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TO: THE PRESIDENT:

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DOMESTIC ISSUES CARTER REBUTAL



WHY SHOULD GRF BE PRESIDENT?

PERFORMANCE:

PEACE, PROSPERITY, TRUST

EXPERIENCE:

ENTIRE LIFE DEDICATED TO PUBLIC SERVICE

VISION OF FUTURE:

PEACE - JOBS - HOUSING - EDUCATION - PERSONAL
SAFETY, QUALITY OF LIFE

CANDOR AND TRUST:

HONEST WITH AMERICAN PEOPLE

I DON'T SAY TRUST ME; I TRUST THE PEOPLE WITH
THE TRUTH. TRUTH IS THE GLUE THAT HOLDS
GOVERNMENT TOGETHER.

QUALITY OF LIFE

TWO YEARS AGO:

RECESSION

ENERGY CRISIS

VIETNAM WAR

LOSS OF CONFIDENCE

NOW WE HAVE:

PEACE

REDUCED INFLATION BY ONE-HALF

FOUR MILLION NEW JOBS

RESTORED HONOR TO THE WHITE HOUSE

(OVER)

IN THE NEXT FOUR
YEARS, EVERY AMERICAN:

WANTS A JOB

WANTS TO BUY A HOME IN A DECENT NEIGHBORHOOD

WANTS SECURITY FROM CRIME IN THE STREETS

WANTS GOOD EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

WANTS A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR WORK

AND VACATION

WANTS A WORLD AT PEACE



PRESIDENT'S RECORD ON BILLS/VETOES

BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW -- 869

VETOES -- 59

NIXON - FORD CONTINUITY

WHEN I TOOK OFFICE: MY CONCERN WAS TO TURN THE SHIP OF STATE AROUND
INFLATION - 12%
VIETNAM WAR
LOSS OF FAITH
UNEMPLOYMENT RISING

NOW: WE ARE ON A STEADY COURSE IN RIGHT DIRECTION.
INFLATION CUT IN HALF
MILLION NEW JOBS
HONOR RESTORED TO WHITE HOUSE
WE ARE AT PEACE

(OVER)

MY PRIORITIES ARE:



TO CONFRONT THE CHALLENGES FACING THE COUNTRY

TO CUT TAXES FOR EVERYONE

TO MAKE GOVERNMENT MORE EFFICIENT AND
MORE RESPONSIVE

TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL AMERICANS

TO MAINTAIN PEACE IN THE WORLD

TO IMPROV
TO MAINTA

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Johnson I am responsible
since Aug 1974.
Trust.
Property.
Peace.

Significant -

Wage - Price controls

Tap cuts -

Mass transit -

Energy -

Regulatory reform -

Red tape -

cut Govt employees

40,000 below.

ORIGINAL RETIRED FOR PRESERVATION

NIXON - FORD

(ADDENDUM)

THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID...

(NOTE: CARTER MAY USE PHRASE "NIXON-FORD" REPEATEDLY. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUGGESTED RESPONSE ONLY IF CARTER HAS SAID THIS FIVE OR SIX TIMES.)

(AT THE BEGINNING OF A REBUTTAL...)

"IT'S OBVIOUS THAT MR. CARTER WOULD PREFER TO BE RUNNING AGAINST MR. NIXON. WELL, HE'S NOT.

I AM PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND HAVE BEEN FOR OVER TWO YEARS. HIS PROBLEM IS THAT TO WIN, HE HAS TO BEAT JERRY FORD -- NOT RICHARD NIXON."

(THEN RESPOND TO SPECIFIC ISSUE)

CARTER ON CONFLICTING ANSWERS

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

THIS IS ANOTHER BASIC DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT -- AND A PRESIDENT. A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT CAN SAY DIFFERENT THINGS TO DIFFERENT AUDIENCES ON DIFFERENT DAYS. BUT WHEN A PRESIDENT WRITES A STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE, THERE ARE NO SEPARATE EDITIONS; IT CAN'T READ ONE WAY IN TEXAS AND ANOTHER IN NEW YORK.



CARTER ON SPENDING/BUDGET

HERE WE HAVE A CLASSIC DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT -- AND A PRESIDENT. A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT CAN PROMISE THE SKY ONE DAY AND PROMISE A BALANCED BUDGET THE NEXT. A PRESIDENT DOESN'T HAVE THAT LUXURY; HE HAS TO SUBMIT A BUDGET TO THE CONGRESS; AND IT HAS TO ADD UP. HE CAN'T JUST LEAVE THE BOTTOM LINE BLANK.

