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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 14, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR JERRY JONES

FROM: DICK CHENEY

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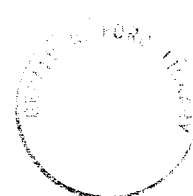
Jerry, attached is your memo of January 14th listing the telegram and telephone count.

We'd like to get up some samples of both pro and con statements. Look through them and get us a balanced sampling of both kinds, as well as some kind of reading on the telephone comments, if that's possible.

I need this by this evening.

Attachment

*Coming over*



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2035495970 POM TDMT HARTFORD CT 6 01-13 0931P EST

PMS PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

WHITE HOUSE DC

DEAR JERRY PHOOEY SIGNED TAX PAYER

EARL ROBINSON 22 BROWN ST HARTFORD CT 06114

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PMS THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

WHITE HOUSE DC


A GOOD SALESMAN LISTENS, MAKES A SOUND PROPOSAL, AND DELIVERS  
IT WELL. YOU EXCELLED CONGRATULATIONS.

JERRY T BLAND 1711 MARY LN WICHITA FALLS TX 76302

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 14, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: DONALD RUMSFELD  
FROM: JERRY H. JONES   
SUBJECT: Telegram & Telephone Count

For your information, the telegram count as of 9:00 a.m.  
this morning was as follows:

|     |          |
|-----|----------|
| 109 | pro      |
| 46  | con      |
| 52  | comments |

The telephone count as of 11:00 p.m. last night was as  
follows:

|    |          |
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| 89 | pro      |
| 87 | con      |
| 8  | comments |

*Get samples of pro & con*



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CONTAINS HANDWRITING



THE WHITE HOUSE  
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PRO

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8 PMS PRESIDENT FORD

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10 WHITE HOUSE DC

11 DEAR MR PRESIDENT YOUR SPEECH TONIGHT WAS IN ESSENCE DIRECTED  
12 TO ALL RESPONSIBLE WORKING AND CARING AMERICANS. IF THE DUTY  
13 AND EXCISE TAXES ARE ENACTED ON FOREIGN OILS BOTH BULK AND PROCESS  
14 IT WILL ENABLE OUR GOVERNMENT TO REGAIN SELF RESPECT AS MYSELF  
15 I AM A SMALL SERVICE STATION OWNER AND YET WE ARE WILLING TO  
16 SACRIFICE SOME OF OUR TEMPORARY LOSSES TO SEE A GAIN IN AMERICAN  
17 PROSPERITY ESPECIALLY IN THE NEW ENGLAND STATES IN ESSENCE WHAT  
18 I AM TRYING TO SAY IS THAT FOR ONCE WE HAVE A PRESIDENT AND  
19 A LEADER WHO IS WILLING TO SPEAK WITH HONESTY AND INTEGRITY  
20 AND FOR THIS I THANK YOU

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26 LIONEL ROSS BEAKBANE JR. MORIAH CORNERS NY



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PMS PRESIDENT GERALD FORD, DLR

WHITEHOUSE DC

WE'RE WITH YOU MR PRESIDENT IF YOU CAN GET THE POLITICAL MINDED  
CONGRESS TO SUPPORT YOU WE CAN WIN

MARIE AND HARVEY BARNETT 150 SEVERN MOBILE AL 36608

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8032447956 TDMT GREENVILLE SC 20 01-13 0954P EST

PMS PRESIDENT GERALD FORD, DLR

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

WE ARE DEMOCRATS BUT WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU HAVE OUR LOYAL  
SUPPORT FOR YOUR FISCAL PROGRAM FOR 1975

THE RUSH'S AND THE JONES

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Pro  
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Paul

The White House

Washington

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6163639345 TDBN GRAND RAPIDS MI 68 01-13 0932P EST

PMS PRESIDENT GERALD R FORD

WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON DC 20500

THE MESSAGE AND THE DELIVERY WERE OUTSTANDING. GLORIA WATCHED  
YOUR MESSAGE IN CALIFORNIA WHERE SHE IS RECEIVING FURTHER MEDICAL  
TREATMENT. SHE AGREES. WE EXPECTED THIS FROM AN ROA MINUTE MAN  
OF THE YEAR. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN FEBRUARY AND IF  
GOD WILLS GLORIA WILL BE THERE TOO. SHE'S ANXIOUS TO SEE BETTY  
AGAIN. GOD BLESS YOU, MR PRESIDENT.

