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....To all of you who make me feel so good this morning. We expected just a hand full of people to turn out to open the Cleveland Headquarters for the Carter and Mondale ticket. Instead of that we have several hundred good strong Americans, Cleveland Democrats here for one purpose, to get behind Carter to put a people's president back in the White House where we need him. You know the issues are very clear this year in Ohio today, every tenth citizen is out of work. In the building trades, every third building tradesman is out of work. For every ten people standing in the unemployment lines two years ago when Mr. Ford was sworn in, there are now fifteen people standing in the unemployment line. Fifty percent increase unemployment in two years. But that's not the whole story. Inflation continues to rage. They say we need high unemployment to beat inflation. That is a lie. That is wrong. That is cold. You'll never beat inflation with high unemployment.....Yesterday the statistics show that the average American income because of this Republican inflation has slipped to the point where the average citizen of this states income is at the same level it was in 1965. Those same reports also disclose that this year more Americans slipped back into poverty than at anytime in the nineteen years that poverty statistics have been kept. So what you need to justify removing an incompetent administration from public office, more than a record of the highest unemployment since the great depression, the highest inflation in many many years, the highest number of people in poverty in fifteen years, the highest crime rate in American history, No Government management whatsoever. And they come to us and say give us four more years. Just four years ago, they asked your support and look what happened.

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The time has come, the time has come to put a people's president back in the White House, to put someone in there that'll put America back to work, that has the guts and courage to stand up to these big-shots when they try to charge prices that there's no justification for. To deal with the real problems that America has, to deal with inflation, to deal with education, to deal with health care and the other things that Americans need. That's what we want to do, that's why we need your help. There are more unemployed in America today than there are in the state of Ohio. We've got to change it, we cannot continue going this way. And the way to change it is to put a Democrat, a people's President, Jimmy Carter, back in the White House in 1976. Thank you very very much.

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Thank you very much for that very kind introduction. ....Stevens, the Regional Director of the of the Auto Workers, Luke Lupeka of the AFL, Executive Secretary and to Chuck Casone Joint Building of Trades Council and to the next United States Senator from the state of Ohio, Harold Buxinba. You know, today, we really need to discuss things that we all know about. In order to get started in this campaign, so that we can win it and put a people's President back in the White House, so that we can put people back to work in this horrible inflation and start working on the people's real problems in this nation. While many people may not know it, organized labor as reflected in this meeting, are more united on behalf of a single candidate for President than perhaps any time since Roosevelt ran for office in 1932. Why is that; why is that? The reason is that this administration has so adversely affected the life of every working American that you represent, regardless of whether you're in the building trades or the Maritime Unions or the Industrial Unions or whatever, that every union organization in American is unanimously in favor of Carter for President of the United States in order to turn this country around; to get working people in this country a chance to have a decent life. And we've never had that in a long time, because we've never had an administration so insensitive to the need of the people of this country. Just take the question of unemployment. In this state, you have over nine percent unemployment I believe. That's the official figure. Which means that over every tenth citizen in this state able to work cannot find work. In the building trades, I'm told that your unemployment rate exceeds twenty-five percent, maybe thirty. Those are the official statistics; which means that

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every third building tradesman in the state of Ohio is out looking for work and is unable to find it, many having been out of work for weeks and for months. For every ten people standing in the unemployment line, the day that Mr. Ford was sworn in, and there was already hysterically high unemployment at that time, there are now fifteen people standing in unemployment lines. There are now more unemployed Americans than the whole population of Ohio. Now, that's quite a record for one administration. Crime is up sixty percent, inflation up forty percent, unemployment up two hundred percent; the deficits have nearly doubled. And at the same time housing is down, jobs are down and the income of the average worker, according to yesterday's statistics is now the same as it was in 1965. In fact, everything that's supposed to be going down, crime, inflation, unemployment and deficits, is going up and everything that's suppose to go up, housing, jobs and real income is going down. And an administration that doesn't know the difference between up and down should be given a difference direction called out. They proceeded in just the way you alway expect Republicans to proceed. It was Kennedy who always said that if Rip Van Winkle came back to the United States, he could always tell whether the Republicans were in office because they always had high interest rates; that he would have no trouble if he came back today knowing who was in charge. High interest rates are ruining this country. It has ruined the housing and construction industry. It has increased the cost of everything that Americans <sup>buy</sup> but and it hasn't ended inflation. In fact, inflation is worst. And let's just take the housing industry as an example of how high interest works. When they took office in 1969, we had a building, housing and construction industry. Practically every building tradesman was at work. We were moving close to the nationally established objective of

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2.5 million new units a year. And we were on our way toward meeting the housing needs of this country. . . Then they slammed down the brakes; tightened up interests raised those interests with all the things you can do with the Federal Reserve Board. And what happened, we didn't get a housing recession, we got a housing depression. And last year, I think we produced less housing than at any time we've produced in just about twenty-five years. And the result is that the cost of the existing housing was beginning to soar tremendously because no housing was being produced and new families were coming along. They had to pay more for the housing that did exist. And as a result, the cost of housing in six years has doubled. And that, plus the cost of high interests rates means that only a small proportion of the wealthier people in America can afford to buy a new home. And I take that example because I think it shows how high interests rates create both a recession, high unemployment and inflation at the same time. You know, everytime the Republicans get in office, they think the way to solve inflation is unemployment, and that's what they've done. And I told someone the other day it's like going to the hospital with a broken leg and they give you chemo-therapy for cancer. You get sick from the medication and your leg isn't any better. That's exactly what they've done to us. This country is suffering from unemployment which was inflicted on this country by their policies. They deliberately decide to create massive unemployment in America. And we accused them two years ago of doing just what they've done. They thoroughly deny it; they don't admit it, but they don't deny it either. They haven't cured inflation; because it wasn't employment that was causing inflation. It wasn't too many dollars chasing too few goods, so called demand pull inflation that was the problem. The problem was what they call cost push inflation. You had energy prices, high interest

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and then these heavy concentrated industries that are able to send prices to the sky even in the case of a recession. That's where inflation was coming from. And since the cure didn't deal with the problem inflation continues to rage along while people are suffering tremendously because of unemployment and inflation. Now the only way that we're going to get this country turned around to deal with those two problems is to put a Democratic President in the White House. Do you think, does anyone in this room think, that the present President will stand up to those major industries that are gouging these countries with high prices. Does anybody believe he'll do that. No. We need a John Kennedy, who'll stand up to the big shots just like John Kennedy did. Remember in the early 60's when U. S. Steel was going to raise those prices tremendously. John Kennedy went out and said look, hold those prices in line, so that we can beat inflation. They wouldn't do it. And he got up and he made a speech and turned inflation policies around. And as a result, for several years, we had an inflation rate of less than two percent. Since the Republicans took over, there's been a green light. And there have been several examples. Copper prices up 16 percent this year, with a slack economy. Steel prices up 11 percent with a slack economy. And aluminium prices have gone up even more. And there's a report in the Council and Wage Price Stability disclosing that price rise by aluminium was utter gouging. What did the administration do? They tried to surpress the report. The only way we're going to deal with employment and inflation is to get those interest rates down, to put people back to work producing goods. One of the best ways to lick inflation is to produce goods,...Secondly have a strong anti-trust enforcement policy so these big shots have to begin to com-

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pete again and then have a President strong enough to stand up to these big shots when they're trying to raise prices clear beyond anything that the market justifies. And in order to do that, you have to have a Democratic President. And there's one other thing and that is taxes. Now the President, the other night in his debate, said that he wanted to lower taxes on the average American. That reminds me a lot of my dad, who was a minister and who use to tell me that the trouble with a deathbed conversion, you hear a lot of them, is that sometimes they get well. I don't know how else to put it. I'm on that tax committee. I know what they did,.....they have never tried to lower taxes on the average American. The two candidates running on the national ticket of the Republican Party. Both deserve the loop hole of the century award. They spent their whole careers trying to drive new loop holes in those tax laws. Now lets look at the record of what they did in these past few years. They say they favor tax relief for the average family, but in the fall of 1974, with a recession looming, they proposed an ten percent tax surcharge for the every family. I had to fight to both deepen the tax cut and to make it progressive so that the average family got some real relief, to help with inflation and to help with purchasing power. We won, but the administration wanted to change our tax package in this way. They wanted to raise taxes on low income working families, earning less than six thousand dollars a year by four hundred dollars. Between that and ten thousand dollars a year, they wanted to raise taxes by a hundred and fifty dollars on those families; between ten and fifteen thousand dollars a year they wanted to raise taxes by eighty-five dollars a family. But if you were making more than fifty thousand dollars, they wanted to reduce your taxes by seven hundred and eighty dollars a tax payer. That was



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their tax package, the last time they were around. In addition to that, they wanted to raise.....tax by four and a half million dollars. They wanted to immediately decontrol gas and oil, which would have added five hundred dollars to the cost of living for every family. In addition to that, they were pushing up interest rates at the same time. So, whenever they say they're for relief for the average family, I think we ought to say, "Where were you when we needed you." And if that's what you did when you were in office, how can we believe you three days before the election. We're not going to take any <sup>chances</sup> ~~changes~~ with those Republicans anymore. We're going to go to a peoples party and a peoples candidate for President; who's been for tax reform and tax reductions for the average American his whole career. That's who we're going to support and we're going to send Howard Messingbaum to the United States Senate to help us do what needs to be done to get this country back to work, to fight inflation, to deal with our real problems of health, education, welfare reform, and the things that need to be done. And to get the kind of tax reform that will really bring some relief to the Americans who most need it. Now we all know that. We're on the same side. We're here together behind this ticket. And the reason I wanted to come here personally is to tell you that it could well be that what you decide to do here and how you fulfill that committment will decide whether we're going to win this election or not. This is a very very close campaign. It's very tough to be the sitting President, even when you've been appointed and even when you've been appointed by you know who. It's still tough. I forget his name right now. Yeah, he's not around anymore in person. It's going to be tough. And Ohio could very well decide who's going to win or loose. This is a crucial state, it's a battleground. It's a

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state that swings either way. And we've been together and then we've worked. And that's what I'm urging you to do today. This county is crucial, this state is crucial. You've been elected by your members because they trust you. They respect you. They listen to you. They've learned that you tell them the truth and that you tell it to them straight. So I'm urging you in this campaign to give it all you've got. And I know the difference and you know the difference. Many times I've been endorsed and found out that that was the end of it. You've got to go to the job sites; you've got to go to the hotel and restaurants. You've got to go to the stores; you've got to go to the plants; you've got to go to the hospitals. You've got to go to the people who are working in the streets, law enforcement officers. Go to everyone you represent and ask them to get registered. What is that date? October 4th. They've still got time to get registered. And then be sure that they vote and be sure that they vote to make a change in this country. We cannot continue to go the way we are right now. And in order to change it around we really need your help. And so I wanted to come here personally to plead with you to do that. And if you do you're all invited to the inaugural ball and Howard Messenbaum will pay your way. Thank you.