CARTER ON VAGUE ANSWERS

HERE'S ANOTHER DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT -- AND A PRESIDENT. A CANDIDATE CAN POSTPONE SPECIFICS; HE CAN DUCK QUESTIONS; HE CAN KEEP HIS ANSWERS VAGUE. A PRESIDENT MUST MAKE TOUGH YES OR NO DECISIONS EVERYDAY. THERE IS NO BUTTON IN THE OVAL OFFICE MARKED "MAYBE".

URBAN POLICY

THE CITIES NEED FEDERAL MONEY. THEY DON'T NEED FEDERAL INTERFERENCE. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ISN'T GOING TO BE VERY GOOD IF IT'S RUN FROM WASHINGTON. THAT'S JUST AS TRUE FOR THE BIG CITIES AS IT IS FOR THE SMALL TOWNS.



HEALTH CARE

IMPROVED HEALTH CARE, PARTICULARLY PROTECTION AGAINST CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS, IS A MUST. NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO GO BROKE JUST TO GET WELL. I DON'T HAPPEN TO SUPPORT COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE BECAUSE IT WOULD EITHER BREAK THE BANK OR THE BACKS OF THE AMERICAN TAXPAYERS. BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND, WHILE WE DEBATE THE LARGER PROGRAMS, THE CONGRESS DOESN'T ACT ON THE MORE MODEST PROPOSALS WE CAN AFFORD.



TAX RELIEF

MY GOAL IS RELIEF FOR THE MIDDLE-INCOME TAXPAYERS. THE RICH CAN PAY THEIR OWN WAY. THE GOVERNMENT HELPS THE POOR. AND THE PEOPLE IN THE MIDDLE -- WHO GET SO LITTLE BUT HARASSMENT FROM THEIR GOVERNMENT -- PAY THE TAXES. THAT'S WHY MY TAX PROPOSALS WOULD --

UNEMPLOYMENT

LET'S GET THE RECORD STRAIGHT. IN THE LAST 17TH MONTHS, 4,000,000 JOBS HAVE BEEN CREATED IN THIS COUNTRY; THAT'S MORE NEW JOBS THAN IN ANY SIMILAR PERIOD IN THE HISTORY OF THIS COUNTRY. THAT'S SOMETHING I'M PROUD OF; AND SOMETHING AMERICA SHOULD BE PROUD OF. I'M NEVER GOING TO REST WHILE THERE IS ONE WILLING WORKER WHO IS OUT OF A JOB. BUT I BELIEVE THE PEOPLE KNOW WE'VE COME A LONG WAY SINCE TWO YEARS AGO WHEN MILLIONS LOST THEIR JOBS AND MILLIONS MORE WORRIED ABOUT BEING THE NEXT TO BE LAID OFF. WE'RE A CONFIDENT COUNTRY TODAY.

INFLATION

WE'VE CUT INFLATION IN HALF IN TWO YEARS BECAUSE I'VE VETOED THE CONGRESS 55 TIMES. WHEN I VETO THIS FREE-SPENDING CONGRESS, I DO IT IN THE NAME OF THE BLUE COLLAR WORKERS AND THE SENIOR CITIZENS AND THE HOUSEWIVES AND THE TAXPAYERS WHO ARE TIRED OF SEEING A RECKLESS CONGRESS DESTROY THEIR SAVINGS. WE'VE COME A LONG WAY IN TWO YEARS, BUT WE STILL HAVE FAR TO GO. SO, FAIR WARNING TO CONGRESS, I'M GOING TO KEEP RIGHT ON VETOING THEIR IRRESPONSIBLE SPENDING -- AND I BELIEVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT IT THAT WAY.



WELFARE

I DON'T THINK THERE'S A SINGLE AMERICAN WHO DOESN'T WANT THE GOVERNMENT TO REACH OUT AND HELP THOSE IN NEED. BUT THERE ARE NO TAXPAYERS WHO WANT THE GOVERNMENT TO HELP PEOPLE WHO DON'T NEED IT. THE WELFARE PROGRAM TODAY DOESN'T MEET EITHER GOAL: MANY PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP DON'T GET IT; MANY WHO GET HELP DON'T NEED IT.

