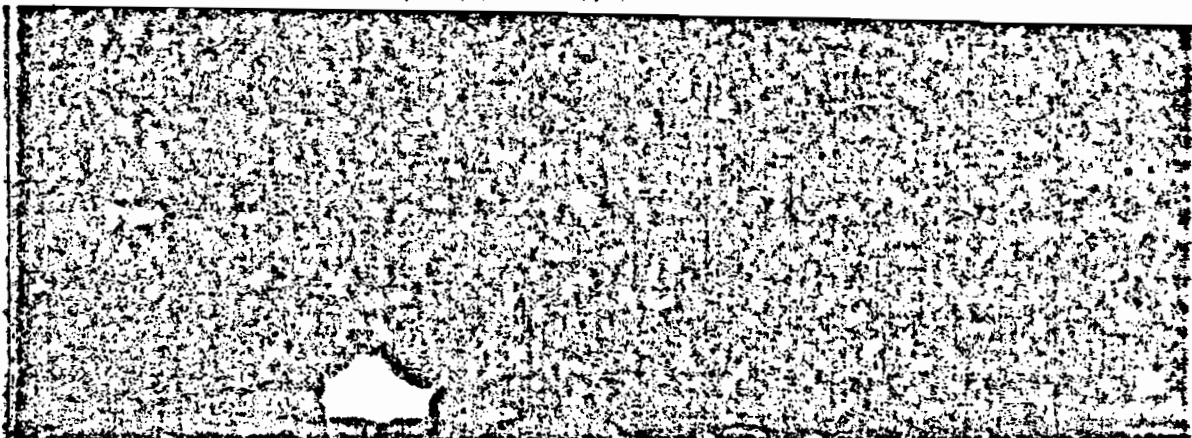


TRANSCRIPT OF SA STEPHEN COLO'S TAPED NOTES OF THE JOHN HINCKLEY INTERVIEW ON
MARCH 30, 1981.

Special Agent Stephen T. Colo, the time is 7:57, the date is March 30, 1981.

At 6:58 p.m. Special Agent Henry Ragle and I obtained background information on John Warnock Hinkley. Hinkley was advised of his rights by Agent Ragle at 5:31 p.m. and signed a waiver to that effect. Hinkley was willing to give background information. Hinkley stated that his last residence was 31340 Brookline Road, Evergreen, Colorado, 80439. He stated that is the address of his parents. Telephone number 303/674-7129. Subject is described as a White male, date of birth: 5-29-55, he is 5'9", 173 pounds, with no facial hair. He has blue eyes, sandy blonde hair and claims to have been born in Ardmore, Oklahoma. He has Social Security number of 466-11-3738. Subject claims he is not married nor has he ever been married and he has never served in the military. Subject's father bears the same name, John Hinkley, he is a senior. He resides on Brookline Road and he is in charge of a company called Vanderbilt Energy Corporation, Denver, Colorado. His mother is Joanne Hinkley, same address, they have been married for approximately 35 years.

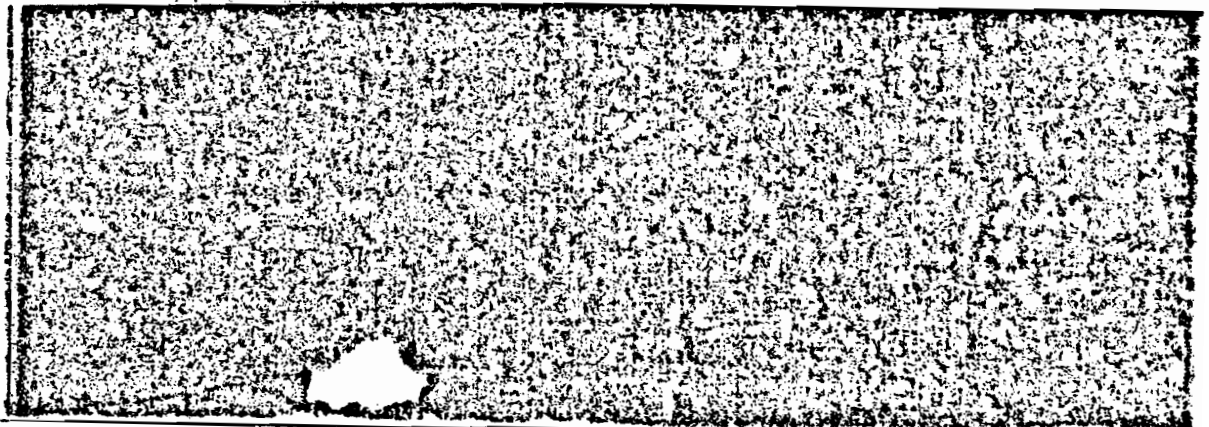
The subject has a brother named Scott Hinkley who lives on Race Street in Denver, approximately 30 years of age and works for his father. He has a sister, Diane Sims, 28 years of age who resides at 9611 Crestedge Street, Dallas, Texas. She has two small children.