JOHN A KWEKEL 2610 VALLEY AVE NORTHWEST GRAND RAPIDS MI 49504  
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7 PMS PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

8 WHITE HOUSE  
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10 WASHINGTON DC

11 DEAR MR PRESIDENT I WAS LISTENING AT YOUR SPEECH I WANT TO CONGRATULA  
12 TE YOU SIR IT WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST SPEECHES I HAVE EVER HEARD  
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14 AND I KNOW IT IS GOOD FOR AMERICA SINCERELY YOURS  
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16 FELTON WRIGHT THE REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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PMS PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

WHITE HOUSE DC

DEAR MR PRESIDENT WE'RE IN YOUR CORNER, BUT YOU SAID NOTHING  
ABOUT FOREIGN AID CUT BACK OR SOUTH VIETNAM AID. PLEASE DON'T  
GIVE OUR SACRIFICES AWAY REMEMBER USA AID FIRST SINCERELY YOURS

ALBERT P VICKER 9641 INWOOD RD DALLAS TX 75220

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7 PMS THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

9 WHITEHOUSE DC

12 DEAR MR PRESIDENT,

13 ON BEHALF OF THE CONNECTICUT BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

15 ASSOCIATION, WE SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS TO GIVE OUR NATION'S

16 ECONOMY A QUOTE SHOT IN THE ARM UNQUOTE TO END OUR CURRENT

18 RECESSION. IN CONNECTICUT, WE HOPE THE COMBINATION OF PERSONAL

19 INCOME TAX CUTS AND INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT INCREASES WILL SPUR

21 CONSUMER SPENDING WHICH, INTURN, WILL SPUR EMPLOYMENT AND MODER-

23 NIZATION AND EXPANSION OF OUR STATE'S INDUSTRIAL BASE.

25 HOWEVER, THERE ARE ELEMENTS OF YOUR PROPOSED PLAN  
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6 WHICH DISTURB US AS NEW ENGLANDERS AND AS RESIDENTS OF THE  
7 NORTHEAST REGION.  
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10 WHILE WE AGREE THAT THE PRICE STRUCTURES OF OIL AND NATURAL  
11 GAS HAVE TO REFLECT TRUE DEMAND AND COST OF SUPPLY, ANY  
12 INCREASES IN THE COST OF FUEL OIL AND HEATING OIL WILL HAVE  
13 DIRE EFFECTS ON OUR BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS.  
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18 THIS REGION IS MORE DEPENDENT ON OIL - - ESPECIALLY IMPORTED OIL  
19 -- THAN ANY OTHER REGION OF THE UNITED STATES. THIS IS BY  
20 NECESSITY AND NOT CHOICE BECAUSE OIL IS THE MOST READILY AVAILABLE  
21 FUEL. BY IMPOSING ADDITIONAL TAXES ON FUEL AND HEATING OILS, THE  
22 COST OF DOING BUSINESS IN NEW ENGLAND WOULD RISE AND SOME  
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24 BUSINESSES WOULD FIND THEMSELVES IN THE POSITION OF HAVING  
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6 TO CLOSE FACILITIES OR RELOCATE TO ANOTHER PART OF THE COUNTRY.  
7 THIS WOULD ACT COUNTER TO BRINGING THE MOST HEAVILY POPULATED  
8 REGION OF THE COUNTRY OUT OF RECESSION. HIGHER COST OF HEATING  
9 OIL WOULD ADD TO THE HARDSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS REGION IN  
10 ADDITION TO THIS THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHEAST AND NEW ENGLAND WOULD  
11 PAY A GREATER AMOUNT IN OIL TAXES THAN THEY WOULD RECEIVE IN  
12 PERSONAL INCOME TAX REBATES.  
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18 ANOTHER ELEMENT OF YOUR PLAN DISTURBES US. IT IS OUR  
