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From Q&Q for Press Conference 9/8/76

Supplemental Questions

Note: This is the second anniversary of the Nixon Pardon.

It is also the date when you proposed that the first debate with Carter to held.

Q. Hyde Amendment: Carter said last night that you have presided over period when Federal funds have been used to pay for 300,000 abortions. Do you support that practice, or would you support the Hyde Amendment?

A. I have stated my position on abortion many times and have made it clear that I oppose abortion on demand. Within the Administration, we are now studying ways to make Federal practice on abortions more consistent with my own policy views.

Q. Right to Life Demonstrations: Are you concerned with the way that Jimmy Carter was jostled last night by right-to-life demonstrators? Some observers thought the campaign is off to a rather hostile start.

A. We have to recognize that feelings on abortion are very personal and very deeply held, and occasionally those feelings spill over into open demonstrations. I have no problem with those demonstrations so long as they do not become violent or interfere with a person's right to speak. I'm happy to see that Governor Carter had no serious physical problems and was able to go on with his campaigning.

Q. Campaign Kickoff: When are you officially going to kickoff your campaign?

A. As you know, I announced my candidacy in July of 1975, so that the campaign officially began then.

I will, of course, be going to Ann Arbor next week to speak at the University, and we'll have all the details on that trip very shortly. Ron will keep you posted on that.

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