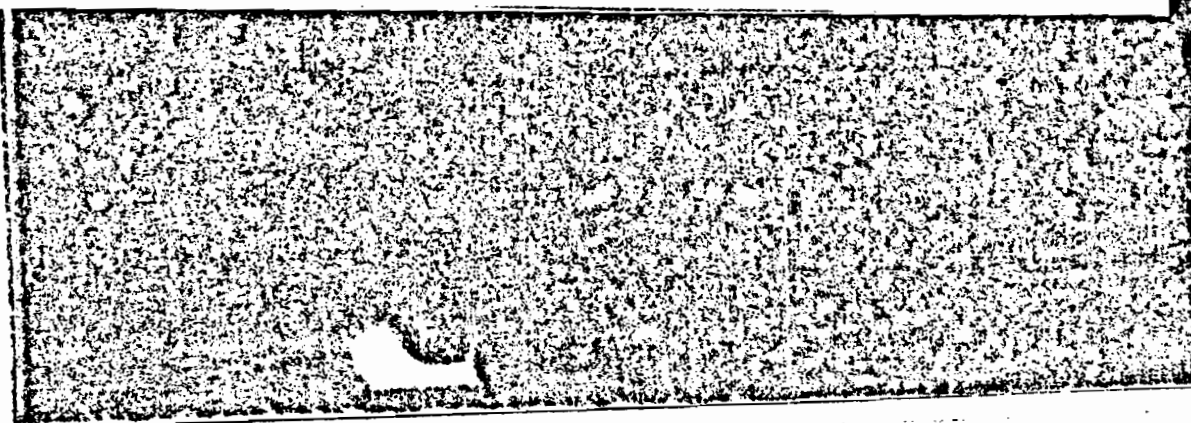
Subject claims his defense attorney is named Joe Bates, but states the fact that it is his father's lawyer, he is out of Texas. Subject is currently being interviewed by a court appointed attorney named Stewart Johnson. Subject spent approximately three years at Texas Tech University and states that he never graduated.

Subject said that he was arrested in Nashville, Tennessee and was charged with carrying a concealed weapon. However, the subject said he was never photographed or fingerprinted. Subject stated that the arrest occurred in October, 1980, and he was fined \$62.50. The subject said that the .22 pistol was taken and never returned.

Subject gives account of the last two years by stating that in early 1980 he was in Evergreen, Colorado and that he had thyroid problems. He stated that he was hospitalized for a short time but didn't state where. The subject stated that between March and April he stayed with his sister in Dallas, 1980. The subject stated that in July he went back to Texas Tech but dropped out. The subject stated that in August, 1980, he returned to Evergreen and that he was placed on Valium by Dr. Rosen. He stated that in September, 1980, he went to various locations in the northeast including New Haven, Connecticut, New York and Washington, D.C. Subject stated that he stayed while in New



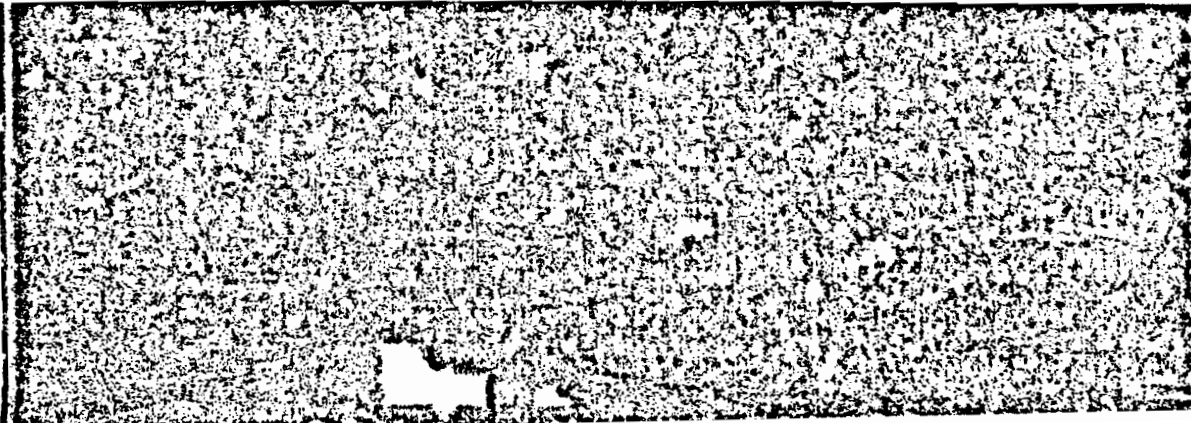
Haven at the Sheraton Park Plaza. In addition the subject stated that he was interested in going to riding school at Vale. Subject stated that in November 1980, he went back to Evergreen where his parents suggested that he go for psychiatric help. The subject and his parents would visit a Doctor Hopper, the address 2800, might be 28000, Meadow Drive, Evergreen. The subject stated that he saw Dr. Hopper twice weekly. The subject stated that in addition to continuing on the valium, Dr. Hopper gave him biofeedback treatments which the subject stated that it helped him in the office but was no help once he left the office. The subject stated that in early 1981 his parents gave him an ultimatum that he had to "clean up his act by March 1981" which included getting a job and straightening out etc. and the first week of March subject left Colorado and went to stay in New York City. He stated that he stayed at the Sheraton Center and that he was there alone and didn't know what to do. He said he left New York and then went to New Haven and stayed at the Sheraton Park Plaza and then returned back to New York where he ran out of money. He stated that he called home and asked his parents to send money. He said that his parents were furious, but nevertheless they sent him enough money for the plane fare back home. Subject stated that the second week in March he spent in Lakewood, Colorado, at what he believes was called the Golden Palms Hotel. He said it is located on Colfax Street. He stayed maybe a week ten days. The subject stated that this week, the beginning of this week he went to LA alone and to Hollywood where he stayed at what he believed was the Sunset



