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Reilly of the White House, first published in 1947, is Michael Reilly's fascinating account of his tenure as head of the White House Secret Service detail for President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The book details his security and protection measures for the President, the close-calls from those attempting to harm FDR, and his worldwide travels, including meetings of Roosevelt with Churchill, Stalin, and other world leaders. *From the dust jacket:* Mike Reilly guarded, for four years, the number one Nazi target: FDR. This is the story of that stewardship, which ranged from buying White House groceries to standing behind a curtain with his gun trained on the middle button of a diplomat's uniform.

Reilly never left the President's side. His protection methods had to be fast and frequently unorthodox. His behind-the-scenes story—of those methods, of the hair-trigger emergencies, of the world-famous people he met; above all, of FDR—is even faster and even more unorthodox.

It was on December 7th, 1941, that Mike Reilly took over the top Secret Service spot of guarding the President. From that day on it was his business to protect the President from assassination which might come via guns, daggers, bombs, poison, fire, or the well-known blunt instrument. In order to get an armored car, for example—which the Constitution does not provide for—Mike had to borrow one from the Treasury Department. It was Al Capone's originally and it served until one of the big automobile companies made one specially and leased it to the President for one dollar a year.

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