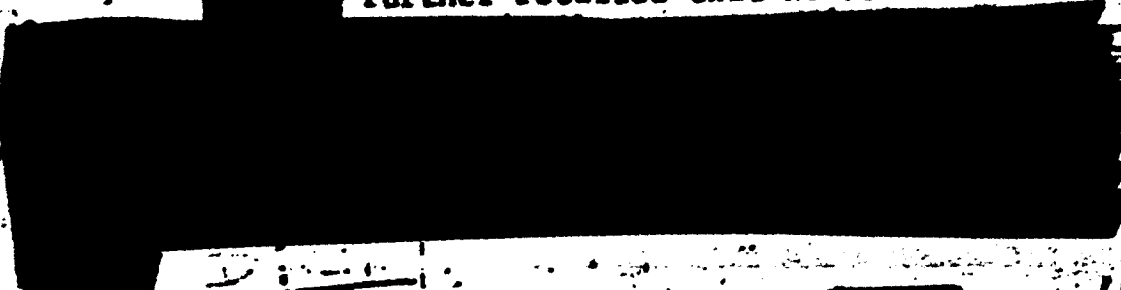
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The subject was frisked before being transported and was searched at the cell block.

[redacted] further recalled that he remembered

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After interviewing [redacted], SAs [redacted] and [redacted] were shown the following items by [redacted] which had been seized from the subject;

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1. One beige jacket
2. A watch
3. Black wallet
4. A Washington area tour brochure
5. A John Lennon magazine article
6. A red John Lennon button (3-4" diameter)

[redacted] stated that the subject's shoes were also seized. He then displayed two receipts from the subject's wallet. One receipt was for a .38 caliber revolver purchased in Denver, Colorado, the other receipt contained a .22 caliber R&L revolver and one box of 22 long rifle shells purchased on October 13, 1980, from Rocky's Police Equipment, 2018 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas.

[redacted] further displayed items of identification which contained the name John W. Hinckley. He then added that there was also \$129 in the wallet.

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[redacted] telephone [redacted] was contacted at the Washington Hilton Hotel subsequent to an attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan on March 30, 1981. [redacted] was advised of the official identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the inquiry and thereafter provided the following information:

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[redacted]

He was able to stand and overlook the driveway of the Washington Hilton. [redacted] advised he was standing on a ledge immediately across T Street from the driveway of the Hilton. He was on a ledge in front of some scaffolding. After standing for only a few minutes he saw President Reagan emerge from a door of the hotel to the left of the hotel driveway. The President was waving to the crowd and was facing the lobby of the hotel when [redacted] heard three shots in rapid succession. He then heard one or two more shots.

Immediately before these shots were fired, [redacted] attent was drawn to a white male approximately six feet tall and weighing 160 pounds, working his way through a crowd of reporters and spectators located on the driveway sidewalk immediately to the right of the Presidential limousine. [redacted] noticed this individual because of the way he was weaving his way through the crowd. When [redacted] heard the first shots he looked in the direction of this man again and saw that he was being wrestled to the ground by a number of police officers and

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Persons [redacted] believes were Secret Service Agents. [redacted] saw [redacted] at the white male who had been working his way through the crowd was holding a snub nosed revolver in his right hand. After this man was grabbed by the police officers, approximately [redacted] more shots were fired in the air. [redacted] would estimate this individual was no more than six yards from President Kennedy when he began shooting.

[redacted] provided the following complete description of this white male as follows:

Height:	6'
Build:	Medium
Weight:	160 lbs
Age:	Approximately 25 years old
Hair:	Light blonde and straight
Hair Length:	Moderately short, barely covering the ears
Clothing:	Blue 3/4 length rain coat
Weapon:	Possibly .32 or .38 caliber revolver with a blue finish

[redacted] believes he could identify this individual if [redacted] were to see him again.

[redacted]

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

Sex:	[redacted]
Race:	[redacted]
Height:	[redacted]
Weight:	[redacted]
Hair:	[redacted]
Eyes:	[redacted]
Date of Birth:	[redacted]
Work Telephone:	[redacted]
SSAN:	[redacted]
Nearest Relative:	[redacted]

[redacted]

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On April 7, 1981, Special Agent (SA) [redacted] conducted the following investigations

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A photographic spread consisting of seven similar color photographs of white males, numbered one through seven, was shown to [redacted]

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at approximately 2:21 p.m.

[redacted] identified photograph number five as the individual he saw working his way through a crowd of reporters and spectators located on the driveway sidewalk immediately to the right of the Presidential limousine. The photographic spread consisted of the following individuals:

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- 1) [redacted] United States Secret Service Agent.
- 2) [redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office.
- 3) [redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office.
- 4) [redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office.
- 5) John Warnock Hinckley, Jr., Subject.
- 6) [redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office.
- 7) [redacted] Clerk, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office.



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[redacted] telephone number [redacted], was interviewed by [redacted] who identified herself as a Special Agent of the FBI.

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[redacted] where he was interviewed in the lobby:

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[redacted] was in the lobby of the Hilton to see the President. He saw a white male, possibly wearing a beige jacket, standing in the corner near the doors of the ballroom entrance. This individual moved toward the President, pulled out a "policeman type gun" and began shooting from hip level. [redacted] saw one flash from the gun and then heard 3 other shots. [redacted] saw a man with a bald head, another man in business clothes, and a policeman fall to the ground. [redacted] stated he would not be able to identify the man with the gun.

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Police Department/ (MPD), Washington, D.C. (WDC),
work telephone number

home

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address
home telephone number, provided the following
information:

March 30, 1981 and that from 1:15 p.m.

stated that

was
it

stated that he arrived at approximately 1:15 p.m.
and that he was standing approximately 20 feet from the
VIP door that the President was going to enter. stated
that at approximately ten minutes before President Reagan
arrived, indicated to

stated that the Secret Service Agents confronted the
individual and later advised that they knew him.

was positioned at the VIP entrance,
and at approximately a few minutes to 2:00 p.m., indicated
to the President
was en route to the hotel. stated that the President
arrived at approximately 2:00 p.m. and that there were no
major problems with the President entering the hotel.

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[redacted] that the Secret Service was coming out the door. [redacted] was facing, the press line, and [redacted] was facing the Presidential limousine, and the two officers were approximately three feet apart, and had their backs facing each other.

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[redacted] stated the President's press corp made no commotion but that was nothing out of the ordinary. [redacted] stated he saw the President come out of the VIP entrance, that he was waving to the crowd and walking toward the limousine. [redacted] stated the lady that was previously walking around started calling out for the President, and that she was louder than anyone else, and got the President's attention. [redacted] believes the President started back toward the lady to shake her hand, and at this time [redacted] began hacking up. [redacted] believes at this time he was approximately six to eight feet from the President.

[redacted] stated the President turned around approximately the front right fender, and the lady was positioned at the right rear of the limousine. [redacted] stated that the President was walking along the right hand side of the limousine and that he was still walking back facing the President.

[redacted] stated when the President reached the middle of the limousine, he heard the first shot and looked toward the President, and saw the Secret Service Agents grab him and put the President into the limousine. [redacted] then looked to his right into the crowd and saw a white male, approximately six to eight feet away, firing a pistol in the direction of the President. After the first shot, the man fell to one knee and charged the subject. [redacted] stated that while Secret Service Agents and MPD officers were trying to apprehend the subject he was still trying to shoot the man.

[redacted] stated that he is unaware who got the pistol from the subject, but saw it laying on the ground.

Upon apprehending the suspect he was placed in scout car #97 by Secret Service Agents and MPD officers. [redacted] stated that he is positive that the individual who was placed in the MPD car is the same individual he saw firing at President Reagan. [redacted]

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██████████ stated upon arrival at the Central Cellblock Secret Service Agents advised that they want more protection, they didn't want anything to happen. ██████████ stated transfer to the Central Cellblock went without incident.

██████████ stated that himself and the three Secret Service Agents went into the cellblock and at that time Secret Service Agent indicated that the suspect must be searched. Secret Service Agents searched the suspect but all his property on the floor. ██████████ stated he picked up a key that looked like his scout car key and picked up thinking it was. At this time ██████████ returned to the police car knowing that the ignition was still on. ██████████ indicated when he got back to the car, the scout car key was still in the ignition and didn't realize that he had picked up another key (from hotel). When ██████████ returned to the cellblock, he handed the car key over to the cellblock man, believed to be Officer ██████████. ██████████ later gave back ██████████ the car key so that he could straighten up the car and later returned the car key to the cellblock.

██████████ then proceeded upstairs to the Fomicide Section PD. He later returned to the cellblock area and retrieved the scout car key. He then went out into the garage, started up the scout car, and backed in into a position so that he could leave expeditiously. ██████████ stated that Secret Service Agents advised him that they were looking for a hotel key, at that point, ██████████ searched the back of his scout car for the key with negative results.

As the suspect was readied to be transported to the Washington Field Office, ██████████ approached his scout car and removed a key thought by him to be his scout car key. Upon entering the scout car, ██████████ realized that the scout car keys were already in the ignition and that the key in his hand was a hotel key from Park Central Hotel. ██████████ advised at this time that he had the hotel key that the Secret Service Agents were looking for and gave it to a Secret Service Agent wearing a grey suit. ██████████ stated that he drove to the Washington Field Office for the purpose of an interview.

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[REDACTED] Washington, D. C. (b)(7)(c)
[REDACTED] DC), after being advised of the identity of the interviewing
[REDACTED] and questioned specifically regarding his recollection
[REDACTED] the events surrounding the attempted assassination of
[REDACTED] President Ronald Reagan, advised as follows:

At approximately 2:25 p.m., he was assisting in a
residential Protection detail at the Washington Hilton Hotel
located at 1919 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., WDC. (b)(7)(c):(F)
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[REDACTED] reported that as
President Reagan was leaving the VIP entrance of the Washington
Hilton, the President's attention was attracted by a woman in the
crowd who was calling loudly for the President. As the President
turned to his left, [REDACTED] heard a number of gunshots. At this
instant he ducked and looked to his right where he observed an
individual in a crouched position with a gun in his hands firing
shots in the direction of the President. [REDACTED] advised that he
then observed the individual with the gun wrestled to the ground
by Secret Service Agents and other law enforcement officers and
that he assisted Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] and
[REDACTED] of the United States Secret Service in placing the suspect
in a MPD scout car and transporting the subject to MPD headquarters.
[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not he actually observed the suspect
with a weapon, [REDACTED] stated, "I saw the suspect fire shots at President
Reagan." (b)(7)(c)

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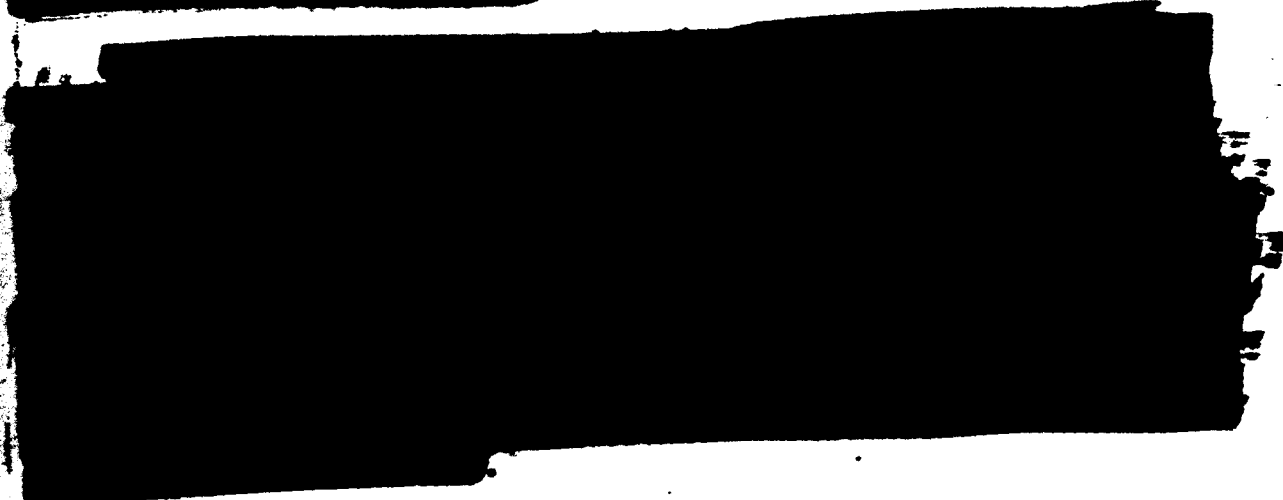
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was interviewed
and SA [REDACTED] Secret Service, on
4/9/81. She furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] On March 30, 1981 at approximately 2:30 P.M. she
looking out her office window waiting for Reagan to leave. She
Reagan exit via the VIP entrance and wave at the crowd gathered
at Press line. At this time, [REDACTED] looked at the crowd and saw
[REDACTED] with a gun jutting out. She then heard several shots and
Reagan pushed into the limousine. People then began running
falling down.

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[REDACTED] never obtained a close look at assailant's face.
vision of him was obstructed by the individuals subduing him.
he was placed in a police car, she was only able to see his
ting and hair color.

[REDACTED] furnished the following description of subject:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	Young, in 20's
Height:	Average
Weight:	Average
Hair:	Blonde
Clothing:	Light jacket or trench coat

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[redacted]
U.S. Secret Service, 1410 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.
[redacted] home address [redacted]
[redacted] work telephone number [redacted] home telephone [redacted]

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[redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the inquiry concerning the assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan on March 30, 1981. He provided the following information:

: His duty at the Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., WDC, [redacted]

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The President and his associates arrived and proceeded with their previous scheduled events. [redacted]

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[redacted] returned to an area above the entrance of the Hilton Hotel. At that point, he assures that he was in a position to see only the front end of a limousine belonging to the Presidential party.

As he was standing above the VIP entrance of the Washington Hilton Hotel he observed people across the street (Street, N.W., WDC), begin to clap. At that time, he stated that the President and his party was departing from [redacted]

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and: [redacted]

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hotel. A moment later, he heard gunfire involving approximately four shots, three in rapid fire sequence one delayed by a fraction of a second. At the moment first heard the shots, he looked over to the area where gun fire was coming from. This area was blocked from view, however, he believes that he saw the light from muzzle fire come from the area. He immediately departed from his area above the VIP entrance and proceeded to run in a driveway of the Hotel Hilton, around the corner of Street, N.W., and towards the entrance of the VIP entrance. During this time his weapon was drawn. He believes that prior to arriving at the VIP entrance area he replaced his in his holster. When he arrived, he was able to observe three people lying on the ground, a Secret Service Agent with an Uzi in his hand directing personnel, and a crowd of people in this area. He noted that the flashes from muzzle fire that he saw when he was on top of the VIP entrance appeared to come from the area of the VIP entrance itself. [redacted] stated that during his route from his position top of the VIP entrance to the assassination attempt he was using his Secret Service radio to alert all those monitoring that there was an assassination attempt on the President. At that time, he did know the status of the incident, but believed it to be a real assassination attempt.

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One of the three people lying on the ground in the area in front of the VIP entrance was a D.C. Police officer, Thomas Delahanty, whom he was acquainted with. No other people were lying in this area whose identity he did not know. He recalls that both of these people were wearing suits. At the time he arrived at the scene an unknown person was trying to turn Delahanty onto his back. Delahanty gave indications that this movement caused him extreme pain and the unknown person discontinued his attempt to turn Delahanty over.

He recalls another man holding an Uzi applying pressure to the leg of a man with a suit. [redacted] went over to this man and asked him if he needed assistance. He recalls that his assistance was not needed and proceeded to the T Street area to begin directing traffic in order to make the area clear for ambulances. During this time he grabbed the radio of a scooterman by the name of [redacted] Uniform Division, U.S. Secret Service. At that time [redacted] broadcasted an alert over the radio. D.C.

He recalls observing a weapon on the ground when he first arrived at the scene. The weapon was described as

small caliber revolver, blue steel finish, with brown handle grips, approximately two inch barrel. He can best describe the position of the gun as being approximately two or three feet from the man with the Uzi. He does not recall if the weapon was near anyone else. When he observed the weapon he stepped on this weapon with his foot to hold it in place. Then, a uniformed Sergeant of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) (possibly of the 2nd District, WDC) advised [redacted] that he would take control of this weapon. (b)(7)(C) Y

[redacted] based upon his observation, he believes that this revolver could have been a police service revolver. When the uniformed Sergeant advised him that he would take control of the weapon, [redacted] left.

At another instance, he observed a MPD Crime Lab technician take a gun out of Thomas Delahanty's holster. [redacted] assumes that he was securing this weapon for evidence and security purposes.

[redacted] was able to observe a picture of the subject in a newspaper the following morning. He advised that he has never seen this individual before and cannot recall seeing [redacted] in the crowd the day before during the assassination attempt or during President Ronald Reagan's speech.

He commented that all the shots fired and heard [redacted] as he was stationed above the VIP entrance of the Washington Hilton Hotel appeared to sound the same, coming from the same weapon and coming from the same area. He has no reason to believe that more than one person was involved in this assassination attempt.

When he arrived at the scene of the assassination attempt he was not able to observe anyone in custody. In addition, he was not able to observe any Secret Service agents wrestling with an unknown individual.

In addition to the Special Agents (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), SA [redacted] and Detective [redacted] MPD, [redacted] Sarge [redacted] sat in on this interview.

[redacted] believed that he could furnish no further information relating to this incident. He advised a person [redacted] also known as [redacted] of birth [redacted] Social Security Account Number [redacted]

[REDACTED] may have additional information and may be a witness to the shooting. [REDACTED]

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[redacted] Special Agent, United States Secret Service, date of birth, [redacted] advised that he is permanently assigned to United States Secret Service Headquarters, Washington, D.C. [redacted] further stated that he is specifically assigned to the [redacted] and can be contacted at (202) [redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted] explained that just prior to the shooting, he was looking towards the crowd when he first heard the sound of gunshots. [redacted] stated that he was approximately 15 yards from the area from which the shots came and that he was approximately 20 yards from President Reagan. [redacted] stated that he heard at least five and possibly six shots being fired in rapid succession and that these shots covered a period of possibly a second and a half to two seconds. [redacted] stated that after hearing the shots he looked towards President Reagan but did not see him. [redacted] stated that the next thing that he saw was two or three people closing in on an individual and forcing him against a wall and then to the ground. According to [redacted] he then went towards the area where the men were wrestling this individual to the ground, feeling that this possibly was the assailant. [redacted] stated that while the assailant was being subdued, he stood next to the assailant with his weapon drawn. After seeing that the assailant was under control, [redacted] stated that he hoisted his weapon and moved toward another man who was lying on the sidewalk several feet away. [redacted] stated that he later realized

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this individual was James Brady, Assistant to the President. [redacted] stated that while he was attending to Brady, Special Agent [redacted] of the Presidential Detail, told [redacted] to secure a weapon that was lying on the sidewalk next to Brady. [redacted] stated that he straddled the weapon with his legs and stood over top of the weapon making sure that no one touched this weapon. [redacted] stated that within a short time, a Metropolitan Police Officer approached him and asked that the weapon over which he was standing was in fact the officer's service revolver. The Metropolitan Police Officer stated that he had dropped his weapon during the scuffle immediately after the shooting.

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[redacted] described this weapon as either a Smith & Wesson or Colt police-type revolver, 4-inch barrel with black grips and dark blue steel. [redacted] was unable to recall the name of the police officer, but described him as follows:

[redacted] stated that the officer showed him that his weapon was missing from his holster and so [redacted] allowed the officer to pick up the weapon and holster this weapon.

[redacted] stated that after this, he attempted to take Brady to the hospital until the ambulance arrived for Brady's removal to the hospital. [redacted] stated that he recalled when the paramedic arrived on the scene and after having examined Brady stated that, "This man is number two." [redacted] stated that this was in reference to the order in which the individuals would be attended to.

After Brady was taken by the attendants, [redacted] stated that he recovered a case which he recognized as a Service machine gun case and a black folder belonging to Special Agent [redacted], United States Secret Service. [redacted] advised that he gave these items to Special Agent [redacted].

[redacted] stated that at this point, he attempted to assist in controlling the crime scene area and was told by [redacted] of his supervisors to report to the Adams Room within the Washington Hilton Hotel.

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[redacted] Special Agent, United States Secret Service (USSS), 1900 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., was interviewed by [redacted] and [redacted] (b)(7)(c):(F), who identified themselves as Special Agents (SAs) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Also present during the interview were [redacted], USSS, [redacted] Metropolitan Police Department, and [redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation.

SA [redacted] furnished the following information concerning his activities and observations on March 30, 1981, while assigned to the Protection Detail for President Ronald Reagan: (b)(7)(c):(F)

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[redacted]

This was at approximately 2:30 p.m. [redacted] was occupied with various tasks which he advised are usually performed prior to the departure of the President from any function. Those tasks included making sure the red lights were on, the siren control was on, and making sure the windows and doors were open. (b)(7)(c):(F)

There was a rope barricade, but some of the members of the press started moving in between the cars. [redacted] motioned [redacted] and [redacted] to get the press back. The press moved back to one side of the car and then he heard a series of pops. He did not know whether they were firecrackers, blanks or shots from a small caliber. (b)(7)(c):(F)

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reason. The shots came from the hotel side, from his right. Everyone's attention was directed to that area. There was quite a bit of commotion going on and he was glancing around to the front and to the right. [redacted] saw the limousine door being closed, but did not see who was getting into the car. He did not see anyone fall, but did see Special Agent Tim McCarthy lying on the sidewalk. Assistant Special Agent in Charge [redacted] entered the follow-up car.

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[redacted] believed that at this time Special Agent [redacted] remained on the outside of the car. [redacted] handed SAIC [redacted] the microphone and drove away.

They travelled to the George Washington Hospital, in the car with [redacted] were SAs [redacted] and [redacted]. He advised that at no time did he handle any physical evidence either at the hotel or the hospital.