EDUCATION

GOOD SCHOOLS ARE THE KEY TO A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL AMERICANS. WE'VE GOT TO FOLLOW TWO PRINCIPLES. FIRST, WE MUST KEEP PROVIDING FEDERAL DOLLARS BUT CUT THE FEDERAL STRINGS THAT GO WITH THEM. SECOND, WE SHOULD CONCENTRATE THE DOLLARS WHERE THEY ARE NEEDED MOST -- WHERE THE DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN ARE. NOW, HERE'S WHAT WE WANT TO DO --

WHY SHOULD GRF BE PRESIDENT?

IN THE PAST TWO YEARS AMERICA HAS MADE AN INCREDIBLE COMEBACK: INFLATION'S BEEN CUT IN HALF; WE'VE CREATED FOUR MILLION NEW JOBS IN 17 MONTHS; WE HAVE PEACE ABROAD AND PEACE AT HOME; AND THE PEOPLE TRUST THEIR WHITE HOUSE AGAIN. THAT COMEBACK HAS COME THROUGH STABLE AND STEADY LEADERSHIP, AND THAT'S THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP WHICH CAN NOW MEAN A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL AMERICANS.

QUALITY OF LIFE

TWO YEARS AGO THE PICTURE WAS BLEAK. WE WERE STILL IN VIETNAM. WORKERS WERE BEING LAID OFF OR THREATENED BY LAY-OFFS. INFLATION SEEMED OUT OF CONTROL. AND WE'D LOST TRUST IN OUR LEADERS. WE'VE TURNED THAT AROUND -- AND NOW WE CAN PURSUE A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE FOR EVERY AMERICAN: A SECURE JOB, YOUR OWN HOME, GOOD SCHOOLS, SAFE STREETS, AND RECREATION AREAS.

NIXON - FORD CONTINUITY

I RUN ON MY RECORD OF THE PAST TWO YEARS -- AND THE INCREDIBLE COMEBACK AMERICA HAS EXPERIENCED. MR. CARTER MAY WISH TO RUN AGAINST MY PREDECESSOR, BUT I THINK THE AMERICAN PEOPLE KNOW THAT THIS CAMPAIGN IS ABOUT MY RECORD OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS AND THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP NEEDED TO STAY ON THAT STEADY AND STABLE COURSE IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

BIG GOVERNMENT

WE HEAR A LOT ABOUT REORGANIZING GOVERNMENT -- BUT SIMPLY A RE-SHUFFLE WHICH KEEPS EVERYTHING UNDER THE SAME WASHINGTON LETTERHEAD WON'T CHANGE MUCH. FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT WE NEED IN EDUCATION IS TO KEEP THE FEDERAL FUNDS BUT CUT THE FEDERAL STRINGS SO LOCAL COMMUNITIES CAN RUN THEIR OWN SCHOOLS. BUT, LIKE ON SO MANY THINGS, CONGRESS HASN'T CAUGHT UP TO THE PEOPLE YET. WE'RE NOT WAITING ON CONGRESS IN A NUMBER OF AREAS, HOWEVER; WE'VE TRIMMED GOVERNMENT BACK --

HOUSING

THE GOAL OF EVERY AMERICAN FAMILY OWNING ITS OWN HOME IN
A SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD IS PART OF MY PROGRAM TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY
OF LIFE IN THIS COUNTRY. HERE'S WHAT I PROPOSED --

CRIME

THE KEY TO ENDING CRIME IS TO GET THE CRIMINALS OFF THE STREETS SO LAW-ABIDING PEOPLE CAN USE THEM WITHOUT FEAR. I BELIEVE EVERY PERSON WHO USES A GUN TO COMMIT A CRIME SHOULD GO TO JAIL. PERIOD. FOR THE MOST PART, THAT WILL TAKE STATE LAWS, BUT HERE'S WHAT WE'RE DOING AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL --

MR. PRESIDENT:

Here are the "rebutal" cards.

Mike Duval

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...
REBUTTAL ON TAX REFORM

THE MOST IMPORTANT TAX REFORM WE CAN ENACT FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IS A PERMANENT TAX REDUCTION.

MY PROGRAMS WILL REDUCE TAXES BY ANOTHER \$10 BILLION; MY OPPONENT PUBLICLY STATED 12 DAYS AGO THAT HE WOULD RAISE TAXES FOR MIDDLE INCOME AMERICANS.

I AM SPECIFICALLY OPPOSED TO TWO ADDITIONAL REFORMS THAT MR. CARTER HAS DISCUSSED THIS YEAR;

- ELIMINATING HOMEOWNER'S DEDUCTION;
- ELIMINATING SPECIAL TAX ON CAPITAL GAINS.

