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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 22, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

ROLAND ELLIOTT

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JEC*

SUBJECT:

Incoming Presidential Mail
for the Week of March 15-19, 1976

The President returned your report of March 19 in the outbox with the following notation concerning the letter from Carol Scott:

"Very well done. Let me sign letter to her.

Give copy of her speech to Bob Orben"

With a copy of this memorandum we are sending Bob Orben a copy of the speech. Please prepare an appropriate response and return to this office for Presidential signature.

cc: Dick Cheney
Bob Orben

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Very well done

Let me sign the to
her.

Give copy of her
speech to Bob. Carter

CM/

313 N. E. 21st Avenue
Ocala, Florida 32670
March 11, 1976

Dear President Ford,

It has been my honor to represent you in our "Contemporary America"* Political forum by giving the enclosed three minute speech.

I must admit that as a young American woman I was not too well acquainted with today's political issues. However, in doing the research necessary to present this short campaign speech, I am convinced that you're the "Man for America."

Other candidates represented in our class debate were Democratic primary runners: Carter, Wallace, and Jackson. Reagan was also represented on the Republican side of the issue.

Some of the material you are sure to recognize. I am proud of your accomplishments as President and I hope to see you in the White House for another four years.

It is also my hope that you will find this letter encouraging and uplifting in the tedious and tiring campaign days ahead of you.

With pride & thanks
for a job well done,

Carol Scott

(Mrs.) Carol Scott

* Contemporary America: Social Science Class
Central Florida Community College
Ocala, Florida
Instructor - Mr. Jerrnigan
Speech delivered Monday, March 8, 1976

Gerald R. Ford - husband, father, lawyer - former football player, former member of the House of Representatives, Vice President, House Minority Leader, Navy Veteran, President of the United States - an office which he did not seek, but was thrust into upon the resignation of Richard Nixon - thus becoming the only non-elected President of the United States.

During the short $1\frac{1}{2}$ year term, he has restored a measure of integrity to American Politics, enriched the peoples' faith in their elected representatives, and restored confidence to the Office of the Presidency. This was accomplished under extremely adverse conditions. He had to deal with a harsh and critical Congress which was initially considered to be veto proof. In spite of this, President Ford was not afraid to take unpopular positions if he believed they were right - he did not ignore criticism - but stood up to it. He was willing to compromise on details - but never on principals.

In his State of the Union Address, President Ford called upon Congress to remember ... "that in all that we do, we must be more honest with the American people - we must promise no more than we can deliver - deliver all that we promise."

He has been firm and decisive on matters of Federal spending. In the past seven years, the Federal Budget has grown from 180 to 350 billion dollars. The President is endeavoring to compel Congress to cut the budget by 28 billion dollars, and to put a ceiling on spending.

The National debt is in excess of 600 billion dollars and Congress is asking for more - more agencies, and more spending.

President Ford is asking for more too. He feels that the Federal Government must be made more manageable, more responsive to public need, and more efficient and economical.

Ford has worked hard during the past $1\frac{1}{2}$ years to meet his objectives of sound economic growth without inflation and unemployment.

1. Double digit inflation has been cut in half.
2. Seven million Americans have been absorbed into the work force.

In January 1976, the President signed legislation to extend the 1975 tax reductions until June 30, 1976. In July he proposes to give the American tax payee an additional 10 billion dollar tax cut.

On the issue of crime, President Ford has said, "For too long, law

has centered its attention more on the rights of the criminal defendant than on the victim of crime. It is time for law to concern itself more with the rights of the people it exists to protect. The victims are my primary concern."

President Ford believes there are two ways to attack the spiral of crime, improve the quality of the Federal laws and improve the criminal justice system. The President has asked the

*Department of Justice to develop a program to deal with habitual criminals.

*Congress to pass the Criminal Justice Reform Act which would provide a Uniform code covering every aspect of criminal law.

He has called upon Congress to restructure the Food Stamp Program to lower income limits for eligibility. The President feels that when it comes to welfare, government at all levels is not doing the job well. Too many of our programs are inequitable and invite abuse.

President Ford is committed to new sources of energy - and believes that energy independence is vital for the United States. He signed into law the Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA). This agency will develop new uses of domestic energy supplies, including fossil, nuclear, solar and geothermal energy sources.

Has he made mistakes? Most assuredly, but then who hasn't?

Has he done a good job? Most definitely.

President Ford's strong leadership has brought back a needed measure of common sense, steadfastness and self-discipline to the American economy, the American foreign policy and the American way of life.

This is why President Ford should be returned as the President of the United States in 1976.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

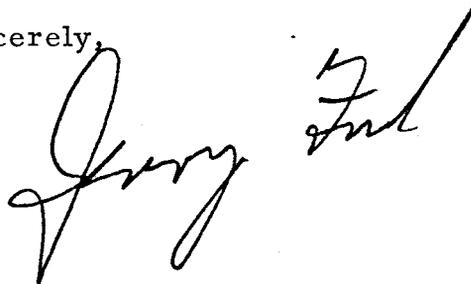
March 25, 1976

Dear Mrs. Scott:

I was glad to receive your letter and the copy of the speech you presented in your "Contemporary America" course recently. It gives me great pleasure to return your compliment on this "job well done." Not only am I heartened by the goodwill you have expressed for my efforts as President, but I am very impressed by your ability to deal effectively with some of the issues of crucial importance to our country's well-being. This is bound to be an exciting election year and nothing makes it even more exciting than to be able to discuss, debate and defend our beliefs and hopes for America.

I am grateful that you support the policies of my Administration and I am happy to have this opportunity to send my best wishes to you for your own future success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jimmy Carter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Mrs. Carol Scott
313 Northeast Twenty-first Avenue
Ocala, Florida 32670