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## QUESTIONS

Mr. President, how can you advocate a strong national defense when Russia has a much larger conventional force, and the Warsaw Pact has more conventional forces than NATO?

Mr. President, don't arms sales encourage growth of the military in foreign countries and therefore contribute to military dictatorships or takeovers?

Shouldn't we be working to disarm countries rather than arm them when governments change so quickly and maniacs sometimes take power?

What are the benefits of detente which have acrued to the United States?

What are you doing to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons to small countries which might act in an irresponsible manner?

Why are you against sanctions for companies which collaborate in the Arab Boycott of Jewish firms?



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What action, if any, should we take to prevent the inclusion of Communists in the governments of Italy and France?

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How can we even consider intervening in the internal politics of our allies?

Should we not welcome and encourage the movement of Communist parties in Western Europe away from the Soviet Union?

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Do we agree with Chancellor Schmidt (ex-Chancellor?) that the U.S., Germany, France, and Britain will not participate in a loan rescue operation to <u>Italy if Communists</u> are included in the Italian government?

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When are we going to stop bailing out the cost of Britain's disastrous experiment with socialism?

Why do we maintain forces in Western Europe when such forces would quickly and easily be overwhelmed by any Soviet attack?

## MIDDLE EAST

Why have we consistently forced Israel to take risks in negotiations with the Arab states, without reciprocating moves from the Arabs?

Why do we not recognize the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people to their own homeland on the West Bank?

Would the U.S. support making Jerusalem an international city? If not, what is the solution to the problem of Jerusalem?

Sentiment aside, does the U.S. have any national interest in defending Israel?

## TRADE

What do you intend to do about the trade deficit with Japan? How can we prevent the Japanese from deliberately under-valuing the yen?

What steps will we take to break another Arab oil embargo if one should occur?

POSSIBLE FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS (most of which will already have occurred to you)

## AFRICA

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What sort of guarantees can the U.S. give that minority rights in Rhodesia would be protected once the black majority has taken control of the government?

What would be the U.S. reaction to a massacre of whites in Rhodesia?

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Why has the administration not put more pressure on Congress to repeal the Byrd amendment?

Why do we not invoke economic sanctions against South Africa -- specifically, why do we not prohibit further investment by U. S. corporations?

Why did we not align ourselves in Angola at an early stage with the native forces that were struggling to throw off Portuguese rule?

Why did we get ourselves into the situation in Angola in which we were identified as allies of South Africa, attempting to restore a disguised form of colonialist rule?

Would not intervention in Angola have placed us in the same kind of trap in which we were caught in Vietnam?

## LATIN AMERICA

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Why have we not cut off all aid to the brutal Chilean dictatorship?

Why do we tolerate the standing threat posed to our vital interests by the Castro government in Cuba? At least, why do we not act to prevent Castro from exporting revolution?

When are we going to begin to move toward normalization of our relations with Cuba?

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Why do we persist in ignoring the needs and interests of our nearest neighbors, the countries of Latin America?

Are you prepared to give up U.S. sovereignty over the Panama Canal? Is the U.S. sovereign in the Canal Zone? Is the Canal Zone, as Ronald Reagan has said, a part of the U.S., just like Alaska?

Is the Canal defensible against guerilla attack?

## FAR EAST

When are we going to abandon the fiction of recognizing Taiwan as the government of China?

Why do we not unequivocally commit ourselves to continuing to recognize our longstanding friend and ally, Nationalist China, as the legitimate government of China?

In general, how can we deceive ourselves into believing that we can "normalize" our relations with Communist governments when they are dedicated to destroying us?

Do you stand behind the plank in the Republican platform that promises that we "will continue to support the freedom and independence of our friend and ally, the Republic of China"?

Why have we not put a stop to the development of nuclear weapons by the Nationalists on Taiwan?

Why are we not getting our ground forces out of Korea, where our interests and capability are both limited?

#### EUROPE

Why do we not bring pressure on Turkey to withdraw from the occupation of Greek communities in Cyprus, and to make restitution for atrocities committed against the Cypriot people?

Do you support the aspirations for freedom and national independence of the Lithuanian, Estonian, and Ukranian peoples?

Does the United States tacitly recognize a Soviet "sphere of influence" in Eastern Europe?

Why did we agree at Helsinki to perpetuating the Soviet conquest of Eastern Europe, in return for some verbal commitments which the Soviets have already made clear they do not intend to keep?

Why have we allowed ourselves to become more dependent on the Arabs for oil than we were before the embargo?

Would you agree to trying to work out an overall agreement with the developing countries controlling the prices of all commodities, including oil?

#### THIRD WORLD

How can the U.S. pretend to support human rights when we give military and economic aid to such totalitarian dictatorships as those governing South Korea, Chile, and Brazil?

OThe U.S. has five percent of the world's population but consumes more than 30 percent of its resources. How can this possibly be justified?

Why does the U.S. devote a lower percentage of its GNP to foreign aid than almost any other developed country?

Are we prepared to accept slower economic growth for ourselves during the rest of this century in order to help the poorer nations of the world catch up with the developed nations?

Would you support development of an international treaty -- not a "code" -- to eliminate unfair business practices by multi-national corporations?

#### DEFENSE

Why do we spend 6.1 percent of our GNP for defense, when Britain spends only 5 percent, France only 4 percent, West Germany only 3.6 percent, and Japan only 1 percent?

Despite all of our domestic needs and problems, the percentage of our federal budget devoted to defense has again begun to rise. Aren't we running the risk of bankrupting our economy, as George Humphrey warned we would if we spent too heavily on defense?

Can you honestly pretend that there is not \$5 billion of fat in the defense budget?

Why have we allowed the Soviet Union to get ahead of us in submarines?

What response do you plan to the Soviets' current lead in nuclear missiles?

## UNITED NATIONS

Doesn't the vote by the UN equating Zionism with racism give clear proof that the UN has become simply a rubber stamp for our enemies -- so shouldn't we at least reduce our financial support of UN activities?

What possible purpose is served by keeping Vietnam and North Korea out of the UN?



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