19 UNDERSTANDING THAT THE TRADE EXPANSION ACT OF 1962 ALLOWS  
20 THE PRESIDENT TO IMPOSE TARIFFS ON IMPORTED ENERGY IMMEDIATELY  
21 WITHOUT CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL. IN THE MEANTIME, AN ADDITIONAL  
22 TAX ON DOMESTIC OIL REQUIRES CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL AND THIS  
23 COULD TAKE CONSIDERABLE TIME.  
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8 IF THERE IS A TIME GAP BETWEEN THE IMPOSITION OF THE ADDITIONAL  
9 TARIFFS ON IMPORTED OIL AND THE TAX ON DOMESTIC OIL,  
10 SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES COULD RESULT IN OUR REGION BECAUSE OF  
11 OUR DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL.  
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15 IF THE PRICE OF OIL INCREASES HERE AND NOT IN THE REST  
16 OF THE NATION, THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHEAST WOULD BEAR A  
17 DISPROPORTINATE SHARE OF THE BURDEN.  
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21 THEY WOULD FACE HIGHER PRICES IF HEATING OIL AND GASOLINE  
22 WHILE BUSINESSES WOULD FACE HIGHER COST FOR THE VARIOUS FUEL  
23 OILS THEY REQUIRE. THIS, IN TURN, WILL RAISE THE PRICE OF  
24 GOODS PRODUCED IN CONNECTICUT AND THE NORTHEAST, PUTTING  
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6 HELPING TO RECOVER FROM THE RECESSION. ALSO, RESIDENT AND  
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9 BUSINESS WILL FACE HIGHER BILLS FOR UTILITY SERVICES WHICH  
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11 ARE NECESSITIES OF LIFE.  
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14 AGAIN WE SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS TO EASE THE RECESSION IN OUR  
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16 COUNTRY. HOWEVER, WE URGE THAT PROGRAMS AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY  
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18 PROVIDE FOR EQUAL SHARING OF THE COST AND BENEFITS AMONG ALL  
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20 REGIONS OF THE UNITED STATES.  
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22 ARTHUR L WOODS, PRESIDENT  
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24 CONNECTICUT BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION  
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26 SUITE 1202 60 WASHINGTON STREET  
TELEPHONE 203-547-1661  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106



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PRESIDENT GERALD FORD  
WASHINGTON DC 20500

AS MAYOR OF AN OLD OLD CITY TOTAL POPULATION 9000 YOU HAVE MY COMPLETE  
SUPPORT YOU HAVE GUTS UNDERSTANDING AND COMPASSION GOD BLESS YOU  
SAMUEL T WHEELER MAYOR CITY OF HUDSON NY

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PRESIDENT GERALD FORD  
WASHINGTON DC 20500

SEVERAL MONTHS AGO I SENT A MAILGRAM TO YOU WHICH WAS VERY CRITICAL  
OF YOUR UNCONDITIONAL PARDON OF FORMER PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON.  
I DO NOT NOW RETRACT NOR SOFTEN THIS CRITICISM.

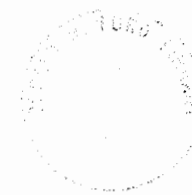
HOWEVER AFTER LISTENING TO YOUR SPEECH THIS EVENING MY MORAL IS  
AT A MUCH HIGHER LEVEL. I HAVE A FEELING FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE  
MY LAST MAILGRAM THAT WE HAVE A MAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE WHO IS SHOWING  
SIGNS OF REPRESENTING ALL AMERICANS AND A MAN WHO I CAN BOTH TRUST  
AND RESPECT DESPITE PRIOR DISSAPPOINTMENTS.