(OVER)

IF MR. CARTER HAS ADDITIONAL REFORMS, HE SHOULD TELL US
BEFORE THE ELECTION -- NOT AFTERWARDS.

WE DON'T NEED A SECRET PLAN FOR THE TAX REFORM WHICH
WOULD RAISE TAXES FOR 75 MILLION AMERICANS.

REBUTTAL ON BUSING

I AM PUZZLED BY MR. CARTER'S POSITION ON BUSING. HE SAYS HE IS A SERIOUS OPPONENT OF IT, BUT YET:

- HIS PLATFORM SUPPORTS IT;
- HE REFUSES TO SAY WHAT HE WOULD DO TO STOP IT;
- AND HE HAS PUT ON HIS TICKET A MAN KNOWN AS
MR. BUSING IN THE U.S. SENATE.

IN THIS ADMINISTRATION, WE HAVE TRIED TO MAKE OUR ACTIONS MATCH OUR WORDS. I HAVE SUBMITTED A COMPREHENSIVE BUSING PROPOSAL THAT WOULD RESTRICT BUSING WHILE ALSO MOVING THE NATION TOWARD QUALITY EDUCATION FOR EVERY SCHOOL CHILD.

REBUTTAL ON WELFARE REFORM

EVERYONE AGREES THAT THE WELFARE SYSTEM IS A MESS.

BUT BEFORE MR. CARTER TRIES TO FEDERALIZE THE WELFARE SYSTEM, HE SHOULD TELL PEOPLE HOW MUCH HIS REFORMS WILL COST AND THEN LET THE TAXPAYERS DECIDE WHETHER THEY CAN AFFORD THEM RIGHT NOW.

HE SHOULD ALSO TELL THEM HOW MUCH IT WILL COST TO ESTABLISH A GUARANTEED ANNUAL INCOME, SO THAT TAXPAYERS CAN DECIDE WHETHER THEY CAN AFFORD IT.

WELFARE MUST BE REFORMED TO HELP THE NEEDY, BUT NOT THE GREEDY.

(OVER)

MY OWN REFORM PROPOSAL -- ON FOOD STAMPS -- IS NOW BLOCKED IN
THE CONGRESS. REFORM OF FOOD STAMPS SHOULD BE THE FIRST STEP
TOWARD OVERALL WELFARE REFORM.

REBUTTAL ON LEADERSHIP

MY OPPONENT SAYS HE DISLIKES ABORTIONS -- BUT WILL DO NOTHING TO PREVENT THEM. HE DISLIKES BUSING, BUT WILL DO NOTHING TO STOP IT. HE DOESN'T LIKE COMPULSORY UNIONISM, BUT HE WILL SIGN LEGISLATION MAKING IT COMPULSORY. IS THIS THE LEADERSHIP THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT OR DESERVE?

THE FIRST QUALITY OF A PRESIDENT IS LEADERSHIP. AND THE MOST IMPORTANT QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP ARE JUDGMENT AND TRUST. TO WIN THE TRUST OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, WE MUST PROMISE NO MORE THAN WE CAN DELIVER -- AND DELIVER ALL THAT WE PROMISE. I HAVE

(OVER)

TRIED TO MAKE THAT A HALL MARK OF MY ADMINISTRATION.

REBUTTAL TO CHARGE OF FORD FLIP-FLOPS

MR. CARTER HAS ESTABLISHED A TRACK RECORD OF HIS OWN THAT HAS BECOME A CENTRAL ISSUE OF THIS CAMPAIGN.

-- ON ABORTION, HE TOOK ONE POSITION IN IOWA, ANOTHER ONE IN MADISON SQUARE GARDEN,

-- ON RIGHT-TO-WORK, HE FAVORED IT IN GEORGIA AND OPPOSED IT IN WASHINGTON;

-- ON THE MORTGAGE DEDUCTION FOR HOMEOWNERS, HE WANTED TO GET RID OF IT IN MASSACHUSETTS AND WANTED IT BACK IN PENNSYLVANIA.

(OVER)

-- ONE DAY IT'S LOVE-AND-COMPASSION; THE NEXT DAY,
FIRE DIRECTOR KELLEY;

-- MR. CARTER'S POLITICAL POSITIONS REMIND ME OF THE
WEATHER IN NEW ENGLAND. IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, JUST WAIT A
FEW MINUTES, IT WILL CHANGE.

