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OKLAHOMA ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THANK YOU SENATOR BARTLETT

SENATOR BELLMON THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN. . . .

SENATOR LAXALT

CONGRESSMAN STEED

CONGRESSMAN JARMON

MAYOR GILLEY

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

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IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK IN OKLAHOMA.

SENATOR BELLMON TELLS ME YOU HAVE A PRETTY GOOD

*in Oklahoma. My alma mater learned that last year.*

FOOTBALL TEAM ~~HERE~~. I TOLD HIM ~~THAT MY ALMA MATER~~, THE

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN IS DOING OKAY THIS YEAR, ~~TOO~~.

*Maybe I'll win back my 2 bucks.*

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TOMORROW, WE'RE GOING TO THE TEXAS-OKLAHOMA FOOTBALL  
GAME. ANYONE HERE KNOW WHO'S GOING TO WIN?

I JUST THOUGHT I'D ASK. WE'RE STOPPING AT THE TEXAS  
STATE FAIR TOMORROW MORNING, AND I MAY GET A QUESTION  
ABOUT IT.

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AS PRESIDENT I HAVE TO BE IMPARTIAL ABOUT THE GAME.  
I EVEN HAVE TO CHANGE SIDES DURING THE HALF. OF COURSE,  
IF MY OPPONENT WERE THERE, I'M SURE HE'D FIND SOME WAY TO  
SIT ON BOTH SIDES AT ONCE.

TONIGHT LET ME GIVE YOU SOME STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT

TAXES. *and national defense.*

*You love America as I do.*

*You want America strong + decent at home.*

*You want America strong and at peace with freedom.*

*Treat the  
Peace  
economy*

*about taxes*

I SAY STRAIGHT TALK, BECAUSE IF WE COULD PUT A TAX ON EMPTY

RHETORIC IN THIS POLITICAL YEAR -- WE'D HAVE THE NATIONAL

DEBT PAID OFF IN A WEEK.

WHEN WE TALK ABOUT TAXES, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MORE

THAN JUST MONEY.

EVERY TAX DOLLAR REPRESENTS YOUR TIME, YOUR ENERGY,

YOUR HARD WORK.

THOSE TAX DOLLARS OUGHT TO WORK JUST AS HARD FOR

YOU AS YOU WORK FOR THEM.

MR. CARTER'S PLATFORM CALLS FOR NEW GOVERNMENT

PROGRAMS THAT WOULD COST BETWEEN 100 BILLION AND

200 BILLION DOLLARS *each year.*

HE NEVER PUTS A PRICE TAG ON THOSE PROGRAMS. HE JUST

SAYS HE'LL SOAK THE RICH, CLOSE THE LOOPHOLES, AND EVERYTHING

WILL BE JUST FINE.

IF WE PUT A 100 PERCENT TAX ON ALL PERSONAL INCOME  
OVER 50 THOUSAND DOLLARS IN AMERICA, IT WOULD PRODUCE  
LESS THAN 9 BILLION DOLLARS IN REVENUES.

WHERE IS THE OTHER 191 BILLION DOLLARS COMING FROM?

TWO CHOICES: ONE -- MR. CARTER CAN HAVE A 191 BILLION  
DOLLAR DEFICIT; TWO, HE CAN DO WHAT HE SAID HE WOULD DO  
AND RAISE TAXES ON EVERY AMERICAN FAMILY ABOVE THE MEDIAN  
INCOME OF 14,000 DOLLARS A YEAR.

I SAY THERE'S A BETTER WAY.

CUT SPENDING, CUT TAXES,

KEEP MORE OF YOUR OWN MONEY.

TO ME, TAX REFORM MEANS

TAX REDUCTION.

FOR 10 YEARS ~~NOW~~, FEDERAL SPENDING HAS GROWN AT AN

ALARMING RATE — THANKS TO AN OVERTAXING, OVERSPENDING,

OVERBEARING CONGRESS.

THE BUDGET I SUMMITTED TO CONGRESS THIS YEAR CUT THAT

RATE OF GROWTH IN HALF.

I ASKED FOR A 28 BILLION DOLLAR TAX CUT.

CONGRESS

GAVE YOU ONLY 10 BILLION.

I ASKED FOR AN INCREASE IN YOUR PERSONAL INCOME TAX  
EXEMPTION FROM 750 DOLLARS TO 1,000 DOLLARS. CONGRESS  
REFUSED.

I ASKED FOR TAX INCENTIVES TO INCREASE BUSINESS  
INVESTMENT IN HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT AREAS. CONGRESS REFUSED.

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I SENT ~~56~~ 59 BILLS BACK TO CONGRESS WITH A VETO ~~STAMP~~  
ON THEM. I SAVED YOU MORE THAN 9 BILLION DOLLARS.  
IF MR. CARTER'S FRIENDS IN CONGRESS HAD BEEN MORE INTERESTED  
IN SAVING MONEY THAN SPENDING IT, WE COULD HAVE SAVED YOU  
16 BILLION DOLLARS MORE.



MR. CARTER CALLS OUR TAX SYSTEM A DISGRACE TO THE  
HUMAN RACE. IF THAT IS TRUE, THEN IT'S A DISGRACE TO THE  
DEMOCRATIC MAJORITIES WHO HAVE CONTROLLED BOTH THE HOUSE  
AND THE SENATE, WRITTEN EVERY TAX LAW AND EVERY TAX  
LOOPHOLE FOR THE LAST 22 YEARS.

