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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 13, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHIL BUCHEN  
KEN LAZARUS

FROM :

JIM CONNOR 

SUBJECT:

Statement by the President on  
Attempted Assassination in  
San Francisco

The President reviewed your memorandum of October 9 on the above subject and signed the attached statement today.

It is returned to you for dating and appropriate distribution.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 9, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DON RUMSFELD  
THROUGH: PHIL BUCHEN *P.*  
FROM: KEN LAZARUS *ke*  
SUBJECT: Statement by the President on  
Attempted Assassination in  
San Francisco

Attached is a statement which was developed on the bases of the President's recorded remarks which you forwarded to Mr. Buchen under date of September 25, and relevant excerpts from Secret Service reports.

The President should review the document as soon as practicable and, assuming it is complete and accurate, sign the statement and return it to the writer for distribution to the Criminal Division, FBI and Secret Service in accordance with their joint request.

Thank you.

Attachment

STATEMENT OF  
PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD

I, Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States of America, pursuant to the joint request of the Criminal Division and the Federal Bureau of Investigation within the Department of Justice, submit the following:

1. During the afternoon of September 22, 1975, I was in the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, California.

2. At approximately 3:30 p. m. , I left the hotel through the Post Street entrance.

3. I walked directly toward my limousine which was parked on the south side of Post Street adjacent to the hotel.

4. As I came within two or three feet of the limousine, I stopped momentarily, waiting for the door of the limousine to be opened by a Secret Service agent.

5. As the door of the limousine was being opened, I looked across to the north side of Post Street and waved to the crowd gathered there.

6. As I waved, I heard a noise which sounded like a gun shot. Almost instantaneously, several people pushed me down to the sidewalk.

7. At the direction of the Secret Service, I crawled the few feet into the limousine.

8. Two Secret Service agents, Ron Pontius and Jack Mechant, and my assistant, Donald Rumsfeld, crawled into the limousine on top of me. I remained below window level.

9. I was immediately driven away from the scene in an easterly direction on Post Street and taken directly to San Francisco International Airport.

10. This is a complete and accurate statement of my recollections of the incident described above.

  
GERALD R. FORD

The White House  
Washington, D. C.  
October , 1975

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WASHINGTON

DR. CONNOR