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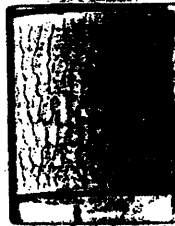
NOTE FOR THE AG:

Today, this office received a copy of an FOIA request from Dominic Manno, the University of Pennsylvania student who made a very uncivilized observation about the President in the wake of the assassination attempt.

John Roberts will be handling the legal review of this request for us in this office, in consultation with appropriate personnel in the Department, but I wanted you to know promptly about the request.

The request seeks, in summary, all documents pertaining to the alleged phone call to you from Mrs. Reagan with respect to Manno's student-newspaper column.

cc: John Roberts (w/attachments)



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As provided in the Freedom of Information Act, I will expect to receive a reply within ten working days.

Sincerely,
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15 December 1981

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Dear Sir:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act as amended (5 U.S.C. Section 552).

I wish to obtain a copy of all letters, memoranda, notes and any documents relating to a telephone call placed by First Lady Nancy Reagan to Attorney General William French Smith sometime in April regarding my column in The Daily Pennsylvanian of 1 April 1981 titled "The Bullet and the Ballot." The column was quoted in the 13 April 1981 issue of Newsweek magazine (a copy of the Newsweek article is enclosed).

To avoid any possible misunderstandings of what is being requested I enclose a copy of the "Periscope" page of the 27 April 1981 issue of Newsweek magazine, in which the telephone call from Mrs. Reagan to Mr. Smith is reported.

If all or any part of my request is denied, please list the specific exemption(s) which is (are) being claimed to withhold information. I request a detailed justification of how any withheld material qualifies for any exemption claimed.

The FOIA provides that if some portions of the requested material are exempt, the remaining non-exempt portions must be released. I therefore request that I be provided with all non-exempt portions which are reasonably segregable. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal any decision to withhold information and expect that you will list the address and office where such an appeal can be sent.

As you know, the amended FOIA permits you to reduce or waive search and/or copying fees when release of the requested information would be "in the public interest." I believe that this request plainly fits that category and I therefore ask that you waive such fees. If the fee waiver is not granted, and the fees exceed \$15, please inform me of the charges before you fill my request.

If you have any question regarding this request, please telephone me at (215) 336-4625.

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Echoes of a Day of Terror

As President Reagan continued his on-the-job convalescence, some of the private aftereffects of the March 30 assassination attempt were still surfacing last week in Washington.

When student columnist Dominic Manzo wrote in the University of Pennsylvania newspaper that he hoped Ronald Reagan would die of his gunshot wound, no one was more outraged than the President's wife, Nancy. The furious First Lady promptly called Attorney General William French Smith, an old family friend, to inquire whether Manzo could be punished. While sympathetic to Mrs. Reagan, Smith reportedly told her the 23-year-old student had not broken any law and there was nothing Justice could do. The White House does not deny that Mrs. Reagan talked to Smith about the incident, but it insists she did not discuss the possibility of prosecuting him.

Luckily for Reagan, the devastating bullet fired by John W. Hinckley Jr. did not explode as it slashed through the President's chest and into his left lung. But FBI laboratory analysts got a nasty reminder of the punch packed by the .22-caliber bullet, which contains a charge of toxic lead acids designed to explode on impact. An researcher was cutting into one under a microscope two weeks ago, it exploded, destroying the microscope and spraying the room with metal fragments. One G-man was struck on the arm, but he and the others in the room escaped injury.

The President's aides are wrestling with a touchy political and medical question: what is the best format for his first speech after the assassination attempt? The speech will be a prime-time pitch for the Reagan economic program, and if he makes it on television, some will argue, curiosity about his appearance could give him his largest audience ever. But other advisers think a television appearance would be too taxing on the still convalescing President. They also point out that ever since his lung began to heal, the Chief Executive has been troubled by a persistent cough—which hardly makes for effective television. Thus they are arguing a prerecorded radio address, in which the cough can be edited. No date has been set for the speech, but all of the President's aides hope he will be ready to perform by the end of this month.

Bob Strauss, the Egyptian Businessman?

Former Presidential adviser Robert Strauss is back studying economic stamping grounds in the Middle East. The former leading Texas Democratic Party fundraiser and representative in the early days of Egyptian autonomy talks between Egypt's former Sadat and the late Mubarak, began, was in Cairo last week, this time to study business possibilities with an old Cabinet colleague, Energy Secretary Charles W. Duncan Jr. They also had a meeting with Egyptian Sadat. Strauss believes that Egypt, with a population of more than 40 million, is a potentially rich consumer market. He's talked in the past of setting up a factory to make road maintenance or shoes, but Duncan's presence suggested that he and Strauss may be investigating energy-related projects as well.

An End to the March Honeymoon

When the Republicans gain control of the Senate, the Reagan White House will be confident that one of its "closest friends" on Capitol Hill, the chair of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, will announce a vote on March 31 that ends the days of the administration's honeymoon.

with Hatch is apparently over. The President's three top advisers—Edwin Meese, James Baker and Michael Deaver—have been complaining openly about Hatch's attitude, and the President is reported to be miffed as well. The White House feels strongly that Hatch must accept the lengthy confirmation hearings on Raymond Donovan as Secretary of Labor. The White House also resented the fact that the President had to place a personal call to Hatch to get his vote on the first big Senate test for the Administration: a bill to raise the debt ceiling.

