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Leaders of the Soviet Union plotted to kill Pope John Paul II in 1987-- six years after the Pontiff was shot in St. Peter's Square by Mehmet Ali Agca-- according to a Polish priest who helped foil the assassination plan. Father Zdzislaw Krol, who is now the chancellor of the Warsaw archdiocese, says that he learned about the Soviet plans from the wife of the Bulgarian man who had been chosen to kill the Pope during the 1987 papal visit to his native Poland. The priest alerted Polish officials, and the would-be assassin was arrested.

(The *Daily Mail* story on the planned assassination contains a misleading suggestion that Father Krol learned about the plot while hearing the woman's confession. The priest would have been barred from taking any action unless he heard the report outside the confessional.)

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