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Why I Think the President Should be Elected

1. He has given our country security and has brought honesty and integrity to our government when this country had just been blown apart and was in a state of despair and chaos. It was like opening all the windows and letting the fresh air and sunshine in.

What other country could have survived during that difficult period. I don't think there is another country in the world that could have survived this and yet it was because they were smart enough to have picked Jerry for a Vice President. They had somebody who had gone through about the most thorough investigation ever

2. He has not only turned the public feeling around but he has managed by holding a tight reign on fiscal responsibility and by establishing a conservative approach on spending has also turned the economy around. In fact by his vetoes he has saved the tax payers 13 billion dollars.

3. He has provided strong calm leadership at home and abroad handling delicate foreign relations with a cool calm approach and for the first time in many years we are at peace with the world.

4. This is no time to change our leadership when we have a President who has proven himself as a capable leader and has already set the United States of America on a proven track of progress in only 23 short months.

5. He himself has laid the ground work. Now let's help him to move forward and complete his program without the interference or worry of having to be re-elected in 4 more years -- He can continue to devote himself completely to the job.

I as his wife know him probably better than anyone else after almost 28 years of a very happy and successful marriage. And I can assure you he will continue to work hard to do what is best for America and all its citizens.

We as a family are all working together in a united effort to see he remains President for 4 more years -- not for our sake but for the people of this great nation.

He has the qualities of leadership, honesty, and courage. Just look at the situation in Lebanon when people were laughing at the President for sending the ship. After seeing the news I'm sure those that chose to ignore this opportunity now wished that they had not.



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Box: First Lady General Subject File - Box 47

Folder: Why I Think the President Should Be Elected

Item Description:

Hand written memo by Betty Ford on President's election

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Lloyd Shearer

Why I think the President
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