Palms Hotel or maybe Motel. He said it was cheap fluzzy type hotel. Subject stated that he left Hollywood and took a Greyhound bus from California to Washington, D.C. He paid \$117.80 and that he arrived yesterday at noon or maybe one o'clock, that was on 3-29-81.

Subject stated that he got to the Greyhound Bus Station and started calling around and found the Park Central Hotel to be the cheapest. Paid \$42.00 a night for a hotel room.

Subject stated that at this time he wanted to stop the interview, which we agreed. He didn't want to go into today's events until he talked to a lawyer. The subject agreed to go over a couple of items to make sure they were correct. During the course of the conversation from getting additional background information on him, the subject admitted to having a girlfriend and then he stated that it really wasn't a girlfriend, it was a one-sided relationship. Subject stated that the telephone number found in his wallet went to the a dorm at Yale and that the girl he called was named Jodie Foster, who is a famous actress. The subject stated that he talked to Miss Foster two or three times and that she was very courtious, that the conversation lasted sometime and that the subject stated that he had taped the conversation and that they are in a suitcase at the Park Central Hotel in Room 312. The subject showed concern as to if he or

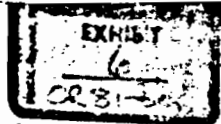


she would be involved and he felt, he said it was unfortunate that she did. Subject asked questions as to whether the events were on television and the conversation ended at approximately 7:25 at which time 7:39 the subject was interviewed by Dr. William J. Brownlee, who is giving the subject a physical at this time.



Prepared by Stephen T. Colo

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The Chronological order of events on 03/30/81 regarding John Warnock Hinckley, Jr., as witnessed by SA Stephen T. Colo, United States Secret Service.

- 2:30PM SA R. Vonkus, USSS, WFO, advised SA M. Allen and I that President Reagan has been shot and for us to respond to the Washington Hilton Hotel.
- 2:38PM SA Vonkus advise over WFO frequency, to disregard the Hilton and to respond to the Metropolitan Police Department, Central Cell Block.
- 2:45PM Arrived MPD, Central Cell Block and are informed the suspect is at Homicide Division.
- 2:47PM Arrived at Homicide Division, observe SA Spriggs reviewing subject's identification and making notification to WFO. SA Littlejohn is present. SA D.V. McCarthy is with subject in rear interview room.
- Approximately *Before this is met by MPD*
- 3:50PM I take seven polaroid photographs of the suspect. Two are given to FBI Agent Ragle. *FBI indicates it has entered the case*
- 4:51PM Suspect Hinckley is taken to Central Cell Block for booking.
- 4:53PM Hinckley is booked by MPD.
- 5:13PM Hinckley is taken from MPD to FBI, WFO. Officer Myers, Homicide Division. SA Chmiel and SA Ragle, FBI, and SA Colo, USSS, transport suspect to FBI. *McCarthy, present?*
- 5:23PM Arrive FBI, WFO.
- 5:36PM Hinckley advised of his miranda rights by SA Chmiel and Ragle.
- 5:41PM Hinckley states he understands his rights. *Did not want to make mental statement to FBI* Executes FBI forms to that effect
- 6:00PM Hinckley is photographed.
- 6:06PM Hinckley's clothes taken as evidence
- 6:16PM Hinckley requests phone call to 303/674-7129, but line is busy
- 7:00PM SA Ragle and I interviewed Hinckley
- 7:06PM Hinckley given a coke and hamburger
- 7:25PM Interview ends
- 7:28PM Court appointed attorneys Ed Wilhite and Stewart Johnson arrive, FBI, WFO
- 7:39PM Dr. William J. Brownlee examines Hinckley due to complaints of a hurt right wrist and a sore throat (exterior)
- 8:07PM Photographs taken of treated areas of suspect's body
- 8:23PM Attorney Wilhite speaks with Hinckley
- 8:29PM Hinckley talks with his father
- 8:40PM Attorney's Wilhite and Johnson interview Hinckley

- 9:27PM Interview ends
- 9:34PM Suspect reinterviewed by Attorney's Wilhite and Johnson
- 9:40PM Interview terminated
- 10:20PM Depart FBI, WFO enroute U. S. District Court. SA A. Whicher and ATSAIC C. Shawver, USSS, traveled with suspect in USSS OV 25394.
- 10:28PM Arrive U. S. District Court, Marshal's Lock up

11:52PM Magistrate Burnett presided over the initial appearance. Present at the hearing was FBI Director Webster. U. S. Attorney Charles Ruff represented the government at the hearing. The subject was charged with violation of Title 18 USC 1751, Attempt to Assassinate President Ronald Reagan, court docket #0257M-01CR and violation of Title 18 USC 111, Assault on a Federal Officer Special Agent Timothy McCarthy, USSS, court docket #0256M-01CR. SA Spriggs, USSS, swore to the complaint regarding the assault on a federal officer. Magistrate Burnett determined to suspect to be an indigent and continued the courts appointment of Attorneys Wilhite and Johnson. Magistrate Burnett set no bond in this case and continued the proceeding to April 2, 1 for a preliminary hearing.