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Special Agent, United States Secret Service (USSS), 1900 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. (WDC), work telephone number [redacted] furnished the following information concerning her activities and observations on March 30, 1981, while assigned to the Presidential Protection Detail for President Ronald Reagan at the Washington Hilton Hotel, WDC. Also present during the interview were Detective [redacted], Metropolitan Police Department, WDC, Special Agent [redacted], USSS, and [redacted] Stenographer, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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[redacted] stated as follows:

"Special Agent [redacted] called and said they would be out shortly. I went up to the marked police car, which was our lead car and advised Sergeant [redacted] we were ready to go. I also told the motorcade we would be leaving shortly, at which point, they got on their bikes and got ready to leave. [redacted] said, 'We're coming out,' so I got into the police car, turned around and watched the door. I saw the President and his group come out of the VIP entrance of the hotel, watching them until I saw Agent Jim Carthy open the door. At that point, I assumed the President was getting into the car, so I turned around to make sure we were all ready. I heard shots fired. I turned around and saw one agent on the car and everyone else on the ground. I got out of the car and went down to the President's limousine to see if I could assist. I got to the car, saw the President inside and turned around to get to the lead car, which by this time had started to move so I jumped into our spare car. I told the driver to go. The President's limo took off. We fell in behind the Presidential limo. Within a few blocks, the follow-up passed us and got behind the Presidential limousine. [redacted] said we were going to the White House and we continued down Connecticut Avenue. At this point, the motorcade was pretty much together, the secure part. We were a few blocks from Pennsylvania Avenue when [redacted], the President's limo driver, came on the air and said, 'Mary [redacted]'

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[redacted] and [redacted] (RFK) and [redacted]

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"We're going to George Washington Hospital." At that time, I called Sergeant [redacted] on the radio, which I'm sure I did not hear due to the heavy traffic on the MPD Radio. [redacted] told Mr. [redacted] my driver, to go ahead of the limousine, which we did. We got to Pennsylvania Avenue and we turned right to take the President's limo to the hospital. The police car continued straight because they didn't receive our radio communication about going to the hospital. When we got to the hospital, the President went inside. I stayed outside to secure the outer perimeter and the cars. [redacted] came out with his arms full of clothes and shoes. I said these belong to the President, [redacted] wants us to keep these. The clothes consisted of navy blue pinstriped trousers, black leather belt, two blue socks, a pair of dark shorts, a pair of black leather shoes and articles from his pocket, [redacted]. I never had the shirt. Those were the only articles I ever had. [redacted] didn't know that I didn't have the shirt until FBI Agent [redacted] requested to take possession of the President's belongings. [redacted] checked with [redacted] to see what we could do. [redacted] said yes, go ahead and give it to him and at that point, I wrote down all the articles on the list and gave them to FBI Agent [redacted].

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When [redacted] was asked about the clothes being transferred to a second and third vehicle, she stated, "I got the clothes from [redacted] and placed them into [redacted] when I was told we were going to switch cars. They wanted to take [redacted] back to the garage. When the new limo arrived, [redacted] took the clothes out of [redacted] and placed them into [redacted]. At a later time, I was advised we were changing cars again so when [redacted] arrived, I took the clothes from [redacted] and placed them in [redacted] which is where Agent [redacted] retrieved [redacted]."

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[redacted] was asked if she observed the suspect with the gun at the scene and she responded as follows: "When I turned around, people were already on him."

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[redacted] Special Agent with the United States Secret Service (USSS), Presidential Protective Division, assigned to the White House, was interviewed at the Washington Field Office, 1900 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., by SA's [redacted] who identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Also present were Detective [redacted], Homicide, Metropolitan Police Department, and [redacted] Special Agent, United States Secret Service. Mr. [redacted] voluntarily provided the following information: D.C.

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On March 30, 1981, [redacted] advised he was assigned as [redacted] for President Ronald Reagan's appearance at the Washington Hilton Hotel, where Reagan addressed the Building and Construction Trades Union (AFL-CIO) in the International room.

At the conclusion of the speech, [redacted] and Special Agent in Charge [redacted] lead the Presidential Party to the VIP Elevator. He advised that the Party consisted of [redacted] Hotel Security Chief [redacted] President, [redacted] Lieutenant Colonel [redacted] United States Army (Party Aide), [redacted]

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There were several other members of the White House staff present on the elevator. Prior to exiting the elevator, [redacted]

He was the first person to exit the elevator and lead the Party out of the VIP exit on the 7 Street side of the hotel.

Upon exiting from the hotel, [redacted] advised that he first saw Special Agent Tim McCarthy who was assigned to [redacted]. Once out

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[redacted] looked left and observed a small crowd of several police, news media persons, and the general public. [redacted] advised that stanchions had been set up with police on the President's side and the news media and public on the other side of the stanchions. [redacted] walked down the sidewalk to the left to get out of the Presidential Party's way, and then turned and looked to his left to determine the relative position of the President.

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██████████ advised that at that point he heard rapid, sporadic noises that initially sounded to him like firecrackers and then he realized that they were gun shots. ██████████ stated that these noises were mixed with normal crowd noises and yelling. According to ██████████ the last shots seemed to be more pronounced and produced a sharp pain in his right ear, which momentarily stunned him.

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██████████ advised that at this point, the sequence of the events were difficult to recall. He saw Secret Service agents' guns drawn and movement from the crowd at the stanchions, however, he never saw the person who had fired the shots. He then observed Agent McCarthy lying on the ground and heard him say "I'm hit." He then observed the presidential limousine right rear door window, which appeared to have been partially shattered by a bullet. He then looked around to see if anyone else had been hit and saw a heavy-set individual lying on the ground who was being administered to by the people on the scene. ██████████ then observed that a police officer was down.

According to ██████████ he immediately tried to radio for an ambulance. After not seeing the ambulance, he ran up the driveway near the entrance and beckoned the ambulances to come to his location. He assisted by directing the ambulance into the scene. ██████████ advised that Agent McCarthy left in the first ambulance and other ambulances then arrived and took the other two wounded individuals.

██████████ stated that he remained on the scene and contacted the Secret Service Security Room at the hotel to make sure that the appropriate notifications had been made.

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[redacted] Special Agent, United States Secret Service, Washington, D.C. (WDC), advised that he has been assigned to the Presidential Detail since October, 1979. [redacted] furnished his work telephone number as (202) [redacted] advised that his specific job is working

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[redacted] stated that after President Reagan made his presentation at the AFL-CIO conference at The Washington Hilton Hotel, 1519 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., WDC, President Reagan and the Presidential Detail were scheduled to exit the hotel through the V.I.P. exit of that hotel. [redacted] advised that upon leaving the auditorium, he was directly ahead of President Reagan and the Presidential Detail and

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According to [redacted] upon exiting the doors of the V.I.P. exit, he moved slightly to the right of President Reagan while President Reagan headed directly toward the Presidential Limousine. [redacted] stated that he was double checking the crowd when he first heard a cluster of shots being fired. [redacted] explained that there appeared to be at least four or five shots fired from an unknown direction. [redacted] explained that to the best of his knowledge, the shots were fired within a span of time ranging from two to three seconds.

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[redacted] advised that he neither saw the assailant nor the weapon which may have been involved in the assault in that he was shoved out of the way by an unknown individual.

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stated that when he looked towards the Presidential
since the right rear door was closed and that he observe
attered window in that right rear door. [redacted] advise
at no time did he observe the President after hearing
shots.

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According to [redacted], he then attempted to make
contact with Special Agent [redacted] in order

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Further stated that he attempted to make radio contact
Special Agent [redacted]
ed within the area. [redacted] stated that he did not
ive any replies to his call and was not certain whether
of his transmissions were received. [redacted] stated that
en went around the corner of the hotel and noticed
an ambulance service sitting at the top of the hill
lye into the area of the assault. [redacted] stated that the

[redacted] stated that at first he did not recognize
individuals who were laying on the sidewalk near the
of the shooting, but that he did recognize Special
Timothy McCarthy, United States Secret Service, as
of the shooting victims. [redacted] advised that Special
[redacted] was assigned to the Presidential Detail
that his specific function was [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he saw a small group of people
ing and restraining an individual whom he believed to
be assailant and that Special Agent [redacted] was
sting in restraining this individual. [redacted] also state
Special Agent [redacted] also assisted in restrain-
this individual and subsequently placing the individual
a Metropolitan Police Cruiser.

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[redacted] stated that he approached Special Agent
Lightsey and that [redacted] showed him a weapon which
placed inside a black vinyl type note pad. The weapon

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is time had a handcuff placed through the trigger
and that [REDACTED] indicated that this could possibly
be weapon used by the assailant.

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Mr. [redacted], Special Agent (SA), Special Investigative Division, Washington Field Office, United States Secret Service, 1900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. (WDC), business telephone number [redacted] was advised of the identities of [redacted] and [redacted] as SAs of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Also present during the interview were Mr. [redacted] SA, U.S. Secret Service and [redacted] SA, U.S. Secret Service. After the purpose of the interview was explained, Mr. [redacted] provided the following information:

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On March 30, 1981, at the Washington Hilton Hotel,

[redacted]

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After three to three and one-half minutes, [redacted]

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[redacted] in this case President Reagan. [redacted] left his post and went up a hallway and stairs to the "VIP" exit which had been used by President Reagan to enter and leave the hotel.

When Mr. [redacted] stepped outside, he noted the residential limousine had left the area. There was no suspect still in the area but three injured people were being attended on the sidewalk. Very shortly, ambulances arrived and the wounded were transported from the area.

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As the situation seemed to be under control and his assistance was not needed, Mr. [redacted] stood in the general area for approximately seven to eight minutes before he was ordered to report to the "briefing room" which was a room designated inside the hotel. Mr. [redacted] spent these seven or eight minutes talking with fellow Secret Service Agents.

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SAs [redacted] and; [redacted] JST:SNR

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Date of transcription 4/1/81

[redacted] home telephone [redacted] employed by the Uniform Division, United States Secret Service (USSS), 1301 L Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. (WDC), advised he was assigned [redacted]

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[redacted] on the afternoon of March 30, 1981.

Officer [redacted] stated he did not see any of the action. He heard the shots, reached for his rifle, and his view from the edge at that time was the Presidential limousine or its back up pulling away on T Street, N.W., and three people were down on the sidewalk. Officer [redacted] the first warning of trouble was the sound of gunfire.

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Date of transcription 4/8/81

[redacted] Special Agent of the United States Secret Service (USSS), assigned to the Secret Service Washington Field Office [redacted] was interviewed at the Washington Field Office, USSS, 1900 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] who identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Also present at the interview were Detective [redacted] Homicide, Metropolitan Police Department, and [redacted] Special Agent, United States Secret Service. Mr. [redacted] voluntarily provided the following information:

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[redacted]

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At that time, [redacted] went through the doors which enter into the Presidential Walk. [redacted] followed the exit route that the President had just taken until he, [redacted] exited the hotel door through the door the President had just departed from.

At this time, [redacted] noticed the general confusion outside. He had not heard any shots, nor had he heard any radio traffic to indicate there had been an incident. [redacted] saw three people on the ground, including one uniformed police officer. [redacted] then saw Special Agent [redacted] of the Secret Service with the Uzi submachine gun pointed up in the air with [redacted] back to the Washington Hilton Hotel main entrance. [redacted] stated that he initially drew his gun, realized that the Presidential motorcade was gone, put his gun back in his holster and started to move toward Special Agent [redacted]. [redacted] then saw that Special Agent [redacted] had pinned someone against the wall. [redacted] got to Special Agent [redacted] he saw a blue .38 Smith & Wesson caliber revolver with round butt and wooden handle lying on the ground. [redacted] advised he initially started to pick up the gun, but there was another Secret Service Agent [redacted] there who picked the gun up with his handcuffs through the cinder block guard.

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██████████ continued to where Special Agent ██████████
 as. About that time, ██████████ advised a Metropolitan
 Police Department (MPD) car had pulled up to the edge of
 the curb. ██████████ helped move the white male from his
 position against the wall, where they had him pinned, to
 an MPD car. ██████████ advised that they could not open
 the back door of the MPD car that pulled up. Almost
 simultaneously, another MPD car pulled up to the curb and
 they moved the suspect to this MPD car, put him in
 the back seat, and Special Agent ██████████ got into the
 back seat on the right hand side and they shut the door.

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██████████ then returned to where the three men were
 on the ground and recognized one of them as Special Agent McCarthy,
 who was the furthest from the main entrance; a uniformed police
 officer lying next to McCarthy; and another man in a suit who
 was lying on his back close to the main entrance. ██████████ advised
 that he did not initially recognize the man in the suit because
 kerchiefs had been placed over the man's head. According
 to ██████████, the police officer was obviously in pain and was
 making loud groaning noises as someone attempted to move him.
 ██████████ stated that at that time the first ambulance pulled
 up. When the stretcher arrived, ██████████ and others picked
 up Special Agent McCarthy, placed him on the stretcher, rolled
 it to the ambulance, and lifted it in the rear of the ambulance,
 which then departed. ██████████ then went back to where the other
 two men were lying and the second ambulance arrived. ██████████
 stated that because the uniformed police officer was seriously
 injured but still conscious, a decision was made to place the
 individual shot in the head into the second ambulance.

██████████ advised that he and several others put this
 individual on the stretcher, rolled it to the rear of the
 second ambulance, and placed the stretcher in the rear of
 the ambulance. ██████████ advised that initially there was
 only one person in the rear of the ambulance going with this victim
 who climbed into the back of the ambulance along with
 a White House staff person whose name he did not recall,
 although he recognized him from having worked with him
 during the Campaign and during the Inauguration. Also
 on the ambulance were two ambulance attendants. According
 to ██████████, one of them was in the back with the victim.
 ██████████ recognized at that point as Mr. Brady. ██████████
 stated that the attendant in the back told the driver
 to go to Washington Hospital Center and the driver responded
 saying that he was unfamiliar with the area and was not

... how to get there. At this time, [redacted] climbed to the front of the ambulance and told them that they were going to the George Washington University Hospital because [redacted] knew it was [redacted] and also because [redacted] knew it was much closer than the Washington Hospital Center.

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[redacted] advised that they initially had to back the ambulance up because traffic had blocked the north departure on T Street. They then turned back and took the Connecticut Avenue-Florida Avenue route to Third Street to Washington Circle and then to the George Washington University Hospital. When they got to George Washington University Hospital, [redacted] advised that the first ambulance was still there at the emergency entrance although they had unloaded the victim. He then went into the emergency room and was met there by other Secret Service agents who had preceded him there in a route car and the first ambulance.

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For the next few minutes, [redacted] assisted others in setting and maintaining the security in the Emergency Room. Then, because the President was to be taken to the Operating Room, Special Agent [redacted] and [redacted] were directed by Special Agent [redacted] to go to the operating room area where he and [redacted] dressed in surgical green clothing and determined which operating rooms were to be used. [redacted] advised that shortly thereafter Special Agent Tim McCarthy was brought around and placed in operating room number five; the President was brought and taken to operating room number [redacted]; and Mr. Brady was taken to operating room number four. [redacted] then remained in operating room number two with the President until the operation was over.

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While [redacted] was there, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that other personnel present in the Operating Room over the course of the operation were Special Agent [redacted], Special Agent [redacted], [redacted] Charge [redacted], and Assistant Director [redacted], Dr. [redacted] and [redacted].

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[redacted] assisted the operation and removed the bullet. According to [redacted] the bullet was then passed to Special Agent [redacted] who placed it in a plastic container which [redacted] marked as containing evidence. The President was rolled out of the hospital Operating Room at 6:45 p.m. to the Recovery Room. At that point, [redacted] followed them to

Recovery Room, then changed his clothes and returned
to the Washington Field Office of the Secret Service.

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Date of transcription 3/31/71

[Redacted]

[Redacted], Special Agent, United States Secret Service Washington Field Office, 1900 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. telephone 634-3100, was interviewed at the Washington Hilton Hotel, 1310 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. [Redacted] advised of the identity of the interviewer, Agent [Redacted] the nature of the inquiry. He thereafter provided the following information:

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[Redacted] stated that he picked up his wife [Redacted] for March 30, 1971, at approximately 11:00 a.m. on that date. He stated that he proceeded to the Washington Hilton Hotel in a carpool with other Agents. He stated that he reported to the News Room of the hotel at about [Redacted]

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[Redacted] stated that he left the office via the (frequency) and the car radio tuned to (frequency) stated that at 2:00 p.m., he heard from [Redacted] fellow Secret Service Agent, that the party would be departing. He stated that the next thing he was four. Five or six shots in rapid succession. He stated that he heard [Redacted] that there was an attack on the principal in view of the [Redacted] He stated that at that point, he ran [Redacted] to the top of the runway waving his hand. [Redacted] was calling for an ambulance. He stated that Special Agent [Redacted] ordered the [Redacted] to the hospital.

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██████████ stated that he sent the ambulance to
site immediately and got into the back of the ambulance.
stated that by the time he got to the ramp, he saw
several people lying on the ground. He stated that he
saw a male with a head wound on the ground, who was
not identified at Press Secretary's trial. He stated
he also saw a Special Agent of the Secret Service on
the ground, and a Police Officer. He stated that the
last thing he did was to move two news crews back out
of the way. He then called for another ambulance.
He stated that he stayed to assist until the last
ambulance left.

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He stated that he was not in a position to
identify the assailant at the time of the incident.

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[redacted] Special Agent, Washington Field Office,
States Secret Service, telephone number 634-5100, provided
by listed Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of In-
vestigation (FBI) with the following information:

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[redacted] advised at the time of the shooting his post was

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notified of the shooting, but when he arrived at the site
of the shooting, everything was over. He assisted in crowd control
and accompanied Detective [redacted], Third District, Metro-
politan Police Department, Washington, D.C., with a witness (war-
rant) who was behind the suspect) to Third District and then
back to the Secret Service Corridor Post at the Hilton.

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Service, [redacted] was interviewed at the Washington Hotel, 1900 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D.C. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the inquiry. He thereafter provided the following information:

[redacted]

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... stated that about 2:25 p.m. or 2:25 p.m. as he was walking up the steps towards the VII area, he heard a loud explosion and followed in the crowd, leaving the VII area entrance.

... stated that about 2:25 p.m. or 2:25 p.m. as he was walking up the steps towards the VII area, he heard a loud explosion and followed in the crowd, leaving the VII area entrance. He stated that he got outside, there were three people on the ground. He stated that to his left, there was a wall by the exit, where he saw at least one person of the United States Secret Service, and several to be six or seven other people wrestling a man to the ground. He stated he could only identify this individual to determine that he was a...

... stated that he looked down on the ground and saw a gun lying there. He said that the gun had been fired and at that point, he reached down with his hands and picked the gun out of the way. He stated that he looked around to see if there were any more people in the shooting incident, but saw none. He stated that at that point he tried to assist the people who were lying on the ground by administering first aid.

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3a stated that he then turned custody of the gun to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (b)(7)(c)(E). Those Special Agents were [redacted] and [redacted]. 3a stated that prior to turning the gun over, he put his initials on the side of the hammer. He stated he received a receipt for the gun.

3a described the gun as follows:

A black revolver with brown plastic handle, shot, Model R.G. 14, .22 caliber, LR, enscribed with the serial number L731332, R 3 I.D., Miami, Florida.

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[redacted] Secret Service, White House, Washington, D.C. (WDC), 20500, work telephone number [redacted] home telephone number [redacted] provided the following information to the interviewing agents:

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[redacted] stated that he will have been with the Secret Service six years June 1981 and has been detailed to protect the President of the United States for the last year and three months. [redacted] stated that on March 30, 1981,

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[redacted] stated that the [redacted] was at the Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., WDC, [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that the President left the White House en route to the Washington Hilton at approximately 1:50 p.m. and arrived at the hotel at approximately 1:55 to 1:56 p.m.

[redacted] stated that the detail took the positions and they exited normally, and the crowd appeared normal. Upon arrival at the hotel he was escorted into the VIP entrance with no problems.

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At approximately 2:25 p.m. the President exited the hotel and was proceeded through the exit by the advance team. Littlejohn stated he looked across the street, which appeared normal, and went to his position on the limousine.

[redacted] stated when he heard the shots fired, he saw his revolver and knew that the shots were coming from [redacted] stated he knew other agents were assisting the President and began looking around for [redacted] stated he saw [redacted] Special Agent in Charge, Secret Service, placed the President into [redacted] limousine. At this time [redacted] went to assist [redacted]

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ts who were apprehending the suspect.

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stated he was holding on to the suspect
saw the revolver on the ground to his left.
The gun appeared to be a starter pistol and that
called to all the law enforcement agents in the area
to touch it.

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stated himself, Special Agent
Special Agent and MPD Officer
transported the subject to the MPD Central Cellblock.
red lights and siren. stated that the
ect was advised of his rights by Special Agent
the Central Cellblock.

stated when the suspect was brought to
Homicide Squad, MPD, he advised the MPD officers not
talk or touch the suspect and that he put him in a
ing cell.

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[Redacted], Special Agent, United States Secret Service (USSS), 1900 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. (WDC), telephone number [Redacted] furnished the following information concerning his activities and observations on March 30, 1981, while assigned to the Presidential Protection Detail (PPD) for President Ronald Reagan at the Washington Hilton Hotel. Also present during this interview were Detective [Redacted], Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), WDC, Special Agent [Redacted], USSS, and [Redacted] Stenographer, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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[Redacted] stated as follows:

"I was the first one to move outside the Washington Hilton. I came out about 2:25 p.m. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] When I exited the building I looked across the street, "T" Street, everything seemed normal. To the left was the news media and the crowd and the right was cleared except for authorized personnel. I looked over my shoulder at the wall where an additional crowd had gathered. I didn't notice an MPD officer. Everything was in order.

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[Redacted] As the President came out of the Washington Hilton, I looked over my shoulder and saw the President with other agents heading toward the limousine. I came back around. A couple of news media people were out of position so I asked them to go back. I heard shots in the occasion. I turned around upon hearing a shot or two. I saw the President being thrown into the limousine. As the first shots went off, I pivoted and drew my weapon. Shots had come from behind me. I started back towards the rear of the limousine. While going back, I looked over my shoulder to make sure nothing was coming from the front. I realized that no additional attack was coming from the front. As the limo left rear fender, I saw two bodies on the sidewalk.