IN FAIRNESS THEREFORE I FEEL I MUST CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR OBVIOUS  
ABILITY TO ADJUST TO THE REALITIES OF THE TIMES. RIGHT OR WRONG  
WE NOW HAVE A CLEARLY ENUNCIATED APPROACH TO THE VERY SERIOUS PROBLEMS  
WHICH FACE ALMOST EVERY AMERICAN. YOU HAVE MY SUPPORT AND PRAYERS  
IN THE VERY DIFFICULT DECISIONS WHICH WILL CONFRONT YOU IN THE  
FUTURE

ROLAND L HESTER 9 GATES ST PHILIPSBURG NJ 08865

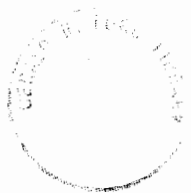
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PMS PRESIDENT FORD

WHITE HOUSE DC

I SINCERELY DISAGREE WITH YOUR ACTIONS ON THE ECONOMY. I WOULD HOPE  
YOU WERE RIGHT BUT I SINCERLY DOUBT YOU ARE GOING ABOUT IT THE  
RIGHT WAY

M HEFFERN 3569 MCKINLEY RIVERSIDE CA 92507

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PMS PRESIDENT FORD

WHITE HOUSE DC

YOUR ADDRESS SOUNDED LIKE PRELUDE TO DISASTER. COSMETIC SPEECH  
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CHARLES COUGHLIN 19 PRESCOTT LN BRAINTREE MA 02184

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PMS PRESIDENT GERALD R FORD

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

THE RICH GET RICHER AND THE FAMILIES OF FOUR OR SIX CANNOT EXIST.

DONALD RAMBUS 37 SPRINGFIELD AVE TONAWANDA NY 14150

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PMS PRESIDENT FORD

WHITE HOUSE DC

AND WHILE WE'RE ALL PULLING IN OUR BELTS, AFTER YOUR SPEECH  
WILL YOU CONTINUE TO EAT CAVIAR?

BETTY BEHRNS 40 LINCOLN AVE NORTH TONAWANDA NY 14120

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PMS PRESIDENT FORD

WHITE HOUSE DC

GOOD FOR RICH BAD FOR POOR AS USUAL QUIT CHEWING START THINKING

MARGARET NEMONED BOX 1303 CAMBRIA CA 93428

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PRESIDENT GERALD FORD  
WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON DC 20500

YOUR ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM AND YOUR INCOME TAX PROGRAM ARE  
BASICALLY FRAUDULENT BOTH FAVOR THE WEALTHY AND SACRIFICE THE ENVIRONMENT  
AND THE AVERAGE WAGE EARNER  
ELSIE HAUG 300 NORTH STATE ST CHICAGO IL 60610

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PRESIDENT FORD  
WASHINGTON DC 20500

YOUR PROPOSAL TO CUT BACK ENERGY IS UNFAIR TO STATION DEALERS YOU  
WILL PUT MY BUSINESS IN JEOPARDY MY PROFIT MARGIN STILL UNDER GOVERNMENT  
CONTROL AND NOW YOU PROPOSE TO CUT INTO IT MORE BY KEEPING PEOPLE  
FROM BUYING GAS THE IDEA IS TO KEEP PEOPLE WORKING NOT PUT MORE  
ON UNEMPLOYMENT THE STATION DEALER IS THE WRONG PLACE TO START  
WHY SHOULD WE CARRY THE ENERGY CUT BACK LOAD

RENE SASVILLE SHELL DEALER MOUNTAIN VIEW CAL 1220 GRANT ROAD  
MOUNTAIN VIEW CAL 94040

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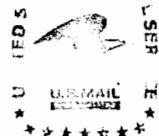
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PRESIDENT GERALD FORD  
WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON DC 20500