A Smuggled Message from Sakharov

Americans will get their first look next month in Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov speaking out on human rights from his restricted exile in Gorky, a Soviet city closed to foreigners. A videotape of the Nobel Peace Prize winner, smuggled out of Russia, will be shown at an international scientific conference in New York, which will honor Sakharov's 50th and his 60th birthdays. In a message, Sakharov asked that he be given "in full isolation without trial" for more than a year. He also reported that on March 13 Soviet security agents confiscated his diaries and scientific papers. As he sadly summed up: "The KGB intends to deprive me of any intellectual freedom or any attitude."

A Prize Winner's Luck

As so often happens with newsmobile accidents, it was a truck of fate that brought Dr. Worth Star-Telegram photographer Larry Price a Pulitzer Prize for spot-news photography last week. Because of a coup in Liberia last April, Price and the Star-Telegram reporter were unable to get out of Monrovia until the previous reporter stayed in place to make a killing, capture or interview of military members of the old government. The final piece of the puzzle was a photograph of a young woman, who had been the to stake and needed to be rescued. Price's original assignment in Monrovia was far more peaceful: he was sent there to cover a Baptist-charter convention.

The GOP's House Budget Scheme

The Republicans have decided on their own way of trying to win the 1982 budget through the House. The plan is to introduce a bill that would cut the deficit by \$10 billion over the next five years. The bill would also cut the deficit by \$10 billion over the next five years. The bill would also cut the deficit by \$10 billion over the next five years. The bill would also cut the deficit by \$10 billion over the next five years.

But Are They Really Ready?

It turns out that those who say they are ready to take control of the House of Representatives and budget have a long way to go. The Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources will announce a vote on March 31 that ends the days of the administration's honeymoon.

NEWSPAPER ARCHIVES

What It's Like to Die?

First time was the last time of a nation all too familiar with violence of this kind. The America—can it hold—begins to react. A sampling of voices.

"Whether it's John Lennon or the President, if you've got your name up on a marquee, someone's going to shoot out the lights."
—Montana Gov. Ted Schwender

"A President who can say, 'I'd rather be in Philadelphia' after he's been shot tells you more than a 10,000-word medical bulletin ever could."
—Stanford University Law School lecturer and psychiatrist Donald Lunde

"Too bad he (the would-be assassin) missed. That's the result of sending an amateur to do a professional job... I hope Reagan dies."
—Dominic Mansa, a student columnist, writing in the daily newspaper of the University of Pennsylvania

"We don't have terrorists in the United States. We just have a lot of screwballs. They are mentally unsound. They are off their rockers."
—Former President Gerald R. Ford

"No, it is not mere chance that America shoots its president. It is not mere chance that it shoots singers, that it shoots priests, children and candidates for the Presidency... Can one consider a society normal if it is penetrated fully with the idea of violence, a society where terror is a phenomenon of daily life?"
—Komunalkhaya Pravda, a Soviet youth newspaper

"If the leader of another country is shot, we can expect tanks to be drawn up in front of the Presidential palace. We can expect troops to imprison the political opposition. We can expect the law leaders to tear up the country's constitution. But last week, America's rules prevailed... Even as we are shocked at the attack on the President, we must realize that the same freedom that made him an icon was at stake; great risk provides the laws and creates stability that permits our government to function when the great happen."
—Civil Rights leader Vernon E. Jordan Jr.

"The Hinckleys are good people, but I wonder if this will affect our end values."
—A woman in *Evening*, Cuba, whose horse is for sale

"What the hell is this banana republic?"
—Anonymous

"I'm not surprised and that's what is odd about it."
—The student in *D. House*

"The United States was born out of the violence of conquest, rebellion and civil war. Its myths are those of the frontier where the fastest gun was king and every man had his fate in his own hands. The U.S. has risen to become a major industrial and military power claiming universality for its values while seeming unable to shake off the darker elements in its tradition."
—*The Times of London*

"We do not know whether the attack has been successful or not, but it makes no difference to us."
—Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini

"Someone shot J. R. and they cheered. Someone shot Reagan and they cheered. That's scary."
—John Zannini, a seventh-grade teacher in Yuba, Okla.

"Boy, if our foresight was as good as our hindsight... He looked like a decent young man... I'm satisfied some plausible explanation was given for those weapons."
—John William E. Higgin, of Nashville, Tenn., who released Hinckley last fall after he tried to board a plane while armed.

"I've had told me in 1943 that in the next twenty years I would see one President shot to death, one wounded and one twice that shot by gun-wielding assassins, one younger killed and one wounded and one younger wounded. I would have said 'You're going to be kidding. That's not the United States, it's a shooting gallery.'"
—Eric Staal of Oakland, Calif., in a letter to the editor

Hill to the Chief: A king-like farewell message from Reagan's former press

There ain't no Republicans
Democrats now we are all
GET WELL QUINCY
WE NEED YOU
America

"We're keeping the government out of our lives on [gun control], and the result is murderous anarchy. There are limits to the limits-to-government argument, and they are reached and passed when society is made more vulnerable to the depredations of its dangerously deranged."
—Hudding Cargr III, former State Department spokesman

"Thank God that the man accused in the assassination attempt wasn't black."
—Columnist William Raspberry

"I'm trembling for my fellow man."
—Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy

"I was utterly depressed. I felt a deep lonely feeling in my stomach, like it was a personal attack. I was in a bad mood all day. I couldn't work. I didn't eat dinner. My children asked me why did it happen. They expressed amazement and wonder, and I couldn't explain to them why."
—Dallas ice-cream maker Daniel Hoelcker

"He's one of the youngest presidents we've had based on what he's gone through."
—Former President Richard M. Nixon

"I would have taken that bullet."
—senator Jimmy Stewart, in a telegram to Reagan

"I found out it hurts to get shot."
—President Reagan

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