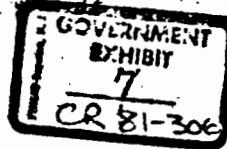
Representing the Secret Service at this proceeding was SA Spriggs, SA Colo and ATSAIC Dansereau.

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12:30PM Hearing discontinued.

12:46PM Hinckley ^{was} transported from U. S District Court to Quantico Correctional facility. SA A. Whicher and ATSAIC C. Shawver traveled with suspect in USSS OV 25394 to Quantico, VA. with two agents, Christie and King.

1:37PM Arrive Quantico, VA.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DATE: April 4, 1981

BY: SA Stephen Colo - WFO

SUBJECT: Interview of John Warnock Hinckley, Jr.

U.S. Secret Service

File: J-CO-2-84,101

TO: SAIC Powis

On March 30, 1981, at approximately 6:58 pm, FBI, Special Agent Henry Ragle and I interviewed John Warnock Hinckley. John Hinckley is accused of attempting to assassinate President Ronald Reagan. Hinckley was advised of his rights by Agent Ragle at 5:41 pm and signed a waiver to that effect. Hinckley stated he was willing to furnish background information.

John Hinckley stated that his last address was 31340 Brookline Road, Evergreen, Colorado 80439, telephone 303/674-7129. He stated that is the address of his parents. The subject is described as a white male, date of birth 05/29/55, height is 5'9", 173 pounds, with no facial hair. He has blue eyes, sandy blonde hair, and claims to have been born in Ardmore, Oklahoma. He has a Social Security number of 466-11-3733. The subject claims he is not married nor has he ever been married. The subject stated he has never served in the military. The subject's father is John Hinckley, Sr. He resides on Brookline Road and is the owner of a company called Vanderbilt Energy Corporation in Denver, Colorado. The subject's mother is JoAnne Hinckley of the same address. The Hinckley's have been married for approximately 35 years.

The subject has a brother named Scott Hinckley, who lives on Race Street in Denver. Scott Hinckley is approximately 30 years of age and works for his father. The subject's sister, Diane Sims is approximately 28 years of age and resides at 9611 Crostedge Street, Dallas, Texas.

Subject stated his defense attorney would be Joe Bates of Dallas, Texas. Bates is a lawyer on retainer for the subject's father.

The subject has spent approximately three years at Texas Tech University but did not graduate.

Subject said he was arrested in October, 1980 for carrying a concealed weapon in Nashville, Tennessee. However, the subject said he was never photographed or fingerprinted. The subject said he was fined \$50 for the offense. He stated the .22 pistol was not returned to him.

The subject gave the following account of the past year of his life.

In early 1980 he was in Evergreen, Colorado receiving medical treatment for a thyroid problem. He stated that he was hospitalized for a short time. The subject stated between March and April 1981, he stayed with his sister

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in Dallas. The subject stated in July he went back to Texas Tech but dropped out. The subject stated that in August, 1980, he again returned to Evergreen for medical reasons where he was treated by a Dr. Rosen who placed him on valium. He stated in September, 1980, he went to various locations in the northeast including New Haven, Connecticut; New York and Washington, DC. The subject stated that while in New Haven, he stayed at the Sheraton Park Plaza. His purpose for staying in New Haven was his interest in going to "riding" school at Yale. The subject stated that in November 1980 he returned to Evergreen, where his parents suggested he seek psychiatric help. The subject said both he and his parents were seeing a Doctor Hopper for counseling. The doctor's address was 28000 Meadow Drive, Evergreen, Colorado. The subject stated he saw Dr. Hopper twice weekly. The subject stated in addition to continuing on the valium, Dr. Hopper gave him biofeedback treatments. The subject claimed the biofeedback treatment helped him when he was in the doctor's office, but was of no help when he left the office. The subject stated that in early 1981 his parents gave him an ultimatum that he had to clean up his act by March 1981, which included getting a job and straightening out. The subject said that in the first week of March he left Colorado and went to New York City. He stayed at the Sheraton Center while in New York City. He was in New York alone and stated he did not know what to do. He said he left New York and went to New Haven where he stayed at the Sheraton Park Plaza. Subject stated he returned to New York where he ran out of money. He called home and asked his parents to send money. Subject said his parents were furious, but nevertheless sent him money for the plane fare back home.