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Thank you very very much. You know, I think I like Birmingham, I think I'm going to come back here more often. It's a matter of great pride to be introduced by my old friend and maybe the best Congressman today .....Ashley.

God bless you. I want you to know that after I was nominated, we went down to that little town in southern Georgia called Plains, Georgia, and we mapped out our strategy as to how to win this campaign, and we had all kinds of ideas to propose, all kinds of notion, all kinds of polls taken, but we finally decided, after hearing advice from the whole country that the way to win this election, is to come to Birmingham. The best ethnic neighborhodd in America. The home of the Hungarian hotdog and campaign for the best candidate for county commissioner and the best post master that this community ever had, .....

And you know, I believe I'm right, this is the way to do it. I've heard nothing but the best about Fritz. He carries the same first name that I do. I hope that he has as much luck in elected office as I do, and I'm delighted to be with him, to endorse him, to support him and, what I understand will certainly be his election to the county board, where he can work for you the way he's always worked for you. Let me just say that I've been promised that if I get a short speech I can eat more spaghetti. Now don't get too enthusiatic about that. Let me just say about three things. This election is important to this country. Because we need a fresh start in this nation. First of all, we have to have a policy of putting people back to work. There is absolutely no way of solving this nations problems unless everyone has a job. And today, in the state of Ohio, every tenth citizen

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is without work and unemployment is getting worst. Since Mr. Ford took office, there are now fifteen people standing in unemployment lines for every ten that were there when he was sworn in. Secondly, there is no way that this nation can solve its problems without licking inflation. Inflation demoralizes. When your savings disappear, when the product of you work disappear, when your plans for your kids disappear, when the whole purpose of work, trying to improve yourself, you neighborhood, and the life of your family disappears because of inflation. That will destroy you just as quickly as unemployment. So not only must people be put back to work, but we must also have a President strong enough to fight inflation. And let me tell you what I mean. First of all, we've got to get those interest rates down. Everytime they take office, those Republicans, they just run those interests rates up to the ceiling. And that inflates the price of everything you buy. We've got to get those interests rates down. Secondly, we need to get competition in these major industries. And that means strong anti-trust enforcement laws. Thirdly, we need a President strong enough to stand up to the big shots and say those prices are high enough. I remember in the early 60's, when U. S. Steel decided they were going to gouge the American public with heavy prices and John F. Kennedy stood up and said 'No you're not, you're going to hold those prices in line and you're going to do your part to help lick inflation in this country. And the President had his way and we had eight years during which we had inflation never any higher than on the average than two percent for eight years. Because we had a President with the guts to stand up to the big shots. I'll tell you, this one doesn't in the White House today. And we need a peoples president who'll

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put people back to work and who'll deal with real problems such as housing and health and the education of our children. Well, now I've earned my spaghetti.

Thank you very much.

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Thank you very much John for that very very kind introduction. I wanted to come here today to talk to the mayors of the suburban communities around Cleveland about the concerns that you have in trying to conduct the affairs of your community. And to set in focus the issues we share together in the 1976 campaign. I served for many years on the Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee of the United States Senate. And also, as a member of the Senate Finance Committee dealing with many of the problems you face with financing, revenue sharing, counter cyclical revenue sharing and the rest. And the key objective of the, that the Carter/Mondale Administration has is why I wanted to be here to talk to you about it, is to restore some progress in this whole field of federal, state and local relations, but also to give some strength to these programs that are important to you in several respects. And I'd just like to detail a few of them. I hope we can just have a discussion. Number one, the importance of having an economy that's at full employment without inflation. The problems that you face, I would bet if you listed them, about ninety percent of them are traceable to one or both of those problems. Inflation is causing the cost of your services to soar and you can try as best you can and it's hard to keep up. In order to try to keep up, I imagine you've had some very sharp re-adjustments in tax evaluation and tax rates. That, of course, is the wrong way to be going in this day and age, but you're also left with no alternative with inflation tearing away at your heels. Many times you have to cut services and raise taxes at the same time because of the cruel bite of inflation. And then you have unemployment, which not only reduces revenues, but also raises cost at the same time; for welfare and other recession related expenditures.

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In Ohio, I noted that you have over nine percent unemployment in this state. which means that every Ohioan is looking for work instead of working, paying taxes, off welfare and the rest. And the combination of high unemployment, high inflation has cost state and local governments in the past two years forty-two billion dollars. You add up all the lost revenues in cost. About forty-two billion dollars. Which makes it far more significant to you than the revenue sharing program. As important as revenue sharing is, and I've always supported it, it doesn't approach cost imposed by local government from the twin toss of inflation and recession. In addition to that, it has been federal programs directed at local governments that have been single out for some of the toughest cuts. There's been a seven point eight percent decline in funds for community development. A nine and a half percent cut in funds for law enforcement. Eighteen percent cut for educational training, employment in social services. And these cuts have come on top of a federal government reduction in municipal and urban programs totaling four and an half billion between 1972 and 1974. They vetoed our bill for counter cyclical revenue sharing, to try to pick up some of the pain of inflation and recession. So, the result is that you've been left with no help to offset the difficulties you're facing. in addition to that the federal housing programs are practically non existent. The housing industry is, because of high interest, is not only in a recession, but it's in a depression. I think unemployment in the building trade in Ohio is something like thirty percent. Every third building tradesmen is out of work. That doesn't count underemployment. The other point is bureaucracy, and this is where I'd like to make a very strong point if I can. I'm convinced that a

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lot of the bureaucratic headaches that you face everyday are unnecessary. And I'm further convinced that some of its deliberate, that they just want to make these programs look bad. Some of the things they impose upon you are so ridiculous that they can't be serious about it. For example, in the community development programs, those regulations require rehabilitation plans even where there's no old housing and performance....are to be filed even before performance standards have been set up. They can't be serious about those things and yet they are. When my colleague, Hubert Humphrey, was Vice President, one of his key responsibilities was to be sort of the ombudsman for the mayors of this country. Some of the old timers of those days used Humphrey to make certain things kept moving. I, We intend to do the same thing. And when we're elected, if you want us there and I hope you do, we hope to really make these things work the way they're suppose to. I hope to be your eyes and ears to the extent that you need a friend in Washington. I hope you'll call us personally where we can help. And we're going to get this economy going again, get those interest rates down, get some competition back in some of these major industries, get the housing programs going and get rid of this bureaucracy that <sup>has</sup> giving you the headaches that shouldn't be there. And try to make government work for the people the way it's suppose to from the start. Well those are just some of the points I want to make. Any points you want to make, observations about the difficulties you're having with the federal government or programs or whatever. Let's have some questions fellows:



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Questions are unclear-----the following are responses, and in some cases questions

I do agree with you in those areas where we're handing out money for armaments to governments that we would never want to govern ourselves. This year, for example, there're something like ten billion dollars of arms being peddled around the world. A lot of it on very very loose credit terms. If you can get the same terms, grace periods, low interest rates for your community on Federal Housing Loans, you'd be in fat city. The other day.....I was in the city of Deluth, this is sometime back, the third largest city in my state. A hundred thousand people. I think there're some communities here that are a hundred thousand, one. We figured out that if they had a billion dollars which was one four hundred and thirteenth of the federal budget this year. That community of a hundred thousand could invest that at five percent interest. Which is a ~~loose~~<sup>loosey</sup> investment in this day and age. But take five percent interest and they could pay for all the general operating costs of the city government forever free and make, I think twenty million dollars profit with one billion dollars. So when you hear about a billion here and a billion there that they like to spread around, that's big money and that comes from working people and that hurts. And when it's a debt, you have to pay that plus interest. What are we paying, about six and a half or seven percent on the federal debt which is rough. There is a question of balance which exists and needs to be restored.

QUESTION: There is one other area that I think is of prime concern to all the mayors here is high accounting incidentals for paying the six point four percent

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I just corrected you. Probably the government rate now is closer to 7½ now. I think you're right on that. First of all, the package for employment is too small, in light of the deep unemployment we've got. It always struck me as peculiar that in the great depression when we had a gross national product of maybe fifty billion dollars compared to a trillion, that we could afford in that depression a public service jobs program of about eight or nine million people and put them to work, but today, with a gross national product in excess of a trillion dollars, we can only afford a public service program of two or three hundred thousand people in this country, even though we've got maybe nine million unemployed. And I'd a lot rather take this money we spend on unemployment insurance, and welfare, and food stamps and buy something for it. Not only because we'd have something to show for it, but I think it's bad for able bodied people to be sitting around when they could be working. And I think if you had a hundred unemployed people, they'd say they don't want welfare, they want to work. I've never met a person in an unemployment hall, hiring hall, that wanted welfare. They just wanted work. Just give me something to do, I want to go to work. And heavens knows you've got plenty of things to be done. I bet every municipality here has public works programs that where you could put people. Did you hear the .....say it takes too long to get people to work. It cost too much for jobs. What's been your experience? Couldn't you put people to work right now, immediately, you've got plans on the shelf, sitting there that wouldn't cost anywhere near twenty-five thousand dollars a job and you'd get things done that need to be done. I'd like you to respond to that because that does not strike me as being a realistic situation. Is that correct. I hope that there is a program. I

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think we should think in terms of people that I know well. They swallow their pride and dignity. And I don't think that there isn't a municipality that doesn't have some work for someone who's willing to work.

