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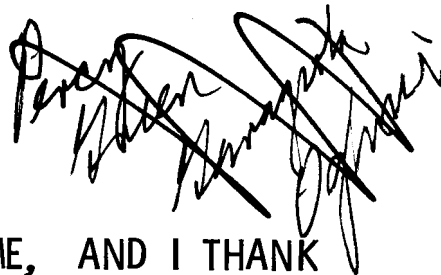
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NEW JERSEY

IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK IN ILLINOIS:



YOU'VE GIVEN US A WONDERFUL WELCOME, AND I THANK

from the bottom of my heart.
YOU FOR IT.

WITH THIS ENTHUSIASM THE FORD-DOLE TICKET WILL

NEW JERSEY

CARRY ILLINOIS ON NOVEMBER SECOND.

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THE ECONOMIC CRISIS IN GREAT BRITAIN, AN OLD AND
HONORED ALLY OF THE UNITED STATES, TELLS US ALL WE NEED TO KNOW
ABOUT THE DANGER OF TOO MUCH GOVERNMENT, TOO MUCH SPENDING
ON BORROWED MONEY. THE BRITISH POUND, THEIR CURRENCY,
HAS SUNK TO ITS LOWEST LEVEL IN ALL-TIME HISTORY.

INFLATION IN GREAT BRITAIN HAS BEEN RUNNING OVER
25 PERCENT. GOVERNMENT SPENDING NOW ACCOUNTS FOR
60 PERCENT OF THE ENTIRE BRITISH ECONOMY.

LISTEN TO WHAT THE COURAGEOUS PRIME MINISTER OF GREAT BRITAIN, JIM CALLAGHAN, TOLD HIS LABOUR PARTY JUST TWO WEEKS AGO: "WE USED TO THINK THAT YOU COULD JUST SPEND YOUR WAY OUT OF A RECESSION AND INCREASE EMPLOYMENT BY CUTTING TAXES AND BOOSTING GOVERNMENT SPENDING●

I TELL YOU IN ALL CANDOR," PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN SAID, "THAT THAT OPTION NO LONGER EXISTS AND THAT INsofar AS IT EVER DID EXIST, IT WORKED BY INJECTING INFLATION INTO THE ECONOMY●"

HE WENT ON TO SAY, "AND EACH TIME THAT HAPPENED,
THE AVERAGE LEVEL OF UNEMPLOYMENT HAS RISEN. HIGHER
INFLATION FOLLOWED BY HIGHER UNEMPLOYMENT, THAT IS THE HISTORY
OF THE LAST 20 YEARS."

AND THEN THE PRIME MINISTER WENT ON WITH ANOTHER
OBSERVATION THAT I THINK IS SO PERTINENT IN THIS POLITICAL
CAMPAIGN. HE SAID, "EACH TIME WE DID THIS THE TWIN EVILS OF
UNEMPLOYMENT AND INFLATION HAVE HIT HARDEST THOSE LEAST ABLE TO
STAND THEM -- THE POOR, THE OLD AND THE SICK." MY FRIENDS,
THIS IS REALLY WHAT THIS CAMPAIGN IS ALL ABOUT.

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I AM DEEPLY HONORED BY YOUR PRESENTATION THIS AFTERNOON.
THIS FIGURE IS A SYMBOL TO ME OF THE ENDURING STRENGTH,
COURAGE AND SKILL OF AMERICA'S COALMINERS. IT WILL BE A
TREASURED REMINDER OF THE ENORMOUS CONTRIBUTION YOU AND THE MANY
THOUSANDS LIKE YOU HAVE MADE TO OUR NATION.

WE HAVE ENOUGH COAL IN THIS COUNTRY TO LAST HUNDREDS OF
YEARS. WE NEED TO PRODUCE MORE OF IT -- WE NEED TO USE MORE
OF IT -- INSTEAD OF BUYING FOREIGN OIL AND EXPORTING AMERICAN
DOLLARS AND JOBS.

SINCE TAKING OFFICE TWO YEARS AGO, I HAVE ADVOCATED
DOUBLING AMERICA'S COAL PRODUCTION.

TO DO THAT, WE NEED ALL THE COAL WE CAN GET FROM THE
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY -- OUR NATION'S LEADING COAL
PRODUCER.

I VETOED THE STRIP MINING BILL -- TWICE -- FOR VERY
SOUND AND SIMPLE REASONS. IT WOULD HAVE CUT COAL
PRODUCTION -- AND IT WOULD HAVE PUT PEOPLE OUT OF WORK.

I KNOW HOW THE COAL MINERS IN KENTUCKY FEEL ABOUT THE
STRIP MINING BILL. I WAS PLEASED TO SEE THAT EVEN THE
UNITED MINE WORKERS NOW AGREE WITH ME THAT THE STRIP MINING
BILL IS NOT IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST -- OR IN THE INTEREST OF
THE PEOPLE IN COAL MINING COMMUNITIES.

