THANK YOU SENATOR BARTLETT
SENATOR BELLMON THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...
SENATOR LAXALT
CONGRESSMAN STEED
CONGRESSMAN JARMON
MAYOR GILLEY
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK IN OKLAHOMA.

SENATOR BELLMON TELLS ME YOU HAVE A PRETTY GOOD FOOTBALL TEAM HERE. I TOLD HIM THAT MY ALMA MATER, THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN IS DOING OKAY THIS YEAR, TOO.
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.

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 and decent at home.
you want America strong and at peace with freedom.

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 LOOHOLES, 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. 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 SUBMITTED 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.

I sent 56 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
LOOPOHOLE 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."

B-52/8-1 President Teddy Roosevelt

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.