QUESTION.....When are we going to do something in this country to clean up our cities, to give the minority groups a decent place to live, to raise their families.....so that they can have some of the kinds of things that....white people have? Let me go a little further Senator. Dollar after dollar, after dollar this country has spent for every crook in the world. They're not American citizens. We have American citizens in this country that go through trials and tribulations of RATS, infested bedrooms and so forth. I've heard about revolutionaries and I've heard about everything under the sun..... is the biggest fart in this country. Nothing has been done about the people who live in rat infested homes. I've heard everybody, everybody and every body, they like to tell with tears in their eyes that if they get elected there's going to be plenty of jobs.....When are you people in Washington going sit down and say "LOOK"!!!!!! You're getting revenue sharing, you're getting this and that.....close those homes. What do we accomplish? .....You could keep the building trade busy in this city of Cleveland busy for the next ten years. Tearing down some of these rate infested houses. ....On crime that cause.....and I'd just like to say to you, I hope it's Mr. Vice President, in my estimation the problems of this country are only going to be solved when we spend thirty percent of our time employing countries and seventy percent of our time on America. The people that pay the taxes. You know, I have a lot of friends.....but I never found a true friend that I had to pay to be my friend.....We talk in this country, year

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after year about Communism.....there's nothing worse. Yet we entrench these dictators by giving them foreign aid.....There's talk about revenue sharing. We have to do something .....I have to write to my Congressman or my senator about revenue sharing? Foreign countries don't have to do anything.....we have to start thinking and understanding that we live in America. We have the greatest country in the world. And Mr. Vice President, I hope, We're going to do something about that.

ANSWER: At this point I'll ask you to say hello to my friend.....I can see why they're friends. There's so much truth in that. You know one of the facts about those center cities you're talking about. A lot of those homes are solid. They were built in the old days when timber was cheap and they had time to build homes and those things are solid. And a modest amount of money and rehabilitation, as a matter of fact a lot of cities are going toward this urban homesteading now. ....can help a lot. I've been one of those now for twelve years pushing to do just what you're talking about. I think it would pay tremendous dividends in a hundred different ways. But this administration, one program they think a lot about, above all is housing. In '68, we were building pretty close to two million maybe more units per year. Cause we figured in the sixty-eight act we had to get two point six million units per year in this country for about twenty years to get to the place where everybody had a good home in a decent community. Well, they impounded all of us, remember that, 235, 236, all of that. Everything that you people depend on, just stop, one night, all of us. Then we took about three years to get into court, trying to turn around and in the meantime, they ran the interest rates up until they.....now what's the interest rate on a new home. (8½% or would you say 9% would be a nice figure) But it's so it's almost impossible now, for a person, unless he's got a very good income,

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to buy a decent home. It's almost, even during the depression, if you had a job you could buy a home. But now you can have a good job and you can't buy a home because the cost of living and the cost of housing is just completely behind it. I couldn't agree with you more. The other thing is, this is where unemployment comes into the act. Now I don't know how you were brought up, but I remember during the depression when people use to come to our house, my dad would say, he was a minister, I'll be glad to feed you, but I want you to do some work. That was the deal, you had to do something to get some help. Because he said it was wrong to help somebody who was able bodied: unless they saw that work was a part;--that just a pure gift by itself was not good for anybody. Because work is good for all of us. When you meet a stranger for the first time, when you try to get to know him, usually you say, what do you do? That right? That's what I always say. They say they're unemployed, then you draw conclusions that are unfair. But it's true, our whole society is built around everybody working. Now in these ghettos, in center cities all over this country, you have kids, eighteen, nineteen, twenty years old standing around, many of them haven't had a good education. They know they're not going to get a job. They haven't had a job for years; and you take any eighteen or nineteen or twenty year old kid with nothing to do, standing around with a lot of friends with nothing to do. None of them having a job, no way of proving their manhood or their womanhood and there's going to be trouble. And it is no just ah furtuity??? that high unemployment almost always brings high crime rate. It doesn't justify it. No one <sup>has</sup> a right to commit a crime. But where ever you have high unemployment, you can just figure those rates are going to

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go up just like that on crime. And that's exactly what we're having around this nation, and not just in the center cities. As a matter of fact the crime rate outside the center cities.....is rising....What's been your experience in the crime rates? Rising? (Yes) Going up every year (Yes) (No question). And if you want to deal with crime you have to have tough law enforcement, but you also have to try to---most crimes are, street crime are committed by people twenty-five years of age or under. You want to know who's going to commit tomorrows crimes, just go get around some teenagers and that'll be your most likely source of crimes. And they need work, they need things to do. And I think it makes a lot more sense to give them something to do, to teach them work habits, to give them something to do, to teach them to be proud of themselves than let them stand around the way they are now developing all kinds of habits that are going to curse us as long as those kids live.

QUESTION: Senator, I'd like to ask you a question, to make a statement..... issue of Forbes Magazine talked about unemployment as related to a prosperous economy.....It's unrealistic in this present day and age to advocate the so called national unemployment figure of about four percent. Which you and Mr. Carter have commonly felt that our present national unemployment percentage of 6.9 or almost 7% (7.9 now).....

ANSWER: Well it's hard to keep up with the unemployment figures of this administration, you can't blame them,

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QUESTION: We're having more people in our labor market, men, women, youth.....  
.....an increasing number of people in the labor market because of the.....  
in 1980, what we have now is the situation where, irrespective of whether it's  
the Democratic Party or the Republican Party .....taking into consideration  
that more and more women are entering the work force and that more and more young  
people are entering the labor force because of the high birth rate.....jobs  
are available, it's all a question of what type of quality job you have available.  
If they are uneducated and limited as to what job they can't get is that within  
a certain context whether it's car washers or dish washers or .....washers in  
that context, there are plenty of jobs available in the non-educated, non pro-  
ficient categories. I'd like to know your view as to whether or not you do  
consider this type of suggestion.....on this period being realistic from the  
point of view of what you and Mr. Carter are expousing for the unemployment  
percentages.

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ANSWER: That's typical of the apologists for this administration. In effect  
they're blaming Americans for having kids, to excuse themselves for not  
having jobs. I'd like to remind you that unemployment figures are always a  
product of not only how many unemployed you start out with, but also with new  
entrants into the labor market. In the sixties, we started with a unemploynt  
level of 7%. The end of eight years, unemployment was 3.2 percent. Practically  
everyone who wanted a job, had a job. There's a certain frictional level that  
you can't get beneath. But also, and you forget this, we not only worded that  
unemployment pulled down, we added ten million people to the work force, in  
addition during that eight year period. So now, in order to even stay even,

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and make no dent in unemployment. You have to have a growth rate of about four percent. There's no excuse for a sluggish growth rate like that. We were going at 5½% of real growth rate under Kennedy-Johnson, 5½% of real growth rate under President Truman and for that reason we were able to bring unemployment down, take care of the new entrants into the labor market. And one of the real reasons people are demanding more jobs now is inflation. The average couple living on the average income finds that they just cannot make it with a single worker in the family. That's what's driving people out of the home and they fail in the inflation front too, high interest rates, the lack of a decent anti-trust enforcement policy, no courage in the President to fight some of these administered price industries that are running these prices up. And the other thing is, it's not just a question of raw data on unemployment. It's also a question of using people's skills properly. I think it's a terrible waste of time to take a skilled carpenter or plumber or electrician or sheet metal worker and when we need housing and construction and instead put them out to say, filling gas tanks. Full employment ought to be, not only finding a job, but finding a job where a persons skills and talents are most fully used. That can be done. We've done it many many times before when we were in power. And everytime they take over, we have high unemployment and excuses. And just let us get a whole of it, we'll put people back to work, we know how to do it. And we will.