I ALSO KNOW WHAT MR. CARTER HAS SAID HE FEELS ABOUT THE STRIP MINING BILL. HE HAS SAID TIME AND TIME AGAIN THAT HE WOULD HAVE SIGNED THAT BILL.

BUT MY VIEW IS THIS -- WE DON'T NEED TO ADD HUNDREDS OF EMPLOYEES TO THE FEDERAL PAYROLL TO REGULATE STRIP MINING IN KENTUCKY, IF YOUR OWN STATE LAWS DO THE JOB.

IN KENTUCKY YOU HAVE BEEN PUTTING PEOPLE TO WORK BY PRODUCING COAL -- NOT BY PUTTING PEOPLE ON PUBLIC PAYROLLS IN MAKEWORK JOBS.

YOU HAVE FOUND THE RIGHT WAY TO PUT PEOPLE BACK TO WORK, AND YOU ARE PRODUCING THE ENERGY WE NEED TO CREATE MORE JOBS THROUGHOUT AMERICA.

IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, AMERICA HAS MADE A TREMENDOUS
COMBACK FROM THE WORST RECESSION IN FORTY YEARS. WITH YOUR
SUPPORT, WE WILL CONTINUE THE STRONG, EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP
THAT HAS MADE THE DIFFERENCE.

YOU KNOW WHERE I STAND. I STAND FOR FISCAL
RESPONSIBILITY -- FOR A STRONG DEFENSE -- FOR CUTTING
INFLATION AND FOR CUTTING TAXES.

I WANT TO GET AMERICANS OFF WELFARE ROLLS AND PUT THEM
BACK TO WORK AT REAL, PRODUCTIVE JOBS -- NOT MAKEWORK JOBS
SUPPLIED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS, I WILL CONTINUE WORKING TO
CUT THROUGH RED TAPE -- TO MAKE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
MORE EFFECTIVE AND MORE RESPONSIBLE TO THE REAL NEEDS OF
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

ONE THING AMERICANS NEED IS ANOTHER TAX CUT -- AND
I AM GOING TO SEE YOU GET IT. I AM GOING TO SEE THAT YOUR
PERSONAL TAX EXEMPTION IS INCREASED BY ONE-THIRD -- FROM
750 DOLLARS TO ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

AND FINALLY, I AM GOING TO KEEP AMERICA AT PEACE -- BY
KEEPING AMERICA'S DEFENSES STRONG.

YOU HAVE GIVEN ME THIS TOKEN OF YOUR TRUST.

I PROMISE YOU I WON'T LET YOU DOWN. I ASK FOR YOUR HELP.

I ASK FOR YOUR VOTE -- SO THE PEOPLE OF KENTUCKY AND

THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA CAN STAY PROUD AND PROSPEROUS,

AT PEACE AND FREE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . .

THROUGHOUT THIS CAMPAIGN; WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY THE EXPERTS THAT THERE ARE NO REAL ISSUES THIS YEAR, BUT AS I HAVE TRAVELED IN THE LAST FEW DAYS, I HAVE DISCOVERED THAT ONE ISSUE DOES WEIGHT VERY HEAVILY UPON THE MINDS OF OUR PEOPLE. IT IS THE ISSUE OF TAXATION.

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FOR MANY; MANY AMERICANS THE BURDENS OF TAXATION FAR OVERSHADOW THE BENEFITS AT EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT. TAXES HAVE BECOME THE FASTEST GROWING ITEM IN THE FAMILY BUDGET -- GROWING EVEN MORE RAPIDLY THAN INFLATION. AND TOO MUCH OF THE MONEY PAID INTO GOVERNMENT COFFERS SEEMS TO BE SIPHONED OFF NOT BY THOSE WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO RECEIVE THE BENEFITS OF GOVERNMENT BUT BY THOSE WHO WORK FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

3.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DESERVE RELIEF FROM THE CRUSHING
BURDEN OF TAXATION.

THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE FIGHT
TO HOLD DOWN GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND LOWER THE TAX BURDEN.
IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, UNDER PRODDING FROM THE WHITE HOUSE,
WE HAVE ENACTED THE BIGGEST TAX CUTS IN OUR HISTORY.

4.

BUT MORE ACTION IS CLEARLY NEEDED.

I PROPOSE TODAY THAT THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS IN
WASHINGTON IN JANUARY SHOULD BE AN ADDITIONAL TAX CUT OF
10 BILLION DOLLARS WHICH I ORIGINALLY PROPOSED IN OCTOBER
1975.

4 a.

AS SOON AS THE NEW CONGRESS IS ORGANIZED, I INTEND TO MEET WITH ITS LEADERSHIP SO THAT WE CAN PUT TAXES AT THE TOP OF THE AGENDA FOR 1977.

b.

IN THE MEANTIME, I BELIEVE THAT EVERY CANDIDATE FOR FEDERAL OFFICE HAS AN OBLIGATION IN THE CLOSING DAYS OF THIS CAMPAIGN TO SAY PRECISELY WHERE HE STANDS ON TAX CUTS.

