For over 25 years, I have studied the words of several people who seem to have tapped this realm of wonderment, including Major Ed Dames, Reverend Nicholas Gruner, Reverend Andrew Wingate, David Booth, and Sister Lucia.

Throughout 1946, Sister Lucia got a taste of celebrity life.

She granted many interviews to people among the literary world about Fatima and even corrected numerous written pieces by authors. On the 15th of July, in one of those interviews she met Fathers Roca, Galamba, Furtado and an American named William T. Walsh, who point blank asked her to clear up contradictory versions about the second part of the 2nd Secret. Eyewitnesses say she was never arrogant or haughty or neurotic. She spoke sedately and had a great memory. Of the many interviews that she gave,

she explained that what the Blessed Lady wanted was to consecrate Russia to Her Immaculate Heart, by a special ceremony, and if it was not done, Russia would propagate everywhere with no peace in the world. She also explained that the United States was never mentioned by name but that it would not be spared by Communism if it was to succeed in world domination.

From May, 1946, Lucia never returned to Fatima until May 13, 1967, on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the event. At first she did not want to return, but was ordered to go to Fatima. The Pope also travelled to Fatima.

The whole event was televised life, and everybody was looking to see what Sister Lucia would try to say. It was televised, and a crowd estimated at between a million and a half to two million was in attendance. After Mass, Pope Paul VI, seated near the altar, met Sister Lucia. He placed his left hand on her head as she knelt. She gave him an embroidered square linen, and then they both arose. The Pope turned toward a statue of the Blessed Mother and tried to

place a rosary between her hands. However, he could not reach them, so he placed them at Her feet. Over and over millions of voices rang out, "Lucia!

Lucia!" Finally, the two stood together on the podium for a few minutes. The crowd went wild.

Several times on the podium, she had told Paul VI she wanted to speak with him alone, but his quiet reply was that if she wished to communicate something to him, she should communicate it to her bishop. He told her to let the bishop communicate it to him and not her. The Pope refused to meet with her. Lucia was seen crying on television. Many thought that her tears came from her happiness, to be there but the real reason was that she had asked the pope to speak to her, and he signaled no. Because he signaled a negative, she knew he was afraid. He was afraid of what she knew, something much more terrible than she was willing to tell. Yet, right before, in front of all the people, she was powerless, a strange feeling of powerless not for the sake of herself—but, for the sake of humanity.

What many historians do not tell you is that also in that year of 1967, Cardinal Ottaviani had said to the public, in a press conference in 1967 about a little visit he had had with Sister Lucia.

He stated that the Third Secret, or third part, is a prophecy, in essence a foretelling of the future. That simple statement is more important than you think. After Pope Paul and Sister Lucia met in 1967, they were never to meet again

In fact, until he passed away in 1978, the Pope never again met Lucia face to face, or spoke with her directly in public.