QUESTION: Senator, we appreciate your being here. I've got some questions

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good that they had to run John Quincy Adams against him. Very sorry that we are so late today but we took on a Republican pilot who tried to fly the plane backwards and it doesn't work any better in aeronautics than it does in politics so we arrived late and it is great to be once again with Tom Mc Intire in Manchester. The last time I was with him here was in 1972 when he was running for reelection, and as you know Tom has been elected every time he has run since 1958 but in 1972 he got scared. He thought he wasn't going to make it and he asked me to come and campaign with him in Manchester which I did and it was there I realized for the first time how popular and how loved Tom really is, because I got off at the airport, went down into Manchester. The first person I met I grabbed his hand, said would you vote for Tom McIntire for the United States Senate? He lit up in a beautiful smile and he said, "I sure will." He said, "we've got to get rid of the guy whose in there." (applause) Well, in the 1976 Campaign for the Presidency is on. It's well under way and within a month now Americans will decide some very fundamental questions in this our Bicentennial year about what course this nation should take as we begin our third century. No people have more at stake, more clearly at stake, than the working of men and women in America, because one party, incumbent Republican Party, has shown in every possible way they are not committed to full employment, they are not committed to fighting inflation, they are not committed for working for any of the programs that working men and women and their families depend upon for good life. Someone said the other day when I went to the AFL-CIO Convention, he said, "you know a working person who votes Republican is like a chicken voting for Colonel Sanders." And that's why, that's why more than anytime I can ever remember labor and labor organizations across the nation are absolutely unified--like they've never been before--on behalf of the Carter and the Mondale Ticket. You've had enough, you want a change (applause), and you must have one; so now Republican President is saying things he's never said before, supporting programs he's always opposed, pretending the record would not

come up to haunt him in hopes that those people he's worked again in his whole life, against his whole life, will forget what he's done and elect him anyway. It reminds me a little bit of what my father used to tell me, he was a minister and served all kinds of small towns, he said, "you know, son, there's one thing wrong with the deathbed conversion." I said, "what's that?" He said, "sometimes they get well." (laugh) And that's what wrong with their conversion. The other day the President said, "What I want is jobs for everyone, health care for all that's affordable, housing, good housing for every American who wants to work, strong new programs so that every American gets a good education and an end to the rising crime rate. Well, in light of his record, if he can get away with that, that the Uganda dictator, Eda Mean, ought to come over here and lecture us on airport security. (laughter) Because he's been wrong his whole public career as has his running mate on every one of those issues...the highest unemployment since the great depression, a housing depression, not a housing recession, a 25% inflation in health care in two years, as you well know, and a president who said he would veto any proposal for a national health program, the worst education budget in the last thirty years, and a 60% increase in crime in the last eight years and he has the nerve on the eve of the election, with that kind of record to pretend that he's for all the things where he's just been on the opposite and manytimes his record couldn't be worst. That's bad enough, but you've noticed their even trying to steal Harry Truman. And that's going too far. At our convention, we bragged about our great presidents: Roosevelt, Truman, Kennedy, Johnson, Carter, and then I watched their convention. Did you watch it? They bragged about theirs: Abraham Lincoln, I think the other one was Harry Truman. (laughter) And they tell me that if you go and look in Harry Truman's grave in Independence, Missouri it's shaking. Harry is mad (laughter) because he didn't like Jerry Ford any more when he was alive than now that he's dead. He's a Democrat. Harry Truman once said about Republicans, said this, "After studying the Republican Party for

many years, I finally discovered how they stand on the major issues. They stand ~~foresquare~~ for the American home but not for housing. They are strong for labor but stronger for restricting labor's rights. They favor a minimum wage, the smaller the minimum the better. They endorse educational opportunity for all but won't spend money for schools or teachers. They think modern medical care and hospitals are fine for those who can afford it and they admire the government of the United States so much they would like to buy it. (laughter) Well, it's not for sale. The White House belongs to the American People and the American People are going to take it back in this election and put the People's President back into the White House to work for them. (applause)

This is a great nation. The greatest on the earth and we're all proud of it, but we cannot solve our problems without a government that guarantees full employment, and without a government with guts to fight inflation, and without a government that cares enough to work to solve the problems the people face that they cannot handle entirely by themselves. The Democratic Party is not a radical party. We have no radical solutions. We just want to do some simple basic things that we think are essential to a good America: Everyone gets a job who wants to work, we fight inflation so that when you earn a dollar it's worth a dollar when you spend it, and our kids get a decent education, and you don't get wiped out with high health costs, and so that families can live in decent housing, so we can have a clean environment, and the other things that are essential that we must do together in order to have a decent life. That's all we're up to and the other party has shown consistently that they oppose the programs essential to the achievement of all of those objectives because there so close to the special interest in this country, so subservant as labor movement found on commonsight picketing that even when they have made a commitment to sign a bill that was a compromise because it was in the public interest, even then the special interest can get to them and force them to change their minds. So what's happened? The President says the economy

has turned around and he's right. It's turned around straight down. That's what happened.\* Since he's become President, unemployment in America has soared 50% in two years. For every ten people standing in the unemployment lines when he was appointed by you-know-who, there are now fifteen. In most states unemployment has tripled what it was just eight years ago and that's not all. Statistics yesterday, put out yesterday by the census bureau show that last year's result of unemployment and inflation more people fell beneath the poverty line than any single year since the poverty statistics have been kept for twenty years. Two and a half million Americans who were carrying for themselves, staying off welfare, paying their taxes, making it go, lost their grip and slipped below the line of poverty which means they don't even have enough to take care of minimum needs like decent minimum nutrition. And then inflation robbed the average tax payer this year of \$356 in purchasing costs. Because of inflation and their failure to deal with it, the average worker's purchasing power has slipped to what it was in 1965. Just think of it. We've lost eleven years of progress, of growth, of real income under this administration in just eight years. Now this morning we find further evidence of the hopeless nature of the economic management of this Republican Administration. Not only do they have a lousy economic policy, it turns out that they can't even count. It's now become clear that the Republican administration over estimated government expenditures in this fiscal year by 13 billion dollars. Now this is not, this is not difficult to do. This is called addition. It's the first thing you have to do to learn in the first grade in order to go to the second grade and they made a 13 billion dollar mistake. And I say that administration has gotten so tired and so befuddled and so incompetent that they can't count surely they need a long, overdue rest. They need to go home. (applause) But the error is not a neutral one. The result of the 13 billion dollar overestimate of what government would spend means that instead of having a tax cut deep enough to bring relief

to working Americans so that they can pay part of the cost of inflation and be able to buy more so we have to hire more people to produce goods, which is the way we put America to work, instead of that we have a situation which slows the economy down by 13 billion dollars, because it's like putting your foot on the brake much harder, and it's slowing the economy down until every leading economic indicator now points downward for the first time in eighteen months--everything. If you'll look at retail sales--their down, because you can't buy, broke. The stake, the stock market is sagging. Factory layoff rates is at the highest level of over a year. The hiring rate in August dropped. The decline in consumer confidence index, in other words they asked Americans if they had confidence--that's dropping. And a large drop in non-residential building awards. And all of this is aggravated--we estimate that that one error, that incompetent error, has added about two hundred thousand Americans to the unemployment roll. Just that one mistake. And because of that, we have added to the already indefensible policy of restraining the economy and putting people out of work. Now we say why do you do it, why do you do it? And they say, to fight inflation. Well I ask you, have they fought inflation? Do you find that inflation has ended in your lives? When you're thinking about buying a house, do you note that the average cost of a house is doubled in six years? The cost of health care has gone up 25% in two years. Here in New England in the eight years that they have been around the cost of food is up 68%; housing by 62%; apparel and upkeep by 29%; transportation 61%; health and recreation by 48% and they say they've licked inflation. Well, I 'll tell you one thing, in the eight years that the Democrats were in power we had a rate of only 2% inflation during those eight years and that's the difference. In every year of the eight Kennedy-Johnson years there were more people working than the year before. In practically every one of those eight years there was lower unemployment than there was the year before; so we worked unemployment from 7% down to 3, slightly over 3% and added ten million to the work force; and practically every year the worker's

income purchasing power was higher than the year before. They were earning more dollars and dollars did not lose their value because we were fighting inflation. We had modest deficits because people were at work paying taxes instead of being unemployed drawing unemployment insurance and food stamps and welfare, which workers don't want; we had a fullblown housing industry, building housing for our people. And more than that we were dealing with our nation's real problems. Every year our kids were being better educated. We were doing better with health problems. I'm proud to have passed Medicare; and with Tom McIntire and some of us to do something for the tragedy for health cost for seniors, every year this country was getting better with a "under the peoples'" president. Now that's all turned around and they would have us believe that they are dealing with inflation. Well, I noticed that when I got off the plane today it's getting nippy up here; and I know what that means, I'm from Minnesota. If any place nips more than New Hampshire it's Minnesota. That's why we have such strong blood. Let's just begin with one part of inflation that has ravished New England--energy costs. Do you believe that this administration has fought high energy prices? Do you believe that? (No) I once asked the Secretary of the Treasury; I said, "you know if you could just tell me one time that the President of the United States has disagreed with the President of Exxon on anything to do with energy, whether it's prices or taxes, I'll stand up and applaud you." "O", he said, we've disagreed many times." I said, "that's fine, I'll get my pencil out and listen, you give me one example." I'm still waiting. That's a year and a half ago, for an example. The President of Exxon can take care of himself, but the President of the United States is supposed to take care of the American people. That's the big difference that they've overlooked; and no Region has paid more than New England for that policy. When the Arabs raised the price of oil from four to eight bucks that wasn't an economic

decision that was a political decision. What did the President do to cushion the blow for New England--the highest energy cost area in the country? He put an additional \$1.20 tax on product imports and \$2.00 additional tax on crude, which cost New England one point four million dollars a day until Congress forced him to remove that tax. Last year he wanted to (this is a fact) he wanted to immediately deregulate domestic oil and gas prices. That would have meant, if he had gotten away with it, that every family represented by this union would be paying \$500 more for the direct and indirect cost of energy than they are now paying, and it's already way too much. That was his proposal to deal with inflation in the field of energy; and I don't have to tell you that one of the great problems in New England is the lowering of your wage rates in relation to national wage rates; and one of the real reasons is that the failure of the government to pursue an intelligent energy policy that does not impose upon New England an extortionate energy cost that ultimately comes out of your pocket in the form of lower wages, form of higher unemployment, and comes from everybody in these high cost areas where we have those cold winters that we're talking about. Now, what we need is a President who will stand up to these big shots and tell them to keep those prices in line. One of the reasons we had low inflation in the sixties was that when the steel corporations in this country decided to gouge the American people with massive price increases, the President of the United States, John F. Kennedy, stood up and said, "O, no you're not. You're going to roll those prices back. You're going to help contribute to a stable economy, a stable dollar, so that we can get the full employment without massive inflation"; and because he stood up for the public we had several more years of practically non-inflationary full employment growth in this country that benefitted everybody, including U.S. Steel. You know, one of the funny things about Democrats is that business always does

better when we are in office than when they are in office. I guess vultures sometimes eat too much. I don't know what the problem is. But when we are in office the stockmarket does better; corporate profits do better; they have lower bank-rupties; stocks rise. Every time we have been <sup>in</sup> power, that has been true. So I'd like to repeat an old point; so that if you want to live like a Republican, Mr. Businessman, by all means vote Democratic. We'll help you out. (applause)

The aluminum prices are soaring. There's a report that has been suppressed in Washington that calls it "gouging", by the Counsel Price Stability. The President didn't fight the aluminum price increase, he fought to suppress the report. Copper prices are soaring, steel prices went up 11%; and all in the face of a sluggish recessionary economy and never a word, never a word out of this President in this administration. There is no hope / <sup>that</sup> this Republican administration will beat inflation because they do not have the courage to stand up to the big shots that are ripping off the American people with high interest rate prices, fixed prices and so called priced administered industries, and in terms of fuel prices and the rest. You got to get a People's President back in there to insist that prices stay in line, that we get competition again--that's another thing we need. A lot of these big industries don't compete the way they should. I believe in free enterprise, I believe in competition, but in order to do that you have to have someone to support tough anti-trust laws and then insist that they be enforced; so that everyone in this country has to return to competition. That's the way to beat inflation. We beat inflation the last time we were around. We beat unemployment in there the last time we were around. We'll have a rational energy policy that serves the needs of this country if you'll put us back in. Now you know all that. That's why you're here; that's why you've endorsed us.