Subject stated he returned to Colorado and spent the second week of March in Lakewood, Colorado. The subject claimed to have spent a week to ten days in Lakewood, staying at the Golden Palms Hotel on Colfax Street. The subject said at the beginning of last week he traveled to Los Angeles, California and stayed at the Sunset Palms Motel in Hollywood. He was not sure of the name of the motel, but described it as a cheap fleazy motel. The subject left Hollywood by taking a Greyhound bus from California to Washington, DC. He paid \$117.80 for the bus ticket and arrived in Washington on March 29, 1981, around 12:00 noon or one o'clock.

Mr. Hinckley said he wanted to stop the interview at this point. He said he did not want to discuss the events which occurred that day until he talked to a lawyer.

At this time, SA Ragle left the interview room and SA Chrial, FBI, entered and was seated. I reviewed my notes. I asked the subject if he would mind going over a few things that he had said, to make sure I had them correctly. I advised him that I would not discuss events that occurred today (03/30/81).

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Mr. Hinckley agreed to this. He went over the names of the hotels he had stayed at and discussed the financial problems he had while moving from one location to another. The subject stated he had to sell some stock in his father's company to continue his travels.

At 7:20 pm, Mr. Hinckley asked if "this" was on television. SA Chavel and I both informed him that the interview had not been taped. The subject said he did not mean that. I advised him the shooting was about the only thing on television. The subject was concerned about it affecting other people, that these people would be pulled into it. I told him if he was talking about his parents and friends, they would be affected.

I repeated an early question by asking if he had a girlfriend. I stated I had seen a telephone number with a Connecticut area code. Hinckley stated he had a girlfriend, but it was not really a girlfriend because it was a one-sided relationship. He said the telephone number was to a dorm at Yale University. He said the girl was Jodie Foster, the actress. I asked if Jodie Foster knew him. Hinckley stated she probably knew his name because he had talked to her on the telephone. He said he had talked to her two or three times. She was always very courteous to him on the telephone, considering she was an actress and did not know him. He further stated he had taped the conversations. Hinckley stated the tapes are in a suitcase at the Park Central Hotel, Room 312.

The conversation ended at 7:25 pm.

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JOHN WARNOCK HINCKLEY, JR., WAS INTERVIEWED AT THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI). HINCKLEY WAS AGAIN ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN PLACED UNDER ARREST BY THE FBI FOR THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN. HINCKLEY WAS IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER FURNISHED WITH A FORM ENTITLED, "INTERROGATION, ADVICE OF RIGHTS" WHICH HE READ, STATED HE UNDERSTOOD, AND THEREAFTER, SIGNED. HINCKLEY STATED THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO FURNISH A STATEMENT, HOWEVER, HE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK WITH HIS PARENTS IN COLORADO.

NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT MR. AND MRS. HINCKLEY AT THEIR RESIDENCE IN COLORADO AS WELL AS HINCKLEY'S BROTHER, SCOTT HINCKLEY.

HINCKLEY STATED THAT HE WOULD FURNISH A STATEMENT CONCERNING HIS BACKGROUND AND THE RECENT EVENTS SURROUNDING HIS LIFE UP UNTIL HE ARRIVED IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA ON MARCH 29, 1981.

HINCKLEY STATED THAT HE IS CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED AND THAT DURING THE EARLY PORTION OF 1980, WHILE IN HIS HOMETOWN OF EVERGREEN, COLORADO, THAT HE RECEIVED MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR A THYROID CONDITION. HE STATED THAT DURING MARCH, 1980, OR APRIL, THAT HE TRAVELLED TO DALLAS, TEXAS AND STAYED WITH HIS SISTER. AT THIS POINT OF THE INTERVIEW, HINCKLEY STATED THAT HE ATTENDED TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY AND DURING JULY, 1980, HE DROPPED OUT OF SCHOOL FOR MEDICAL PROBLEMS, NAMELY HIS THYROID CONDITION. HE STATED THAT AS A RESULT OF HIS MEDICAL CONDITION, THAT HE IS TAKING 5 MG. OF VALIUM 3 TIMES A DAY. HE STATED THAT DURING AUGUST, 1980, THAT HE DEPARTED EVERGREEN, COLORADO, AND DURING SEPTEMBER, 1980, THAT HE TRAVELLED TO NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT, WHERE HE STAYED AT THE SHERATON PARK PLAZA. HE STATED THAT HE PLANNED ON ATTENDING A RIDING SCHOOL AT YALE UNIVERSITY. HINCKLEY STATED THAT DURING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, THAT HE TRAVELLED ALONE, COMMUTING BETWEEN NEW HAVEN, NEW YORK, AND WASHINGTON, D.C. HINCKLEY STATED THAT HE TRAVELLED TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TO SIGHTSEE. HINCKLEY STATED THAT DURING NOVEMBER, 1980, THAT HE RETURNED TO EVERGREEN, COLORADO, WHERE HE STARTED PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT UNDER A DR. HOPPER. HINCKLEY STATED THAT DR. HOPPER'S OFFICE IS LOCATED AT 28000 MEADOW DRIVE, EVERGREEN, COLORADO, AND THAT HE HAS CONSULTATION WITH THIS DOCTOR ON A TWICE A WEEK BASIS. HINCKLEY STATED THAT THE DOCTOR HAS PRESCRIBED TREATMENT WITH VALIUM MEDICINE AND BIO-FEEDBACK TREATMENT. HINCKLEY STATED THAT THE BIO-FEEDBACK TREATMENT WAS DR. HOPPER'S IDEA AND HINCKLEY DESCRIBED THIS TREATMENT:

