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**TRANSCRIPT: U.S. SECRET SERVICE COMMAND POST RADIO TRAFFIC
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The following is a transcript of the command post radio traffic on March 30, 1981, immediately before and after the assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan. The transcript was prepared by the U.S. Secret Service and is being released in conjunction with the audio of the incident, which is available on <http://www.secretservice.gov>.

Due to the nature of radio communications and the increased traffic following the incident, portions of the audio are unable to be accurately transcribed. These sections are noted. The names of individual speakers are included when identifiable and in accordance with federal regulation. In addition, the code names for several Secret Service command posts and locations are used throughout the transcript.

Time code referenced is from beginning of audio clip.

Monday, March 30, 1981, 2:27 p.m. EST:

00:08 SPECIAL AGENT WILLIAM GREEN: “[*Inaudible*] Green. Coming out.”

00:16 ASSISTANT TO THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE RAY SHADDICK:
“Horsepower, Shaddick.”

00:18 HORSEPOWER: “[*inaudible*]”

00:19 SHADDICK: “Advise, we’ve had shots fired. Shots fired. There are some injuries, uh, lay one on.”

00:26 SHADDICK: “Parr, Shaddick.”

00:29 VOICE: [*Inaudible*]

00:32 SHADDICK: “Stagecoach, Shaddick.”

00:35 SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE JERRY PARR: “Rawhide is okay, Follow-up. Rawhide is okay.”

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00:40 VOICE: *[Inaudible]* *[OVERLAPPING]*

00:41 SHADDICK: "Halfback, roger"

00:46 SHADDICK: "You wanna go to the hospital or back to the White House?"

00:50 PARR: "We're going right... we're going to Crown."

00:52 SHADDICK: "Okay"

00:56 VOICE: *[Inaudible]*

00:58 SHADDICK: "Back to the White House. Back to the White House. Rawhide is okay."

01:07 CROWN: "Halfback, Crown"

01:12 VOICE: *[Inaudible]*

01:14 CROWN: "Halfback, Halfback, Crown"

01:17 HALFBACK: "Crown, Halfback."

01:18 CROWN: "Halfback, Crown. We have Muratti requesting a status report on Rawhide."

01:22 HALFBACK: "Tell him to stay off the air for now. Rawhide's alright."

01:27 CROWN: "Thank you so much."

01:32 SPECIAL AGENT THOMAS DREW UNRUE: "Gordon, Unrue."

01:37 UNRUE: "Gordon, Gordon, Unrue."

01:44 GORDON: "Go ahead. Gordon." *[OVERLAPPING]*

01:44 UNRUE: "Gordon, Unrue."

01:46 SPECIAL AGENT MARY ANN GORDON: "Go ahead, Drew."

01:47 UNRUE: "Roger. We want to go to the emergency room of George Washington."

01:53 GORDON: "That's a roger."

01:57 UNRUE: "Go to George Washington fast."

01:58 GORDON: "Roger. Sergeant Bell, Gordon."

02:03 SHADDICK: "Parr, Shaddick."

02:06 SHADDICK: "Parr, Shaddick."

02:09 PARR: "Shaddick, Parr. George Washington."

02:13 SHADDICK: "Roger."

02:15 VOICE: *[Inaudible]*

02:18 PARR: "Get an ambulance, I mean get the, um, stretcher out there."

02:24 SHADDICK: "Horsepower, Shaddick. You copy, GW?"

02:27 HORSEPOWER: "Correct. We've made the call."

02:32 VOICE: *[Inaudible]*

02:38 HALFBACK: "Horsepower, Horsepower, *[inaudible]*."

02:40 PARR: "Let's hustle."

02:43 HORSEPOWER: "This is Horsepower. Go ahead."

02:45 VOICE: *[Inaudible, sirens]* "...Connecticut Avenue en route Central Cell Block"

02:59 HORSEPOWER: "Ah, this is Horsepower. You're terribly broken. I just caught the tail end. Say again?"

03:07 VOICE: "Horsepower this is *[inaudible]* "

03:11 VOICE: "Agent, Horsepower. Go ahead."

03:13 VOICE: (Sirens)..... "Roger. I have suspect in custody. I'm in an MPD vehicle, heading for, taking him to *[inaudible]* Central Cell Block. Can I get support please?"

03:26 HORSEPOWER: "Okay, let's send some agents up there to help."

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03:32 SHADDICK "Horsepower, Shaddick."

03:33 VOICE: "Shaddick from..."

03:36 VOICE: "[Inaudible], Halfback."

03:40 VOICE: [Inaudible]

03:45 VOICE: "Horsepower, we're on... en route to the location."

03:50 VOICE: [Inaudible]

03:54 HALFBACK: "Horsepower, Halfback. We have an arrival at GW."

03:58 HORSEPOWER: "Confirm, roger."