Now the trick is to win this election. Abraham Lincoln once said that if you turn your back on the fire, you're doomed to sit on your own blisters. And we've been sitting on those blisters for eight years. Richard Nixon should never have won in 1968. We beat him by dividing, by questioning, by not doing our part. We all knew, as a matter of fact Mr. Nixon was worse than I thought he would be, which is impossible. But we knew better, instead of Hubert Humphrey who would have put this country to work, and fought inflation, and dealt with America's real problems, we've not had eight years of special interest government that's done everything they can to put burdens upon working people and their families, you know that. It's clear as it can be and every working American and their families must vote this year and that's what this organization is all about. You wouldn't be here if they didn't trust you, in your plants, in your shops, in your stores, in your hospitals. They elected you as delegates because they trust you. You've shown that you can lead and now we need your help. We need it bad. This is a very very close election. New Hampshire is terribly important to us. You know Jimmy Carter, you started him on his way. If it hadn't been for New Hampshire, it's questionable whether he'd have been the nominee. You started Jimmy Carter here in New Hampshire and I'm here on behalf of Jimmy Carter to say that you have one final job to do and that is to elect him, to send this state and its votes to that electoral college on behalf of Jimmy Carter. You can do it and you know the difference between the endorsement and really working. We're glad to have your endorsement but I've worked with the union movement my whole life, I don't know some of you by name but I know you cause I've been with organized labor so long throughout my life and I know the difference between the endorsement and the real work. But what I'm asking you to do now is really work in your union, with your friends, in your churches, wherever you go reach out and ask. You know who the back sliders are, get them to stand up and work. You know the difference between really trying and not trying and if we win and we can if you'll just do your work, We're not going to let you down. It will be the kind of administration that you'll be proud of and not only that but you're all invited to the inaugural ball. And if any of you are short of money, Tom Mackantire

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... Well they say, that may be true, but we're different. We've changed. We're converted and we're now for the people and we're beginning to hear some of that. The other night the President said, I'm for jobs for everyone. I'm for health care to all that's affordable. I'm for housing for every American who will work. I'm for good education for every child. I'm against and will end the rising crime rate and I want a new national program for parks and recreation. Did you hear that?? I did to and it reminded me of what my dad the minister use to say. He said during my career I've heard many death bed conversions. But he said there is one thing wrong, sometimes they get well and they almost always forget about it. Mister Republican President, it's too late for you to be converted. We know your record. Where have you been when we needed jobs. Where have you been when we wanted you to fight inflation?? Where have you been when we needed a national health program?? Where have you been when we've needed housing for our families?? Where have you been when we wanted to fight crime?? Where have you been?? You haven't been around. Harry Truman once said this: He said after studying the Republican Party for twelve years, I've finally discovered where they stand on the major issues. They stand four square on the American home, but not for housing. They are strong for labor, but stronger for restricting labor's rights. They favor a minimum wage, the smaller the minimum the better. They enjoy educational opportunity for all, but they refuse to spend money for schools and teachers. They think modern medical care in hospitals are fine for those who can afford it and they admire the government of the United States so much that they'd like to buy it. Well, it's not for sale. The White House belongs to the American people. That office is sacred to all of us because that's where we're suppose to see ourselves. That's where we're suppose to see our spirit of compassion and decency and justice heard and the American people want the White House back and under the control of the people's President in 1976, and that's why we're going to elect Jimmy Carter the next

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President of the United States. You know you have to listen very carefully, you have to listen very carefully to this man whose now President. The other day on the debate you may have listened and he said I've turned this economy around. Did you hear him say that?? He certainly has, he's turned it straight down, that's what he has done. All of his rosey predictions have now been denied by the facts. If you could campaign with me, as I've been these last six weeks, and go from community to community with 9%, 10%, 15% unemployed, building tradesman unemployed 15, 16, 17%. You would realize, as I'm sure that most of you do, how many Americans, decent able bodied Americans, are unable to find work in America today. Just in the city of Cincinnati when the last Democratic President walked out of office in 1968, there was 3% unemployed in this crowd. Everyone who wanted a job had one. Today there is 94.4% unemployed. Every tenth citizen of this community, looking for work, and unable to find it. Well said Mr. Ford, it has improved since I became President. Has it?? For every ten Americans standing in the unemployment line when he became President after you know who, there are now 15 people in the unemployment line. There are 50% more people unemployed today, two years after he was appointed than the day in which he took office. This economic policy plan of his, of high unemployment, has been an utter disaster. He said we do it in order to lick high inflation. Who's he kidding?? Inflation is three times higher this year than it was in the average of eight years under Kennedy and Johnson and what do the figures show that's happened?? This year, according to the census bureau, because of inflation and because of unemployment and because of the expiration of unemployment insurance more Americans have slid beneath the poverty line in a single year than in the 18 years the poverty statistics have been kept. Two and one half million decent Americans who have been taking care of themselves paying their taxes, staying off welfare suddenly lose their grip and fall into poverty and the price of inflation this year robs every member of this union and his family and her

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family of 350.00 of purchasing power. Today the average worker in America purchasing power because of inflation is the same as it was in 1965. Think of it we've lost 11 years and we're back to where we were in 1965. The housing industry is in a depression and not a recession. The cost of a new house is beyond the reach of everyone except the most privilege Americans. Now compare that and then he also says that it's getting better. Is it?? Just yesterday, the Bureau of Labor Statistics pointed out that for the first time in eighteen months all of the leading economic indicators, the key ones that have allways told us where this economy is going, every one of them is pointing downward, everyone of them. It's not getting better, it's getting worse and they say well we've lousied it up, all we want is four more years. We'll we listened to that four more years junk, four years ago. We're not going to listen to it this time. We're going to put a people's President in there who will put people back to work, who's got the guts to fight inflation, and who'll do the things that people need to have a decent life in this country again. That's what that campaign is all about. Just look at hte contrast. In the eight years of Democratic government, every year there were more jobs than the year before. Every year there were fewer unemployed than the year before. Every year workers made more than the year before and because there wasn't inflation the dollars that they made purchased more than the year before. In eight years, we... down a ... of 7% unemployed to full employment but we also added 10 million new people to the work force fully employed and we did some other things. We had a full grown housing producing housing for our people. Every year we were doing a better job of educating our kids. During those years we passed medicare, and I'm proud to have been an origional co-sponcer, to give every senior citizen a break out in shame by the cost of illness in earlier years. We were all becoming more prosperous and under decent leadership, we were doing the things that needed to be done for people in this country. That's the record of eight years of Democratic rule.

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It can be done, it was done, and it will be done again but not by this administration. They've shown that they are insensitive to unemployment and they have shown that they don't have the guts to stand up for inflation. I'll tell you how come we got inflation. It's not people making too much money, it's not too many people at work, it's not too much industrial productivity pushing against capacity, that's not it. It's high interest rates that raises the cost of everything that you buy. John Kennedy once said, that if Rip Van Winkle came back to this country, he could tell if he had a Republican President cause the interest rates would be high. They just love high interest rates and you would too if you were rich, you'd like it. Secondly, they raise taxes on the average American and reduce them on the privileged and the other day when Mr. Ford said that he wanted tax reform and he wanted to reduce taxes on the Average American, I said to myself if he can get away with that that dictator from Uganda, Idi Achebe, ought to come over here and lecture us on airport security. Mr Ford and Mr. Dole kings of our century. They spent their whole life fighting for loop holes. There isn't a loop hole that anybody ever dreamed of they didn't support and the people had to make up the difference of the average workers of this country. They say that they want to reduce the taxes but where were they. In 1974 did they think that we would forget when we were slipping into that recession, they ask to raise taxes 10% on us. I led the fight to reduce the taxes on Americans who made more than the Congress. If they'd had their way, this is how they would have changed my bill. Americans making less than \$6,000 a year with families would have their taxes increased by \$400.00. Americans making between \$6,000 and \$10,000 a year would have their taxes increased by \$154.00. Americans between \$10,000 and \$15,000 would have their taxes increased by \$85.00 but if you were worth \$50,000 a year your taxes under the Ford program would be reduced by \$780.00 a taxpayer. Does sound like relief for middle income Americans?? It sure doesn't to me. And that's not all. They asked to raise

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your payroll taxes. Take a look at the payroll taxes. There is no deduction in there for the number of kids you've got, or how sick you are, or how much your home cost, none of this. It's a flat tax and they ask at the same time to raise the payroll tax by 4 and 1/2 billion dollars in a single year. Their record on taxes, their record on all of the issues that affect Americans is as clear as it could possibly be. Their record as it affects minors and this union is as clear as it has ever been. And I'm often reminded of the story that I heard back home about an old man who'd been a miserable mean man and finally died late in life and he headed right up to St. Peter and he knocked on the door. St. Peter said you can't come in here, you've been a mean selfish man all of your life. He said oh no. He said why back in 1919 I gave an elderly lady a nickel so that she could get on a street car because it was cold out. St. Peter checked the books and he said by golly you did, I didn't know that. He said, have you done anything else? Yes, he said in 1923 I gave a poor newsboy a nickel for a newspaper because he looked like he was upset. He said, let me check. He said yes you did, I didn't know that and he said have you done anything else for people in your life? He said no. St Peter said sorry, here's your dime back,, go to hell. If there was ever a party in power that has come to the point for them to get their dime back, it's those Republicans in Washington. Let's do it. You can do it. You know how to win those elections. The mine workers are found in ever crucial state in this union. Get that vote out, let's win this election like we never won it before and you'll be proud of us once we're in office this term of office. Thank you very very much..