ONE DAY MR. CARTER PROPOSES DOING AWAY WITH TAX  
DEDUCTIONS FOR HOME MORTGAGE INTEREST PAYMENTS ~~+~~ OR TAXING  
CHURCH PROPERTIES OTHER THAN CHURCH BUILDINGS. THE  
NEXT DAY HE SAYS THAT WASN'T WHAT HE MEANT.

ONE DAY MR. CARTER TALKS ABOUT BALANCING THE BUDGET  
AND FIGHTING INFLATION.      THE NEXT DAY HE TURNS AROUND AND  
TALKS ABOUT NEW PROGRAMS THAT WOULD COST AT LEAST A  
HUNDRED BILLION DOLLARS MORE EACH YEAR.

WE HAVE SEEN MR. CARTER GO TO LABOR HALLS AND BLAST  
AWAY AT BUSINESSMEN FOR PAYING LESS THAN THEIR SHARE  
OF TAXES -- AND SAY THEIR BURDEN SHOULD BE INCREASED.  
THEN HE GOES TO WALL STREET IN NEW YORK CITY AND TELLS  
BUSINESSMEN NOT TO WORRY.

WE HAVE SEEN MR. CARTER CALL FOR CUTS OF 15 BILLION  
DOLLARS IN THE DEFENSE BUDGET -- NOT ONCE BUT TWICE -- IN  
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, ON MARCH 15, 1975, AND IN BEVERLY HILLS,  
CALIFORNIA, FIVE DAYS LATER.

THEN WE SAW HIM DENY IT ALL IN SAN FRANCISCO EARLIER  
THIS WEEK.

MR. CARTER CAN CHANGE HIS MIND, AS HE OFTEN SEEMS TO DO,  
BUT HE CAN'T CHANGE THE FACTS.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ASK MR. CARTER: "WHAT ARE WE  
SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE?"

MR. CARTER REPLIES: "DON'T WORRY. I'LL TELL YOU  
WHAT I REALLY PLAN TO DO, AFTER I'M ELECTED."

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*President Teddy Roosevelt  
speaks softly*

LET ME GIVE YOU A LITTLE ADVICE: IF I WERE CONCERNED  
ABOUT KEEPING AMERICA STRONG, AND JIMMY CARTER WERE  
PRESIDENT, I'D BE WORRIED.

IF I WERE CONCERNED ABOUT INFLATION AND HIGH TAXES, AND  
JIMMY CARTER WERE PRESIDENT, I'D BE WORRIED.

IF I WERE CONCERNED ABOUT BRINGING UNEMPLOYMENT  
DOWN WITHOUT SPENDING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON DEAD-END  
HUMPHREY-HAWKINS JOBS, AND JIMMY CARTER WERE PRESIDENT,  
I'D BE WORRIED.

MY FRIENDS, THAT IS REALLY WHAT THIS CAMPAIGN IS  
ALL ABOUT. MR. CARTER AND HIS PARTY PLATFORM OFFER  
MORE PROMISES, MORE PROGRAMS, MORE SPENDING, MORE  
TAXES, MORE INFLATION.

JERRY FORD SAYS THAT GOVERNMENT IS ALREADY TOO LARGE,  
TOO POWERFUL, TOO COSTLY, TOO REMOTE, AND TOO DEEPLY  
INVOLVED IN YOUR DAILY LIVES. I WANT TO MAKE GOVERNMENT  
YOUR CAPABLE SERVANT BUT NOT YOUR MASTER. THAT IS WHY  
I AM A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT IN 1976.

I ASK FOR YOUR HELP, YOUR SUPPORT, YOUR VOTE ON  
NOVEMBER SECOND.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

END OF TEXT

I SEE GOVERNMENT GROWING TOO LARGE, TOO POWERFUL,  
TOO COSTLY, TOO REMOTE, AND YET TOO DEEPLY INVOLVED IN OUR  
DAILY LIVES.

THE MOUNTING TROUBLES IN GREAT BRITAIN, OUR OLD AND  
HONORED ALLY, OFFER COMPELLING EVIDENCE THAT WE CANNOT KEEP  
RELYING ON GOVERNMENT ALONE TO SOLVE ALL OUR PROBLEMS.

FACED WITH THE GRAVEST FINANCIAL CRISIS IN THE  
ILLUSTRIOUS HISTORY OF BRITISH DEMOCRACY, PRIME MINISTER  
JAMES CALLAGHAN HAD THE COURAGE TO SAY, AND I QUOTE HIM,  
THAT "BRITAIN FOR TOO LONG HAS LIVED ON BORROWED TIME,  
BORROWED MONEY AND BORROWED IDEAS.

WE WILL FAIL IF WE THINK WE CAN BUY OUR WAY OUT OF OUR  
PRESENT DIFFICULTIES BY PRINTING CONFETTI MONEY AND PAYING  
OURSELVES MORE THAN WE EARN."

I DON'T WANT TO BE PRESIDENT WHEN SOMEONE HAS TO STAND  
UP AND SAY ABOUT THIS COUNTRY WHAT JAMES CALLAGHAN HAS SAID  
ABOUT GREAT BRITAIN'S PRESENT PLIGHT.

WE MUST NOT LET THAT HAPPEN TO THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA.

WE CAN AVOID IT. WE'D BETTER AVOID IT -- AND AS  
LONG AS I AM PRESIDENT WE WILL AVOID IT.