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[Redacted] and [Redacted]
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I proceeded toward the suspect, grabbed his wrists. They had the cuffs on his left wrist but couldn't get them completely on. I forced his wrists together so that the cuffs could be placed on his right wrist. I glanced down and saw what I believed to be the weapon used lying to my left against the wall. I yelled to Agent [redacted] telling him the gun was against the wall and to stand on it. Myself and other agents and MPD officers then called for MPD cruiser and waited for it to come. By that time the President's limo and other vehicles had departed. The MPD cruiser came and we picked the suspect up off the ground and carried him to the MPD cruiser. We attempted to place the subject in the left side, but the door would not open. A second cruiser came by and we switched to the right side and proceeded to place the subject in the back seat. Seated in the rear of the cruiser was [redacted] followed by the suspect who was followed by [redacted]. Once the door was closed, I jumped in the front seat of the MPD cruiser and took off, requesting the officer to use lights and siren. I requested to go directly to Central Cell Block and request additional MPD officers to be at Central Cell Block. At the same time,

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[redacted]

When we arrived at Central Cell Block, 300 Indiana Avenue, N.W., we took the suspect into Central Cell Block. First making sure no other persons were being held in other cells, we then took the suspect into the cell block area. Suspect was given his rights verbally by [redacted] which was witnessed by myself and Danny Spriggs. We did a body search. Upon completion of search, the suspect was put in the first cell. [redacted] maintained constant eye contact with the suspect while he was in the cell. Seeing that everything was secure, I called back to [redacted] and verified that a MPD Supervisor and additional ID team were on their way and inquired as to whether the FBI had been contacted. MPD Homicide detectives then arranged to have suspect relocated to Room 3032 of the same building where [redacted] and [redacted] MPD homicide detectives remained with the suspect at all times.

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Date of transcription 4/3/81

(X) (b)(7)(C)
Mr. [redacted] Special Agent (SA) [redacted] (b)(7)(C)
Washington Field Office, U.S. Secret Service, 1900 (F)
Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. (WDC), business telephone
number 634-5100, was advised of the identity of [redacted]
and [redacted] as SAs of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
(FBI). SA [redacted] U.S. Secret Service, also was present
during the interview. After being advised of the purpose of
the interview, Mr. [redacted] provided the following information: (F)

On March 30, 1981, Mr. [redacted] was assigned to the (b)(7)(C) (F)
[redacted] the Washington (b)(2)
Hilton Hotel, WDC.

[redacted]

[redacted] (b)(7)(C) (F)

After the speech, President Reagan passed down a
hallway by the holding room to elevators which would take
him to the street level and his exit from the hotel. Mr. (b)(7)(C) (F)
[redacted] knows this exit was after 2:22 p.m. because [redacted]
checked his watch at this time and the President had not yet
passed by the holding room area. After President Reagan passed
the area, [redacted] met with another Secret Service Agent, SA
[redacted] in the hallway just outside the holding room
and at the elevators. They talked for a few seconds while
waiting for word by radio communication that they could leave
their post and the area.

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by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] (b)(7)(C) (F)
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After about 45 seconds, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This means an attack had been made on the "principal", in this case President Reagan. [REDACTED] ran up the nearby steps to the street level, and the "VII" entrance. This was the entrance through which President Reagan entered and left the hotel for his speech.

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[REDACTED] first noted people "down" on the sidewalk and a group of people grappling with an unknown individual. Immediately, [REDACTED] checked to see if one of the people lying on the sidewalk was President Reagan and this did not appear to be the case. [REDACTED] remembers he did note that one of the individuals on the sidewalk was a police officer from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). After noting a crowd of individuals had secured a suspect and each of the wounded lying on the nearby sidewalk had sufficient persons aiding them, [REDACTED] began crowd control. Helping [REDACTED] with crowd control were other Agents of the U.S. Secret Service including [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED] continued his crowd control efforts until things became more under control and the work of crowd control was taken over by Officers of MPD.

While trying to maintain crowd control, [REDACTED] noticed a revolver lying approximately three inches from the wall near where the suspect was taken into custody. [REDACTED] heard Secret Service Agents saying, "Don't touch it," as they referred to the weapon. A minute or so later, SA [REDACTED] used his handcuffs to pick up the weapon without touching it. [REDACTED] also noted that SA [REDACTED] put the weapon in a black notebook type folder.

[REDACTED] remembers that many people, including people with cameras, were quite persistent in trying to get close to the scene in order to take pictures. [REDACTED] did allow a priest to enter the area after [REDACTED] recognized the priest as one who had met with President Reagan in the holding room in the hotel prior to the President's speech.

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4/8/81

Date of transcription

TIM MC CARTHY

On April 6, 1981, Special Agent TIMOTHY J. MC CARTHY, U. S. Secret Service (USSS), Presidential Detail, was advised of the identities of Special Agents (SAs) [redacted] and [redacted]. MC CARTHY was interviewed at the George Washington University Hospital, WDC, where he was recuperating from a gunshot wound sustained March 30, 1981. Also present during interview was Special Agent [redacted] USSS. The purpose of the interview was explained to SA MC CARTHY and he provided the following information:

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On March 30, 1981, he was assigned to the Presidential Detail. On that date, President REAGAN was scheduled to give a speech at the Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, N. W. MC CARTHY said he was assigned [redacted]

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On this occasion the follow-up car was directly behind the Presidential limousine when it stopped at the Presidential exit or entrance at the Washington Hilton. MC CARTHY said normal procedures were followed upon arrival at the hotel.

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[redacted] At this time SA [redacted] asked SA MC CARTHY if he might sketch the arrival at the hotel in order to better describe the situation. SA MC CARTHY proceeded to sketch the arrival and explained [redacted]

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entering the hotel he and the other Secret Service Agents escorted the President to the elevator. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He looked in the elevator briefly, then the President, some of his staff, and the Special Agent in Charge, Presidential Protection Division, [REDACTED], got into the elevator and rode it to the level in which the President was to make his speech. [REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED] MC CARTHY said after escorting the President to the stage, he [REDACTED]

After the President finished his speech, the same procedures were utilized in exiting the hotel. He preceded the President out the Presidential exit and went directly to the Presidential limousine. At this time SA MC CARTHY was asked to sketch his departure from the hotel. MC CARTHY explained [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He saw the President to his right forward approximately eight to nine feet away. Simultaneously with his opening the door and seeing the President, he began to rotate toward the hotel. As he was facing the Presidential entrance, he heard what he believed to be a gunshot. MC CARTHY believed the shot had come from the area where the TV cameras were located so he continued to pivot in that direction. He noticed two shoulder-held television cameras as he turned to face the direction from which the shot had come. MC CARTHY said he began to spread his body to better shield the President. As he pivoted he heard 2 more shots and believed the third shot struck him. The shot that hit him spun him around, and he fell to the pavement. SA MC CARTHY said he was conscious throughout the incident and thought he heard three more shots after hitting the pavement. SA MC CARTHY thought he heard a total of six shots fired. While on the ground he heard through his earpiece that the President was all right, and subsequently heard the President was being taken to the hospital. SA MC CARTHY said he could see the Presidential limousine depart the area and could hear the scuffling going on behind him.

SA MC CARTHY said he had noticed nothing unusual as he exited the hotel. He did recall seeing a Metropolitan Police officer, perhaps wearing a helmet, by the area of the press. SA MC CARTHY said this area was roped off from the wall of the hotel to the sidewalk, and a crowd had also built up in that general area as well. Again nothing unusual was observed upon exiting the Hilton. SA MC CARTHY recalled someone identify himself as a paramedic, and applied a gauze pad to his wound.

SA MC CARTHY said he did not see the assailant but believed the shots fired came from the direction of the television cameras. He said he had seen a blurred photograph in the newspaper of JOHN HINCKLEY but does not recall seeing such an individual at the hotel that day. MC CARTHY felt he probably could not identify HINCKLEY if shown a photographic spread. He has not seen any taped version of the shooting and just began watching television Saturday, April 4, 1981. MC CARTHY admitted seeing some still photographs in the newspaper but nothing he saw would have influenced his recollection of the incident that took place. SA MC CARTHY was asked if he could recall who accompanied him during the escort of the President to the Hilton Hotel. MC CARTHY said

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[REDACTED] all Secret Service Agents, were on the scene at the Hilton Hotel for the arrival of the President. MC CARTHY said upon his departure from the hotel he actually saw the President.

[REDACTED] MC CARTHY was then asked if he had discussed the incident in detail with anyone prior to the interview currently being conducted. SA MC CARTHY wrote down the names of

[REDACTED] as those individuals he had discussed this matter with in detail. SA MC CARTHY was asked if he could recall anything else that might have been overlooked. SA MC CARTHY said he did recall seeing [REDACTED] with a Uzi sub-machine gun after the shooting. MC CARTHY reiterated that his recollection of the events just described came from what he saw and had not been influenced by any conversations, newspapers, or television.

SA MC CARTHY provided the following descriptive data concerning himself:

Name:
Assignment:

TIMOTHY J. MC CARTHY
U. S. Secret Service
Presidential Detail
since February, 1979

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Telephone:

Washington, D. C.

Residence:

[REDACTED]

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4/10/81

Date of transcription

[redacted] Special Agent, United States Secret Service (USSS), 1900 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., was interviewed this date by Special Agents (SAs) [redacted] and [redacted] who identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Also present during the interview were: [redacted] USSS, [redacted] Washington Metropolitan Police Department and [redacted] Stenographer, FBI.

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[redacted] provided the following information concerning his activities and observations on March 30, 1981, while assigned to the Protection Detail for President Ronald Reagan:

The President had just finished addressing a conference of the AF of L-CIO at the Washington Hilton Hotel at 1919 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. (WDC). The Presidential party and U.S. Secret Service contingent left through the VIP entrance of the hotel at approximately 2:30 p.m.

As the party walked out of the VIP entrance of the hotel [redacted] was preceding the President. He moved to the rear of the Presidential limousine and began clearing a few of the press people away from the limousine. He then remembered looking back to see where the President was, but did not recall now whether the limousine door was open or closed. He saw Special Agent McCarthy, [redacted] all in the immediate vicinity of the President. At this point he was preoccupied with the task of clearing the press people away from the President's limousine. Several seconds had now elapsed. He had his back to the President and was looking toward the crowd in the press area when he heard a number of noises. These noises sounded as though they could have been shots from a small caliber weapon or firecrackers. He then focused his attention on the area in the crowd from where the shots had come. He saw a gun, a gun which he thought at the time may have been a starter pistol or small caliber weapon. It was blue or black in color. He saw a gun and the arm of the individual holding it but did not see the individual's face, just a blur. At that time people were grabbing the person he thought was the assailant. He thought, for some reason, the assailant was male. It appeared the individual was being forced down

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by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] See:

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to the ground.

[redacted] primary concern at this time was the President. He moved to the left hand or driver's side of the limousine. He crouched down behind the limousine and looked over the top of the car. He did not see anyone go down or get shot and did not know at that time whether the shots he had heard were from a real gun or if the incident had been some sort of prank. He was next to the Presidential limousine on the driver's side when it departed from its parked position. He ran along side the limousine as it made its way up the street. He then returned to the follow-up car and rode in the follow-up car to the George Washington Hospital. (b)(7)(C):(E) (F)

He assumed Special Agent Tim McCarthy went to the hospital at the same time as the President. At the emergency room of the hospital he stayed with McCarthy. He received all his property and subsequently turned this property over to Lieutenant [redacted] of the Washington Metropolitan Police Department. (b)(7)(C):(F) Y

[redacted] did not see any shots actually fired and did not handle any evidence besides the property of SA McCarthy. He did not draw his weapon during the incident. He did not know the President had been shot until he arrived at the hospital.

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Date of transcription 4/9/81

[redacted] Special Agent (SA), United States Secret Service (USSS), 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., was interviewed by [redacted] and [redacted], who identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Also present during the interview were [redacted] USSS, [redacted] Metropolitan Police Department, and [redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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SA [redacted] furnished the following information concerning his activities and observations on March 30, 1981, while assigned to the Protection Detail for President Ronald Reagan:

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SA [redacted] arrived at the Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., approximately [redacted]. The President arrived and entered the Hilton Hotel at about 1:50 p.m.

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After his presentation at the AF of L-CIO Conference, the President and his party began to exit the hotel via the VIP entrance. [redacted]

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He was watching the crowd and after several seconds had elapsed he heard roughly four quick pops that sounded like gun shots. The shots sounded as if they had come from a small caliber weapon or perhaps firecrackers. He immediately drew his attention toward the Presidential limousine, and proceeded to that area. He saw SA [redacted] putting the President into the limousine, covering the President with his body. SA [redacted] then turned to the area from where he believed the shots had come. This was an area composed of press and public that had been sectioned off by some type of barricade. He saw someone being subdued in this area but did not see, and could not

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by SAs [redacted]

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Describe the individual who was being subdued. He saw just a mass of people. At this point he turned his attention back to the Presidential limousine and saw it leaving the area. The limousine proceeded up the street and took a right turn on Connecticut Avenue. SA [redacted] was with the President in the limousine. SA Tim McCarthy was the only person [redacted] remembered seeing on the ground and at this point had no idea what condition the President was in. During the course of the incident, which as he recalled lasted only seconds, he drew his handgun but did not fire.

Subsequent to seeing the Presidential limousine leave the scene, [redacted] entered the follow-up car and proceeded to the George Washington University Hospital. In the follow-up car with him were the driver, [redacted] and [redacted].

During the duration of the incident he saw no gun being fired and did not see the alleged assailant nor did he handle or witness any evidence being handled.

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Date of transcription: 4/6/81

Special Agent (SA), United States Secret Service (USSS), Washington Field Office, 1900 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., telephone [redacted] provided the following information concerning his activities on March 30, 1981, while at the Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.:

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After the Presidential party had departed the ballroom, he remained at his post. When he heard, over the radio frequency, that there had been an [redacted]

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[redacted] and proceeded out the main doors of the T Street terrace level onto the sidewalk. He saw that the President's limousine and motorcade had departed. A group of police officers and Secret Service Agents were still struggling with, he presumed, the suspect, and had him down on the ground. He saw two bodies lying near a drain grating and saw SA McCarthy lying further up the sidewalk.

He immediately began to assist in crowd control. He was primarily interested in keeping spectators outside the area of activity in order to protect the integrity of the crime scene. As a result, his back was turned to the activity, and he was facing the Hilton's main T. Street entrance.

When he first came out onto the sidewalk, he observed a revolver lying on the drain grating, near the head of one of the victims, later determined to be Press Secretary Brady. The revolver was pointing off the sidewalk toward the street.

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by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] SBT Date dictated 4/2/81

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When he first saw the revolver, he thought it was the suspect's gun. Shortly after he arrived on the scene, however, he saw Secret Service SA [redacted] was carrying the suspect's revolver in a black notebook-type folder, with handcuffs inserted through the revolver's trigger guard. Since the revolver that was lying on the grating had a large frame, he assumed it belonged to one of the police officers or Secret Service Agents.

He later glanced behind him and realized the revolver was no longer there. He did not know who had removed it, since his back was turned to this area. As previously stated, he was primarily concerned that the crowd stay back from the area and that any potential items of evidence remain in place. He first became aware that the revolver had been removed when he glanced behind him and saw that Brady's wound was being dressed.

Eventually, all the spectators were cleared from the vicinity, and the police roped off the crime scene area. Following this, he reentered the Hilton.

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Date of transcription

Special Agent, United States Secret Service (USSS), 1900 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. (WDC), telephone number- (202) [redacted] furnished the following information concerning his activities and observations on March 30, 1981, while assigned to the Protection Detail for President Ronald Reagan at the Washington Hilton Hotel, WDC. Also present were Detective [redacted] Metropolitan Police Department, WDC, Special Agent [redacted] USSS, and [redacted] Stenographer, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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stated as follows:

We emerged from the VIP entrance of the hotel. I'm not sure exactly what time. It was it seems about 2:25 p.m. or 2:30 p.m., I'm not sure. I was walking directly behind the President, about 13 to 24 inches from him, not directly in back of him, but a little to his right. I sort of guided the President toward the opened door of the limousine. Agent [redacted] to Carthy had opened it. We were, I suppose, three or four feet from the limousine when I heard what sounded like firecrackers or a small caliber weapon. I heard one shot. There was a short interval then three or four other shots. My reaction was instantly to shove the President forward into the limousine. I landed on top of him. He landed between the seats so that his chest hit the transmission hump, with his head on the seat part. I heard [redacted] close the door behind me. I asked the President if he had been hit, he said, "I don't think so, but I think I hurt my chest when you landed on top of me." I pushed him up but, he got up himself. I helped him to a sitting position on the right rear seat. I told [redacted] let's get out of here now! The car started moving. I ran my hands over the President's body and looked at him. His color was good. He said something to the effect, "I don't think I'm hurt. I could have hurt a rib when you landed on top of me." By that time, we had made a left turn on Connecticut Avenue, going south.

As we were leaving the scene, I saw two things. I saw bullet damage to the window and glancing back, saw two people on the ground. At that time, I got on the radio and said it looks like [redacted] is okay, primarily for the follow-

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up crews, called [redacted] We really were moving quite rapidly at that time. The President said, "I'm having trouble breathing and I think I got the inside of my mouth." I looked at him and he started to change color a bit, but he seemed okay. I was not sure of anything, I made a decision. I told [redacted] to head for the emergency entrance at George Washington Hospital. During this time, I continually tried to find some place he had been hit. I could find nothing. I knew if he had a cut inside his lip, it was pretty bad. [redacted] made a right turn on Pennsylvania Avenue, around the Washington Circle into the emergency entrance. I opened the door, the President got out and I helped him. He walked to the door. I yelled, "this is the President, let's get to the emergency room." He talked to the people, made a few remarks to them and started to get weak.

We took the President immediately to the emergency room. By that time, the trauma people were taking his clothes off. I stayed with [redacted] and told him to set up a security perimeter. When they took his shirt off, the President was bleeding on his left side, but not very bad, not enough to have gone through his clothes so I could have felt it. They hooked him up with medical equipment, stayed there about 15 or 20 minutes, did X-rays, and brought them back. He had some kind of bullet wound.

They took him to the operating room. By that time, several agents had secured the area and Mrs. Reagan had arrived and talked to him. He was conscious the entire time until he was in the operating room, when they put him under anesthesia.

Mr. [redacted] was asked if he knew what had happened to the President's shirt and he responded, "What happened was they ripped his shirt and pants off him, rendered him totally naked, threw the clothes in a pile at his feet on the floor. His shirt was shredded. Sometime around fifteen minutes after this, I noticed the clothes on the floor. I remember shoes, pants and socks. I gave them to an agent, maybe Special Agent [redacted] and said don't let these get out of your sight. I don't recall a T-shirt. He did have jockey underwear, but there was so many people, such a confused moment. I wanted to make sure no one else would harm the President. I secured the area and I stayed with him up through the operation when he went into the recovery room a few minutes ago. I did not see the suspect. I didn't know Brady had been hit until I got to the hospital."

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Date of transcription 3/31/71

[redacted] Special Agent (SA), [redacted] United States Secret Service, [redacted] G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., telephone number [redacted] provided SA [redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), with the following information: (S)(7)(C)(F)

[redacted] advised that when the assault occurred, he was [redacted] and a Milton employee came into [redacted] and announce there had been a shooting outside. [redacted] went to the department site and assisted with crowd control until all the injured were removed. (S)(7)(C)(F)

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[redacted] (S)(7)(C)

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Date of transcription 4/2/81

[redacted] employed by the Uniform Division, United States Secret Service (USSS), 1301 L Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. (WDC), advised he was assigned the duty on March 30, 1981.

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Officer [redacted] he heard gunshots.

[redacted] He observed one Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Officer on the ground, based on the uniform he wore. He then immediately began scanning the area for the assailant. Officer [redacted] stated [redacted] was not aware that the assailant was in custody.

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SA [redacted] per [redacted] Date dictated 4/1/81

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[redacted] Assistant to the Special Agent In-Charge, United States Secret Service (USSS), 1900 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., was interviewed by [redacted] and [redacted] who identified themselves as Special Agents (SAs) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Also present during the interview were [redacted] USSS, [redacted] Metropolitan Police Department, and [redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation.

SA [redacted] furnished the following information concerning his activities and observations on March 30, 1981, while assigned to the Protection Detail for President Ronald Reagan:

[redacted] The President was attending the AF of L-CIO Conference at the Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. After his appearance, the President departed the hotel via the VIP entrance. This was at approximately 2:30 p.m. As the Presidential party was exiting the hotel through the VIP entrance, the Presidential party and U.S. Secret Service contingent made a half turn and walked toward the limousine which was being driven by SA [redacted].

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They approached the limousine and were two or three feet from the door when four or five gun shots were heard. The President was facing the limousine when he was shot. At the time [redacted] heard the shots he was looking over the top of the limousine. He stated that by the sound of the shots, they were coming from his left, the rear designated as the Press area for VIP visitors to the Washington Hilton Hotel. The President was five to ten yards from this Press area. He did not look into the vicinity from where the shots had come, and did not see the assailant but immediately got the President down with the assistance of the Special Agent in Charge (SAIC) [redacted] and pushed the President into the limousine. SAIC [redacted] was covering the President with his body and [redacted] closed the rear door of the car.

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He did not draw his weapon throughout the incident. [redacted] proceeded to the follow-up car at which time he noticed

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SA Tim McCarthy lying on the ground. Another individual, whom he did not know, was also lying on the ground. At this point he entered the follow-up car, with him in this car were Special Agents [REDACTED]. They travelled to the hospital while the rest of the Secret Service contingent remained at the hotel. [REDACTED] advised that he did not handle any physical evidence either at the hotel or the hospital.

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Date of transcription 4/3/81

Special Agent (SA) [redacted] Secret Service, (b)(7)(C):
Washington, D.C. (WDC), (202) 634-5000, provided the following information:

[redacted] Secret Service, and [redacted] Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), were in attendance throughout the interview.