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Well, I'm delighted to be back in Minnesota, and in Rochester, Minnesota, it's a thrill after thousands and thousands of miles around the nation to be back home again. The campaign is definitely picking up, the planes are definitely taking off, campaign is definitely picking up, the momentum is one to be phased throughout the nation. I think we're on the upbeat and I think we're going to win this campaign, and win it by a large margin--for several reasons. First of all there management of the economy is one that the public cannot accept, and should not accept--the highest unemployment since the great depression; raging inflation; inability to deal with any of the great problems that people face--such as housing, health care, and the rest. In this primary we see the same sentiment: they have vetoed the two basic farm commodity bills, they vetoed two minimum support price bills, and when they vetoed each of them they said you can get your profits from the market, and then when prices firmed up they imposed foreign embargos in three years; and not only in the urban areas but in the rural areas as a result they want policies changed. And Mr. Carter we have the first farmer running for president and a chance to win since Thomas Jefferson, and I'm not even sure that Tom was a farmer; and I think we are going to win very, very nicely--across the board. Thank you.

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(wake up - laughter) No Date Given

Question: Sir, do you have any plans to take off a day from your own campaign....  
on behalf of Senator Humphrey?

Mondale: Yes, I very much wish to do so. I will be here ... hopefully the last day of the campaign. Joan will be coming back to Minnesota shortly. We all pray for Hubert Humphrey and for his health....as he goes into his surgery on Thursday. Hubert Humphrey is probably the ablest public leader produced in our state, and one of the ablest in our country;

and he has done so much for our state; he has done so much for me personally and for all of us that we pray for his complete recovery.

Question: Sir, what is going to be the impact on the campaign if Governor Carter does not do well in the debates.

Mondale: I think Governor Carter will do very well tomorrow night. He's well informed in foreign affairs. The issues there are also for us. We've had eight years of a closed secret foreign policy; ones that do not reflect the values of the American people; they've lived on the promises that just haven't proved true, either in terms of reduced tensions with the Soviet Union, terms of expanded human liberties and human contacts in Eastern Europe; the policy for seven and a half years of Africa and support the colonial powers there--it's clearly been a failure; they wanted to persevere in the war of Vietnam when it was hopeless; they wanted to start another war in Anglo and we stopped them; they were deeply involved in the support of military dictatorships around the world: Chile and Greece being examples. Think the American people want an open foreign policy, one that reflects their own values, and they can only do that through the election of a Carter Ticket. So we're very, very optimistic.

Question: Sir, what about your own debate coming up?

Mondale: I'm looking forward to it.

Question: What'a you plan to do between now and then to prepare for it?

Mondale: Well, I plan to do some review of the ....some of the materials .... and I'm just going to tell the truth, as I always do, and I think it's going to come out very well.

Response: Dole says he doesn't think it will be much.

Mondale: Well, I think he's thinking of his own performance. (laughter)



Response: (unidentifiable)

Mondale: I deliberately didn't name any because fairness dictates that individual guilt should not be determined except under due process of environment.

What I said was that we had this whole pattern of official crime has been committed and no one has been removed and no one has been prosecuted.

Response: (?)

Mondale: Well, I indicated several very specifically the CIA, the FBI, NSA, Postal Department.

Response: (?)

Mondale: Well, we, .... in our report....both the CIA, that is the international activities and the domestic activities, were very detailed on the specific allegations that were made and were found to be correct; and I don't think there's any argument about these abuses. No one is arguing about it.

The question is, what'a we do now about it.

Thank you very much. See'a tonight.

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Senator Walter Mondale  
First comments upon arrival at Cedar Rapids' Airport  
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being in Cedar Rapids, in my neighboring state of Iowa, particularly to be campaigning with and on behalf of Mike Grooen, one of the great, new important figures in America today. I was last in this area two years ago campaigning for Mike and he won anyway (laughter) and....au...and he decided to risk it again. The campaign is clearly moving strongly in our direction. It's being a big turn around in eight or ten days. You can feel it wherever you go. The trend is moving strongly in favor of Governor Carter for President for many reasons. None more important than the total mismanagement of the economy. Inflation, contrary to they still....is still very, very serious. Certainly the people of this area know how serious inflation is....farmers, for example, find that the cost of everything that they must buy is continuing to soar while the prices they are receiving are dropping. This administration is vetoed two basic improvements in the feed grain program to improve the minimum loan prices and target prices; they then vetoed two minimum dairy support price programs that my Republican voted to sustain those vetoes and whenever they vetoed these farm improvements, they said don't worry, the farmers will get their needed profits from the free market; but then when the prices firmed up they imposed the embargo...not once, but four times in three years; so the farmer been beaten both ways by vetoes and by embargos, by budget cuts and soil conservation, and other programs, by bureaucratic insensitivity to the devastation of the drought in my state and other parts of Iowa, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. That's the reason, all through the farm belt now, not only the city dwellers, but rural, residence, are strongly, desire a fresh start.....change, in Washington. In Jimmy Carter we have the first farmer who has a real chance of being President since Thomas Jefferson.....that's a long time.....as a matter of fact, I'm not even sure Tom was a farmer! And ....au...I forgot to ask him (laughter)....and, au.... I..I..believe you're going to see a very strong support for Governor Carter, and throughout the midwest...in the farm areas in this country.

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(audience....conversation.... Senator Dole responding to your Kansas City speech earlier to today said your margin indicate that you and Governor Carter are slipping .....and said that you are getting a little edgy and beginning to stretch to the responses.....)

Mondale: Well, I'm what you'd call a fact's slinger. I just recite the facts. What I said was, that Mr. Dole and Mr. Ford defended Mr. Nixon the night of the Saturday night massacre. In other words, they stood behind Mr. Nixon when he fired Rucle....Ruclehouse...Richardson, and had the President gotten away with that, Mr. Nixon would still be President...that's what I said. I also said that Mr. Dole in the Senate, proposed a resolution that would have closed the door on the Watergate Committee, the ~~Ervin~~ Committee, so the Americans would only hear only what was finally reported out--and not the full proceedings. Those are facts. I also pointed out that the President of the United States, after the resignation, only pardoned Mr. Nixon but fought all the crucial Watergate reforms, fought all the crucial reforms that were needed as a result of the disclosures of the abuses of the CIA and the FBI; and is simply not showing the sensitivity to the need for institutional legal changes to prohibit official lawlessness; and nothing is more crucial in this country.....more sacred to this country....than the simple proposition that the law must be obeyed by everyone. We've been burned too often. (applause) We've been burned and too often by big shots in Washington,...who thinks the law is for everyone but themselves. It's got to stop! That's what I was talking about. That speech was very carefully prepared by me. Every fact in there is solid; and I think it would be up to Mr. Dole and Mr. Ford to answer those facts....if they've got an answer....which they don't...which is why I think they are responding in an hysterical way they are.

(....conversation.....unidentifiable.....)

Mondale: I am interested in a single standard of justice; and there was a hearing on Mr. Hayes...he was investigated...he had to quit under pressure....I would not

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drop any legal charges against anybody. The standard should be the same for everybody.

(conversation ..... Why did you bring up the issues of the pardon reportedly of the ways of Governor Carter?)

Mondale: What I did was give a speech on the official lawlessness, and I said in that speech that we've seen these patterns now for over twenty years and under both parties.....and I wasn't partisan, and I also said that we're not making personal charges against either opposing candidates; but what we're pointing out, if you'll read my speech, is that all through the Watergate period the two leading defenders... Mr. Nixon...right up to the end...long after it was obvious that he was *culpable* were the two present Republican Ticket and that they resisted all legal reforms essential to prevent these abuses since then. Nothing could be clearer than the need ...after these abuses which nearly destroyed American democracy.....nothing could be clearer than the need for basic reforms; and this administration now in power has resisted those reforms and, thus, if you want real legal reform, you've got to change administrations.

(conversation ..... Senator you've

Mondale: Well, I've been around the country the last ten days....very intensively... our reports ... and I'm not at liberty to give some at this point, but our reports are that it's turning around very, very nicely and I think that you're going to see that trend showing up very shortly in the opinion vote.

Question: Senator, you said earlier you would not name officials .... Mondale said: that's correct ... Question Continued ...in key positions, you said, were all in political activities. Does that indicate that there is

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some kind of legal action pending, or going to be pending?

Mondale: The....the ... au.... the paragraph to which you make reference refers to the abuses of the Intelligence agency that was reported on in great detail in the reports of the domestic and foreign intelligence subcommittees. Abuses of mail opening, blackbag jobs, illegal sweeps of private telegrams, the .... some of the whole range of co-and-tell program where they not only legal investigated but punish people outside the courts; and what I said was that I was not going to name people who were guilty because I thought that indubitably that those determinations should be made in a due process form, but what I did point out, I think is a very important point that was made in our report, that none of them lost their jobs and none of them were prosecuted. Not a single one!