I LISTENED WITH DILIGENCE AND UNDERSTANDING TO YOUR TELEVISION TALK TO OUR NATION TONIGHT. I AM IN SYMPATHY WITH THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF OUR COUNTRY AND THE GREAT BURDEN OF YOUR OFFICE, BUT THE PROPOSAL OF A 20 CENT TAX INCREASE PER GALLON OF GASOLINE WILL IN NO WAY HELP OUR PUBLIC NOR THE ENERGY SITUATION IT WILL ONLY DESTROY SMALL BUSINESS AND BE A GREAT BURDEN ON THE MIDDLE INCOME AND LOW INCOME PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTRY WHO ARE OUR MAJORITY

OUR REAL ESTATE COMPANY IS SMALL HAVING ONLY 60 EMPLOYEES AND SALESMEN WITH AVERAGE EARNINGS OF JUST OVER \$8,500 PER YEAR PER EMPLOYEE IF THE TAX RECOMMENDATION GOES THROUGH WE ARE OUT OF BUSINESS WITHDRAW YOUR PROPOSAL RESPECTFULLY

ERNEST O BROCK REALTOR INVESTORS REAL ESTATE 1317 MONTANA AVE  
EL PASO TX 79902

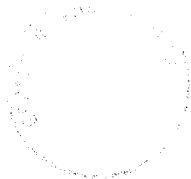
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PMS PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

WHITE HOUSE DC

RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST YOU COULD FIGURATIVELY EXPLODE A BOMBSHELL  
TOMORROW IN YOUR STATE OF UNION ADDRESS IF YOU SUGGEST CUTTING  
YOUR OWN SALARY 10 PERCENT AND CHALLENGE ALL CONGRESSMEN AND  
BUREAUCRATS EARNING MORE THAN 24,000 TO FOLLOW SUIT ALSO EXTEND  
CHALLENGE TO STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS INCLUDING DISTRICT PUBLIC  
SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS LABOR UNION OFFICIALS AND BUSINESS EXECUTIVES

R K HARLAN 3625 GRANADA PL DALLAS TX 75205

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# Widening the Net



*Good morning*

Presidential Letter sent  
Mrs Kline 2/2/75.

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WASHINGTON DC 20500

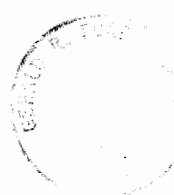
JUST FINISHED LISTENING TO YOUR MESSAGE AND I AM IN GENERAL  
BUT WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON A COUPLE OF POINTS A CASH REBATE OF  
12 PERCENT OF INCOME TAXES FOR 1974 SOUNDED GREAT UNTIL YOU SAID  
A MAXIMUM OF \$1000 LAST YEAR I HAD AN ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME OF  
\$25,244 A TAXABLE INCOME OF \$17,601 WHICH I PAID TAXES OF \$3,708  
12 PERCENT OF THAT WOULD BE \$444.96 I DON'T FEEL THAT I NEED THAT  
KIND OF A REFUND NOR DO THOSE THAT WOULD BE RECEIVING \$500 TO \$1000  
REFUNDS BUT I FEEL MORE INCOMES NEED IT AND MORE.

ITS LATE BUT WOULD YOU CONSIDER A 20 PERCENT REDUCTION IN INCOME  
TAXES DUE WITH A MAXIMUM OF \$400 MORE TO LOWER INCOMES AND A REDUCTION  
IN 1974 TAXES REDUCING BY THOUSANDS IM SURE THE COST OF MAILING  
TWO ADDITIONAL REFUND CHECKS, OR A 10 PERCENT REDUCTION OF TAXES  
AND A 10 PERCENT REBATE IN SEPTEMBER

CLIFFORD T WILDER 3208 HILLSBORO AVE SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS MN 55426

22:51 EST

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PRESIDENT GERALD FORD  
WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON DC 20500