[redacted] furnished the address of his residence:

[redacted] advised that on March 30, 1981, he was engaged in the protection of President Ronald Reagan during the President's speech at the Washington Hilton Hotel. (b)(7)(E) (b)(2)

[redacted] advised that at the conclusion of the President's speech, Reagan and his entourage including the Press Secretary (b)(7)(C):
arrived from the holding room, passed [redacted] post assignment and proceeded to the exit where the motorcade was located.

[redacted] advised that after the President left his assigned area, [redacted] Secret Service, left his duty post at the holding room and walked a "couple of arm lengths" to [redacted] within one minute after (Lorenz) arrived, [redacted] heard the first of two radio transmissions (b)(7)(C): (E) (b)(2) (F)

[redacted] were momentarily stunned by the communication as the signals represented an ("attack on the Principal.") [redacted] within two or three seconds, [redacted] followed by [redacted] ran up the steps leading to the President's appointed place of departure. [redacted] opened the door leading to the outside, he turned to his right noticing a car quickly pulling away from the location. He then stopped and turned left noticing Secret Service Agent [redacted] with three or four other people converging on one individual later identified as the primary suspect in this matter.

[redacted] noted that he never heard a weapon discharge during the afternoon of March 30, 1981.

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by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] (b)(7)(C)
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[redacted] advised that after he turned to his right, then left, he then ran to the closest MPD scout car and tried to open both doors so that the subject could be transported from the site. Both [redacted] and the driver of the police scout car were unable to open all doors required to place the subject in the vehicle. [redacted] then lunged for a second scout car which was used to transport the suspect from the site. While attempting to reach the second scout car, [redacted] was "squeezed off" by the individuals handling the subject.

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[redacted] advised that after he realized the subject was in control and enroute to an off-site location, he approached Secret Service Agent [redacted], who stated that SA Timothy J. McCarthy verbally indicated that he was "okay" after being punctured by gunshot wounds. [redacted] cleared a passage for an ambulance so that McCarthy could be transported to a local hospital.

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[redacted] advised that after McCarthy was placed in the ambulance, he turned to SA [redacted] assigned to the permanent presidential detail, who handed [redacted] an Uzi Submachine gun. [redacted] explained that [redacted]

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[redacted] and initiated appropriate crowd control, to limit public access to the crime scene.

[redacted] advised that besides controlling the crime scene, [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that just prior to receiving the weapon from [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that it was "hard as hell" to remove the people from the area of the incident. [redacted] walked through the blood [redacted]

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pool which remained from the injury sustained by the President's Press Secretary. [redacted] immediately pushed the police officer from the crime scene and ordered the individual to keep other people from the area.

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[redacted] advised that finally a police officer arrived requesting advice from [redacted] as to the area that should be roped off to preserve the crime scene. [redacted] aided the police officer in securing a portion of the crime scene.

[redacted] advised that after he roped off a portion of the crime scene, he returned the submachine gun to [redacted]

[redacted] advised that within a few minutes the Secret Service [redacted] frequently ordered all Agents to return to the Adams Room. [redacted] just prior to returning to the Adam's hotel's room, spoke briefly to [redacted] U.S. Secret Service, in reference to an apparent bruise he had received on his facial cheek. [redacted] answered that he received the bruise when he lunged across an automobile.

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(b)(7)(c):(E)
(F)

[redacted] advised that after his short conversation with [redacted] he returned inside to the hotel as ordered.

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[redacted] advised that he never recalls [redacted]

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[redacted] reiterated that except for the one occasion when the police officer walked through the blood pool of the fallen Press Secretary, he viewed no other evidence being mishandled within the crime scene.

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[Redacted] Special Agent, United States Secret Service (USSS), 1900 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. (WDC), telephone number (202) [Redacted] furnished the following information concerning his activities and observations on March 30, 1981, while assigned to the Protection Detail for President Reagan at the Washington Hilton Hotel, WDC. Also present during the interview were Detective [Redacted] Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), WDC, Special Agent [Redacted] USSS, and [Redacted] stenographer, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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[Redacted] stated as follows:

"There was a radio transmission from [Redacted] to [Redacted] which is the followup car, saying the President would be out momentarily. At that point, I believe the car was already started. I looked out the right window and saw several agents exiting the door. One of them, I believe, was Tim Mc Carthy, opening the President's door to the limousine, the right rear door. When I looked up again, the President was coming out. He was approaching the limo. At that point, I put the emergency flashers on and turned on the headlights.

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"The next thing I heard was more shots. I couldn't tell which direction they were coming from because I was inside the car. It seemed like before all the shots were off, the President and Mr. [Redacted] were in the back seat of the car, on the floor, with Mr. [Redacted] lying on top of the President. The door shut and Mr. [Redacted] said something to the effect, let's get out of here, at which time I put the car in gear and made a right turn on "T" Street. I was parked in the driveway. I went up to Connecticut Avenue and made a left. When I pulled out, there were no police vehicles or followup car with me.

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"During this period, Mr. [Redacted] was trying to ascertain from the President if he had been hit. The President responded that he didn't think so, but that he was bleeding from the mouth, that he had cut his lip or something. I think at that point Mr. [Redacted] asked for the radio microphone.

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which I handed to his back through the partition. Also, about that same time, I asked Mr. [redacted] where he wanted to go, White House or the hospital. He replied to go to the [redacted] the White House. I think Mr. [redacted] got on the radio and advised that the President was okay and not hit, right after the President said he was not hit. Going down Connecticut, the President said he had a cut from his mouth and was having trouble breathing. Mr. [redacted] told the President he thought they should go immediately to George Washington University Hospital emergency entrance. I took the microphone back from Mr. [redacted] reaching through the partition, and radioed [redacted] that we wanted to go to George Washington University Hospital. Also, at the same point, a couple of motorcycles got out in front of us. I made a right turn on Pennsylvania Avenue. I proceeded up Washington Circle. I made a right hand turn in the emergency entrance to the hospital at which time Mr. [redacted] and the President walked to the door. I maintained security on the President's limousine.

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"At some point, [redacted] brought the President's clothes out and put them in the back seat of the limo, number [redacted] limousine was taken by Special Agent [redacted] back over to (Protective Operations garage at 13th and L Streets, N.W.) Prior to [redacted] leaving, the President's clothes were removed by Special Agent [redacted] and put in the rear seat, by herself, of Secret Service Presidential Limousine [redacted]. The President's clothes were later removed by [redacted] from Secret Service Limousine [redacted] and placed in a third limo, [redacted] until they were turned over to an FBI Agent.

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[redacted] Special Agent, United States Secret Service (USSS), 1900 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. (WDC), telephone number (202) [redacted], furnished the following information concerning his activities and observations on March 30, 1981, while assigned to the Protection Detail for President Ronald Reagan at the Washington Hilton Hotel, WDC. Also present were Detective [redacted] Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), WDC, Special Agent [redacted] USSS, and [redacted] Stenographer, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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[redacted] stated as follows:

"My position was [redacted]

[redacted] Taking it from the point that we were leaving the Hilton Hotel, it was sometime close to 2:30 p.m., I'm not sure. The shift deposited the President on the elevator and at that point we ran up the stairs that adjoined the elevators, arriving well ahead of the elevator. Noting that the President had not arrived at the street level, some members of the shift assumed positions at the elevators. On noting this, [redacted]

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[redacted] I was approximately 30 seconds ahead of the Presidential party.

[redacted] I glanced to the rear, over my right shoulder and at which point I noted the Presidential party exiting the hotel. I then turned around and glanced to the front, then glanced over my right shoulder to see what position the President was in at that point. I observed him to be walking to the limousine, glancing to his left and waving to the crowd. At that point, he was approximately six and one half feet away from the door. I turned to the front, at which time I heard what I thought was two pops. I turned to the rear. By the way, the pops sounded like firecrackers. I turned toward the noise, 180 degrees, and moved in that direction. As I was moving in that direction, I heard three or possibly four additional rounds go off. I glanced in the direction of the noise and saw a young, white male, blond, appearing [redacted]

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to be in his 20's. He, at that point, was being subdued. As I was glancing at him, I noted Special Agent in Charge [redacted] and others on the shift crouching low and shoving the President into the car. At that point, the right rear door of the Presidential limousine was opened. While this was going on, I was again moving in the direction of the noise. Press Secretary Jim Brady was standing to the left and in front of me, approximately two and one half feet. I observed him to fall face down on the pavement. Also, immediately noting to the left of Mr. Brady, I observed a Metropolitan police officer fall. As he was falling, I heard him say, I've been shot. I glanced again and observed another body. At that time, I didn't have any idea who it was. I later determined it was Agent Tim Mc Carthy on the ground and people were kneeling next to him. In the few seconds that this was going on, I noted the limo, the Presidential limousine, and Secret Service followup car expedite their departure.

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"Press Secretary Brady, at that point, was lying at my feet. I knelt down and attempted to determine the extent of his injuries. Upon kneeling down, I observed him face down on the sidewalk. His head was turned to the left and I noted that he had been shot either in the eye or directly above the eye, the left eye. I advised Mr. Brady not to move, to lay stationary. At that time, I noticed blood oozing from the vicinity of the left eye, the nostrils and the mouth. I asked Mr. Brady if he could hear me and received some acknowledgement from him that he could. I advised him not to attempt to roll over, that medical assistance was on its way. At that point, I asked bystanders, agents and police officers standing next to me for their handkerchiefs. I received three handkerchiefs and applied them to the wounds. I asked another agent who was standing above Mr. Brady's head to hold his hand on the handkerchiefs. I motioned to the people gathering around to move away so that we could get an ambulance in there. Shortly thereafter, an ambulance attendant, medic, came over to our location. I advised him where Mr. Brady had been shot. He still appeared to be lucid. The attendant then asked Mr. Brady if he could hear him. Again, Mr. Brady acknowledged that he could. The attendant procured or obtained additional gauze pads and a large pad to apply to Mr. Brady's wound. Upon instructions of the medical attendant, we rolled Mr. Brady on his back and the medic then applied a larger pad and tourniquet over the handkerchiefs and the gauze and attempted to stop the flow of blood. We then placed, with the assistance of the ambulance attendants and police officers and two Secret Service agents, Mr. Brady on the stretcher, carried him to the ambulance, placed him inside and told one of the agents to get in the ambulance, along with the White House person, and accompany Mr. Brady to the hospital.

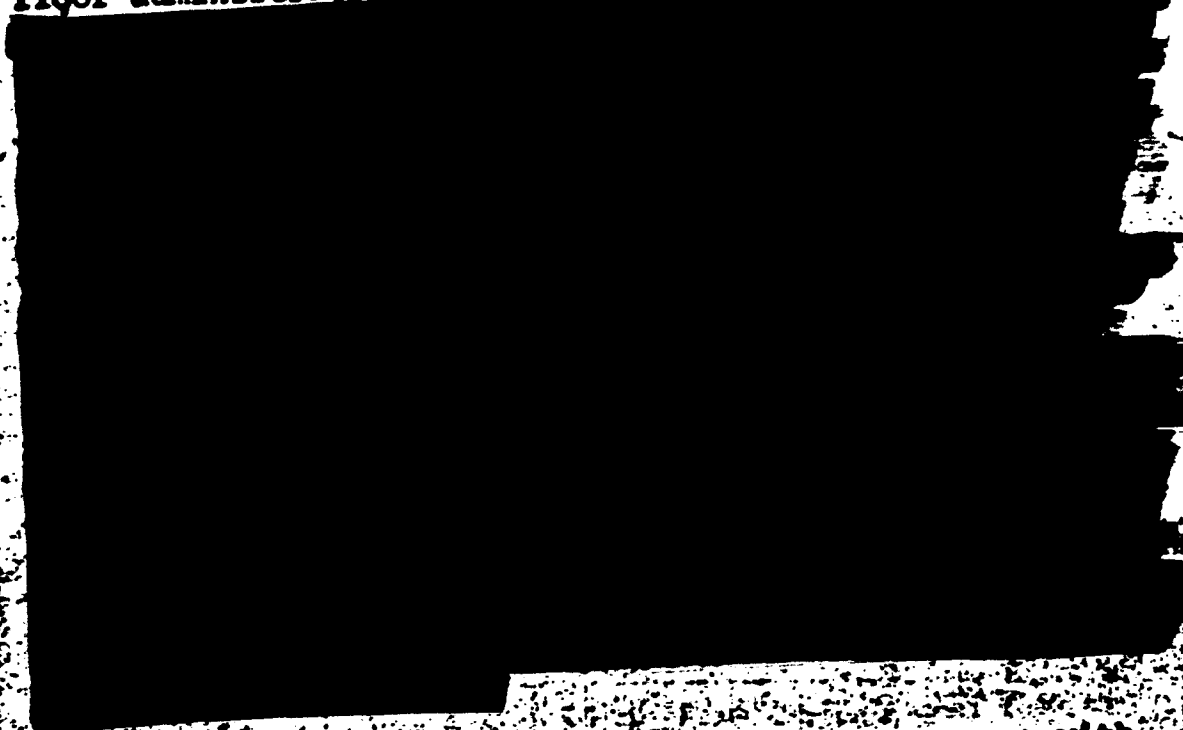
"After getting Mr. Brady in the ambulance, I noted that they had already placed agent Mc Carthy in the second ambulance. I then went over to the Metropolitan Police officer who was wounded and laying on the ground. It was apparent from the number of people around the wounded officer that my presence wasn't needed. At that point, I advised other Secret Service agents to secure the scene and lend assistance to the MPD. I advised Special Agents at the scene to assist the local police authorities. At that point, I called Special Agent [redacted] and Special Agent [redacted] and advised them that we should return to the White House immediately. We then walked up to Connecticut Avenue, hailed a cab and went directly to the White House, [redacted]

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It was my feeling that the President had escaped uninjured during this assault. It wasn't until I arrived at the White House that I was made aware of the fact that the President was shot. At that point, myself and the rest of the members of the shift expedited to George Washington Hospital Emergency Room.

"Upon arrival at the Emergency Room, we assumed security positions designated by the shift leader, [redacted]. Shortly thereafter, after determining that my presence wasn't needed in the first floor Emergency Room, I went to the second floor administration office of the hospital [redacted]

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Mr. [redacted] was asked if he seen the suspect with a gun in his hand and he replied, "I did not see the suspect with a gun."

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Mr. [REDACTED] was asked if he remembered any particular order in which the gunshot victims fell and he stated, "When I turned around and as I was moving in the direction of the gunshots, I observed Jim Brady fall face down. He fell quickly. Shortly thereafter, within seconds, I observed the police officer to my front and left falling. He fell a few feet from Mr. Brady. As I went down to assist Mr. Brady, I happened to glance up and at this point, I noticed someone else was down besides Mr. Brady and the police officer. I didn't see who the third individual was. As it happens it was Agent Tom Mc Carthy. I didn't see him fall. My observation of the third individual was seeing him lying on the ground and of people all around him.

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[redacted] Special Agent, United States Secret Service (USSS), 1900 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., was interviewed this date by Special Agents (SAs) [redacted] and [redacted] who identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Also present during the interview were: [redacted] USSS, [redacted] Washington Metropolitan Police Department and [redacted] Stenographer, FBI. (b)(7)(c)(F)

[redacted] provided the following information concerning his activities and observations on March 30, 1991, while assigned to the Protection Detail for President Ronald Reagan: (b)(7)(c)(F)

[redacted] was assigned to the Presidential Protection Detail. The President had addressed a convention of the AF of L-CIO at the Washington Hilton Hotel at 1919 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., and finished with his appearance at the convention at approximately 2:30 P.M. (b)(7)(c)(F) (b)(2)

At approximately 2:30 p.m., [redacted] came out of the VIP entrance to the Washington Hilton Hotel preceding the Presidential entourage. (b)(7)(c)(F)

[redacted] He stated that he was observing the crowd gathered across the street from the hotel and after a few seconds, heard what he thought to be shots behind him. He recalled hearing four or five shots although the exact number of shots was hard to determine. He turned to the area from where he thought the shots had come. This was an area behind and to the right of the Presidential limousine which contained a combination of press and other people. He then glanced back at the limousine to find it was gone. [redacted] then moved to the aforementioned area from where the shots had come and saw a number of people who had converged on and were struggling with one individual. [redacted] indicated he did not get a good look at this individual. He stated he was a (b)(2)

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white male, young, in his 20's. At this point [redacted] noticed a handgun lying on the ground directly in front of the area in which the struggle was taking place. This gun appeared to be a .33 caliber or smaller weapon. It looked like a revolver and was blue/grey in color. [redacted] did not handle this weapon although he later witnessed a Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Police Officer pick up this weapon.

Immediately after [redacted] had heard shots, he drew his machine gun, but fired no shots. He did not witness anyone go down from the shooting although he did see Special Agent Tim McCarthy on the ground and apparently shot. [redacted] indicated that after the Presidential limousine had left, a handgun was visible lying near the body of Mr. Brady. This weapon was determined to be that of an officer of the Metropolitan Police Department.

The entire incident here described took a total of only a few minutes. [redacted] remained at the scene of the incident for another several minutes in an attempt to provide some direction to the proceedings. He then, along with SAs [redacted] returned to the White House in a cab and later went to the George Washington University Hospital.

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[redacted] Protective Support Technician, Presidential Protective Detail, United States Secret Service (USSS), 1900 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. (WDC), was interviewed by Special Agents (SA's) [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), in the presence of SA [redacted] of the USSS.

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[redacted] advised he was seated in the driver's seat and saw the President at the doorway of the hotel, ready to exit. [redacted] he was waiting for [redacted]

[redacted] explained when the President left the hotel, he could not see the President, but then heard gunshots in rapid succession, but could not distinguish the number. [redacted] then turned around and saw people scattering then, after the President was pushed into the limousine. SA [redacted] jumped into the spare car which he was driving. [redacted] stated he waited for [redacted] then proceeded down the street and turned left onto Connecticut Avenue and heard a radio communication when they were at approximately L Street or K Street, N.W., that they were proceeding to George Washington University Hospital. [redacted] stated they lost the Metropolitan Police lead car because of the loss of radio contact due to heavy radio traffic. At this point, he assumed the lead car position and led the President's limousine to George Washington University Hospital.

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[redacted] Special Agent of the United States Secret Service (USSS), advised at 4:35 PM as follows:

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He stated that he was assigned [redacted]

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[redacted] minutes before the President appeared, Agent [redacted] said he stationed himself approximately ten feet behind the President's limousine and the trailing vehicle, facing toward the direction of the street. He had, moments before, been talking with SS Agent [redacted] from the advance party group and decided to take a position where he could assist the local police if crowd control was necessary.

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As President Reagan exited the hotel and approached the limousine, [redacted] said he heard three or four shots fired. He turned around and saw several people, including SS Agent [redacted] struggling with the assailant. Simultaneously,

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he turned back in the opposite direction and saw the President being pushed into his car and driving off.

SS Agent [REDACTED] said he considered approaching the assailant to assist agents in the ensuing struggle, but decided instead, to help control the crowd and aid Agent Mc Carthy who was lying on the ground. [REDACTED] crawled over the wounded agent and asked where he was shot. He stated that Mc Carthy seemed calm and responded that he was not certain, but that he felt a small pain in his upper chest. [REDACTED] remained by the agent's side, assisted him into the forthcoming ambulance and then returned to the command center, located in the hotel. (b)(7)(C)(F)

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[redacted] Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), home address [redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] D.C., Washington, D.C., on April 7, 1981 by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] who advised [redacted] of their identities and purpose.

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[redacted] advised that on Monday, March 30, 1981, [redacted]

[redacted]

At approximately 1:45 P.M. the presidential motorcade departed the White House enroute to the Washington Hilton via [redacted]

[redacted]

The motorcade arrived at the Washington Hilton at approximately 1:50 P.M. and the presidential party immediately entered. [redacted] remained in his cruiser which was parked parallel to the VIP entrance at T Street until he saw the President exit the VIP door at approximately 2:22 P.M. He began slowly moving towards Connecticut Avenue to allow the President's limousine to pick up the President at the VIP door as is the custom. While moving forward he heard five or six shots in quick succession. Secret Service Agent [redacted] who was walking next to his door with the door open, moved back towards the President. When [redacted] looked back he saw an unidentified Secret Service Agent pushing the President into the President's limousine. Special Agent [redacted] jumped into the car behind [redacted] and the motorcade sped west on T Street towards Connecticut Avenue. Upon acceleration, [redacted] car stalled out. The motorcade went around him but he was able to get his vehicle going and retake his position [redacted] as the motorcade was turning south onto Connecticut Avenue off of T Street.

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At this time [redacted] inquired via the Secret Service radio in his vehicle whether the destination was the White House or the hospital. The reply came back (the White House). With several motorcycle men in front of [redacted] the motorcade proceeded straight down Connecticut Avenue towards the White House. Upon reaching Pennsylvania Avenue, [redacted] noticed the presidential limousine turn towards the hospital. This was the first indication [redacted] had that the presidential party was going to the hospital. [redacted] proceeded directly to George Washington Hospital himself via E Street, to right on 22nd Street, to left on Pennsylvania Avenue. Upon reaching Pennsylvania Avenue, [redacted] saw what he presumed was the presidential party going in the emergency room entrance to George Washington Hospital. He immediately took a position at the front door to the emergency room to establish crowd control. [redacted] was unable to furnish information as to who fired the shots or from which direction they came.

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On April 7, 1981, [redacted]

[redacted], Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Washington, D. C., was interviewed by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] (FBI), and [redacted] MPD, who advised of the

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following information:

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[redacted] has been a police officer for approximately [redacted]. On March 30, 1981, he arrived in the vicinity of the Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, Northwest, at [redacted]

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At the time of the shooting incident, [redacted] was standing facing the intersection with his back to the Washington Hilton Hotel. The first thing that came to his mind when he heard the "pop-pop" noises was that someone had set off firecrackers. He began moving toward the Hilton to get a better view and saw Press Secretary Brady, Officer Delahanty, and U. S. Secret Service (USSS) Agent McCarthy lying on the ground.

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[redacted] immediately called for ambulance assistance by MPD "city wide" radio and simultaneously observed the Presidential limousine leaving the area. Someone had yelled "get him out of here".