OF COURSE, ALL OF US CHANGE OUR MINDS. I HAVE DONE THAT IN
THE PRESIDENCY WHEN CONDITIONS HAVE CHANGED AND POLICIES MUST
BE ADJUSTED. BUT I HAVE NEVER CHANGED POSITIONS IN A SINGLE
DAY AND I HOPE I NEVER BECOME ALL THINGS TO ALL PEOPLE.

REBUTTAL ON ECONOMIC GOALS

AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, MR. CARTER SAID HE WOULD ENACT PROGRAMS THAT WILL COST BETWEEN \$100 AND \$200 BILLION IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

AT PLAINS, MR. CARTER SAID HE WOULD BALANCE THE BUDGET IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE ONE BASIC QUESTION FOR MR. CARTER: HOW?

-- HOW, MR. CARTER, ARE YOU GOING TO INCREASE SPENDING BY PERHAPS 50% AND STILL BALANCE THE BUDGET?

(OVER)

-- HOW ARE YOU GOING TO ENACT A SECOND GREAT SOCIETY WITHOUT PAYING THE PRICE OF THE GREAT SOCIETY--MORE INFLATION AND MORE UNEMPLOYMENT?

-- HOW ARE YOU GOING TO FULFILL YOUR PROMISES TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND NOT RAISE THEIR TAXES?

HOW? THAT IS THE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION TO BE ANSWERED TONIGHT.

REBUTTAL ON GOVERNMENT SPENDING

DURING THE PRIMARIES, MR. CARTER CALLED THE GOVERNMENT A
"HUGE, WASTEFUL, UNMANAGEABLE, BLOATED, BUREAUCRATIC MESS."
HE WAS RIGHT. BUT THE PLATFORM HE ADOPTED IN MADISON SQUARE
GARDEN WILL MAKE IT BIGGER, MORE WASTEFUL, MORE UNMANAGE-
ABLE, AND MORE BLOATED THAN AT ANY TIME IN OUR HISTORY.

HE SAYS HE CAN MANAGE THE GOVERNMENT BETTER; THE BEST
MANAGER IN AMERICA TODAY COULD NOT MANAGE THE PROGRAMS
HE WANTS.

(OVER)

THERE ARE SHARP DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US AND THEY REVOLVE
AROUND GOVERNMENT SPENDING:

-- I WANT TAX REDUCTIONS; HE HAS SAID HIS PROGRAMS
WILL LEAD TO HIGHER TAXES;

-- I WANT LESS SPENDING; HIS PROGRAMS WILL MEAN
MORE SPENDING

-- I WANT TO REDUCE INFLATION; HIS PROGRAMS WILL MEAN
MORE INFLATION.

-- I WANT LESS GOVERNMENT AND MORE FREEDOM; HIS PROGRAMS
WILL MEAN MORE GOVERNMENT AND LESS FREEDOM.

REBUTTAL ON DEFICITS

I AM PUZZLED HOW MR. CARTER CAN ATTACK ME ON ONE HAND FOR LARGE DEFICITS AND ON THE OTHER HAND FOR TOO MANY VETOES.

HE KNOWS FULL WELL THAT MY VETOES HAVE SAVED THE TAXPAYERS OF THIS COUNTRY \$9 BILLION -- AND WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN \$9 BILLION MORE IN DEFICITS.

HE KNOWS FULL WELL THAT HIS OWN VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE VOTED TO OVERRIDE EVERY ONE OF MY VETOES. AND HE KNOWS FULL WELL WHERE THE TRUE SOURCE OF DEFICITS IN THE COUNTRY IS TODAY: THE U.S. CONGRESS.

(OVER)

ONE FINAL POINT ON DEFICITS AND UNEMPLOYMENT: IF THE KIND OF DEFICIT SPENDING ENVISIONED BY THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM WOULD GIVE US FULL EMPLOYMENT, WE WOULD HAVE HAD FULL EMPLOYMENT LONG AGO. THE LAST 5 CONGRESSES VOTED THIS COUNTRY \$250 BILLION WORTH OF DEFICITS.

THEY DIDN'T PRODUCE FULL EMPLOYMENT THEN AND THEY WON'T NOW.

REBUTTAL ON UNEMPLOYMENT/INFLATION

MR. CARTER SAYS THAT THE WAY TO CUT INFLATION IS TO CREATE MORE JOBS, AND HE WANTS TO SPEND BILLIONS OF TAX DOLLARS TOWARD THAT END.

I DISAGREE. HE HAS THE WRONG DIAGNOSIS AND THE WRONG CURE.