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by GEORGE G. CHIEF
SAs HENRY E. RAGLE HER:LD Date dictated 3/31/81

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AS WITH A MACHINE THAT HE IS HOOKED UP TO WHICH DETERMINES HOW TENSE HIS BODY ACTUALLY IS. HINCKLEY STATED THIS MACHINE ALLEGEDLY INDICATES HOW TENSE YOU ARE AND THEN IT CAUSES YOU TO RELAX. HINCKLEY STATED THAT THIS TREATMENT HELPS HIM WHILE HE IS IN THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE, HOWEVER, HE BECOMES TENSE AND UPTIGHT WHEN HE LEAVES THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE.

HINCKLEY STATED THAT PRIOR TO HIS VISITS WITH DR. HOPPER, THAT HE HAD CONSULTED WITH A DR. ROSEN DURING THE SUMMER OF 1980.

HINCKLEY STATED THAT BOTH HIS PARENTS HAVE ATTENDED SESSIONS WITH HIM AT DR. HOPPER'S OFFICE. HE STATED THAT HIS PARENTS WERE HAVING A SHAKEY TIME WITH THEIR MARRIAGE.

HINCKLEY STATED THAT HE FEELS HIS MAJOR PROBLEM FOR SEEKING PSYCHIATRIC HELP WAS THAT HE DOES NOT HAVE A SENSE OF DIRECTION. HINCKLEY STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL AND DURING THE EARLY PORTION OF 1981, HE RECALLS DISCUSSING WITH HIS PARENTS, HIS DESIRES TO STOP SEEING HIS DOCTOR. HINCKLEY STATED THAT HIS PARENTS AGREED WITH DR. HOPPER AND TOLD HIM DURING JANUARY, 1981, THAT IF HE DID NOT GET HIS ACT TOGETHER BY MARCH, 1981, THEN THEY WOULD STOP SUPPORTING HIM. HINCKLEY STATED THAT HIS PARENTS WANTED HIM TO GET A JOB AND STRAIGHTEN HIMSELF OUT.

HINCKLEY STATED THAT DURING MARCH, 1981, THAT HE TRAVELLED ALONE TO NEW YORK BECAUSE HE WAS JUST "LOST" WITH NO SENSE OF DIRECTION. HE STATED HE FELT HE HAD TO GET AWAY AND STAYED ALONE AT THE SHERATON CENTER FOR A SHORT TIME IN NEW YORK. HE RECALLS THAT HE RAN OUT OF MONEY AND CALLED HIS PARENTS WHO SENT HIM A PLANE TICKET HOME. HE STATED THAT HE RETURNED TO EVERGREEN, COLORADO, DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF MARCH AND STAYED AT THE GOLDEN PALMS MOTEL ON COLVAK STREET IN LAKEWOOD, COLORADO, WHICH IS LOCATED WEST OF DENVER. HE STATED THAT HE STAYED IN THIS MOTEL ALONE AND THEN DURING THIS PAST WEEK, HE TRAVELLED ALONE TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, BY AIRPLANE. HE STATED THAT HE STAYED AT THE SUNSET PALMS MOTEL, SUNSET BOULEVARD, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, USING HIS TRUE NAME. HE STATED THAT HE TOOK A CROSS COUNTRY GREYHOUND BUS FROM CALIFORNIA TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AND ARRIVED YESTERDAY AROUND 12 NOON.

HINCKLEY STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO TERMINATE THE INTERVIEW AT THIS POINT AND AWAIT REPRESENTATION FROM AN ATTORNEY.

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED THROUGH OBSERVATION AND INTERVIEW:

NAME:	JOHN VARNOCK HINCKLEY, JR.
SEX:	WHITE
RACE:	MALE
DATE OF BIRTH:	MAY 29, 1955
PLACE OF BIRTH:	ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA
HEIGHT:	5'10"
WEIGHT:	173 POUNDS

