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PETER JENNINGS: It will be two years tomorrow since a Turkish gunman tried to kill the Pope in St. Peter's Square. One Vatican official said today the psychological effect on John Paul has made him even more conservative, even more determined to get his message across and not to compromise.

Well, since the shooting, there have been any number of suggestions that somehow the Soviets had a hand in it. Tonight on ABC's 20/20, the results of an ABC News investigation that suggests there may never have been any Soviet connection at all.