INFLATION IS THE BIGGEST DESTROYER OF JOBS IN AMERICA
~~_____~~
TODAY. ASK ANY PLUMBER OR CONSTRUCTION WORKER WHO HAS BEEN PRICED OUT OF THE MARKET.

(OVER)

THE WAY TO CURE UNEMPLOYMENT IS TO ATTACK BOTH INFLATION
AND UNEMPLOYMENT AT THE SAME TIME. THAT'S WHAT WE'VE
DONE, AND I'M PROUD OF OUR RECORD.

THIS COUNTRY HAS HAD ENOUGH OF THE PHILOSOPHY OF SPEND
AND SPEND, ELECT AND ELECT; WE WANT STEADY JOBS AND
STEADY PRICES.



REBUTTAL ON NATIONAL ECONOMIC PLANNING

BY SUPPORTING NATIONAL ECONOMIC PLANNING, HE IGNORES THE FACT THAT WE HAVE THE BEST PLANNING SYSTEM IN THE WORLD, IT'S CALLED FREEDOM.

HE ALSO IGNORES THE VERY CONSIDERABLE COORDINATION AND FORETHOUGHT ALREADY OCCURRING IN THE EPB, FIVE-YEAR PROJECTIONS ON ECONOMY AND BUDGET.

MOST FUNDAMENTAL DISAGREEMENT--AND KEY ISSUE OF 1976--IS QUESTION OF WHO SHOULD CONTROL THE FUTURE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. I WANT THEM TO CONTROL IT; HE WANTS WASHINGTON--AND THE WHITE HOUSE--TO CONTROL IT. ECONOMIC REGIMENTATION DOESN'T WORK IN EASTERN EUROPE AND IT DOESN'T BELONG IN AMERICA.

REBUTTAL ON ABORTION

I AM FRANKLY CONFUSED BY MY OPPONENTS VIEWS ON ABORTION:

-- HE SAYS HE IS AGAINST ABORTION, BUT HE WON'T SUPPORT A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO RESTRICT IT.

-- HE IS NOT IN FAVOR OF A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BUT HE WON'T OPPOSE IT.

--HE THUS LETS ABORTIONS CONTINUE FOR THE UPPER CLASSES, BUT WANTS TO CUT OFF FUNDS FOR ABORTIONS FOR POOR PEOPLE ON MEDICAID.

MY POSITION IS CLEAR AND CONSISTENT:

-- AGAINST ABORTIONS ON DEMAND;

-- IN FAVOR OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD
ALLOW STATES TO DECIDE;

-- WOULD ALLOW ABORTIONS IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES.

REBUTTAL ON THE CITIES

IN CHARGING ME WITH BENIGN NEGLECT TOWARD THE CITIES, MR. CARTER OVERLOOKS SEVERAL MAJOR INITIATIVES OF THIS ADMINISTRATION:

-- OUR FIGHT TO EXTEND REVENUE SHARING (MR. CARTER, INCIDENTALLY, WAS AGAINST REVENUE SHARING AS GOVERNOR BUT SUPPORTS IT TODAY.);

-- NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION EFFORT;

-- HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT.

MORE IMPORTANT WAYS TO HELP THE CITIES IS TO RESTORE
PROSPERITY; THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING.

MR. CARTER POSES AS A FRIEND TO THE CITIES. HE SHOULD BE
EQUALLY SOLICITOUS TOWARD THE TAXPAYER AND TELL THEM HOW
MUCH HIS PLANS FOR THE CITIES WILL COST.

REBUTTAL ON CRIME

MR. CARTER'S MAIN ANSWER TO REDUCE CRIME IS TO REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT. BUT THE RECORD SHOWS THAT THE TWO ARE NOT NECESSARILY RELATED. JUST LOOK AT THE GREAT DEPRESSION WHEN MILLIONS WERE OUT OF WORK BUT THE CRIME RATE WAS RELATIVELY LOW.

NO, THE TRUE ANSWER TO CRIME IS STIFFER, MANDATORY SENTENCES FOR THE HABITUAL CRIMINAL, IMPROVEMENT OF OUR PRISON SYSTEMS, ENACTMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE FEDERAL CRIMINAL CODE, MORE FEDERAL JUDGES, AND A GOVERNMENT OF TRUST AND INTEGRITY. THOSE ARE MY PROMISES TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

REBUTTAL ON EDUCATION

WE HAVE A VERY POSITIVE PROGRAM IN EDUCATION:

- CONSOLIDATION OF 24 OVERLAPPING PROGRAMS;
- TARGETED AID FOR HANDICAPPED AND VOCATIONAL STUDENTS;
- FULL SUPPORT FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS;
- RESTRICTIONS ON BUSING.