Although he could not see the gunman, [redacted] was sure he was in the grasp of a USSS Agent who was also grasping an automatic shoulder weapon with the other hand. This Agent was bent over and concealing the view of the assailant.

Although [redacted] does not hunt or have any other interest, enthusiasm or familiarity with guns, it was his impression that the four sounds of gunfire he was actually

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able to count, came from the same area and probably from the same gun.

After the shooting, only one individual, whom [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c):(d)
[REDACTED] described as a zealous news reporter, having a press pass and cameras, gave him any trouble, by at first disobeying his instruction to move behind a rope to allow room for the ambulances. This individual eventually obeyed [REDACTED] instructions, however.

[REDACTED] remained in the area of the shooting for 30 to 45 minutes before going to Connecticut and T Streets, Northwest, to set up more traffic control cones. During this interim, ropes were placed to cordon off the area. He estimated that it took approximately 15 to 20 minutes for all victims to be removed by ambulance.

At no time did [REDACTED] actually see the gunman with the gun. Nor did he observe anyone in the group of bystanders who appeared to him to be acting suspiciously following the shooting.

[REDACTED] did not recognize a photograph (photo number 5), which was taken of John W. Minckley on March 30, 1961. This photograph is properly initialed and dated and filed in the Sub 1-A Section of WFO File 175-311.

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██████████ Washington, D.C., telephone ██████████
who resides at ██████████

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██████████ was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, and furnished the following information:

██████████ stated that on March 30, 1981, he was assigned ██████████

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██████████ He indicated that the motorcycle was to proceed to the Washington Hilton Hotel where the President was to give an address. ██████████ stated that ██████████ of the IPD was also assigned to the ██████████

At approximately 1:45 P.M., the escort departed the White House southwest gate enroute to the Washington Hilton Hotel and arrived at approximately 1:50 P.M. The President then exited the limousine and immediately entered the Hilton Hotel. The escort parked their motorcycles on the east side of T Street, approximately 20 yards from the VIP entrance which the President used and where his limousine was parked.

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At approximately 2:26 P.M., ██████████ observed Secret Service Agents entering the escort and Presidential vehicles, indicating that the President was about to leave the hotel. Shortly thereafter the President exited the VIP entrance flanked by several Secret Service Agents and preceded by members of his staff. The President waved first to the crowd on his right, still walking towards the limousine, then to the 50 or so people behind the rope barrier on his left. ██████████ stated that at this point he initially heard two quick gunshots, a slight pause, and then another three to four rapid shots. After the second shot he dropped from his motorcycle, drew his

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service revolver, and began running to the President's location. He recalled hearing someone yell, "Get him out of here", referring to the President, when he was within about ten yards of the scuffling Secret Service Agents. [redacted] then reholstered his weapon and ran to his motorcycle in an effort to assist in leading the limousine from the scene. [redacted] stated that by the time he got to his motorcycle the limousine had passed him and that he was forced to fall in behind it.

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[redacted] stated that after turning left on Connecticut Avenue and just before the intersection of Florida Avenue, the limousine slowed down allowing him to pass it and [redacted]

initially, [redacted] assumed the motorcade, which was traveling at a high rate of speed, would return to the White House. However, when the limousine made a right turn onto Pennsylvania Avenue Ferguson realized they were going to George Washington Hospital, causing him to make a hasty U-turn to again catch up with the Secret Service motorcade.

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Upon his arrival at George Washington Hospital, [redacted] met with U.S. Park Police Motorcycle Officer [redacted] and they both acted to quickly secure the hospital entrance and preserve the limousine as a crime scene. [redacted] indicated that [redacted] radioed their headquarters for barricades to assist with crowd control and that [redacted] arrived approximately 20 to 30 minutes later to assist them.

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[redacted] concluded by stating that at the time he heard the shots fired outside the VIP entrance to the Hilton Hotel, he was not in a position to observe the assailant, his weapon, nor could he see any muzzle flashes from it. [redacted] advised that during the day he had observed nothing which appeared suspicious and stated that the only person in the crowd who stood out in his memory was a heavyset white female wearing a blue dress. He indicated she was standing directly behind the limousine, apparently just to the left of the assailant, and described her as being about 5'5" tall, light complected, and having blond hair. [redacted] revealed that he could not provide any additional information of value.

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[redacted] Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), was interviewed at the Washington Hilton Hotel. [redacted] (b)(7)(c)(d) furnished the following information:

[redacted] stated that at about 5:10 a.m., March 30, 1981, he was stopped by cab driver [redacted] who advised him that [redacted] had picked up four white males at the Holiday Inn, Thomas Circle, at approximately 10:00 a.m., that morning. [redacted] transported the four individuals to the Washington Hilton. He did not record this on his manifest. [redacted] stated that the individuals might be involved in the attempted assassination of President Reagan because during conversation in the cab they indicated they were from Colorado. [redacted] stated [redacted] resides

[redacted] can be reached at telephone [redacted]. [redacted] stated [redacted] indicated he would be able to identify a photograph of the individual arrested in the attempted assassination if he were identical to one of the individuals he transported.

[redacted] furnished a written statement consisting of two pages concerning his interview of [redacted]

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ment (MPD) [redacted] Metropolitan Police Department
 at [redacted] and residing [redacted] home telephone [redacted] (b)(7)(c): (D)
 number [redacted] work telephone number [redacted] was inter-
 viewed at The Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut
 Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. (WDC), following the attempted
 assassination of President Ronald Reagan on March 30, 1981.
 After being advised of the identity of the interviewing
 Agent, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] arrived at The Washington Hilton Hotel
 at approximately 1:20 p.m. and was advised by MPD Officer [redacted] (b)(7)(c): (E)
 [redacted] (b)(2)

President Reagan arrived at approximately 1:35
 p.m. and was inside the hotel for approximately one half
 hour. During that time, [redacted] noticed several individuals
 in the crowd of onlookers waiting for Reagan to exit the
 hotel. [redacted] talked to a white male known to the officer
 as a Reagan follower approximately five to ten minutes before
 Reagan exited the hotel. He also spotted this individual
 approximately two to three minutes before the shots were fired.
 [redacted] pointed to a white male in the ballroom of The
 Hilton Hotel, who was being interviewed by Special Agent (SA)
 [redacted] as the individual he observed in the crowd.
 SA [redacted] later advised SA [redacted] that this individual was
 identified as [redacted] (b)(7)(c): (D)

[redacted] also noted a white female with blonde
 hair in the crowd waiting for President Reagan. He pointed
 to her in the ballroom, and she identified herself to the inter-
 viewing Agent as [redacted] Sam Donaldson, the newsman,
 was also observed to be in the crowd.

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While waiting for President Reagan to exit the hotel, [redacted] also noticed that a white male, dark hair, approximately six feet tall, between the ages of 30 and 40, wearing a dark gray or black suit, was observed to be taking photographs of President Reagan's automobile. [redacted] particularly noticed this individual because he saw the flash on his camera go off. He then observed that this individual took another picture without the flash. The camera he was using appeared to be a sophisticated camera. He did not appear to be a member of the press corps.

A small male child was also observed to be standing on the curb next to the driveway.

President Reagan exited the hotel through the V.I.P. canopy exit at approximately 2:05 p.m., started walking toward his car, and stopped to wave at the crowd. [redacted] heard one popping sound and then three more pops in rapid succession. At this time, [redacted] stated many individuals had taken cover. [redacted] immediately used his radio to call for assistance. [redacted] caught a glimpse of the suspect taken away by police officers at the scene and stated that he had not seen this individual in the crowd that day. [redacted] explained that his vision was blocked to the left by the wall and that he had to lean over the wall to observe the area where the suspect was apprehended. [redacted] observed ten to fifteen people across the street beside the Universal Building during the shooting.

After the shooting, President Reagan was immediately rushed away in his Presidential Car.

[redacted] provided a sketch of the crime scene which is preserved with the original notes of the interview in the 1A Section.

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[redacted] Badge Number [redacted] Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Washington, D. C. (WDC), furnished the following information:

On March 30, 1981, [redacted] was assigned to [redacted]

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The motorcade left the White House at approximately 1:25 p.m. and arrived at the Washington Hilton at 1:45 p.m. While the President was inside the hotel, [redacted] waited outside. At approximately 2:20 p.m., a Secret Service Agent told the police escorts in the motorcade that there was five minutes to departure.

As the President came out of the VIP entrance and approached his limousine, [redacted] heard two loud noises which he at first thought were firecrackers. [redacted] then heard four more noises, and realized that they were gunshots. [redacted] got off his motorcycle, looked, and saw someone lying on the ground, who he later found out was McCarthy (Secret Service Agent Timothy McCarthy). [redacted] started for the crowd, [redacted]

The Presidential limousine sped out past [redacted] and he followed it down Connecticut Avenue. The limousine went to George Washington Hospital, and [redacted] stayed at 22nd and Pennsylvania Avenues, NW, and helped control traffic.

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[redacted] was displayed a photograph of John W. Hinckley, Jr., and he advised that to the best of his knowledge he has never seen this individual.

This interview was also witnessed by [redacted] MPD, [redacted] WDC.

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[redacted] Badge [redacted] Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Washington, D. C. (WDC), furnished the following information:

On March 30, 1981, [redacted] was assigned to [redacted]

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When President Roagan and his party came out of the hotel, [redacted] saw the President and then heard approximately five gunshots. He then heard two Secret Service Agents say "get him the hell out of here". The President was pushed into his limousine and was driven away. [redacted] saw Park Police Officers run toward the shooting scene. He also saw a man (race unknown) run away from the scene along the wall of the hotel toward 19th Street, NW. [redacted] then continued with crowd control.

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[redacted] was displayed a photograph of John W. Hinckley, Jr., and advised that to the best of his knowledge, he has never seen this individual.

This interview was also witnessed by [redacted] MPD, [redacted] WDC.

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[redacted] Badge Number [redacted] Metro-
politan Police Department (MPD), Washington, D. C. (WDC), (b)(7)(c):(b)
furnished the following information:

[redacted] was advised to [redacted] (b)(7)(c):(E)
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At approximately 1:45 p.m., the motorcade left the White House and proceeded directly on Connecticut Avenue, Northwest (NW), WDC. The motorcade arrived at the Washington Hilton Hotel at approximately 2:00 p.m. He was told while at the hotel that the President was to arrive back at the White House at approximately 2:35 p.m.

As the police officers were waiting outside the hotel, they received the word that the President was coming out. [redacted] was parked at the curb between the VIP entrance of the hotel and Connecticut Avenue. [redacted] and was waiting for the President to get into his car. The President came out of the hotel, first waving his right hand, then his left hand at the crowd. At the time the President was waving his left hand, [redacted] heard what he thought was a series of firecrackers. He thought he had seen white smoke coming from the wall behind the press area. [redacted] saw people hitting the ground around the President. He then realized that the noise was gunshots and not firecrackers. [redacted] and took approximately five steps when he heard someone yell "go, move it, go, go, go". He assumed that that was the voice of a Secret Service Agent, and that the President was in his limousine.

[redacted] and at that time, the limousine sped past him. [redacted] fell in behind, and as it was heading south on Connecticut Avenue, [redacted] As [redacted] passed the limousine, he saw the President in the rear seat slightly hunched over with his right hand on his chest. [redacted] did not know if he had been shot and thought he had just been shook up.

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As the limousine and the other police officers [redacted] proceeded down Connecticut Avenue, [redacted] thought that they were en route to the White House. As he arrived at the intersection of 17th and F Streets, NW, [redacted] turned and saw the President's motorcade turn west onto Pennsylvania Avenue. At that time, [redacted] realized that the motorcade was going to George Washington Hospital. He then proceeded to the hospital, and he surmized that he arrived a few seconds behind the President. He still did not know that the President had been shot. Shortly thereafter, the ambulances with James Brady and Timothy McCarthy arrived.

[redacted] was displayed a photograph of John W. Sinckley, Jr., and he advised that to the best of his knowledge, he had never seen this individual.

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This interview was also witnessed by [redacted] [redacted] :PD, [redacted] WDC.

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[redacted] Washington, D.C., (F)(7)(C)(E)
(426-6680) advised that he has been employed with the [redacted] (D)
[redacted] he is currently assigned
[redacted] On Monday, March 30, 1981,
[redacted] he along with Officers [redacted] were
[redacted] assigned [redacted] advised as
follows:

During the afternoon on March 30, 1981, he and the (F)(7)(C)(E)
above-mentioned other officers [redacted] (D)
Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington,
D.C. As usual procedure, [redacted] (F)(7)(C)(E)
[redacted] (F)(2)

[redacted] which was located on T Street, N.W.
He was waiting [redacted] for the President to exit the
Hotel; he saw the President exit the Hotel and within a short
period of time he heard a shot and saw a flash. He and Officer

[redacted] returned to his bike
as he heard the command to get the President out; however, he
[redacted] continued to run down the hill. As he was running,
he drew his service revolver, but he quickly realized that the
shooting stopped and [redacted]

[redacted] He jumped into the pile where Secret
service Agents were trying to restrain an individual. He assisted
the Secret Service Agents in handcuffing the subject and placed
the subject into the MPD cage police vehicle. As he turned from
the police vehicle, [redacted]

He went toward the injured individuals and saw
[redacted] of Press Secretary, James Brady; [redacted]
[redacted] He approached the
agent and advised that [redacted]

At this time,
all the injured were being attended to, so he went back [redacted]

He then waited for about two minutes, departed the scene, and
proceeded toward George Washington Hospital. While enroute to
the hospital he was ordered to return to the scene and he did
so until he was relieved. He then went to George Washington
Hospital.

[redacted] further stated that after he heard the [redacted]

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first shots, he heard other shots. The first two shots were fired and the remaining shots were in rapid succession. He thought the gun was an automatic until he saw it lying on the ground. As stated above, he assisted in handcuffing the subject who was handcuffed in the front and he recalls that the subject did not utter a word.

[REDACTED]

(b)(7)(c)(D)

[REDACTED]

(b)(7)(c)(D)

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[redacted], Badge Number [redacted] Metro-
politan Police Department (MPD), Washington, D. C. (WDC),
furnished the following information:

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On March 30, 1931, [redacted] was assigned to [redacted]

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(D)

At approximately 1:00 p.m., the motorcade left the
White House, with [redacted]. When the
motorcade arrived at the Washington Hilton, [redacted] parked his
car on T Street, NW. The President's limousine and the other
Secret Service vehicles parked in the horseshoe driveway
area near the VIP entrance of the hotel.

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When the President emerged from the entrance at
approximately 2:20 p.m., he was waving at the crowd, first
with his right hand, then with his left hand. At that time,
[redacted] heard an explosion. At first he thought it was a series
of fireworks, but then realized that the President had been
shot at. At first, he heard a series of two shots, followed
by four more. [redacted] then pulled his car up to where the
President's limousine was to leave. Secret Service Agents
were running alongside the limousine and [redacted] realized the
President must be in the car.

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[redacted] pulled in behind the limousine which was
heading down Connecticut Avenue and assured that it was heading
toward the White House. [redacted] radioed to his dispatcher that
the President had been shot at the Washington Hilton. The limo-
usine continued down Connecticut Avenue, but proceeded to the
George Washington Hospital instead. When [redacted] arrived at the
hospital, he helped secure the area.

[redacted] was displayed a photograph of John W.
Hinckley, Jr., and he advised that to the best of his knowledge,
he had never seen this individual.

This interview was also witnessed by [redacted]

[redacted] MPD, [redacted] WDC.

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[redacted] Metropolitan Police (b)(7)(c)(d)
Department (MPD), Washington, D.C. (WDC), advised as follows:

[redacted] officer assigned to the
[redacted] MPD, and resides at [redacted] (b)(7)(c)(d)

[redacted] stated that he responded to the scene at the Washington Hilton to an "officer down" call. When he arrived, he was detailed to canvass the crowd for possible witnesses to the shooting, and was subsequently detailed to search for potential witnesses in 1875 Connecticut Avenue, the North building across the street. During this attempt to locate witnesses, [redacted] (b)(7)(c)(d)

[redacted]

[redacted] prepared a signed statement attesting to his conversation [redacted] which he signed in the presence of Special Agent [redacted] at 1778 hours, March 30, 1981. (b)(7)(c)(d)

[redacted] could provide no additional information.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Washington, D.C.,
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[REDACTED], was interviewed at the Washington Hilton Hotel,
Connecticut Avenue at Florida Avenue, N.W., W.C., by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who identified himself as a Special Agent (SA) of
the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

[REDACTED] was advised that the purpose of the interview was to determine his possible knowledge concerning circumstances relating to an attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan at the Washington Hilton Hotel. He voluntarily provided the following information:

He was on official duty and had arrived at the Washington Hilton Hotel at approximately [REDACTED]

After the President's motorcade had arrived at the hotel, he engaged in conversation with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] MPD, et al.

[REDACTED]

As the President departed the entrance to the hotel, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he heard a ruffle of curtains followed by a burst of approximately three gun shots. He stated that the crowd became very confused and he noticed officers scuffling with an individual he described as a white male with sandy hair, approximately five foot-nine inches in

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height. He stated that at no time did he see the individual's face and he took it for granted that this individual had fired the gun shots. He does not recall seeing [REDACTED] during the confusion but was not consciously looking for him. He next became aware that the President's limousine left the area and the subject was taken into custody by MPD officers. Shortly thereafter ambulances arrived at the scene.

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[redacted] Badge Number [redacted] Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Washington, D.C. (WDC) furnished the following information: (b)(7)(c)(D)

On March 30, 1981, at 1:30 P.M., [redacted] (b)(7)(c)(E) (b)(2)

When the President did exit the V.I.P. door of the hotel, [redacted] turned and glanced at him, then turned and faced the crowd again. At that time [redacted] heard five or six gunshots. He also heard Secret Service Agents say "get him the hell out of here." He also saw Officer Thomas Dolohanty down and radioed for an ambulance. (b)(7)(c) (D)

[redacted] did not know that a suspect had been caught until five minutes later. He then continued with his duties of keeping the crowd back.

[redacted] was displayed a photograph of John W. Hinckley, Jr. and he advised that to the best of his knowledge he has never seen this individual.

This interview was also witnessed by [redacted] MPD, [redacted] WDC.

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by [redacted] Date dictated 4/8/81

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Date of transcription 4/8/81

Badge Number [redacted]

[redacted] Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Washington, D. C. (WDC), furnished the following information:

On March 30, 1981, [redacted] was assigned [redacted]

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The President arrived at the Washington Hilton at approximately 1:45 p.m. When the President arrived at the hotel, [redacted] walked from his cruiser toward the hotel. At approximately 2:25 p.m., a Secret Service Agent told him and several other police officers that he (the President) was on his way out. [redacted] then returned to his cruiser, and at that time, he heard what he thought were six gunshots. He turned around and saw Secret Service Agents and police officers jump on a subject.

At that point, [redacted] thought the suspect was a [redacted]

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[redacted] saw no one leaving the scene of the shooting that he would consider a conspirator. He was displayed a photograph of John W. Hinckley, Jr. and he advised that to the best of his knowledge, he has never seen this individual.

This interview was also witnessed by [redacted] MPD, [redacted] WDC.

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On April 7, 1981,

[redacted] Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Washington, D. C., was interviewed by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] (FBI) and Sergeant [redacted], Criminal Investigations Division, Homicide, MPD, who advised of the following information:

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[redacted] was assigned to be [redacted] on March 30, 1981. When the Presidential Motorcade approached the drive at the Washington Hilton Hotel, located at 1919 Connecticut Avenue, Northwest,

(b)(7)(c): (D)
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The Presidential limousine pulled into the drive. [redacted] inasmuch as he had been advised that the President would not be long inside the hotel. When [redacted] was informed by radio that the President was about to come out of the hotel, he started his [redacted] and proceeded in routine fashion to Connecticut and T Streets, Northwest, to block traffic. When at this intersection he heard the "pop-pop" (five, to six) noises and a simultaneous woman's scream, he immediately thought of gunshots instead of firecrackers. He immediately and instinctively [redacted]

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However, as soon as he [redacted] around he observed the Presidential limousine speeding from the curb and he was told by radio that the President would be rushed to the White House. He began to lead the limousine to the White House, and the decision was made en route to go to George Washington Hospital instead. Inasmuch as he was well ahead of the limousine and [redacted] motorcycles had joined the limousine, he realized he had already traveled through an intersection at which the limousine had turned while altering its course to the hospital.

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by SA [redacted]

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[REDACTED] was shown a photograph (number 5) taken of John W. Hinckley, Jr., on March 30, 1981, following his arrest. Officer [REDACTED] stated that he had not observed this individual in the hotel area immediately prior to or following the shooting incident.

Photograph number five was properly dated and initialed and is filed in the Sub 1-A Section of WFO File 175-311.

INDIA WITNESSES

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] business address
[REDACTED], Telephone [REDACTED], advised as follows:

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[REDACTED] stated that between 2:30 and 2:45 p.m., [REDACTED] were exiting the International Ballroom of the Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., after President Ronald Reagan's speech. [REDACTED] stated he was in the International Ballroom [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that when he arrived upstairs at the Hilton access driveway, ambulances were jockeying for position and he saw two men on stretchers.

[REDACTED] stated that later after the wounded persons were removed he and other newsmen clustered around [REDACTED] and Associated Press (AP) or United Press International (UPI) newsmen whose name he did not know. The newsmen had had his tape recorder recording during the sequence of events before and after the attempted assassination of the President.

[REDACTED] subsequently inquired of other newsmen the name of the aforementioned newsmen and advised that the newsmen's name was [REDACTED] phone number [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised he was not an eyewitness and could provide no further information at this time.

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[redacted] was telephonically contacted at [redacted] concerning a telephone call received at the station on the [redacted]. He stated the call was received at about 5:00 p.m. this date and the caller related to the [redacted] that he had just witnessed the shooting of the President. The caller stated that he had seen the individual, believed to be the assailant, work his way through the crowd to a position from which he shot at the President. [redacted] stated that [redacted] suggested to the individual that he get in touch with the police immediately.