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HAIR: SANDY BLONDE WITH SIDEBURNS
 EYES: BLUE
 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: 466-11-3738
 RESIDENCE: 31340 BROOKLINE ROAD
 EVERGREEN, COLORADO
 TELEPHONE NUMBER: 303-674-7129
 FATHER: JOHN WARNOCK HINCKLEY
 31340 BROOKLINE ROAD
 EVERGREEN, COLORADO
 MOTHER: JO ANNE HINCKLEY
 31340 BROOKLINE ROAD
 EVERGREEN, COLORADO
 FATHER'S EMPLOYMENT: OWNER-VANDERBILT ENERGY
 CORPORATION
 DENVER, COLORADO
 BROTHER: SCOTT HINCKLEY
 APPROXIMATELY 30 YEARS OLD
 RESIDES ON RACE STREET
 DENVER, COLORADO AND
 WORKS AT VANDERBILT ENERGY
 CORPORATION
 SISTER: DIANE SIMS
 APPROXIMATELY 28 YEARS OLD
 RESIDES 9611 CRESTEDGE STREET
 DALLAS, TEXAS
 CLOSEST FRIEND: NONE
 MARITAL STATUS: SINGLE
 MILITARY SERVICE: NONE
 AUTOMOBILE OWNED: 1977 PLYMOUTH VOLARE, CURRENT
 TEXAS LICENSE P/11 998, STORED
 AT HIS PARENT'S RESIDENCE
 EDUCATION: COMPLETED 3 YEARS COLLEGE AT
 TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY WHERE
 MAJOR AREAS OF STUDY WERE
 BUSINESS AND ENGLISH, LAST
 SEMESTER WAS FALL, 1979
 PREVIOUS ARREST: OCTOBER, 1980-NASHVILLE,
 TENNESSEE FOR CARRYING
 CONCEALED WEAPON-FINED \$62.50
 AND LOST CUSTODY OF .22 CALIBER
 HANDGUN.

PRESENT DURING THE COURSE OF THE INTERVIEW WAS SA STEPHEN T.
 COLO, U.S. SECRET SERVICE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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At 7:20 p.m. on this date, SA George G. Chmiel reentered interview room with John Warnock Hinckley. United States Secret Service (USSS) Agent Stephen Colo was already seated in interview room. Agent Colo asked Hinckley if he would mind going over a few details for the sake of accuracy. Hinckley agreed as long as the events of March 30, 1981 were not discussed.

Hinckley stated that after he arrived in Washington, D. C. sometime between noon and 1:00 p.m., on March 29, 1981, by Greyhound Bus, he immediately went to a phone booth and scanned a telephone directory for a hotel that was not a "Flea Bag" but reasonably cheap. He added that he inquired about the Sheraton Hotel, however, \$70.00 was a little too high for him. Hinckley added that he finally settled on the Park Central Hotel, located at 18th and G Streets, N.W., Washington, D. C. He further added that he had to sell some stock from his father's company to supplement his travel expenses.

Hinckley then asked SA Chmiel if this was on television. He was then informed that it was not being taped. Hinckley stated that he didn't mean that. SA Chmiel advised him that the shooting was on national television.

Hinckley was very concerned about the media exposure affecting other people.

Hinckley was then asked if he had a girlfriend and he replied that he had a girlfriend but it was a one-sided relationship. He said that the telephone number he had in his wallet belonged to a dormitory at Yale University. He said the girl was a famous actress, Jodie Foster. Hinckley was then asked if Foster knew him. Hinckley replied that she probably knew his name because he had talked to her by telephone on two or three occasions.

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by SAs George G. Chmiel and Henry E. Ragle:cap Date dictated 4/2/81

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Hinckley described Foster as being courteous to him. Hinckley then advised that he had taped a conversation with Foster and that the tapes were in a suitcase in Room 312 of the Park Central Hotel.

Interview terminated at this time.

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Upon arrival at MPD Headquarters, the subject was escorted into Central Cell Block and advised of his rights verbally as per SSF-1737 by SA Dennis V. McCarthy. Hinckley made no acknowledgment. A thorough search of the subject's person was conducted by SA Spriggs with Agents McCarthy and Littlejohn covering.

Following the subject's search, he was then placed in one of the cells. SA Spriggs took custody of the subject's coat and wallet, as well as those items found in the pockets of the subject's clothing. Agent McCarthy and Detectives of the MPD Homicide Squad stayed in close proximity to the subject.

Within minutes, the subject was taken from his cell and escorted to the Homicide Squad interview room. Subject was escorted by SA's Littlejohn, McCarthy, Spriggs and Detectives of the MPD Homicide Squad. Upon their arrival at the interview room, SA McCarthy stayed with the subject.

He was again advised of his rights by Officer A. E. Myers at approximately 3:10 p. m. Hinckley related that he arrived in Washington, D. C., about 12:00 noon on Sunday, March 29th, via Greyhound Bus and that he had spent the prior night in Washington, D. C., at a hotel. He couldn't remember the name, but he did say it was "Central something," Room 312. He added that he didn't want to make a statement.

The subject was then taken from MPD to FBI-WFO at 5:18 p. m., by Officer Myers, Homicide Division, SA Chmiel, FBI, SA Ragel, FBI, and SA Colo, USSS.

Upon arrival at the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Hinckley was advised by SA Ragel, FBI, and SA Colo, USSS, that he had been placed under arrest by the FBI for the attempted assassination of President Reagan. Hinckley was advised of his rights by Agent Ragel at 5:41 p.m., and signed a Waiver to that effect. He was willing to furnish background information and requested to speak with his parents in Colorado. Attempts to reach his parents by phone met with negative results. After giving identifiable information regarding himself (listed under Section A), the subject gave the following account of last year.