6.

SPECIFICALLY, I CALL UPON ALL CANDIDATES FOR THE
CONGRESS TO TELL THEIR PROSPECTIVE CONSTITUENTS -- BEFORE
THE ELECTION, NOT AFTER THE ELECTION -- WHETHER THEY WILL
SUPPORT THE ADDITIONAL TAX CUTS I HAVE PROPOSED.

7.

I PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT I WILL SEEK TAX
CUTS AS THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS, AND I ASK FOR THE
HELP OF THE VOTERS IN ELECTING A CONGRESS THAT WILL WORK
WITH ME TOWARD THAT END.

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THROUGHOUT THIS CAMPAIGN, WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY THE EXPERTS THAT THERE ARE NO REAL ISSUES THIS YEAR, BUT AS I HAVE TRAVELED IN THE WEST OVER THE PAST WEEKEND, I HAVE DISCOVERED THAT ONE ISSUE DOES WEIGH VERY HEAVILY UPON THE MINDS OF OUR PEOPLE.

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN ...

THROUGHOUT THIS CAMPAIGN, WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY THE EXPERTS THAT THERE ARE NO REAL ISSUES THIS YEAR, BUT AS I HAVE TRAVELED IN THE WEST OVER THE PAST WEEKEND, I HAVE DISCOVERED THAT ONE ISSUE DOES WEIGH VERY HEAVILY UPON THE MINDS OF OUR PEOPLE.

IT IS THE ISSUE OF TAXATION.

FOR MANY, MANY AMERICANS, THE BURDENS OF TAXATION
FAR OVERSHADOW THE BENEFITS AT EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT.

TAXES HAVE BECOME THE FASTEST GROWING ITEM IN THE FAMILY

BUDGET -- GROWING EVEN MORE RAPIDLY THAN INFLATION.

AND TOO MUCH OF THE MONEY PAID INTO GOVERNMENT COFFERS

SEEMS TO BE SIPHONED OFF NOT BY THOSE WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO

RECEIVE THE BENEFITS OF GOVERNMENT BUT BY THOSE WHO WORK FOR

THE GOVERNMENT.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DESERVE RELIEF FROM THE CRUSHING
BURDEN OF TAXATION.

THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE
FIGHT TO HOLD DOWN GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND LOWER THE TAX
BURDEN.

IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, UNDER PRODDING FROM THE WHITE HOUSE,
WE HAVE ENACTED THE BIGGEST TAX CUTS IN OUR HISTORY.

BUT MORE ACTION IS CLEARLY NEEDED.

I PROPOSE TODAY THAT THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS IN WASHINGTON IN JANUARY SHOULD BE AN ADDITIONAL TAX CUT OF 10 BILLION DOLLARS. AS SOON AS THE NEW CONGRESS IS ORGANIZED, I INTEND TO MEET WITH ITS LEADERSHIP SO THAT WE CAN PUT TAXES AT THE TOP OF THE AGENDA FOR 1977.

IN THE MEANTIME, I BELIEVE THAT EVERY CANDIDATE FOR HIGH OFFICE IN WASHINGTON IN 1977 HAS AN OBLIGATION IN THE CLOSING DAYS OF THIS CAMPAIGN TO SAY PRECISELY WHERE HE STANDS ON TAX CUTS.

SPECIALLY, I CALL UPON ALL CANDIDATES TO TELL THEIR
PROSPECTIVE CONSTITUENTS -- BEFORE THE ELECTION, NOT AFTER
THE ELECTION -- WHETHER THEY WILL SUPPORT TAX CUTS IN THE
NEW YEAR.

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HOW MANY OF YOU WATCHED THE DEBATES?

HOW MANY

OF YOU THOUGHT MR. CARTER WON?

HOW MANY OF YOU

THOUGHT I WON?

HOW MANY OF YOU WISH THE SOUND HAD

GONE OFF AGAIN?

Not used per Hill

LET ME JUST SAY THAT I ENJOYED THIS SECOND DEBATE
EVEN MORE THAN THE FIRST. I HOPE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EXACTLY WHAT IS AT STAKE
IN THIS ELECTION WITH RESPECT TO FOREIGN AND DEFENSE POLICIES.

I AM PROUD OF THE RECORD WE HAVE ACHIEVED IN THE
PAST TWO YEARS●

I AM CONFIDENT OF THE PROGRESS WE WILL MAKE IN THE
NEXT FOUR YEARS●

I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT●

THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL CITY WITH BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE AND THE
MOST BEAUTIFUL WEATHER I'VE EVER SEEN●

I THANK YOU FOR MAKING US FEEL AT HOME HERE●

I LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT DEBATE WITH GOVERNOR CARTER,
AND I LOOK FORWARD, WITH YOUR HELP, TO A GREAT VICTORY
ON NOVEMBER THE SECOND. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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