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[redacted] advised that no identification data concerning the individual was available. He stated that on some occasions when [redacted] the other people handling the telephones will be able to get in touch with the caller. He stated that this was not the case in this instance.

He stated that [redacted] had obtained any identifying data on the individual who called in.

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The following interview of [redacted] was conducted on March 30, 1981, by Special Agents (SA's) [redacted] and [redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at the Washington Field Office (WFO).

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[redacted] telephone number [redacted] extension [redacted] home address [redacted] home telephone [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he was assigned to cover the AFL-CIO Trade Commission Conference on this date. [redacted] arrived at the Hilton Hotel at approximately 1:00 PM. [redacted] was responsible for (taking video pictures) known in the News business as ("cut aways.")

[redacted]

Police officers set up a Press Line prior to President Reagan arriving at the Hilton Hotel. The President arrived, which was approximately 1:45 PM, at which time, persons from the crowd invaded the Press line. This invasion of the crowd is not normal. Non-press people were bumping the press people.

After President Reagan entered the Hilton, [redacted] then pulled away from his camera position and entered the ballroom of the hotel to check the camera position inside.

[redacted]

[redacted] took pictures of President Reagan and the audience inside the ballroom of the Hilton while the President was delivering his speech. [redacted] had taken approximately

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SA [redacted]

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nine minutes of tape inside the ballroom. President Reagan was inside the hotel approximately thirty minutes.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] squeezed into position at the front of the Press line.) The NBC crew was also positioned in the front of the Press line. There were approximately thirty non-press people in the Press line.

Secret Service Agents came out of the hotel entrance first, followed by Press Secretary Brady and President Reagan. President Reagan was waving to the crowd.

As President Reagan was bending over, entering the limousine and waving, [REDACTED] heard four consecutive shots coming from his right. The unknown gunman was standing at the front of the Press line, approximately two to three feet from Brown's right. Press Secretary Brady and several security personnel and one police officer were between [REDACTED] and President Reagan.

As [REDACTED] heard the shots, two security personnel were struck in the back portion of the body. Press Secretary Brady was not shot in the first four consecutive shots. A Metropolitan Police Officer (MPD) was drawing his weapon and turning toward the unknown gunman as he was hit in the upper portion of his body. The officer dropped his gun. The fifth and final shot was fired not in sequence with the first four. [REDACTED] first viewed the unknown gunman at the sound of the fifth shot. At this point, Secret Service Agents and one citizen, were scuffling with the unknown gunman.

Press Secretary Brady fell to the ground approximately one foot from [REDACTED] feet. The man scuffling with the unknown gunman pulled the gun away from him and it was kicked toward Brady's head. The gunman at this point was within feet of [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] described the gun as being black with an orange-brown handle. The gun had a cylinder.

[REDACTED] was approximately ten feet from President Reagan at the time of the shooting, and the first shot appeared to hit the President. The remainder of the first four consecutive shots hit the Secret Service man and MPD officer. The fifth shot struck Brady as he was falling to

the ground.

described the unknown gunman as follows:

Race:	Caucasian
Sex:	Male
Age:	Late 20's
Hair:	Blondish red, thick
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	180-185 Pounds
Clothing:	Wearing a brown leather jacket

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does not have a vivid memory to identify the unknown subject from a line-up, or positively identify the unknown gunman.

[REDACTED]

believed one agent was dead and Tracy showed some life but no movement.

assistants, [REDACTED] an [REDACTED] dove to the ground at the sound of the shots.

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[REDACTED]

 newspaper, advised he was in the Washington Hilton Hotel at the time President Ronald Reagan was shot. [REDACTED] was "breaking down" his equipment when he was told by others that "he missed it." (assault on Reagan) [REDACTED] immediately proceeded to the scene of the shooting to see Jim Brady lying on the sidewalk. [REDACTED] said he did not have (photographs of) the crime scene area prior to and during the shooting.

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by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/20/81

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On April 9, 1981, [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] at his residence, [redacted] and advised as follows:

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[redacted] They arrived at the Hilton Hotel, early, at approximately 12:15 or 12:30 p.m. They first went into the ballroom to make their official presence known to security people such as the United States Secret Service (USSS). They then went to the main hotel lobby to pass time. They then went back into the ballroom for approximately fifteen minutes to discuss technical preparations and returned to the lobby for another fifteen minute waiting period, wherein they talked with correspondents and engineers. There were people constantly coming and going and there appeared to be nothing unusual or suspicious going on.

[redacted] not hotel guests "Rita" and her husband who were from out of town and they accompanied [redacted] and [redacted] to observe the President's arrival. [redacted] did not know where "Rita" and her husband went subsequently.

As President Reagan arrived, [redacted] was aware of the [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] then went to an area designated for the press and waited for approximately five or ten minutes whereupon the President came out after his speech. [redacted] and [redacted] were about the first to assemble at the rope. He described his position as being at the rope and (two or three feet)

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by SA's [redacted]

(from the wall)

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[redacted] stated that he turned around to look behind him only once and saw a USSR car, but was not aware of the presence of the individual whom he later saw shooting a handgun.

[redacted] turned the recording equipment on as the President emerged from the VIP door.

[redacted] advised that perhaps the gunman had brushed up against him while moving in front of him, and only a split second later his attention was directed to this man on his right and slightly in front of him.

[redacted] attention was directed at this individual because from a semi-crouched "bent over" position, this individual was firing a blue revolver in rapid succession.

[redacted] described this individual to have straight, wavy blond hair, tripped in a "Glen Campbell" style, and wearing a light color (tan), light weight jacket. He did not take notice of trouser or shoe colors. He was able to observe the barrel and cylinder of a revolver which he thought was a .33 calibre, based on the noise level.

[redacted] stated that it took from one and one half to two (2) seconds from the start of the shooting to the finish, and because of the rapid succession, he thought he heard four shots.

[redacted] stated that his attention was frozen on the gunman's hands and the gun and that he [redacted] could not move or react. Immediately after what he thought was the last shot was fired, there were two people "on him" and evicting the assailant. USSR pushed people away in what [redacted] thought was an effort to protect the assailant.

[redacted] because angry people were yelling "kill him" or "shoot him." USSR covered the head of the assailant with some cloth material and because more security personnel surrounded the gunman, [redacted] view of the assailant's face was obscured. He was only given the left rear quadrant of the head portion of the assailant.

[redacted] was shown a photo spread consisting of seven Caucasian males. He picked photos number two (2) and five (5) as resembling the assailant because of hair color and length, but could not positively identify him.

The photographic spread consisted of the following individuals:

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1. [REDACTED] United States Secret Service Agent.
2. [REDACTED] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office.
3. [REDACTED], Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office.
4. [REDACTED] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office.
5. John Warrick Hinchley, Jr., Subject.
6. [REDACTED] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office.
7. [REDACTED] Clerk, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office.

The above photographic spread, consisting of seven (7) white males, was properly initialed and dated, and is filed in the Sub 1-A section of WFO file 175-911.

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[redacted] was interviewed at the White House, and provided the following information:

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On March 30, 1981, [redacted] was standing outside the Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., at the driveway edge of the roped off area. [redacted] attention was focused on the door from which the President would exit. He advised that the CBS, ABC, and NBC news cameras were situated between himself and the wall of the hotel. After the President exited and [redacted] heard gunshots, he immediately ran into the hotel in order to call [redacted]. He was not aware of the individual or individuals who fired those shots, and added that at no time prior to the shots did he focus his attention on someone who was not a member of the Press Corps.

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SAs [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

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Telephone number [REDACTED], was interviewed at the White House regarding the assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan.

[REDACTED] stated that he was standing on the driver's side of the presidential limousine (taking photographs) of the President. [REDACTED] was walking toward the other side of his limousine when the President raised his hand to wave. Suddenly he heard what appeared to be the sounds of firecrackers. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he could not recall how many shots had been fired.

He said that he had not seen the assailant until security officers had wrestled him to the ground. Furthermore, he added that he had not (taken photographs) of the assailant.

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On April 7, 1981, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was contacted by SA [REDACTED] stated that he and the below listed (photographers) were present at President Reagan's address to the Building Trades Union on March 30, 1981, at the Washington Hilton Hotel. Additionally, [REDACTED] stated that he and the below listed (photographers) were inside the International Ballroom at the hotel following the President's departure and did not witness or (photograph) anything in connection with the assassination attempt.

These (photographers) are identified as:

Mr. [REDACTED]
Mr. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] telephone number provided the following information.

On March 30, 1981, [REDACTED] was assigned to cover President Ronald Reagan in a speech given at the Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. [REDACTED] said following the speech, she was preparing to board the magazine pool bus which was a part of the Presidential motorcade at the Ballroom exit of the Hotel. While awaiting the arrival of the President from the VIP exit, she was standing on the sidewalk behind the press line which had been set up by the security people. She heard two rapid shots fired then four additional slower shots and ran in the direction of the shots from the Ballroom exit. She took a position approximately nine feet from the grate nearer the VIP entrance located behind the press line. She was on the sidewalk facing the President's car. She then noticed a Black man wearing a suitcoat who had a revolver in his hand. She also noticed a Secret Service man facing out from the President's car with his gun up in the air. She further noticed that the Black man's arm was being drawn back by another individual and he was also facing out towards the street. She became aware of a crowd of approximately six people struggling near the wall and then she saw three bodies laying on the sidewalk. The first body she noticed was the policeman who was apparently laying on top of the individual she described as Brady, the President's Press Secretary, she noticed that next to Mr. Brady, there was a gun she described as being dark grey metallic. She further described the gun as a revolver with a large barrel. She noticed that someone with a suit on was holding Brady down and the policeman was laying on top of him. She saw a third person laying in the curve of the sidewalk on the sidewalk and he appeared to have fallen backwards. She stated this individual must be the Secret Service Agent who was wounded in the incident. She then became aware of the

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commotion at the top of the wall but realized that the policeman positioned on the wall had the situation under control.

Her attention was then turned towards the crowd at the right of the sidewalk against the wall, she said that the crowd appeared to move down the sidewalk towards the press line. She saw an individual in a navy jacket with white piping and light colored hair, approximate age 50 years jump into the struggle but was forced away. She never saw the subject in the middle of the group of people struggling until he was moved from the area to a police cruiser which was now in the place of the Presidential limousine. They moved the subject from the first police cruiser to a second police cruiser forward of it for some unexplained reason. Her attention was then turned to the bodies of the three victims, the first she recognized as a Secret Service Agent was carried away by an ambulance, a second ambulance carried the body of Press Secretary Brady away, a third ambulance carried the body of the policeman away. She then was pushed back towards the Ballroom entrance of the Hotel. At this time she began to talk the circumstances over with the other reporters present at the time and noted nothing else of an unusual nature occurring in the area. She identified an individual by the name of [REDACTED] and a second individual as [REDACTED] as witnesses who might possibly give additional information. (b)(7)(c)(D)

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[redacted] telephone number [redacted] was contacted at his residence. [redacted] was advised of the official identity of the interviewing agents and the fact that the interview concerned the recent attack on President Ronald Reagan and others at the Washington Hilton Hotel. [redacted] thereafter provided the following information:

[redacted]

[redacted]

One of their assignments on that date was to cover President Reagan's speech at the Washington Hilton Hotel on Connecticut Avenue. The crew arrived at the hotel and set up to photograph the President's arrival for the speech. They were located on a sidewalk next to the driveway between the hotel lobby entrance and the VIP entrance used by the President. When Reagan arrived, the crew filmed his exit from his limousine and entry into the hotel. They then went into the hotel and set up in the main ballroom in order to take "cut-out shots" of the President's speech.

At the end of Reagan's speech, [redacted] left the hotel via the front lobby and again set up their cameras near the driveway side of the walk between the lobby entrance and the VIP entrance. According to [redacted] the camera crew was set up at a point along the sidewalk where a drainage grate ran the width of the walk. [redacted] does not recall whether there was any type of barrier in front of this position to keep the press from getting too close to Reagan. When the crew set up for Reagan's departure, it was determined that [redacted] As a result, [redacted] moved back into the crowd from the rest of the crew. He estimated that he was approximately eight feet behind the rest of the crew

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When Reagan departed. There were several non-press individuals in the crowd but [redacted] was not paying any particular attention to the people around him.

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When Reagan exited the hotel and headed for his car, [redacted] could not see the President because of the number of people ahead of him [redacted] in the crowd.

As [redacted] heard the crowd applauding and trying to attract President Reagan's attention, he heard the first two or three shots. He looked in the direction of the shots momentarily and then dropped to the ground and heard several other shots fired. [redacted] indicated that the shots appeared to be coming from the front of the crowd of press persons and spectators. When [redacted] looked up again he saw several Secret Service agents wrestling someone against the wall at the front of the press line but could not see the person being subdued. He noticed [redacted] filming the scene and [redacted] immediately ran up to join him, (activating the camera lights to make certain videotape would be adequately lighted), [redacted] never saw the individual firing the shots.

[redacted] indicated that the only person in the crowd he could recall seeing other than members of the press was a white female, with a heavy build and blonde hair who was wearing a blue and white polka dot dress. The only reason Haynes noticed her was that before Reagan exited from the hotel, she was yelling across the street to someone. [redacted] indicated that the woman appeared to be trying to attract the attention of persons across the street who might be her co-workers.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

- Sex:
- Race:
- Height:
- Weight:
- Hair:
- Eyes:
- Date of birth:
- Place of birth:
- SSAN:



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[redacted] telephone number [redacted], was interviewed regarding the assassination attempt of President Ronald Reagan at the White House. [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] stated that as he and other members of the Press Pool came out of the Washington Hilton Hotel and moved in close to cover the President, he suddenly heard what sounded like five quick gunshots that appeared to be that of a 22 caliber pistol. He also said that by the time that he and his crew closed in on the Presidential party the three victims were already on the ground and the President had already been placed in his limousine and taken away.

[redacted] noted that although he was not certain but he thought that he had possibly seen the unidentified assailant prior to the actual shooting. He said that an individual fitting the description of the suspect had entered the Washington Hilton Hotel with the Press Pool earlier. [redacted] also noted that this individual had attracted his attention because he had not seen any press credentials on this man.

[redacted] described this individual as follows:

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Height:	5'8"
Build:	Medium
Age:	Approximately 22 years old
Other Characteristics:	Wore a tan colored jacket.

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advised as follows:

The Presidential motorcade departed the White House at approximately 1:45 p.m. on March 30, 1981, and arrived at the Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., WDC, at approximately 2:00 p.m. The motorcade pulled up to the T Street entrance and the President departed the motorcade and went inside the hotel. After the President finished his speech, which was 2:24 p.m., the President was ushered out the VIP entrance on T Street while the pool reporters were required to exit through the main exit on T Street, which was approximately 15 yards down the hill from the VIP entrance.

As he was walking up the hill towards the VIP entrance, he heard a reporter yell "Mr. President" and at that time he thought he heard four gun shots and noticed a puff of smoke in the crowd off to the right, between him and the President. At the time of the shooting he was approximately 15 feet from the President and the assailant was between him and the President. After listening to various news tapes of the incident he stated six, not four shots were fired.

Almost instantaneously, he noticed police and Secret Service agents move in toward the puff of smoke and wrestle an individual to the ground. He stated he did not see the assailant's weapon nor did he see anyone get shot. He then noticed the President's car leave the scene and saw James Brady lying approximately six feet from the assailant, with the police officer and Secret Service agent lying on the ground, the police officer between Mr. Brady and the Secret Service agent.

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A few minutes after the shooting, police officers took the assailant away from the scene in a police car. Later ambulances arrived to take the injured to the hospital with the last individual, the police officer, being removed approximately ten minutes after the shooting. Throughout the entire incident, he did not hear the assailant say anything.

He described the assailant as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	Mid 20's
Hair:	Fair colored, short
Height:	Unknown
Weight:	Unknown
Clothing:	Light rain coat, light blue shirt and trousers

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[redacted] phone number [redacted] home address [redacted] phone number [redacted] advised as follows:

[redacted]

[redacted] stated he was not an eyewitness to any of the events since he arrived well after the attempted assassination took place.

[redacted] stated that he believes [redacted] were possibly eyewitnesses to the attempted assassination. [redacted] also stated that [redacted] and [redacted] of the Associated Press, White House Office, may have been eyewitnesses to the events.

[redacted] advised [redacted] had a tape recorder rolling which recorded the sounds before and after the shooting and he believes the tape recorded six shots.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] later videotaped [redacted] tape recorder rolling and that [redacted] recorded the sound originally recorded by [redacted]

[redacted] could furnish no further information at this time.

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[redacted] resides at [redacted] telephone number [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed by [redacted] who identified himself as a Special Agent of the FBI. [redacted] was interviewed in the Old Executive Office Building, 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

[redacted] advised that he only had an audio tape machine with him and that he did not activate it until after he heard the shots. He did not see the gunman. He heard the shots and saw a few people fall to the ground.

[redacted] advised that the following individuals were able to comment further.

[redacted] (possibly in possession of an audio tape).

[redacted] [redacted] an eyewitness to the incident.

[redacted] stated he was surprised how close the crowd was to the press.

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[redacted], residence telephone [redacted] was interviewed regarding his knowledge of the Assault on the President of the United States and he provided the following information: (c) (D)

[redacted] advised [redacted] earlier in the afternoon, this date he was in the Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., covering the President Reagan's speech. At the end of the speech [redacted] and several other members of the press quickly exited the hotel in order to interview President Reagan at his limosine which was located near the T Street door of the building.

[redacted] arrived near the Presidential limosine and a few seconds later the President's party emerged from the T Street door of the hotel and proceeded toward the limosine.

[redacted] advised he shouted "Mr. President" in an attempt to gain President Reagan's attention for a brief interview. At that point the President turned toward the press, smiling and began raising his arm as if to wave. [redacted] stated he then heard 2 shots followed by four more in rapid succession. The President then stopped and looked around, apparently confused.

[redacted] stated that at that time President Reagan was approximately five feet from the limosine and several U. S. Secret Service Agents forced him into the limosine.

[redacted] observed two men on the ground and a police officer standing in an area above the T Street door with a gun in his hand.

To [redacted] right was a great deal of activity and shouting however he did not observe the man who fired the shots.

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[REDACTED] added that [REDACTED] most likely observed
the shooting take place.

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[redacted] telephone [redacted] was contacted at the Washington Hilton Hotel after an attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan. [redacted] was advised of the official identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the inquiry and thereafter provided the following information:

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He was standing behind the Press line on the driveway of the Washington Hilton Hotel waiting for the President to emerge from the VIP entrance of the hotel. [redacted] was standing in the vicinity of the right rear of the President's limousine when the President emerged. He saw Reagan walk toward his car and then turn and wave to the Press.

At that instant, [redacted] heard what he believes to be four rapid fire shots coming from the opposite side of the Press line, that being the side closest to the retaining wall next to the driveway. He looked in that direction and could only see a pile of bodies consisting of uniformed police officers and Secret Service Agents attempting to subdue some person or persons whom [redacted] could not see. He then immediately looked towards the President's limousine and caught a fleeting glimpse of President Reagan being shoved in the right rear door of the limousine.

The individual being subdued appeared to be approximately ten to fifteen feet from the right rear of the President's limousine and approximately twenty feet from [redacted]

[redacted] advised he currently resides at [redacted] and his home telephone is [redacted]. Effective May 1, 1981 he will be residing at [redacted]

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[redacted] was telephonically contacted at the White House Press Pool. [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview and thereafter provided the following information:

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He was attending a speaking engagement at the Washington Hilton Hotel on March 30, 1981 at which President Ronald Reagan was a guest speaker. This speech was given by President Reagan in the main ballroom of the Hilton. At the end of the speech, [redacted] went outside the hotel ahead of the President to cover his departure inasmuch as some reporters desired to ask the President about the current situation in Poland. [redacted] took a position behind a roped off area of the driveway leading to the lobby of the Hilton. [redacted] was (up against a retaining wall) and was at the front of this line (between the wall and a stanchion) when the President emerged from an exit to the left of the driveway. [redacted] worked his way to the front of the line to get a good glimpse of the President and to record any statement he might make, a white male approximately five feet nine, and wearing a light colored shirt and having light colored hair, made a derogatory comment about the Press. [redacted] indicated this comment was to the effect that the Press was always getting in the public's way or something of that nature. [redacted] is uncertain of his exact remarks and tries to ignore comments such as this which are often made by persons in large crowds who are trying to catch a glimpse of some notable.

As the President emerged, [redacted] was watching Mr. Reagan for any eye movement which would indicate he might be prepared to react to reporters questions. [redacted] was watching Reagan approach his limousine, he heard three shots in his left ear. At first, [redacted] felt this could be a fire cracker, but almost instantly determined it was gunfire from the panic which ensued. After the shots ceased, [redacted]

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was unable to hear anything in his left ear for approximately two hours. After the shots were fired, [redacted] saw President Reagan pushed to the ground by a member of his Protective Detail and at the same time someone else in the President's party raised a black attache case as if to shield the President from further gunfire.

Immediately thereafter, [redacted] was pushed to the ground by a number of police officers and Secret Service Agents who grabbed someone almost immediately next to [redacted]. In the scuffle, [redacted] was knocked to the ground and looked up only to see a pile of bodies on top of someone. [redacted] could not see the individual being tackled by the Secret Service and D.C. Police Officers.

At that time, [redacted] looked up and saw the President's limousine exiting the driveway and a number of individuals including Press Secretary Brady lying on the sidewalk, apparently shot. [redacted] got up and ran inside the hotel to call [redacted] and file his initial story.

[redacted] advised he had only been standing in the line where the shooting took place approximately one minute when the President emerged and the firing began. [redacted]

[redacted] advised his home telephone number is [redacted] and he can be reached at that number or his [redacted] number of [redacted] for further details. [redacted]

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On April 3, 1981, [redacted]

telephonically advised to the best of his recollection (b)(7)(c): (D)
he knew of no [redacted] at the scene of the
assault of President Ronald Reagan, March 30, 1981, other
than [redacted] listed as follows:

[redacted]

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[redacted] advised that he [redacted] had made arrangements with [redacted] to photograph the President. [redacted]

On Monday, March 30, 1981, [redacted] advised that he arrived at the White House at [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] join the press pool accompanying the President to the Washington, D.C., Hilton Hotel. At approximately 2:00 PM, [redacted] advised that he went along with the press pool to the Hilton and (photographed) the President making his speech there.