WHEN YOU GUYS IN WASHINGTON START DRIVING PINTOS VEGAS AND GREMLINS  
YOU CAN EXPECT COOPERATION FROM US FOLKS WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE  
100 PLUS PERCENT PROFITS OF THE OIL COMPANIES? NATIONAL HEALTH  
INSURANCE BENEFITS ALL PEOPLE, SOME OF US CANT AFFORD TO BE SICK  
AND THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING WE CANT AFFORD TO BE WELL EITHER.  
WE CAN ONLY TURN OUR THERMOSTATE DOWN TO 55 DEGREES WHAT DO WE  
DO WHEN THE BILL IS SO HIGH WE CANT PAY? HARNESS THE HOT AIR ON  
CAPITOL HILL AND PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE  
HOLMES AND MYERS, PO BOX 4288 CARMEL CA 93921

21:45 EST

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PRESIDENT GERALD R FORD  
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YOU ARE HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION APPEAL'S TO THE SHEEPS THAT  
ARE FOLLOWING THE UNIONS FOR MORE AND MORE RAISES TELL THE PEOPLE  
AGAIN AND AGAIN THAT THEY THEMSELVES ARE TO BLAME FOR THIS FIASCO  
FARMERS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE BACKBONE OF OUR ECONOMY SINCE 1776  
SUBSIDIZE THE SMALL FARMER TO RAISE FOOD NOT TO STOP PLANTING STAMP  
WITH BOTH FEET ON THE MONOPOLIES THAT EXIST IN EVERY FIELD AND  
ARE BECOMING MORE PREVALENT WITH EVERY PASSING MONTH INCIDENTALLY  
AM ONLY A THINKING SECRETARY FOR A LUMBER BROKER WITH AN INCOME  
OF 525 PER MONTH AND OUR SMALL OFFICE FORCE OF 15 PERSONS HAS NOT  
HAD NOR HAVE WE EXPECTED A RAISE SINCE APRIL OF 1973 BECAUSE OF  
LUMBER AND THE CONSTRUCTION FIELDS ARE IN DEEP TROUBLE WE ARE NOT  
UNION ORIENTATED I KNOW IT IS NOT POLITICALLY EXPEDIENT TO QUESTION  
THE UNION INTEGRITY BUT WHAT REALLY HAPPENED TO THE MILLIONS IN  
THEIR WELFARE ACCOUNTS WHICH THEY PAID FOR? APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE  
WE ARE NOT ALL SHEEP

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MISC. COMMENTS 1/13/75 Econ speech:

GF has lost his personal appeal. It's terrible, he's losing contact with the people. Loves GF.

Disapprove of speech. It's a political move. He's trying to beat the Democrats.

12% rebate isn't enough. Cut out foreign aid. There's too much corruption in foreign aid.

Support. GF spoke to the average American. Cut Congressional spending.

Good speech and delivery. Raise food prices to OPEC countries. Moratorium on increases in federal spending is the key. Allocation didn't run well before. There was a bias for the Northern coast. Look at oil usage on a regional basis.

Liked the format; thinks GF is great.

100% behind GF.

Compliments to GF.

Wonderful.

Displeasure with the program. It's causing a deliberate oil shortage.

God be with you, Mr. Pres.

Very good speech.

Appreciate what the Pres. is doing and it will undoubtedly help.

In favor of GF. Disgusted with the 3 networks negative analysis. They plant more fear and doubt in peoples' minds than do supermarket prices.

Support wholeheartedly. Refreshing to hear GF come out with a positive and firm approach. Tremendous. GF's got his fingers on the problem. Hang in there!

The PR men overworked GF. He had too many hand movements and was programmed. Like GF personally.

Get GF off the air.

Not completely happy with what GF said. Desertion on his part on inflation battle. We must have price controls for a temporary period.

Thrilled with the speech. We all need it. Absolutely happy to hear the words GF mentioned.