Response: My question is, is action pending, or is going to be taken?

Mondale: To my knowledge, there is no action pending against any of them.

Question: Senator, let me ask about

Mondale: Good!

Question: The Lock and Dam situation, the Lock and Dam

Namely, point No. 1: It was shut down in the Congress and they supported Senator Church. How do you feel about the Lock and Dam future did not introduce this bill to redo Lock and Dam point

Lot of eastern Iowa farmers rely on this; this has an effect on grain, prices, and

Are you going to reintroduce this back into the House of Congress?

Mondale: As Vice President I can't reintroduce bills (laughter) .... au.....but ... but what I'd try to do there, what I think is important, is to balance the recreational official wild life, other concerns, with the need for modern, efficient, transportation system on the Mississippi River barge traffic. Lock and Dam 26 is at the point now at Alton, Illinois, at Joke Point--it's an old, antiquated lock,

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and I did introduce the legislation that you saw in the...in the ....Senate...and as you know last week in the final days of the session, which often happens, it

to almost anybody's objection, it was filibustered and had to be dropped; but I would hope that this whole issue could be resolved in a much more mature and responsible way early in the next session.

Question: Senator Mondale,

Mondale: I think Carter will do very well tomorrow night, but more than that, mark my word, I have been in public life a long time, we're doing a lot better. This thing is picking up, we are on our way to victory, and you look at these polls coming out a week from now and it's going to show...just mark my words, you've heard it here first. Thank you very much.

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.....thank you very much.....thank you.....,

Thank you, Bob, for that very kind introduction.....you read it just exactly as I wrote it and I'm most grateful to you.....to John Donalderger, your President of the National Association on Bucklow, and Jim Cobb, the Manager of the Texas Electric Coop, and many of your fine public officers who were kind enough to risk meeting me at the airport today...and be with us today; one of our outstanding mayors of our country: Hoffhein, Lieutenant Governor Hobby, Attorney General Hill, our local Congressman, my old friend Bob Eckhart, Congressman Wilson and the soft spoken and modest Chairman of the Government Operations Committee, Jack Brooks ..... and friends: I'm delighted to be here. There's no group that I've been associated with more and enjoyed working with more than yours, the Rural Elecrical Associations in my state and of the country. I grew up in towns. When you came to Plains, Jimmy said, what'ya think of this town? I said, it's pretty big..... I grew up in the town of Salon, which is about half the size of this head table.....and proud of it....and I knew...and learned first hand the importance of the rural electrification program. Today I'd like to talk with you about that rural electrification program, about rural programs, farm programs, and I'd like to speak to ya in plain Texas talk. We're in the middle of one of the most important campaigns in American history. As Americans together, we must decide which course we want this country to pursue. We are a free people, we will make this decision ourselves, and one of the crucial elements essential to healthy America is a healthy and prosperous, growing, rural America based on a healthy, prospers system of family farming; and the key question, not just alone for rural American but for all Americans, is which ticket, which candidates offer a record and a program that brings promise for that future and which do not. Now you have to be very careful in this campaign. You hear things that you can't believe, and you find people proposing programs that they've always opposed. And last night,

for example, I listened to the debate and heard the President of the United States say this: there is no Soviet domination of Eastern Europe. Reporter couldn't believe words, so he said, now, Mr. President, did I understand you say that the Russians are not using Eastern Europe as their own of influence and occupying most of the countries with their own troupes, and he answered, he said, I don't believe the Rumanians consider themselves dominated by the Soviet Union; I don't believe that the Poles considered themselves dominated by the Soviet Union. Those countries are independent and autonomous. It has its own territorial independence. I don't believe I've ever heard anything like that in my life. When I was in Warsaw, I rode to town in a cab and the way in through an interpreter, the cabbie told me that they had a 50-50 deal with the Russians--he said the Poles send coal to the Soviet Union and the Soviet Union sends snow to Poland..... We know the difference. I grew up in several small towns in the southern part of my state. I spent most of my young life on or near the farm. I told someone the other day I am the only Pea Licensed Inspector ever to be elected to the United States Senate, and you know, the subject has never come up..... but if it does, bo..o...y ... am I ready.... and I'd like to be the first Pea Licensed Inspector elected Vice President of the United States....and there's never been one of those either.....

And growing up .. in rural America, I was able to see.... first hand the importance of family farming, importance of rural cooperative movement, and the fundamental value of rural life that have served our country so well over these past two hundred years. A belief in hard work...a belief in cooperation....a belief in carrying and trying....and a belief in wanting our country to be as good as it can be. As a matter of fact, there's very little wrong with this nation that wouldn't be cured if we just returned to the basic values that we learned as we grew up in the small communities in this country..... And the nation now sees this, because our family farms and our ranches are utterly crucial, not only to rural America, but to the



economic prosperity of the entire nation. If it had not been for the incredible productivity of our family farm system .... just where would our nation be now, as we try to pay for the massive costs of oil imports and other essential imports? And how would this world even begin to think about dealing with the world explosion population and the growing demand from hungry people if it were not for the incredible productivity of our family farm system? When the nation most needed it just a few years ago our farmers at their own expense expanded production in this country by over sixty million acres and did it almost over night. The independent family farm system in this country is the wonder of the world, and we ought not to elect anybody as President or as dog catcher whose not willing to stand behind that system, strengthen it, make it prosper, and continue to grow. I read story the other day about the Russian system of collective farming. A reporter went around there and told him, this system is so bad that I'm convinced if they collectivized the Sarah Desert, with two years they would have to import sand. Now we don't have to prove ourselves anymore. The family farm system has proven itself time and time again. What we need now is a national administration that recognizes it, understands it, supports it in the way that we need having done and a crucial part of that whole effort is the Rural Electrification Program and the reason that I wanted to come here and the reason that I called Bob and asked if I might come to one of the regional meetings is that I think that's important that during this campaign both political parties spell out in great detail what it is they intend to do with this program and then live with those promises after the election. A number of our historians have pointed out that the Rural Electrification Program is one of the greatest devised by government to help our farmers and rural citizens. I believe that's an accurate evaluation of all of the people programs that came out of the great depression. I don't think any have been more successful and lasting in its value. I mentioned that my dad was a pastor in rural Minnesota. He often told me as a boy what it was like in rural America before R.E.A., and the transformation and the thrill to all farmers and their families within just a year or two in the late 30's as the R.E.A.

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program took root and rural America came to life and some of the durgery and burden that had been on the whole family was taken from them and it became possible for rural America to have many of the same opportunities that it enjoyed for that only in urban America. But history also teaches us that we can not take rural electrification for granted, for proof we only need to remind ourselves what happen less than four years ago when Mr. Nixon with warning, with no basis in the law attempted to kill the R.E.A. direct loan program over night and there are two reasons why he failed. One is the incredibley fine work of the R.E.A. Association and there is no Association in America that has a better Executive Secretary than Bob Partiage, as you well know. And that plus a Congress which refused to buckel under the Administration pressure and I'm proud to say that in the whole twelve years that I have been in the United States Senate I have been with you, fighting with you, voting with you, 100% of the time. I support these programs because they are right. I believe that they are not only good for rural America but the entire nation and Governor Carter. Unfortunately, I cannot say the same for the President and his running mate and I'm not saying this just because we're opponents I'm saying it as Al Smith once said Let's look at the record. Mr. Ford brought to the White House a record of only 13% for your R.E.A. Programs during the lifetime of his career in Congress. His running mate had only a 27% support for a Rural Electric Programs. During his long ten year in the House, the President ammased one of the worst records as a member when it came to rural electric programs. He voted against the preference clause, against federal hydro projects in ever part of the country to which rural electric cooperatives were looking for a power supply and he even voted against the rural telephone program. If the decision had been up to Mr. Ford they would have buried R.E.A. a quarter of a century ago and even without a headstone. But they say, we're different now, we've changed. My father used to tell me the thing that's wrong with a death bed conversion is that sometimes they get well. He hasn't changed... four years ago when he was House leader and Mr. Nixon determinated the direct loan program. It was Mr. Ford who led the unsuccessful fight to defeat your R.E.A.

Loan Program in May of 1973. It was Mr. Ford who voted against your bill at every crucial juncture including the vote on final passage and it is the Ford Administration that has tried to impose restrictive ceilings on the amount that can be loaned under both the insured and guaranteed provisions of the program. Yet I know that your going to hear about all the money the Ford Administration has loaned to the R.E.A., especially in the past few years. You probably will hear that they have loaned more than any other administration since the beginning of the R.E.A. Program and that's true but what they will not tell you is that the only reason that they can make this claim is because the Congress provided the expanded loan authority in the new public law 9332, and they fought that program tooth and nail every step of the way and it was the Congress that stood fast through four months of a knockdown legislative battle with the administration and forced them to agree by signed letter to certain insured and guaranteed loan levels and we've held them to their own word. If there was ever any question about this administration's stand on Rural Electrification and where it fits into their system of value, the answer can be seen in the amount that they have authorized for the guaranteed loan program in physical year 77 and let me say this for the people who are here and are not familiar with the R.E.A. Program. There is no program in the history of the United States that has a more flawless record for complete repayment of loans than the R.E.A. Program. The American taxpayer has not lost a penny on the R.E.A. indeed they've made money on every loan they have ever made under the R.E.A. Program. We have just learned that the O.M.B., Office of Management and Budget, has placed a ceiling of 1.2 billion on the amount that R.E.A. may approve on guaranteed loans for the physical year beginning October 1. This is totally inadequate to meet loan requirements especially in face of the anticipated requests of at least 3 billion dollars and perhaps as high as 4 to 5 billion dollars in the coming months. These guarantees costs the federal government absolutely nothing. It's just a way of trying to get a slight preference in interest rates so that we can get some lower terms for R.E.A. Systems which serves sparsely settled areas of America and can not possible deliver power unless they get a break in the break and if you want rural electricity into these you've got to have this kind of program. It makes sense