AS TO MR. CARTER'S PROPOSALS TO INCREASE THE FEDERAL SHARE OF EDUCATION SPENDING FROM SOME 10% TO PERHAPS 33%, I AM OPPOSED:

(OVER)

-- THE TAXPAYERS DON'T WANT IT;

-- MORE IMPORTANTLY, A GREAT INFUSION OF FEDERAL MONEY WILL BRING IN ITS WAKE MUCH MORE FEDERAL CONTROL OF EDUCATION. REFORMS NEEDED IN CLASSROOMS TODAY ARE NOT PURCHASED WITH MORE MONEY BUT MORE COMMON SENSE. WE NEED A RETURN TO HIGH STANDARDS, TO BASICS, TO A NEW INSISTENCE UPON DISCIPLINE AND UPON TEACHING PATRIOTISM, VALUES AND MORALS.

REBUTTAL ON THE ELDERLY

MR. CARTER AND I SHARE A DEEP CONCERN FOR THE ELDERLY, BUT WE SHOW IT IN DIFFERENT WAYS.

I THINK THE SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND IS IN SERIOUS TROUBLE, AND I HAVE PROPOSED A VERY SMALL INCREASE IN SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES TO PROTECT ITS INTEGRITY -- LESS THEN \$1 A WEEK.

MR. CARTER THINKS THE SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND IS FAIRLY HEALTHY, BUT HE HAS PROPOSED A HUGE INCREASE IN SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES -- ENOUGH TO RAISE THE TAXES OF THE AMERICAN MIDDLE CLASS WORKER BETWEEN \$285 AND \$400 A YEAR.

(OVER)

I THINK MY OWN APPROACH IS SOUNDER, WILL PROTECT THE INCOME SECURITY OF THE ELDERLY, AND WILL WIND UP COSTING FEWER DOLLARS FOR THE TAXPAYER.

REBUTTAL ON NATIONAL HEALTH CARE

IN DISCUSSING NATIONAL HEALTH CARE, THREE QUESTIONS ALWAYS
NEED TO BE HONESTLY ADDRESSED:

-- HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

-- WHO IS GOING TO PAY FOR IT?

-- WILL WE PRESERVE THE FREEDOM OF THE HEALTH PROFESSION
FROM GOVERNMENT CONTROL?

MR. CARTER HAS ADDRESSED NONE OF THESE WITH SPECIFICITY. THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE ASKED TO VOTE NOW AND PAY LATER.

I HAVE PROPOSED EVERY MAJOR MEDICAL PROGRAM THAT I BELIEVE WE
URGENTLY NEED AND CAN REASONABLY AFFORD TODAY:

(OVER)

- CATASTROPHIC HEALTH;
- IMPROVEMENT IN NURSING HOMES;
- EXPANSION OF NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES CORPS;
- SWINE FLU.

REBUTTAL ON HOUSING

ONCE AGAIN, BY CHARGING THIS ADMINISTRATION WITH SO MANY FAILURES, MR. CARTER OVERLOOKS THE FACTS:

- PROPOSAL TO LOWER DOWN PAYMENTS;
- PROPOSAL TO REDUCE EARLY MORTGAGE PAYMENTS;
- SUPPORT FOR TANDEM PLAN.

OF COURSE, THE BEST WAY TO IMPROVE THE HOUSING INDUSTRY IS TO HOLD DOWN INFLATION AND CREATE MORE JOBS. WE'RE DOING THAT.

AS FOR MR. CARTER'S HOUSING PROGRAM, IT SUFFERS BECAUSE:

- HE HASN'T PUT A PRICE TAG ON IT;

(OVER)

-- HE HAS CREATED DOUBT AMONG HOMEOWNERS ABOUT HIS
TAX PLANS;

-- HE APPEARS TO FAVOR CREDIT ALLOCATION, A PLAN THAT IS
WIDELY DISCREDITED AND WAS BEATEN DOWN IN A DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS.

ENVIRONMENTAL REBUTTAL

PRESIDENT MAY BE CRITICIZED FOR SUPPORTING SST WHILE A CONGRESSMAN;
ALSO, ADMINISTRATION LET IN THE CONCORDE.

REPLY: SST AND CONCORDE DO NOT IN THEMSELVES HARM THE OZONE
LAYER. CONCORDES ARE SO FEW THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS WILL BE
MINISCULE.