[redacted] accompanied the press outside of the Hilton and continued (taking photographs)

[redacted] heard the shots and at first he thought that they were Chinese fireworks. [redacted] advised that the shots were very near to him. [redacted] advised that he saw Secret Service Agents call over a man. [redacted] began to (take photos) very quickly. [redacted] advised that he (took photos) of the three men that were shot lying on the ground.

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[REDACTED]
Additionally, [REDACTED] advised that there were alot of excitement and cries all around him.

After [REDACTED] changed film in his camera, he was unable to (continue photographing) as the Secret Service had closed off the area. [REDACTED] then took a taxi back to the White House.

[REDACTED] advised that he could be contacted at the following locations should additional information be needed:

Home address [REDACTED]
telephone number [REDACTED]

Work address [REDACTED]
number [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised

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as follows:

[REDACTED] advised that at the time of the shootings he was inside the hotel near the main ballroom. He heard about the shooting, ran outside and (began filming) just as the second ambulance departed. He stated that he (took both a green and white and a white tape)

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[redacted], phone number [redacted]
home address [redacted]
phone number [redacted] advised as follows:

[redacted]

[redacted] indicated that he and [redacted] were assigned to cover the President's speech at the Washington Hilton on March 30, 1981. [redacted] stated that they arrived at the hotel at approximately 11:30 p.m., that afternoon and set up their camera [redacted]

[redacted]

and the President's Press Secretary Jim Brady. [redacted] stated that he and his crew spoke to the Press Secretary just prior to the President's speech and intended to focus their (filming) that afternoon around the President and his association with [redacted]

[redacted] stated that the President arrived at approximately 2:00 p.m., and started his speech which lasted approximately 20-minutes. After the speech the President exited the room and went out the VIP exit of the hotel. The news personnel were forced to exit via the main entrance. [redacted] stated that he and his crew hurried out the main entrance of the hotel for fear that they would miss the President. [redacted] and his crew exited the main entrance they noticed that the President had just exited the VIP entrance and was walking towards his limousine which was parked further down the drive-thru towards [redacted]

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the main entrance. [redacted] stated that just as he noticed the President, he and [redacted] began (filming). At about the same second that [redacted] started his (camera) [redacted] heard what he thought were five shots ringing out. At this point he and [redacted] were approximately 30 to 35 feet away from the President. [redacted] stated that he looked first at the President and saw only his head which at that point ducked down. [redacted] said that he next looked towards the right of where the President was and saw a very tall man jump on another. [redacted] indicated that the tall man was about eight feet from the President. [redacted] indicated that three more individuals then jumped on the person being subdued by the tall man. [redacted] then looked back towards the President and saw him being pushed into the car and then the limousine drove off at a high rate of speed. [redacted] advised he then looked back to the right and saw many people that were previously around the VIP entrance running down towards him and his crew. He saw what he believed to be a Secret Service Agent push a man up against the wall. [redacted] stated that he noticed the three other individuals lying on the ground and he and [redacted] moved in towards the wounded victims to (photograph) them.

[redacted] indicated that he did not notice the assailant prior to the shooting and only noticed him at a distance when he was being subdued by the Secret Service Agents. In addition [redacted] indicated that he had heard five shots but later had listened to a videotape and determined that there were actually six shots fired. [redacted] advised that he and his crew stayed in the area and interviewed various individuals until approximately 3:30 that afternoon and then left. The following information was determined through interview and observation regarding [redacted]

Date of birth: [redacted]

SSAN: [redacted]

Place of birth: [redacted]

Height: [redacted]

Weight: [redacted]

Scars: [redacted]

[redacted] indicated that while in Washington, D.C., he has been residing at the [redacted]

[REDACTED] indicated that he would
be remaining at the [REDACTED] until mid-April.

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[redacted] telephone number [redacted], and residing at [redacted] telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment where [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and nature of inquiry. [redacted] advised as follows:

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On March 30, 1991, [redacted] was located at the Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., for purposes of covering President Ronald Reagan's appearance before a labor group for [redacted] when President Reagan arrived at the hotel, [redacted] was the [redacted] in the cordoned off press area, but he requested the police to move eight or ten bystanders out of this area. [redacted] then followed the President into the hotel to hear his speech, now being joined by the news pool reporters.

When the President finished his speech, [redacted] exited the hotel for purposes of getting a good spot in the cordoned-off press area where he hoped to ask the President a question about Poland when the President left the hotel. [redacted] sought their way to the front of the cordoned off area, being joined there [redacted] and [redacted] as well as [redacted] was also in the front row, one spot removed from the wall to [redacted] right.

When President Reagan exited the hotel via the VIP entrance and was waving to the crowd, [redacted] heard four or five shots from his right or slightly behind him. [redacted] also noticed white puffs on the ground in front of the press area, and heard an individual behind him yell "firecrackers," which were [redacted] original impression as what the sounds were from. When [redacted] realized the sounds were gun fire, [redacted] backed up toward the main entrance to the hotel, observing at the same time police officers jumping on a white

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male, blonde hair, five feet ten inches tall and being in his late thirties or early forties of age. [REDACTED] also observed police officer throw a trench coat over this individual's head and place him in a police cruiser.

[REDACTED] also stated [REDACTED] advised him that [REDACTED] had observed an individual running from the scene after the gun fire.

In addition to the above, [REDACTED] provided two rough sketches of the scene described above, noting his position and the position of the assailant. [REDACTED] signed and dated these sketches.

[REDACTED]

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On April 7, 1981, SA [redacted] contacted

[redacted] telephone [redacted], concerning the helix
listed individuals employed by [redacted]

Mr. [redacted]
Mr. [redacted]

Mr. [redacted] advised that only [redacted] was
detailed on March 30, 1981, to cover President Reagan's speech
to the Building Trades Union at the Washington Hilton Hotel.
[redacted] advised that [redacted] remained on assignment
with the union group following the President's departure from
the hotel and did not (photograph) or witness the assassination
attempt.

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J.C.

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[redacted] telephone [redacted] was contacted at his residence. [redacted] was advised of the official identity of the interviewing agents and thereafter provided the following information concerning the attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan.

[redacted] and on March 30, 1981 was working with a crew consisting of himself, [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] and his crew arrived at the Washington Hilton Hotel on Connecticut Avenue, N.W., and set up for the arrival of President Reagan, who was coming to the hotel to make a speech to the Trade Unions. The [redacted] took a position on the left side of the driveway of the hotel on T Street, located to the right of the VIP entrance to the Hilton. The crew was stationed behind a line set up by the police and security forces which was approximately at a gutter crossing the sidewalk next to the driveway. This was several yards from the VIP entrance. [redacted] crew covered Reagan's arrival and then entered the hotel through the lobby and set up their (camera equipment to take photos) of the President during his speech in the main ball room of the hotel. P.O. [redacted]

Toward the end of the President's speech, [redacted] and his crew returned to the front of the hotel by way of the lobby and took up their former position which had been [redacted] advised that he was stationed immediately behind [redacted] This position was necessary for [redacted] to maintain inasmuch as his (sound equipment) must remain connected to the (video camera) held by [redacted] There was another camera crew, this one [redacted] immediately to [redacted] (right.) This crew consisted of [redacted] and his video crew. There is a wall next to the sidewalk on which [redacted] was standing and he believes he was positioned approximately four persons from the wall. [redacted] was facing [redacted]

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down the driveway in a southwesterly position in such a manner that he would be able to see the President heading toward his limousine after the President departed the VIP entrance of the hotel.

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When the President and his party emerged from the hotel and began walking toward the car, [redacted] noticed the President turn toward the crowd of reporters and begin to wave. At that point, [redacted] heard a number of sounds which he believed to be small caliber gunfire. He is uncertain of the number but estimated it to be more than four and less than seven. [redacted] indicated he had a "gut feeling" that the number of shots he heard was five. At the time the shooting occurred, [redacted] was wearing an earpiece in his right ear and therefore heard the gunfire in his left ear. For this reason, he at first believed the shots to be coming from an area to his left. He attributed this to the sound bouncing off the wall to his right and across the building immediately across the street from the hotel.

[redacted] looked to his right and saw several Secret Service Agents engaged in a struggle with someone whom [redacted] could not see. He attempted to make certain the connection between his (sound equipment and the camera) was not broken so that he could preserve the events as they were taking place. [redacted] was afraid the police would order (the cameras) to shut down and he made a comment to a nearby policeman, telling the officer he wanted to keep recording the event because the police and Secret Service would want to view the films at a later date.

[redacted] later saw a gun which he described as a police service revolver being carried away by a Secret Service Agent. The gun was being carried attached to a handcuff.

[redacted] never actually saw the assailant. He did notice that it was very unusual for the police to allow spectators in the area in which he was working, since that area is normally reserved for the Press. [redacted] stated he has heard from various Secret Service Agents that they like to use the Press Pool as a sort of buffer zone between the spectators and the President. [redacted] and his crew had earlier commented to each other about the lax security in allowing members of the public into the area at the Hilton where [redacted] and his crew were stationed. [redacted] indicated at the time of this conversation with his co-workers they were thinking more about the safety of the public who might get caught up in camera equipment being carried by the reporters.

rather than considering an actual assassination attempt.

The following description of [REDACTED] was obtained through observation and interview:

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- Race:
- Height:
- Weight:
- Date of Birth:
- Place of Birth:



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[redacted] phone number [redacted]
[redacted] home address [redacted]
[redacted] phone number [redacted] advised as follows:

[redacted] indicated that his camera crew consists of three individuals including himself. [redacted] stated that [redacted]

[redacted] advised that his crew was assigned to cover the President's speech at the Washington Hilton on March 30, 1981. [redacted] indicated that he and his camera crew arrived at the hotel at about 1:30 p.m., and filmed the President's speech which lasted about 20-minutes. White indicated that after the speech the President exited the hotel by the VIP entrance and the press exited the hotel by the main entrance.

[redacted] advised that as soon as his crew exited the main entrance they saw the President exiting the VIP entrance. [redacted] stated that he immediately positioned the (video-camera on his shoulder) and at the instance he turned (the camera on) he heard a burst of six shots which lasted approximately three seconds. [redacted] turned to his left towards the President and saw him duck. Immediately thereafter, the President was pushed into his limousine. [redacted] stated that at this time he was standing at the back of the limousine in the drive-thru. After the President's car had left he (focused his camera) on the apparent assailant and the three victims. [redacted] stated that there were numerous individuals on top of the assailant and the assailant was later pinned against the wall by these same individuals. [redacted] stated that he did not see the assailant prior to the President's appearance at the hotel or prior to the actual shooting itself.

[redacted] further advised that he and his crew remained in the area and interviewed other eyewitnesses to the shooting until approximately 3:30 p.m. The following information was

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by [redacted] and [redacted]

determined through interview and observation of [REDACTED];

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Date of birth: [REDACTED]
SSAN: [REDACTED]
Height: [REDACTED]
Weight: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] indicated that while on assignment in Washington, D.C., he has been residing at the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] indicated that he would be remaining in the Washington area until mid-April.

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[redacted] and residing at [redacted] telephone number [redacted] [redacted] telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment where [redacted] was advised of the identity of interviewing agent and nature of inquiry. [redacted] advised as follows:

On March 30, 1981, [redacted] was assigned [redacted] to provide film coverage of President Ronald Reagan's appearance at the Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., WDC. [redacted] was accompanied by [redacted] while waiting for the President to exit the hotel, [redacted] [redacted] were located in the first row of a cordoned off press area to the left of a VIP door President Reagan was to exit from. Also in the front row were [redacted] and [redacted] also noticed a large contingent of the general public in the press area.

At approximately 2:30 p.m., President Reagan exited the VIP door and responded by waving to a call to the Presidents' left of "Mr. President." [redacted] estimated the President to be three or four feet from the press line at this time.

[redacted] then stated he heard a rapid succession of sounds to his back and right which he first presumed to be firecrackers. [redacted] then noticed agents of the United States Secret Service (USSS) push the President into his limousine and speed off. [redacted] became aware there had been a shooting when he saw Presidential Press Secretary James Brady on the ground in front of the press

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area bleeding from the head, as well as a Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) officer and USSS agent on the ground.

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To [redacted] right in the front row of the press line, [redacted] then observed police officers holding a blond white male to the ground. This individual, who was holding a gun in his hand while being held down by the police, was put under control and placed into a MPD cruiser. [redacted] could not provide a further description of this individual, and [redacted] noted that due to the fact his camera is held on his right shoulder, this may have prevented [redacted] from getting a better look at this person. ✓

In addition to the above, [redacted] provided and signed and dated two sketches of the area where the above events occurred. One of these sketches, also signed by [redacted]

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[REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED] was interviewed at the White House concerning the assassination attempt of President Ronald Reagan. She provided the following information: (b)(7)(C)

[REDACTED] stated that she was standing under the canopy of the Washington Hilton Hotel with other members of the Press Pool when she saw the President come out of a side door entrance and suddenly heard what sounded like firecrackers or gunshots. She stated she heard a succession of shots that appeared to be that of a small caliber gun. She observed everybody in the crowd fall to the ground and heard everyone shout and everything turning into chaos.

[REDACTED] stated that she had not seen the individual who had fired the gunshots.

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by SA [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)

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[redacted] who was interviewed at his residence, [redacted]

and whose telephone [redacted]

[redacted] furnished the following information. Present during the interview, and providing a spread of 13 photographs which were displayed to [redacted] was Special Agent (SA) [redacted] of the Washington Field Office of the United States Secret Service (USSS), telephone (202) 634-5100.

On March 30, 1981, [redacted]

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[redacted]

After the Presidential party entered the Hilton, USA was joined by [redacted] and [redacted]

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USA [redacted] was somewhat unsure of the names of the men [redacted]

[redacted] 45 minutes awaiting the return of the Presidential party.

After about ten minutes, [redacted] noted the presence [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

About five minutes prior to the egress of the Presidential party, a TV "mini-cam" crew consisting of three individuals came out of the hotel and went to a position at the barricade. On the opposite side of the barricade was a Washington, D.C. (WDC) Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) officer standing by the wall, of which the VIP entrance is part. The barricade was approximately 15 feet from the VIP entrance. The "mini-cam" crew and the MPD officer were the only persons in addition to the [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] noted at the barricade at that time. However, [REDACTED] was mainly drawn to watching [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] could not

definitely say there was no one else at the barricade at the time.

Then a large contingent of press and other people came out of the Terrace Level exit and approached the barricade, at which point [REDACTED] lost sight of [REDACTED] Al- most immediately thereafter, [REDACTED] saw [REDACTED] (a member of the Presidential party) appear around the curve in the block wall from the direction of the VIP exit, followed shortly by President Reagan. [REDACTED] saw the President wave to the crowd ahead of him, then wave to his left, at which point [REDACTED] heard four evenly spaced cracking sounds, much like a string of firecrackers exploding. The sounds came directly from the area of the barricade where he had last seen [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] initial reaction was to think, "That fool"

has set off some firecrackers,"

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The motorcade then sped away from the scene, approximately 30 to 45 seconds from the moment [redacted] heard the cracking noises.

[redacted] furnished a hand drawn sketch depicting his position relative to the VIP entrance and the barricade.

[redacted] then viewed a 13 photograph spread containing the following pictures:

1. [redacted]
2. [redacted]
3. [redacted]
4. [redacted]
5. [redacted]
6. [redacted]
7. [redacted]
8. John Warnock Hinckley, w/m.
9. [redacted]
10. [redacted]
11. [redacted]
12. [redacted]
13. [redacted]

(The above photos were retained by the interviewing agent and have been placed in a separate FD-340 envelope.)

From the above photographs, without hesitation, [redacted] selected the photo of [redacted] as being of the person to whom he had been referring during the above interview, the person designated as [redacted] denied having seen any photos of [redacted] prior to this interview. The only other knowledge [redacted] had of [redacted] was furnished to him later in the evening of March 30, 1981, by Sergeant [redacted]

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[redacted] United States Army [redacted] was interviewed by the below listed agent in the company of Special Agent [redacted] United States Secret Service. [redacted] was advised of the nature of this inquiry, and investigation into the attempted assassination of President Reagan on March 30, 1981.

On the afternoon in question, [redacted] (b)(7)(C) (E) (H)(2) When the motorcade arrived at the Washington Hilton Hotel and [redacted] When they noticed the press coming out of the T Street door of the hotel, [redacted] Looking towards the VIP entrance, he saw President Reagan exit the building, walk several steps, and raise his left hand waiving towards the area where the press had gathered. He heard several shots, quickly ducked [redacted] When he looked up a few seconds later, he noticed the motorcade beginning to leave the area quickly [redacted] stated that at no time did he ever notice the subject who was later arrested or did he see the weapon or the firing of this weapon.

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[redacted] United States Army [redacted] was interviewed by the below listed agent, in the company of Special Agent [redacted] United States Secret Service. [redacted] was advised of the nature of this inquiry, an investigation into the attempted assassination of President Reagan on March 30, 1981.

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On the afternoon of March 30, 1981, [redacted]

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Upon arrival at the hotel, [redacted]

[redacted] street entrance to the hotel. His view of the VIP exit for the hotel and of the Presidential limousine was blocked by the press which was lined up along the sidewalk. When [redacted]

he started the motor of his car. Sometime after [redacted] heard five or six shots being fired.

[redacted] When the shooting stopped, he looked up and saw that the Presidential limousine had already started moving. He quickly followed and left the area.

[redacted] stated that he did not see either the subject, or the subject's weapon.

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by SA [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 4/1/81

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[redacted] was interviewed by the below listed agent in the company of Special Agent (SA) [redacted] United States Secret Service. [redacted] was advised of the nature of this investigation, and inquiry into the attempted assassination of President Reagan on March 30, 1981.

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[redacted] stated that he arrived at the Washington Hilton Hotel [redacted]

Later, [redacted]

[redacted] Having gotten answers to his questions, [redacted] then turned his back on the scene and again [redacted] He quickly heard noise indicating that the President was coming. [redacted] turned around and looked in the President's direction, seeing him stand with his arm raised waving at the crowd. At that instance, [redacted] thought to himself how healthy the President looks. [redacted] then turned his back on the scene once again and [redacted] He soon heard several shots (exact number not recalled). He turned once again in the direction of the President and saw only the Secret Service agent falling to the ground. [redacted] quickly [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that at no time did he ever see or notice the subject who was later arrested for the shooting of President Reagan. The only individual who did attract the attention of the [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

He is certain, however, that this individual was not the subject later placed under arrest.

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On March 31, 1981, [redacted] voluntarily provided the following information: [redacted] (b)(7)(c) T.C.

[redacted] stated that on March 30, 1981, President Reagan was scheduled to speak before a convention of the Building and Construction Trades Union, AFL/CIO at the Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C. At 1:50 p.m. that day, [redacted] greeted President Reagan and Secretary of Labor Donovan at the curbside outside the Hilton's Presidential entrance. Once inside the Hilton, President Reagan took the elevator down one floor to the hotel's Presidential Holding Area. RAYMOND J. DONOVAN

[redacted] advised that as soon as President Reagan descended in the elevator, he [redacted] ran down an adjacent flight of stairs to the holding area. [redacted] greeted President Reagan in the holding area and introduced the President to [redacted] the Building and Construction Trades Union, AFL/CIO.

[redacted] stated that President Reagan was announced to the convention at 2:00 p.m., and began speaking at 2:03 p.m. President Reagan concluded his speech at approximately 2:25 p.m. and left the convention hall shortly thereafter. President Reagan took the elevator back up to the street level, with [redacted] again using the stairs.

[redacted] stated that the first person on the White House staff to exit the Hilton was [redacted] who ran to the press area to coordinate the usual radio coverage of the President.

[redacted] exited the Hilton with [redacted] followed by President Reagan, the President's Secret Service personnel, James Brady, Colonel [redacted] and [redacted] as follows: [redacted] described [redacted] members of the White House staff. (b)(7)(c)

As [redacted] walked alongside [redacted] [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that at this point he was approximately ten feet ahead of the President. [redacted] walked to the back of the President's limousine, and [redacted] moved to his right and stopped to avoid being visible in the media coverage of the President. [redacted] stated that as he stood there he noticed an unusually large number of cameras behind the rope line area.

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President Reagan walked past [redacted] on his way to his limousine. As [redacted] was looking toward the President, he heard sounds in rapid succession coming from his left. Initially he thought the sounds came from firecrackers. Almost simultaneous to hearing the sounds, [redacted] was hit in the left side of his face by particles that felt like sand. [redacted] also felt a light tap on his left arm near his elbow. [redacted] realized the sound was gunfire, however, he did not see anyone with a gun. [redacted] stated he heard more than three shots fired.

As [redacted] moved toward the President's limousine, he saw James Brady hit the sidewalk. [redacted] stated he decided the Secret Service Agents were in a better position to assist the President, so he ran toward Brady instead.

Brady was lying face down over a sidewalk grate beside a Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) officer. The MPD officer was shouting, "I'm hit, I'm hit," and was kicking Brady with his legs. [redacted] stated that Brady was completely still, with blood dripping from his head into the sidewalk grate. [redacted] recalls his handkerchief instantly filling with blood as he attempted to stop Brady's bleeding.

[redacted] noticed a gun lying on the sidewalk near Brady's head. A Secret Service Agent pushed the gun a few inches to get it away from Brady's head. The gun looked like a thirty-eight caliber blue steel service revolver, not having a snub nose barrel length. [redacted] stated that when the ambulance crew arrived, he noticed that the MPD officer had his gun holstered.

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[redacted] advised that the President's visit to the Hilton was routine in every way, preceding the shooting. [redacted] and Secret Service advance man [redacted] discussed the security arrangements prior to the visit.

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[redacted] stated that he did not notice the suspect John Hinckley in the crowd near the Hilton. [redacted] did notice three uniformed officers standing in front of the roped line area upon the President's arrival and departure. [redacted] recalls one of the officers was a Hilton security guard.