In early 1980, he was in Evergreen, Colorado, receiving medical treatment for a thyroid problem. He stated he was hospitalized for a short time. The subject stated he went back to school at Texas Tech in July, but dropped out. The subject stated that in August, 1980, he again returned to Evergreen, Colorado for medical reasons, where he was treated by a Dr. Rosen, who placed him on valium. He stated in September, 1980, he went to various locations in the northeast, including New Haven, Connecticut, New York and Washington, D. C. The subject stated that while in New Haven, he stayed at the Sheraton Park Plaza. His purpose for staying in

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New Haven was his interest in going to "riding" school at Yale. The subject stated that in November, 1980, he returned to Evergreen, Colorado, where his parents suggested he seek psychiatric help. The subject said both he and his parents were seeing a Dr. Hopper for counseling. The doctor's address was 28000 Meadow Drive, Evergreen, Colorado. The subject stated he saw Dr. Hopper twice weekly. The subject stated that in addition to continuing on the valium, Dr. Hopper gave him "biofeedback treatments." The subject claimed the "biofeedback treatment" helped him when he was in the doctor's office, but was of no help when he left the office. The subject stated that in early 1981, his parents gave him an ultimatum that he had to "clean up his act" by March, 1981, which included getting a job and straightening out.

The subject said that in the first week of March, he left Colorado and went to New York City. He stayed at the Sheraton Center while in New York City. He was in New York alone and stated he did not know what to do. He said he left New York and went to New Haven where he stayed at the Sheraton Park Plaza. Subject stated he returned to New York where he ran out of money. He called home and asked his parents to send money. Hinckley said his parents were furious, but nevertheless, sent him money for the plane fare back home.

Subject then returned to Colorado and spent the second week of March in Lakewood, Colorado. The subject claimed to have spent a week to ten days in Lakewood, staying at the Golden Palms Hotel on Colfax Street. The subject said at the beginning of the third week in March, he traveled to Los Angeles, California, and stayed at the Sunset Palms Hotel in Hollywood. He was not sure of the name of the motel, but described it as a cheap, floozy motel. The subject left Hollywood by taking a Greyhound bus from California to Washington, D. C. He paid \$117.80 for the bus ticket and arrived in Washington, D. C., on March 29, 1981, around 12:00 noon or 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Hinckley said he wanted to stop the interview at this point. He said he did not want to discuss the events which occurred that day, until he talked to a lawyer.

At this time, SA Ragle left the interview room and SA Chmiel, FBI, entered. SA Colo asked the subject if he would mind going over a few things that he had said, to make sure he had them correct. SA Colo advised him that he would not discuss events that occurred that day (03/30/81). Mr. Hinckley agreed to this. SA Colo and Hinckley went over the names of the hotels where he had stayed and discussed the financial problems he had while moving from one location to another.

The subject stated he had to sell some stock in his father's company in order to continue his travels.

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At 7:20 p.m., Mr. Hinckley asked if "this" was on television. SA's Chmiel and Colo both informed him that the interview had not been taped. The subject said he didn't mean that. SA Colo advised him the shooting was about the only thing on television. The subject appeared concerned about it affecting other people, and that those people would be pulled into it. SA Colo told him if he was talking about his parents and friends, they would be affected.

SA Colo repeated an earlier question by asking if he had a girlfriend and stated that he had seen a telephone number with a Connecticut area code. Hinckley stated he had a girlfriend, but she wasn't really a girlfriend, because it was a one sided relationship. He said the telephone number was to a dorm at Yale University. He said the girl was Jodie Foster, the actress. SA Colo asked if Jodie Foster knew him. Hinckley stated she probably knew his name, because he had talked to her on the telephone two or three times. He added that she was always very courteous to him on the telephone, considering she was an actress and didn't know him. He further stated he had taped the conversations. Hinckley stated the tapes were in a suitcase at the Park Central Hotel, Room 312. The interview ended at 7:25 pm.

During the whole process of his arrest, SA Colo observed Hinckley to be calm, polite, articulate and in complete control of his behavior. Hinckley showed concern with his physical well-being by complaining of a sore wrist and throat. Hinckley never expressed any remorse concerning the day's events, but was concerned with how those events would affect his parents and others. Throughout the evening, Hinckley talked of such unrelated events as the Academy Awards and the NCAA Championship basketball game. John Hinckley appeared to be fully aware of all questions asked of him and able to differentiate the consequences of answering a number of those questions. At no time did Hinckley demonstrate any bizarre behavior that would indicate obvious mental deficiencies.

SA Spriggs, with FBI Agents John W. Kilty and Donald G. Havekost, began an inventory of the personal property of Hinckley which had remained with Spriggs. The inventory took place at about 5:47 p.m. at WFO - FBI, and at this time, all items of the subject were turned over to FBI Agents Kilty and Havekost.

Among the items found were:

1. Receipt from Rocky's Office Equipment, 2018 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas, dated 10/13/80, for two (2) revolvers (.22 caliber) and two (2) boxes of shells.
2. Receipt from Kawasaki West, Lakewood, Colorado, for one (1) Charter Arms .38 caliber gun #b93159, dated 01/21/81.

For complete inventory, see Attachment #2.

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