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It's a conservative program and not to give it the support that Congress mandates, this is as illegal as the in poundment program. There is no justifications for those restrictions and how can we justify it when we claim where we clearly do have a tremendous need for an increase in energy development in America. One of the best ways to help solve the energy problems is to let the R.E.A. have the loans and the guarantees they need for generation and transmission and to permit them to grow and serve their customers, develop new sources of energy, and you not only get new sources of energy but you improve the competitive structure of the whole energy system in this country which is also very desperately needed. We think it is a time to put an end to these policies that threaten the R.E.A. Program. We are no last minute converts. I learned to pray. I learned to support R.E.A. at the same meeting. We have a reliable past history to run on. The Democratic Party has faith to you everytime the R.E.A. Program has been threatened since the day the Democratic Party first passed it in the 30's. We stand for a program that will provide the full capitol need in the years ahead to meet both the insured and guaranteed loan programs and I want to promise one other thing, and I'm going to be around to deliver on this Bob, we want to end private government in Washington. We think that every public decision should be made by an elected officier and the buck should always stop on some elected officers desk cause there the only people that have to listen to you. Today you can't find the buck, it's looking all over town for a place to stop and we are going to elect a President who lets the buck stops again in his office and if the O.M.B. and those unknown officials who never run for anything ever again try to in pound, slowup, or delay the funding and the guaranting of programs of R.E.A. like they have done in the past, Bob Partiage and I personally; I as the Vice President will go over there and rip the papers up on his office at that given moment. We've had enough of that. After all, if he doesn't like the program he can run for President and see how well he does. Now it's not just rural electrification that's at issue, we have the whole issue of the strength of agriculture programs. Yesterday I went to a elevator in Iowa, talked to a farmer who

was unloading some beautiful corn. I said how many bushels to the acre and he said 110. It's a good crop, good dry corn, I said you must feel pretty good. He said oh no I don't. He said I'll be lucky if I get my costs out of this. He said that I'm getting exactly for corn today as I did in 1952. He said I'm lucky, I'm an old farmer. The newer farmers, with more expensive land, higher interest rates, they'll never make it unless something happens to corn prices. That afternoon I went to the Omaha Stock yard and talked to cattlemen there and they pointed out they are losing 80 to 150 dollars for every head that they sell. Many of them going broke. Between June of 75 and August of 76, prices for choice steers and hefters dropped from \$55 to \$35, which I think is outrageous and some reporter said to me what's so wrong about that?? Well, I said, well, it's like going to a meeting of the United Steel Workers in a crowded hall and telling them you made \$7 an hour today, tomorrow your going to make \$1.15 an hour, we hope you don't mind. People cannot. Thousands of people are being forced to liquate their herds and the only result can be higher prices for the American consumer and look at wheat prices. Wheat Growers have seen their prices drop in just three months by a dollar and twenty cents a bushel and I talked to the Governor of Montana the other day who told me a simple bit of arithmetic for the State of Montana. He said every penny per bushel off the price of wheat in Montana costs our farmers one million dollars so just figure it out, \$1.20. What has the administration done. First, they have vetoed every effort to improve mininum loan prices, target prices, or any of the other programs such as the Dairy Mininum Programs. We hvsve sent four bills to them in the last two and one half years, I've supported every one of them. They have vetoed everyone of those bills. The mininum price support programs for dairy at 85% the bill we passed would still deliver to the average dairy farmer an income less than the mininum wage and yet they vetoed it and the person running against me for Vice-President voted to sustain the veto of the 85% of mininum price supports and everytime they votoed those bills they said don't worry you can make your money on the free market and as prices firm up your going to feel just great. Well as prices began to firm up as you know, despite their promises, they imposed

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an embargo not one but four times in three years and with those acts, needless unjustified they cost American farmers billions and billions of dollars that was rightfully theirs and demoralized the market and incidentally some of our most reliable customers overseas such as Japan have since then been investing heavily in Brazil and elsewhere hoping to find a reliable source of production for their own needs. Not only that, in the face of a grain inspection scandal, they refused to move immediately to reform the inspection system. This costs millions of dollars to the American farmer. We need a clean simple inspection system with unquestioned integrity and never should the American farmer lose a penny over that issue and yet it's going on and the meat import program is a scandal. While we restrict exports we seem to permit illegally. We've got an import system for beef now that's crazy. The greater the need for import restrictions, the higher the imports because it's pegged to the amount of standing beef and they have permitted, although they could have stopped it, all kinds of loop holes that bring beef in through Puerto Rico and elsewhere through the thinnest kinds of disguises and they refuse to do anything about it. We believe that's got to end. We believe that the time has come to have an Administration that listens to and works with the farmers in meeting their legitimate needs. We believe that our grain and dairy producers are entitled to decent minimum price supports that reflect production costs and that the farmer should not be forced to go broke in order to produce the food this country needs. We think the farmer needs longer loan periods. If there are any reserves, they ought to be farmed and we believe the farmer is entitled to the freedom to sell unrestricted in the international market and that's not all. We need an administration that fights inflation. Just this morning you may not have heard it, the whole sale price index came out and it will curl your hair. We can well see the possibility of double digit inflation again. Nearly 1% increase in the whole sale price index in a single month. That averages out to over a 10% increase in the cost of doing business, of living as reflected in the whole sale price index and you know as well as I do that even those high rates have been adjusted downward

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because of the disasterous drop in farm prices and farm income so once again the farmers gets it both ways. John Kennedy said, the American farmer is the only one who buys everything, he buys it retail, sells everything he sells whole sale, and pays the freight both ways. And when you add the curse of inflation that too can destroy the family farm system of this country and more than good programs and more than clear consistant policies what our country needs is leadership that cares about the problems of rural America and of all America. I feel blessed that I grew up in rural America and I've had a chance to work on behalf of family farming. I am proud to be running with a running mate who's the first farmer to have the chance to be elected President since Thomas Jefferson and I'm not even sure Tom was a farmer. I'm proud of it and I'm proud to be part of a political party that has always had a strong farm record and has a spotless record in terms of rural elecricificat and rural telephone programs. We began the R.E.A. Program, we've kept it alive, we've been the chief area of support, and that goes from Roosevelt to Truman, to Kennedy and to Lyndon Johnson. All of them were good farm oriented Presidents and may I say while we're here in Texas we never had a better pro farmer President of the United States than Lyndon Johnson and I was proud to support him every step of the way. Johnson once said that the farmer can be defined as a person who occasional visits the city to see where his son and his profits went. We want to stop that. We want to begin on the farm the programs and the strengths that you need to do your job, to produce the food that we need for our own people and to help this nation do the best things that we do as a nation. We are strong, we are wealthy, we must have a strong defense but I think America looks best to the world, I think we're strongest when America stands up with the face of the food and helps hungry people around the world. That's the America I love most and that's the America that this organization stands for. Thank you very much.

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I really like Houston. I think that I'm just going to stay here. I'm so pleased to be here today for the most important part of the nations business mainly to thank people that have just completed one of the best registrations programs in the country in this city of Houston and to say let's go from here and get that vote out and win that election and put Jimmy Carter in the White House. And you know I believe that your going to do it. That's the way it sounds to me. You have so many fine leading public officials here all friends of mine, you have this fine outstanding Mayor, Fred Hofines of your own community, one of the best Mayors in the country as you well know. Fred says what's this one of the best thing. Your fine group of Congressmen here, Bob Echart, Charlie Wilson, Jack Frooms, Congressman Bob Gamage. Lt. Governor Bill Hovey, Attn. General Hill and all of the rest. You know how to elect people here. I don't have to tell you how to do it I just have to give you a name, Jimmy Carter. Just be sure to put that on the ballot at the same time. You know the other day after the first debate, I went into a meeting of workers and one of the workers stopped me and said you know a working person who would vote Republican is like a chicken who would vote for Col. Sanders and boy I don't know how they could have done more to us. The highest unemployment since the great depression. Fifty percent more people unemployed today than when Mr. Ford became President. Fifteen people in the unemployment lines for every ten that was there the day the day he was appointed and inflation raging along. Just this morning the whole sale price index came out raising the spector again of double digit inflation. If you ask a Republican how to solve inflation he's only got one answer, massive unemployment. Well we've had massive unemployment for six years and we've got worse inflation than we've had at any time since many many years ago. It hasn't worked. It will not work. They have no other plan. We need a President who will put people back to work and whose got the guts to stand up to the forces that are creating inflation. So we have work and a dollar is worth a dollar when your through working. That's what this country needs. This country has to stand for something and what we stand for when we are true to ourselves is freedom and demecracy and social justice. If



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America doesn't stand for that, it's not America. And last night I couldn't believe my ears when I heard the President say and I want to quote it, I never like to misquote the President, it's bad enough when it's accurate, he said this quote There is no Soviet domination in Eastern Europe. The reporter tried to save him and he said Mr. President, I'm sorry I don't understand you. Are you saying that the Russians are not using Eastern Europe as their own sphere of influence and occupying most of the countries there with their own troops. MR. PRESIDENT: I don't believe that the Ugoslivans consider them dominated by the Soviet Union. I don't believe the Rumanians consider themselves dominated by the Soviet Union, I don't believe that the poles consider themselves dominated by the Soviet Union. Each of these countries are independant and automonists. It has it's own territory integrity. Let me tell you this. If you had a student in the second in the public schools of Houston and he gave that answer, there would be no way you could pass him on to the third grade. THE END OF THE SPEECH WAS NOT ONE THE TELEPHONE MACHINE.