ALSO MAY BE CRITICIZED FOR FAILING TO PROMOTE BAN ON FLUOROCARBONS.

REPLY: ADMINISTRATION WILL ACT WHEN DATA HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY
EVALUATED. NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE PANEL HAS RECOMMENDED TWO-
YEAR DELAY WHILE FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS ARE CARRIED OUT. CURRENT
FINDINGS INDICATE NEED FOR PROTECTION.



TAX THE RICH

ASIDE FROM MY PROPOSAL OF A SIGNIFICANT MINIMUM TAX FOR ALL INCOME BRACKETS, I DO NOT SUPPORT ANY PUNITIVE OR UNFAIR TAX PROPOSAL ON ANY GROUP OF AMERICANS.

- 1) I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT WHATEVER THE LEVEL A MAN HAS REACHED ON THE ECONOMIC LADDER HE MUST HAVE AN INCENTIVE TO MOVE UP.
- 2) A 100% TAX ON THOSE FAMILIES WITH INCOMES OVER \$50,000 WILL PRODUCE LESS THAN \$9 BILLION IN ADDITIONAL SPENDING. IT WOULD ONLY PAY FOR 4% OF MR. CARTER'S PLATFORM. EACH TAXPAYER SHOULD ASK HIMSELF -- WHERE WILL THE OTHER 96% COME FROM?

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3) IF WE WANT JOBS, A PRODUCTIVE AND VIABLE ECONOMY, AND THE TYPE OF CAPITAL INVESTMENT WE NEED IN THE LONG RUN, SUCH AN UNFAIR TAX PHILOSOPHY IS EXTREMELY SHORT-SIGHTED AND COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. IN THE END, IT WILL BE THE POOR WHO WOULD SUFFER MOST.



CARTER'S SOCIAL SECURITY TAX INCREASE

THERE IS ONE PROPOSAL THAT MR. CARTER HAS PUT FORWARD THAT HAS NOT ATTRACTED MUCH ATTENTION BUT WILL ALSO HIT THE POCKETBOOKS OF MIDDLE INCOME AMERICA VERY HARD.

HE HAS PROPOSED TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF INCOME SUBJECT TO SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES FOR FAMILIES WITH INCOMES FROM \$15,000 TO \$22,000. THAT'S ENOUGH TO RAISE THE TAXES OF THE AMERICAN MIDDLE CLASS WORKER BETWEEN \$285 AND \$400 A YEAR.



ENVIRONMENT

THE UNITED STATES IS LOOKED UPON BY THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD AS THE LEADER IN DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS TO CLEAN UP THE WORLD'S ENVIRONMENT.

MY ADMINISTRATION HAS TAKEN THE LEAD IN MANY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, SUCH AS RECENT ONES WITH MEXICO AND JAPAN, AGREEMENTS WITH CANADA TO WORK FOR REDUCTION OF POLLUTION IN THE GREAT LAKES, INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO SAVE WHALES BY DRASTICALLY REDUCING WHALE QUOTAS.

WE HAVE TAKEN A STRONG STAND IN FAVOR OF POLLUTION CONTROL IN THE WORLD'S OCEANS.

CHALLENGING CARTER FOR SPECIFICS



IN THE REALM OF FISCAL AFFAIRS WHICH AFFECTS THE VALUE OF THE PEOPLE'S MONEY, I BELIEVE A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE MUST BE VERY SPECIFIC AND DIRECT. I'VE STATED MY POSITION ON EXPENDITURES AND ON TAXES AND I HAVE PRESENTED MY PROPOSALS IN COMPLETE DETAIL IN MY BUDGET MESSAGES. I HAVE NOT FOUND A WAY TO CREATE SOMETHING OUT OF NOTHING. I SUGGEST THAT IF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE GOING TO TAKE THE GOVERNOR'S SPENDING AND TAX PROPOSALS SERIOUSLY, THAT HE SPELL THEM OUT FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN THE SAME DETAIL THAT I HAVE.

MY TAX PROPOSALS ARE VERY SIMPLE. I BELIEVE THAT TAXES SHOULD BE CUT FOR THE HARD WORKING MIDDLE INCOME WAGE EARNER, AND I HAVE OUTLINED IN GREAT DETAIL HOW THAT COULD BE DONE WHILE REACHING A BALANCED BUDGET IN FISCAL YEAR 1979. I SUGGEST THE GOVERNOR DO THE SAME.