[redacted] provided the interviewing agents with a rough sketch of the Presidential holding area and a rough sketch of the Hilton's Presidential entranceway.

The following information concerning [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

- Race:
- Sex:
- Date of Birth:
- Washington, D.C. address:
- Home address:

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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On April 9, 1981, Mr. [redacted] Special Agent (SA) [redacted] was contacted by telephone [redacted] advised that he resides at [redacted] (b)(7)(C) DJK

Mr. [redacted] stated that on March 30, 1981, he arrived at the Washington Hilton Hotel well before the arrival of the President to coordinate with the various AFI-CIC dignitaries. He stated that he was at no time in the area where the shooting took place and has no direct knowledge concerning the shooting.

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On March 30, 1981, [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

After the Presidential party entered the Hilton, USA [redacted] was joined by [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] was somewhat unsure of the names

of the men [redacted]

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[redacted] 45 minutes awaiting the return of the Presidential party.

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After about ten minutes, [redacted] noted the presence [redacted]

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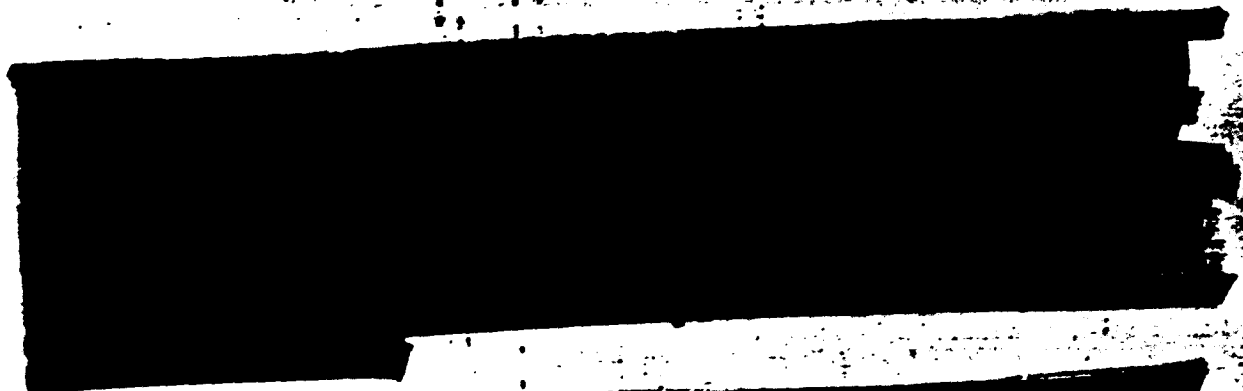
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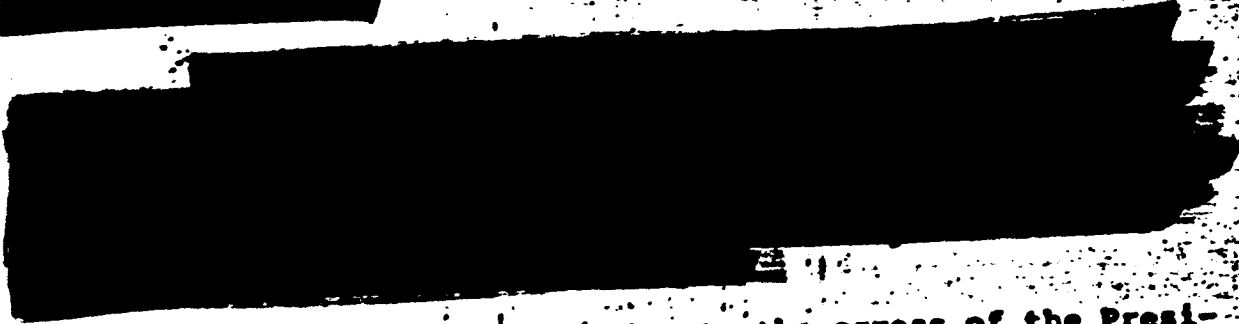
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has set off some firecrackers,"

[REDACTED]

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The motorcade [REDACTED] then sped away from the scene, approximately 30 to 45 seconds from the moment [REDACTED] heard the cracking noises.

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[REDACTED] then viewed a 13 photograph spread containing the following pictures:

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

John Warnock Hinckley, w/m.

(The above photos were retained by the interviewing agent and have been placed in a separate FD-340 envelope.)

From the above photographs, without hesitation, [REDACTED] selected the photo of [REDACTED] as being of the person to whom he had been referring during the above interview, the person designated as [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] denied having seen any photos of [REDACTED] prior to this interview. The only other knowledge [REDACTED] had of [REDACTED] was furnished to him later in the evening of March 30, 1961, by Sergeant [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

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[redacted] Assistant to the President and [redacted] White House was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the purpose of this interview, that is an investigation of the assault on President Reagan March 30, 1981. D.C. (H)(S)(C)

[redacted] stated that he exited the Washington Hilton Hotel on the afternoon of March 30, 1981, with the President. As is his custom in such cases, [redacted] proceeded to the Presidential Limousine, passing the right rear door and attempting to proceed around the rear of the car to enter the left rear door of this Limousine. As [redacted] and the Presidential party approached the Limousine, he heard screams from the pre positioned press photographers area called "Mr. President". At that time, the President looked in that direction, raising his left arm to wave. [redacted] immediately heard several shots (the exact number not recalled). He quickly lowered his head and ran toward the first open car, believed to be the fourth car back in line. He entered the car and it quickly drove from the scene.

[redacted] repeated that he never did see the subject, either before the shooting or afterward. He is unable either to describe him or to identify him.

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[redacted] Special Assistant to the President of the United States, home address [redacted] was interviewed by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted]

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Mr. [redacted] advised that he has travelled with President Reagan for the past [redacted] years. He provided the following description of the events surrounding the shooting incident at the Washington Hilton Hotel on March 30, 1981:

Before the President made his exit from the hotel just prior to the shooting incident, Mr. [redacted] walked out of the hotel exit with [redacted] Staff Assistant to the President of the United States. Mr. [redacted] remembered suggesting to Mr. [redacted] at this point that the next time the President speaks at the Hilton [redacted]

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[redacted]. The discussion continued as Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] walked out of the door. As they walked toward the presidential limousine, they agreed [redacted]

Mr. [redacted] stated that he usually goes directly to the rear door of the presidential limousine to wait for the President. However, on this occasion Mr. [redacted] headed toward the tail end of the presidential limousine. Mr. [redacted] stated that he does not know why he varied his routine on this occasion.

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Mr. [redacted] stated that as he got to the rear of the limousine, he heard three "pops." There was a pause between either the first and second pop, or the second and third pop. Mr. [redacted] felt shock waves simultaneously with the sounds. Then there was another rapid succession of "pops." Mr. [redacted] realizing the sounds were gunfire, ducked behind the tail end of the presidential limousine. There were at least five gunshots. Shortly afterward, [redacted] crouched behind the limousine to the right of Mr. [redacted]. Then both Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] got up and [redacted] saw the [redacted] coming toward them. At this point Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted]

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SA [redacted]

SA [redacted]

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_____ began running for the _____ when Mr. _____ and _____ reached the _____ the President's limousine had not yet made its departure.

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Mr. _____ stated that during the incident he did not see anyone get hit by gunfire because he was behind the tail end of the President's limousine. Mr. _____ was facing away from the direction where he believed the source of the gunfire was, and did not see any muzzle flashes or the assailant.

(b)(7)(c)

In the _____ were the military driver, Mr. _____ and _____ The President's limousine took off;

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As the motorcade proceeded, Mr. _____ observed President Reagan sitting in the back seat of his limousine.

(b)(2)

Speaking cryptically through the _____ transmitter, asked whether everything was all right. He received a short answer indicating the affirmative. Now Mr. _____ thought that the President had not been injured, and that the motorcade was heading back to the White House. As the motorcade continued, Mr. _____ realized that it was not taking its usual route back to the White House.

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Mr. _____ stated that he knew something was wrong when the motorcade pulled up to George Washington Hospital. President Reagan was observed walking into the hospital under his own power, although he appeared pale and shaken. When inside the hospital lobby, President Reagan faltered, and was steadied by Secret Service Agents. President Reagan then appeared to pass out, but was caught before falling by the Secret Service Agents.

Mr. _____ again reflected back on the events surrounding the departure of the motorcade from the Hilton Hotel. He stated that the military aide, _____, was somewhere behind President Reagan when the shooting occurred. After the shooting, _____ ran out in front of the President's limousine and looped back to the _____ carrying a black brief case or hand-bag.

(b)(7)(c)

Mr. _____ stated that while the _____ was _____

(b)(7)(c)

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enroute to George Washington Hospital after the shooting incident, the military driver of the [redacted] mentioned something to him [redacted] (H)(7)(c) stated that the driver said that while he was waiting outside the Hilton for the speaking engagement to [redacted]

[redacted] Mr. [redacted] stated that he did not check his watch at the time, but he would estimate that the shooting took place at approximately 2:20 P.M. (H)(7)(c)

Mr. [redacted] advised that [redacted], White House Aide, was responsible for moving the White House press pool in and out of the area. Mr. [redacted] stressed that during or before the speaking engagement at the Washington Hilton on March 30, 1981, nothing unusual occurred. He added that President Reagan has been visiting the Washington Hilton about once every two weeks, and that this was a routine visit.

Since the shooting incident occurred, Mr. [redacted] was given several items belonging to President Reagan. These items include [redacted] these items were turned over to another FBI Special Agent by Mr. [redacted]

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[REDACTED] advised that on the afternoon of March 30, 1961, he was assigned the task of recording the President's remarks at the Washington Hilton Hotel and his arrival and departure. [REDACTED] exited the Washington Hilton Hotel in the group of "pool" reporters. This small group left the hotel by the T Street entrance and were led by White House Staff Liaison-man [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] quickly proceeded to the vicinity of the rope line which was already stretched across the sidewalk. He positioned himself in the second row back from the rope. [REDACTED] was in the process of getting up his audio equipment when he looked up and saw the President, who had already exited the hotel, raising his arm to wave to the crowd. From [REDACTED] right side he heard "Mr. President, Mr. President". This call was quickly followed by several shots (exact number not recalled). [REDACTED] quickly crouched down, seeing absolutely nothing but sidewalk for several seconds. Not knowing precisely what his responsibilities were, he quickly moved out from the immediate area. [REDACTED] re-entered the hotel by the T Street entrance and stayed there for about 1/2 of a minute. He then came back outside, stood off at a distance, and recorded the entire scene as it was happening.

[REDACTED] stated that at no time did he ever see the subject. When he looked in that direction, the subject was surrounded by a large group of people and could not be seen.

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[redacted] White House was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of this interview, that is an investigation of the assault on President Reagan March 30, 1981. (b)(7)(c)

[redacted] stated that on the afternoon of March 30, 1981, [redacted] A few minutes before the President exited the Washington Hilton Hotel, [redacted] than the VIP exit (to be used) by the President. [redacted] to the area of the VIP exit and [redacted] behind the pre-positioned press and news photographers and slightly to their left. At the time the President exited the hotel, [redacted] had his back to the President and was in fact facing [redacted] Upon first hearing the noise which turned out to be shots, [redacted] originally thought they were firecrackers. After a second or two, he realized this could not be the case and quickly turned in the direction of the firing. He took two or three steps in that direction, noticing that the suspect was already surrounded by a large group of agents and policemen. At that time, [redacted] immediately stopped, turned around and attempted to control the crowd which was beginning to gather. [redacted] stated that he [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he never did get a good view of the suspect and could neither identify him nor describe him.

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D.C.

[redacted] White House, was interviewed by the below listed agent in the company of Special Agent (SA) [redacted], United States Secret Service. [redacted] was advised of the nature of this inquiry, and investigation of the attempted assassination of President Reagan on March 30, 1981. [redacted] stated that on that afternoon, she exited the Washington Hilton Hotel through the VIP exit during the applause for the ending of the President's speech. This put her several seconds in front of the President and his party in exiting the hotel. She proceeded to the staff car, [redacted]. She entered this car by means of the left rear door and had just seated herself when she looked up and heard shots being fired. She saw the President looking in the direction of the press and saw a U.S. Secret Service agent quickly push the President into the limousine.

[redacted] stated that at no time did she ever notice the subject or see him firing the gun.

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[REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)

White House was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the purpose of this interview, that is an investigation of the assault on President Reagan March 30, 1981.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that on March 30, 1981, he exited the Washington Hilton Hotel in the company of the President's private physician. [REDACTED] and the physician were three or four steps behind the President as they exited the hotel. [REDACTED] stated that he was to the President's left while the physician was to the President's right.

[REDACTED]

Upon hearing shots beginning fired, [REDACTED] immediately hit the ground, and kept low. At that time, he landed immediately next to the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) officer who was in fact injured. He recalls hearing the officer say "I'm hit, I'm hit". When [REDACTED] was certain that the gun fire had stopped, he quickly picked up [REDACTED] and fan. He called out for help for this injured MPD officer, noticing that the suspect was at that time surrounded by a large group of people. [REDACTED] recalls

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ran from his position in the same direction that the Presidential Limousine and party was headed. [REDACTED] ran past the injured Secret Service Agent. By this time, the Presidential Limousine was already moving out of the area and [REDACTED] quickly turned completely around and began running toward the third car in line, [REDACTED] entered this car as quickly as possible, noting that in addition to the driver the car also contained [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both White House Officials. The car quickly left the area. (b)(7)(C)

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██████████ stated that he did not at any time run up or down any flight of stairs ██████████. His movements were confined to the immediate scene of the shooting and he left the area in the third vehicle in line.

██████████ advised that he did not see the suspect either before the shooting or afterward. He could neither describe him nor identify him.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] THE WHITE HOUSE, WAS INTERVIEWED AT HIS PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT,
CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT OF PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN.

(b)(7)(C)

MR. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE WAS STANDING BEHIND THE
PRESIDENT'S LIMOUSINE, WHEN HE HEARD A NOISE THAT SOUNDED LIKE A
FIRECRACKER. HE THEN HEARD THREE MORE SHOTS FIRED AND SUDDENLY DROCKED
BEHIND A FOLLOW-UP VEHICLE PARKED BEHIND THE PRESIDENT'S LIMOUSINE.

MOMENTS LATER, HE OBSERVED JIM HADY, THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS
SECRETARY, LYING ON THE SIDEWALK. HE TRIED TO ADMINISTER FIRST AID TO
HIM, BUT HE WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, HE OBSERVED THE
PRESIDENTIAL MOTORCADE DEPART THE AREA.

MR. [REDACTED] STATED THAT AT NO TIME DID HE OBSERVE THE
ALLEGED ASSAILANT.

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[REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

(b)(7)(C)(D)

[REDACTED], was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of their inquiry, then advised as follows:

She resides at [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED]

She was standing at the office window awaiting President Reagan's departure from the Washington Hilton. The President came out of the hotel waving and smiling as he walked to his limousine.

The President was almost at the car when she heard four or five shots (she said they sounded like firecrackers). She then saw the President being pushed into the car, but she did not realize what had happened until she saw the Secret Service man fall to the ground. She did not see who fired the shots but from the reaction of the crowd, presumed the shots came in a direction from behind the President and to his left.

She said she did not get a good look at the man the police put into the patrol car. She remembered the man had blonde hair and was wearing what appeared to her to be a trench coat.

At the conclusion of the interview, she said she did not believe the security lines were as far away from the path the President took from the hotel to his car as they had seemed to her to have been on President Reagan's previous visits to the hotel.

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by SA's [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/7/81

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[REDACTED] provided the following information:

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Y (d)

[REDACTED] at 2 P.M. and saw President Reagan arrive at the Hilton across the street and enter the hotel.

He stated that at 2:25 P.M. he heard the police motorcycles start up and he went outside again to get another look at the President.

(Barakat) advised he saw the President exit the hotel, look to his right towards [REDACTED] and wave to the crowd. Then as the President turned towards his left, [REDACTED] heard four or five shots ring out. [REDACTED] stated that the Secret Service Agent pushed the President into the car and the car took off.

[REDACTED] advised that he could not see where the gunshots originated. He also advised that he did not see the alleged assailant at any time before, during or after the assassination attempt.

[REDACTED] advised that his home address is as follows:

[REDACTED]

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by SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/7/81

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SSAN - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] was contacted at the Washington Hilton Hotel subsequent to the attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan. [REDACTED] was advised of the official identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the inquiry and thereafter provided the following information:

[REDACTED] At approximately 11:40 a.m. on March 30, 1981, she left her office to go to the Washington Hilton Hotel which is directly across the street from her place of employment. Her reason for doing this was to get a glimpse of President Reagan as he arrived at the Hilton for a speaking engagement. She was aware of the President's anticipated arrival, inasmuch as it was published in the newspapers. She exited her office on the T Street side of the building, crossed the street and stood among the members of the Press on a sidewalk on the West side of the drive of the Hilton on T Street. She stayed for approximately twenty minutes until President Reagan arrived in his limousine.

After Reagan entered the hotel she went back to her office and remained there until sometime after 2:00 p.m., at which time she returned to the hotel and took the same position that she had before. After standing for only a few minutes, she saw President Reagan and his party emerge from the VIP entrance to the left of the hotel driveway. She was again standing among members of the press directly behind a man whom she identified as [REDACTED]. She was talking to [REDACTED] and he jokingly told her to be certain not to block his camera angle.

As the President emerged from the hotel he walked toward his limousine which was parked to [REDACTED] left.

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Reagan had turned around and was facing the direction from which he had just come when [redacted] yelled "Hello Mr. President". As [redacted] was making her greeting to the President, he turned in her direction and at that same instant she heard a shot ring out. Almost immediately [redacted] heard a volley of shots and estimated that a total of five shots were fired. [redacted] could not determine the direction of the gunfire and looked to the ground in time to see a white male lying on the sidewalk beside the President's limousine with his face covered with blood. [redacted] does not know the identity of this individual. At that time, someone began yelling for the crowd to "get back, get back into the lobby". [redacted] turned and hurriedly walked into the hotel lobby where she remained for what she estimates to be only a couple of minutes. She then exited the hotel via the glass lobby doors and walked directly across the street to her office. She took the elevator to her office and talked to two of her co-workers, [redacted] and [redacted] about the incident. She could hear on a radio in her office a replay of the shooting incident and believes she heard her voice saying "Hello Mr. President" almost immediately before the gunfire began. She does not know what radio station this replay was on.

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She estimates she was only in her office one or two minutes and then realized she should return to the hotel since she had witnessed the shootings. She went back to the South side of T Street where she saw an individual she described as being a police officer in a white shirt who had a badge which said "Missouri" on it. She told this officer she had been an eyewitness to the shooting and he escorted her across T Street and back to the lobby of the hotel. She was then taken, along with several other persons, to a holding room and then to the ballroom of the hotel where she remained until the time of this interview.

[redacted] advised that the voice she heard on the radio when she went back to her office was that of [redacted]

[redacted] advised she could not identify the assailant and did not see anything unusual prior to the shooting taking place.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

Sex: [redacted]
 Race: [redacted]
 Date of Birth: [redacted]
 Place of Birth: [redacted]
 Height: [redacted]

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Weight:
Hair:
Eyes:
SSAN:



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[redacted] Telephone [redacted]
[redacted] who resides at [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview and provided the following information:

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[redacted] stated that from her vantage point she observed the President exit the VIP exit of the Washington Hilton Hotel at approximately 2:30 p.m. [redacted] indicated that she saw the President flanked by what she believed to be Secret Service Agents and proceeded by his staff members, wave first to the gathered spectators on his right and then to the photographers and crowd behind the roped off area adjacent to his limousine. [redacted] recalled first seeing two bright flashes of light which appeared from her observation point to be muzzle flashes just above the President's outstretched hand, followed by a pause and then three more flashes. She stated that slightly after the first flashes, she heard five muffled noises which she described as sounding like pps from a cap pistol. [redacted] advised that she viewed the above mentioned scene with co-worker, [redacted].

[redacted] She averred that she never observed the assailant or the weapon that fired the shots and from her location, could not identify any members of the crowd below. [redacted] concluded by saying that she was unable to provide any additional information of value.

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[REDACTED] was interviewed at her office and provided the following information:

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[REDACTED] advised that on Monday afternoon, March 30, 1981, she was looking out the window across T Street towards the Hilton Hotel as she talked on the phone.

She stated that she saw President Reagan walk out of the Hilton, wave to the people to his right across T Street, and then she heard six gunshots. She advised that she saw the President being shoved into the limousine. After that car pulled away, she saw two bodies on the ground. [REDACTED] advised that she did not at any time view the assailant.

She also provided the following home address:

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] furnished the following (b)(7)(C): (D) information:

He advised that somewhere between 2:00 and 2:30 p.m. on March 30, 1981, he was standing in the fourth floor reception area of the Riggs National Bank looking across the street through the VIP doors of the Hilton Hotel, where he was waiting to see President Reagan. [REDACTED] did see President Reagan and shortly after Mr. Reagan's emergence through the VIP doors, shots were fired and in fact one passed through the glass window above [REDACTED] and debris from this window thereafter hit [REDACTED] on the left side of his neck. [REDACTED] stated he was not hurt and that he did not know where the bullet came from. Thereafter he placed himself against the wall for protection.

Upon further questioning, [REDACTED] stated he does not know who fired the shot, he does not know what direction it came from but assures it had something to do with the attempt on President Reagan's life.

[REDACTED] further stated he could add no other information.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

after being apprised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of their inquiry, provided the following information:

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[REDACTED] awaiting President Reagan's exit from the Hilton Hotel across the street. The President emerged from the hotel at approximately 2:15 - 2:20 p.m., walking and speaking to the crowd as he went to his limousine. As he neared the car, she heard "pop-gun" shots, five or six in number.

She did not realize the President had been shot. She saw him shoved into his car and the car leave quickly. She recalls seeing people in the crowd running around and two men lying on the ground, evidently wounded.

She did not see the assailant until he was shown on television.

She presumed the shots came from the President's left considering that was the direction he was looking toward when she heard the shots.

[REDACTED] said she resides at [REDACTED]

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