03:59 HALFBACK: "Would you, uh, contact WFO or some other divisions and get additional people sent to this location."

04:06 HORSEPOWER: "Roger that."

04:10 VOICE: "Horsepower, [inaudible]."

04:12 HORSEPOWER: [Inaudible]

04:14 VOICE: [Inaudible, sirens] ...suspect in custody at Central Cell... [inaudible].

04:22 HORSEPOWER: "[Inaudible] ...repeat it."

04:26 VOICE: [Noise and loud sirens in the background.] "Be advised I have suspect in custody in an MPD vehicle arriving at Central Cell Block. Taking him to central booking and [inaudible], copy?"

04:37 HORSEPOWER: "Repeat it one last time, over."

04:41 VOICE: [Inaudible...Sirens]

04:45 VOICE: [Inaudible...Sirens]

04:49 [Static]

04:51 HILTON SECURITY ROOM: "Green, Hilton security room."

04:54 GREEN: "Go ahead."

04:59 GREEN: "Hilton security room from Green. Go ahead"

05:02 HILTON SECURITY ROOM: "This is the security room. When you have a chance, give us a call down here."

05:06 GREEN: "Roger."

05:12 VOICE: *[Inaudible]*

05:17 VOICE: *[Inaudible]*

05:23 VOICE: "Go ahead."

05:28 VOICE: "Go ahead, Brown."

05:32 VOICE: "Go ahead, Brown."

05:38 VOICE: "Horsepower, Fencing Master limo."

05:44 SPECIAL AGENT JAMES VAREY: "Wanko, Varey."

05:48 VAREY: "Wanko, Varey."

05:49 SPECIAL AGENT ROBERT WANKO: "Go ahead, Varey"

05:51 VAREY: "Where you at, ahh, Bob?"

05:52 WANKO: "Over by the door in the front."

05:56 VAREY: "Alright"

06:00 WANKO: "*[Inaudible]*, you want me to meet you at the parkway there, where you come out in the street."

06:04 VAREY: "Negative, meet me at the first door here, uh, *[inaudible]*"

06:15 VOICE: *[Inaudible]*

06:17 VOICE: "Go ahead."

06:19 VOICE: "What's your location?"

- 06:22 VOICE: "Standing at the, ahh, entranceway into the, uh *[inaudible]*."
- 06:30 SPECIAL AGENT CAMPBELL: "Sullivan, Campbell. Come on out. *[inaudible]*, Campbell, please *[inaudible]*."
- 06:37 VOICE: "Coming."
- 06:39 SPECIAL AGENT GEORGE OPFER: "Horsepower from Opfer."
- 06:41 HORSEPOWER: "Station calling Horsepower."
- 06:44 OPFER: "Roger. We're gonna leave with Rainbow and go to that location."
- 06:49 HORSEPOWER: "Station calling Horsepower, repeat please."
- 06:51 OPFER: "Horsepower this is Opfer. We're going to go to that location with Rainbow."
- 06:55 HORSEPOWER: "Roger, George"
- 06:57 *[Static]*
- 07:04 FIRST LADY TRAIL CAR: "Crown and Horsepower, Rainbow trail. Depart Crown en route local stop."
- 07:10 HORSEPOWER: "Horsepower copy, Rainbow trail."
- 07:13 OPFER: "Horsepower from Opfer."
- 07:16 HORSEPOWER: "Opfer, *[inaudible]*."
- 07:18 OPFER: "Roger, if you have any contact at this next location tell them we're coming in the 22nd Street entrance."
- 07:24 HORSEPOWER: "Roger, 22nd Street. Break. Halfback, Halfback, Horsepower."
- 07:28 HALFBACK: "Horsepower, Halfback."
- 07:30 HORSEPOWER: "Roger, be advised Rainbow is coming to your location at the 22nd Street entrance. Can you make sure she gets in?"
- 07:39 HALFBACK: "Roger. Burns you copy?"

07:42 FIRST LADY TRAIL CAR: "Crown and Horsepower from Rainbow trail, Rainbow arrive local stop."

07:48 SPECIAL AGENT BURNS: "Roger."

07:53 *[Extended period of static]*

09:08 VOICE: *[Inaudible]*

09:24 GREEN: "*[Inaudible]*, Green"

09:28 VOICE: *[Inaudible]*

09:32 VOICE: "Break"

09:41 HORSEPOWER: "Halfback, Horsepower."

09:45 HALFBACK: "Horsepower, Halfback."

09:47 HORSEPOWER: "Roger, could you get a hold of Shaddick or Parr and have them two-two Horsepower?"

09:54 HALFBACK: "Roger. Break. Shaddick or Parr you copy two-two Horsepower?"

10:01 SHADDICK: "Roger, *[inaudible]*. Two-two Horsepower."

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